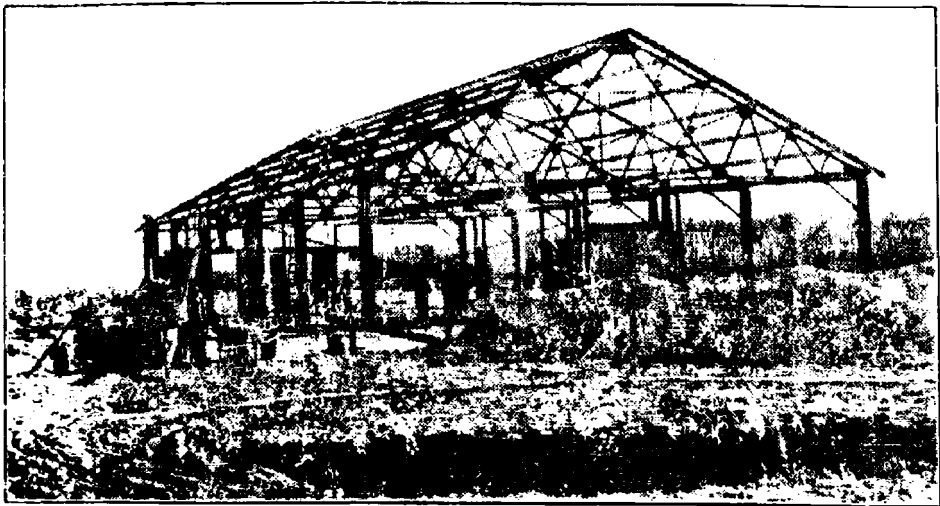


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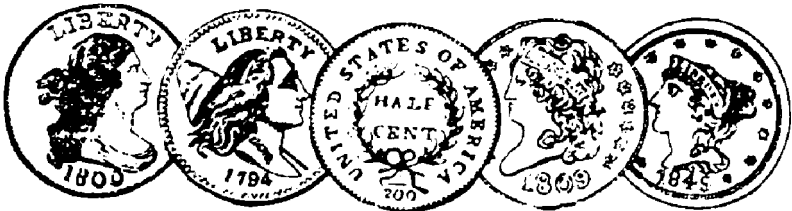
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4c " " " " " "	1.10
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Austria Jubilee 1907

	Per 100		
1 Heller		.15	
2 "		.15	
5 "		.10	
6 "		.20	
10 "		.10	
20 "		.20	
12 " per 10		.12	
30 "		.12	
1 Krona "		.18	
2 " "		.40	

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800 "	1000		"	1.25
1000 "	1500		"	1.80
1500 "	2000		"	4.00
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3000 "	4000		"	20.00
4000 "	5000		"	40.00
5000 "	6000		"	60.00
6000 "	8000		"	100.00
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150 " " " each				.45
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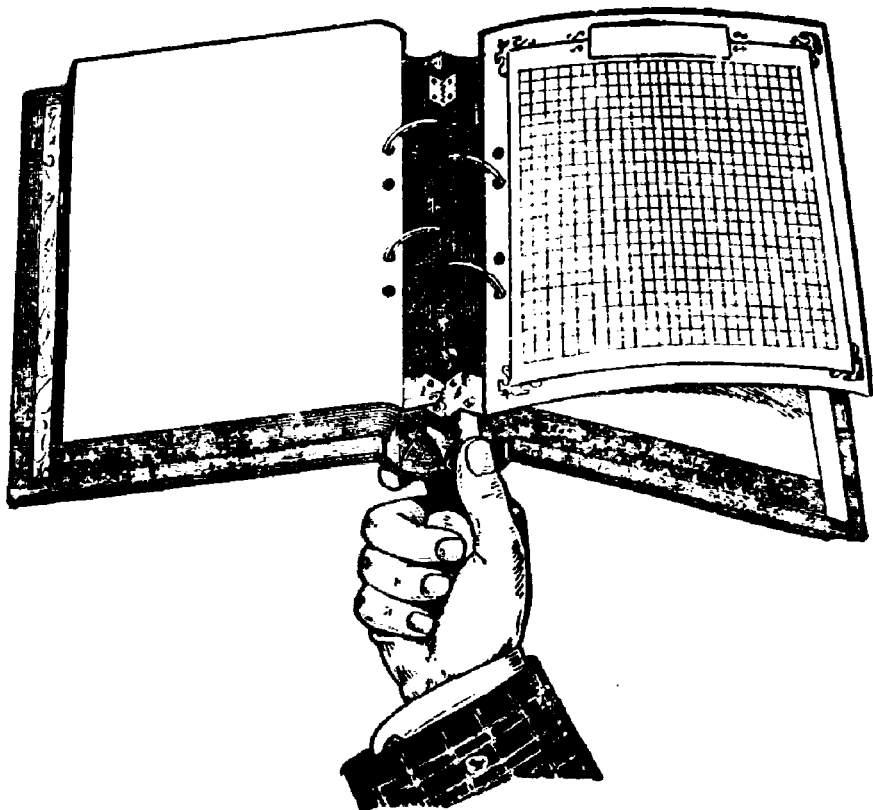
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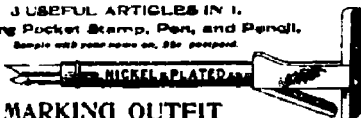
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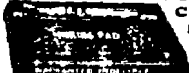
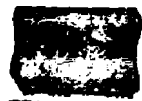
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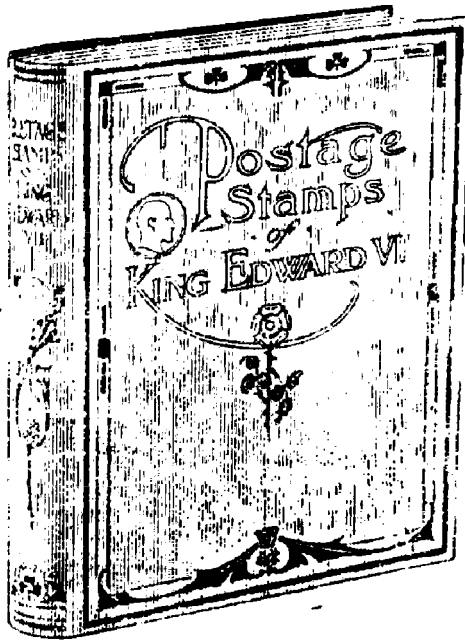
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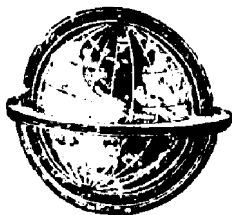
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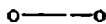
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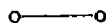
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1 Lease	10	04
1 Manifest	60	25
1 Passage Ticket	6.00	2.00
130 Foreign Exchange	75	25
160 Foreign	2.00	90
190 " "	1.00	40
2 Conveyance	10	03
2 Mortgage	15	05
2 Probate of will	1.00	35
250 Inland exchange	15	04
350 " "	1.50	40
5 Mortgage	90	40
5 Probate of Will	85	35
10 Charter Pty	1.00	40
10 Probate	85	35
15 Mortgage	6.00	2.50
25	4.00	1.50

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	Scott's price.	Mine
2c Bark Check	\$.10	.02
2c Certificate blue	20	06
2c Express	30	10
5c Certificate	25	08
5c Express	40	12
5c Inland exchange	15	05
10c Bill of Lading	75	20
10c Power of Attorney	8.00	2.00
15c Inland Exchange	1.00	30
20c " "	25	08
25c Bond	6.00	2.00
25c Certificate	25	08
25c Insurance	25	08
25c Protest	75	20
25c Warehouse receipt	1.00	25
5c Convoance	1.50	45
50c Foreign exchange	1.25	40
50c Lease	1.25	30
50c Life Insurance	2.50	75
50 Mortgage	1.25	40
50 Original Proviso	40	10
50 Passage Ticket	5.00	1.50
50c Probate of Will	2.50	75
70c Foreign exchange	4.00	1.25
\$ 1 Convoance	40	12
1 Entry of goods	75	20
1 Foreign exchange	75	20
1 Inland exchange	15	05
1 Lease	2.00	50
1 Manifest	1.50	45
1 Mortgage	1.50	45
1 Passage Ticket	8.00	2.50
1 Power of Attorney	1.00	35
1 Probate of Will	1.75	60
2 Convoance	2.50	85
2 Mortgage	2.50	85
3 Charter Pty	1.25	40
3 Manifest	1.50	50
5 Convoance	1.50	50
5 Manifest	3.50	1.35
5 Mortgage	3.50	1.35
10 Convoance	5.00	1.75
10 Mortgage	7.00	2.50
20 Convoance	1.50	75
50 U.S. Revenue	7.50	3.25
20c Inland Strip of three		75
25c Protest Pair		1.50
50c Probate of Will Pair		4.00
5c Convoance Pair		2.50
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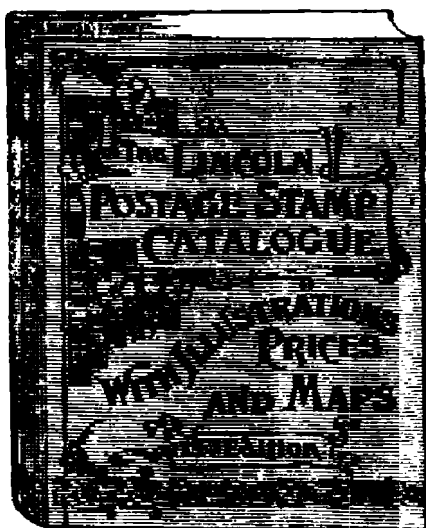
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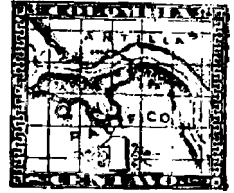
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" 7n " 11	18	07
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" 3n " 178	04	02
" 5n " 179	04	02
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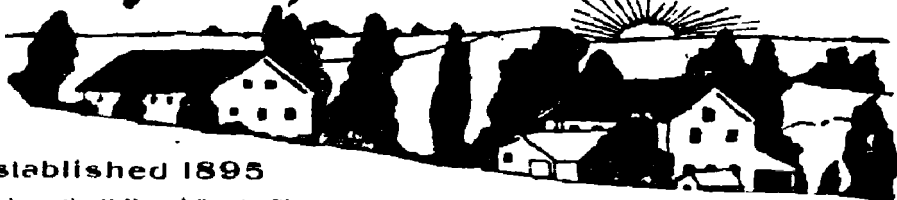
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The successful exhibition recently held for a whole week at Walthamstow, London, served again to emphasize the practical interest taken in philately by King George V of England. The most prominent personage in the world admitting his attachment to our hobby. The exhibition was intended to represent the history and evolution of the Penny Post from 1510 to 1910 and the results attained by the promoters—the South Essex Philatelic Society—constitute a conspicuous success. The exhibit included a portrait of the "Master of the Posts" in the reign of King Henry VIII (1510), the cover of a letter sent by Queen Elizabeth, and other historical links in the wonderfully enthralling story of the growth of the postal system.

Naturally most interest centered in the Royal exhibits which consisted of Sir Rowland Hill's original watercolor drawings for the P & L British stamp of 1840; the original pencil sketch by William Mulready, R. A., for the Mulready envelopes; the proof of the penny stamp of King Edward VII (with head leaning too far forward) corrected in the late Monarch's handwriting; and the 2c magenta

stamp recently prepared for use but never issued. The official description of the color of this last stamp is 'Tyrian plum.' This 2c stamp, printed in one color, was intended to replace the bi-colored green and red stamps still in use. A quantity were printed and were all ready for circulation when the death of the King decided the authorities to withhold it. It is said the stamps were destroyed but King George's exhibit consisted of a mint corner pair and what is probably the only existing used specimen.

The practical interest taken by His Majesty in this exhibition must prove of the greatest benefit to philately in general. The Royal exhibits attracted widespread attention in the general press not only of Great Britain but of other countries as well and the extended notices given served as an excellent advertisement for our hobby and should be the means of obtaining numerous recruits.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the design for the new British postage stamps has been approved by the King. A notable feature is uniformity in conspicuously denoting the value in figures. In the new three-half-penny stamp, for instance, the figures 1½d appear in each of the upper corners. Another innovation is the introduction of a dolphin in each of the lower angles, probably intended to suggest King George's active association with the Navy in his younger days.

BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

MR. W. S. LINCOLN, whose portrait appears on the cover this month, is the Oldest Established Stamp Dealer in the World. He has seen the hobby of Philately grow from its primitive state to the science that it has attained at the moment. When he first started, 51 years ago, to deal in stamps, it was considered one of the most extraordinary methods of business. He still possesses a collection which he formed in the old days which is one of the finest general collections of old issues in existence as it contains nothing but unused stamps in the finest condition. The Albums published by him are known all over the world as the Lincoln Stamp Albums, and also the Lincoln Stamp Catalogue which is now in its 15th Edition is another tribute of his success. In addition to a busy life publishing office administration, etc., Mr. W. S. Lincoln also finds time for a few outside hobbies. He has the honor to be Past Master of the Anglo American Lodge No. 2181 which holds its meetings at the Hotel Cecil so well known to you who have visited London, and the Past Master's Jewel that was presented to him on his retirement from the chair we have the pleasure and expect to reproduce on our illustration page later. The combination of the American and British Arms and the colouring of the delicate enamel in which the idea is worked out, renders it one of the most handsome jewels we have seen.

Long life and success to Mr. Lincoln and may our readers profit by his advertisements and enter into correspondence with the leading light in the stamp world.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly says W. S. Lincoln is the 'Father' of London Philately. He was a collector of stamps before the majority of present day philatelists were born. His interest in the subject dates back to the middle "fifties" of the nineteenth century. By 1860 he had established himself as a stamp dealer, and as he has been continuously engaged in the stamp trade in London from that day down to the present time, there will be none to challenge his claim to rank as the doyen of the London dealers. At an early date in his career, Mr. Lincoln opened the shop at 239 High Holborn, which was for so many

years one of the philatelic landmarks of the metropolis.

It was there that we had the pleasure of interviewing him in the year 1891, for the fifth of the articles on "Leading Dealers." Personally, we see no great change in Mr. Lincoln at the present time, but as we have put nearly twenty years on to our own age, he must necessarily have done the same. But to look at him it scarcely seems believable. Old time stamp collectors will remember that Mr. Lincoln, some thirty or more years ago, was famous for his superb stock of Afghanistans, or rather, "Cabuls", as they were then called. He is still well supplied in this department and has a magnificent all-round stock of British, foreign and colonial stamps, arranged in a series of over 200 volumes. The shop in Holles Street in which the Lincoln business has been transacted since 1894, is stated to be the largest in London entirely devoted to Philately.

The "Lincoln" stamp albums are an institution. They have been awarded over twenty medals and diplomas, their latest recognition being won in connection with the South Essex Philatelic Society's Exhibition at Walthamstow. Unlike certain other old institutions, they have not been allowed to stand still, but have been constantly revised and improved in accordance with the prevailing wants and tastes of the philatelic public. The loose leaf albums now being issued by the house of Lincoln are excellent both in design and workmanship, and a recent venture that deserved well of philatelists is a moderate priced printed album for the stamps of King Edward VII. Mr. Lincoln has an able lieutenant, in his son, Mr. W. E. Lincoln, who is well known, not only as a clever philatelist, but also as an elocutionist and lecturer. Look up his page-ads.

A very remarkable example of Japanese ivory carving executed by James Eades & Co., Yokohama.

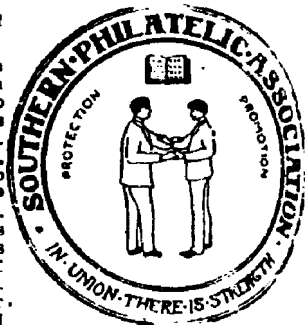
The ivory tusk is 5' 6" long and weighs 53½ lbs. The carving on both sides which took 3820 hours to complete, represents famous Japanese scenery. The scenery comprises 27 buildings, 58 figures, 7 bridegs, 33 mountains, 7 ships and 96 trees. The stand is carved out of one solid piece of ebony wood, the top of the table is one single board of the same wood inlaid with silver, the legs are each carved out of an ebony log. For the screen behind six famous paintings by Hokusai (scenes of Mount Fuji) mounted on a ground of real gold leaf, were used. The work was executed for account of a private collector in Rotterdam, Holland. It is unique and attracts visitors from all parts of the world. Look up his ads and send for price list. See last number for other side of ivory.

VAUSE W. MARSHALL, Williamsport, W. Va., started his collection of Indian relics two years ago and his collection is growing rapidly, numbering over 1000 specimens, some of them very rare implements. The most of the specimens shown in the illustration were found by him and he has them carefully catalogued. He also collects curios, minerals, old books, rare old papers, war records and his collection is very large of these articles some of his books bearing date of publication of 1766. He is an amateur photographer and sketch-artist many of his pictures from pen and camera have appeared in the leading journals. His library on archaeology, ethnology &c. is very large and interesting, comprising several hundred volumes. A few years ago during a fishing trip, he became associated with Prof. McGuire of the Bureau of Ethnology and from whose conversation he became interested in implements of the prehistoric man. Mr. Marshall resided in Texas a year where he gathered many specimens. He shall be pleased to hear from readers of WEST interested in collecting and any having curios, and Indian relics for exchange, will please write him. He says the WEST interests him more than any and all magazines together he reads."

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—Now that we have all departments again in smooth running order and all have paid dues we can again work for new members. Each officer of each department will see that his department is the best that it can be.

And we are all NOW members of the recruiting committee and we all are going to get new members. Mr. Doak has some new blanks that you can have for the writing. Follow and watch our new recruiting chairman, Mr. Stryker.

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Powell.

RECRUITING REPORT.

Begin to report as follows: Since my report last month I have issued through the mail one thousand invitations to stamp collectors to join the S. P. A. and sincerely trust that during the coming weeks we will see some result of this campaign by a large increase in the number of applications for membership filed.

I would suggest that where there are two or more members in one town that they get together and organize a local branch and hold meetings at least once a month. Where two or more local branches are in adjoining towns that they hold union meetings at least once in three months. In no other way can the bonds of the S. P. A. be appreciated than by as many as possible of the members getting together as often as possible to discuss stamps in general and our club in particular. Our motto reads, "In Union There Is Strength." Now let us put this to a practical test and as many of us as possible get together once a month and report to headquarters what we have done. Now brother members I suggest a supplementary motto to be "HUSTLE! HUSTLE!! HUSTLE!!! for the good of the S. P. A."

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Stryker, Ch. Rec. Comm.
Westfield, N. J., Jan. 12th, 1911.

The Westfield Branch of the S. P. A. was organized this evening with the following charter members: W. A. Stryker Chairman; E. W. Wittke, Secy. H. Miller, S. Reese, W. Reese and W. Baird.

The evening was spent in discussing the S. P. A. and its benefits followed by a general talk on stamp collecting. The chairman presented to each member a large packet of stamps to start a collection.

The meeting adjourned at ten forty-five, to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

E. W. Wittke, Secy.
Westfield, N. J. Feb. 2nd., 1911.

The second meeting of the Westfield Branch of the S. P. A. was held this evening at the home of Messrs. S. and W. Reese. All members were present etc.

cept H. Miller. A very enjoyable evening was spent in examining and discussing the very valuable collection of Mr. Charles Reese, father of the Reese brothers who are members. After adjournment Mrs. Reese served hot cocoa and cake which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

E. M. Wittke, Secy.

S. P. A. BRANCH NO. 1, SCRANTON, PA.

The Scranton branch held their meeting at the residence of Mr. Oliver Arnold Jr., Thursday evening, Feb. 23. Meeting was called to order by President Kjellstedt, at 8:45 p. m. Adjourned 11:30 p. m. The usual routine of business, also the report of Sec-Treas. Mack. The Treasury showed a good increase on hand over January. Two members being paid in full for 1911. Mr. Livingston reports a new member.

After several discussions on the betterment of the Branch, the usual auction was held. The special feature being strips of four 1902 1c Shermack badly centered, one strip bringing 51c, another 37c, 2c Shermack also sold at good prices. Mr. Mack happened to have a couple yards of each on hand. All told, a very successful sale.

Those present were Messrs. Kjellstedt, Arnold, Mack, McKee, Peabody, Livingston, Hammerle, and Leon V. Cass. Also Mr. Beamer, a visitor.

With this meeting we lose our friend, Leon V. Cass, who is going to reside in Southern Pines, N. Carolina. We regret very much to lose him. We also lose Mr. Dyer, who now resides in Philadelphia, Pa. But three new members in sight, making still an unlucky thirteen at present.

Scranton Pa., Feb. 27, 1911.

Fellow Members:—I enclose my report of the Exchange Dept. There was a slight mistake in last report, whether I did it or the publisher I won't say, but this is the correct standing. Since I made it up, I have received 19 books, Cat. over \$100. Books received from one who is no yet a member. Hustle up some stamp boys, so I can send you a circuit.

Fraternally yours,

August Mack.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

119 books in circulation as per last month's report. value.	\$2153.37
18 books received since, value.	504.37
137 books, value.	\$657.74
35 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$212.90 or 35 per cent was sold.	610.94
102 books in circulation, value.	\$2046.80

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report.	\$149.74
11 per cent from retired books.	6.11
Total amount	\$155.85

Circuits are not moving fast enough; some members seem to regard it as their special privilege to hold a circuit as long as they choose. The rules as laid down by the Association explicitly state that members are allowed to keep books five (5) days. If kept longer a fine of 10 cents per day will be imposed. So members will greatly assist the Superintendent, if they will handle all circuits promptly and not retain them over the 5-day limit.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Supt.

AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:—I think many of you must have forgotten that there is such a thing as an Auction Department connected with our Society. A few members have taken advantage of it, and have been well pleased with results.

All stamps are sold in the well Known auction sales conducted by the Co-operative Exchange, of which I am Manager. If you have good duplicates, or wish to sell your collection let me hear from you. You will get far more for your stamps by having them sold in this way than any dealer will pay.

Terms: 15 per cent on lots that bring \$1.50 each or over. 20 per cent on lots that bring less than that sum.

Write today.

Yours Fraternally,

Max F. Bier, Auction Mgr.

REPORT OF EXCHANGE DEPT., FEB. 20, 1911.

Feb. 4, on hand and in circulation	67 Books	248 90	
20 Received since No. of books	12 books	284.29	532.19
Feb. 18, Retired	6 books	\$12 84	
20 In circulation	73 books	419.35	532.19
Now on hand none.			
Feb. 4 Insurance on hand	4 87	Uncollected Feb. 4,	1.42
20 Insurance collected since	43	Uncollected Feb. 20	1.50
Total on hand	5 30	Respectfully submitted,	

August Mack, Mgr.

Applications:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

1. Wm. Jost, 525 N. 13th St., East St. Louis, Ill., 52, bookkeeper, Jerry J. Kane, Lawrence L. Price. Proposed by Clarence V. Webb
2. W. A. Kromer, Bedford City, Va., 56, Salesman Hibernian Bank of Chicago, Ill. Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Proposed by R. L. Doak.
3. Wm. H. Gardiner, 634 East 72 St., Chicago, Ill., 56, photographer. Clarence Olson, L. M. Tines. Proposed by W. A. Stryker.
4. Wallace Potter, Eugene, Ore., 22 Salesman, M. Schwartzschild, Jennius W. Jarvis Proposed by A. E. Jepp.
5. Frank M. Funk, 5615 Rodman St., Philadelphia, Pa., 27, Bookkeeper. August Mack, John Hoover. Proposed by August Mack.
6. H. A. Stahl, 40 Park St., West Lynn, Mass., 29, Chester L. Lucas, E.R. Brown. Proposed by Omar G. Loeser No. 621.
7. S. Altman, St Benedict's College, Atchison, Kan., R Stollenwerk. H. S. Powell & Co. Proposed by Rev. R. Stollenwerk.
8. David E. Snodgrass, Selma, Cal., 16, student, First Natl. Bank, D. S. Snodgrass. Proposed by L. W. Hudson.
9. Ellis Chandlee, Room 7, Howson Block, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45, Photographer, L. Brodstone. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
10. Norman May, 237 W. Jefferson St., Butler, Pa., 15, student, Mrs. Phuebe May, John A. Baker. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
11. H. E. Kaighn, 1601 Clayton St., Wilmington, Del., 35, Ballastic Engineer, Dr. H. W. Howell, Rev. H. Wendt. Proposed by R. L. Doak.
12. S. A. Place, 170 Sumer St., Room 303, Boston, Mass., 58, Mail Order Shoes, Alice M. Porter, Mrs. O. A. Shaw. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
13. E. E. McClure, R. R. No. 3, Republic, Kans., farmer, L. Brodstone. Proposed by L. T. Brodstone.
14. J. Selden Swisher, 304 So. Main Ave., Scranton, Pa., 60, August Mack, Dime Deposit & Discount Bank. Proposed by August Mack.
15. Raymond S. Tice, 519 Highland Ave., Westfield, N. J., 16 Clerk, W. Baird Jr., Walter D. Reese. Proposed by W. A. Stryker.
16. G. Lecoutere, Concordia, Kan., 42, Catholic Priest, R. Stollenwerk, H. S. Powell. Proposed by Rev. R. Stollenwerk.
17. Celestino Blanco, Central Dos Hermanos, S. Clara Cuba, Commerce, H.

S. Powell & Co. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

18. R. R. Davis, Harve, Mont, 15, Electric Shop, C. L. Davis, Lloyd J. Gus-senhoven. Proposed by L. T. Brodstone.

19. P. B. Vikre, 213 Jackson St., San Antonio, Texas, 29, Photographer, S. Smith, First Natl. Bank. Proposed by Charles Roemer.

20. H. A. Clark, 3 Plaza St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 32, estimator, Geo. W. Moorhead, Chas. H. Hopkins. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

21. Edward J. Render, 2624 Norwood Ave., Allegheny, Pa., 28, Clerk, Joseph K. Richardson, Chas. King Proposed by W. A. Stryker.

DEATH. Lloyd G. Cline, 1200 4th Ave., East Hutchinson, Kans., January 8th, 1911, of heart trouble.

RE INSTATED.

293. W. F. Van Duser, Box 762 Boise, Idaho.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

498. Charles R Morris, Washington, D. C.

196. Wm. H. Matthes, Milwaukee, Wis.

548. W. H. Wyone, New Orleans, La.

270. A. S. Matter, Cincinnati, O.

403. Leslie Davenport, Belleville, N. J.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

F. W. Shuster from 847 E. 65 St., to 816 E. 51 St., Chicago, Ill.

J. N. S. Brewster Jr., from Big Head, N. J., to 110 W. Jersey St., Elizabeth, N. J.

L. V. Cass from Birmingham N. Y., to South Pines, N. C.

Dear Members:—I am still sorry to state that some of the members have not responded to the call for the 1911 dues and I must say that next month will come the list of those that are in arrears and will be dropped from the roll of membership. This is one of the important things that you should look after unless you want your membership to lapse. The Year Book will soon go to press and we want only those names in it that are in good standing and if you have not got a card covering the year 1911, your name will be omitted. Better attend to this at once.

TO THE RECRUITING COMMITTEE:

I hope that all the members as well as the Recruiting Committee will do all in their power to bring in enough new recruits to offset the loss that might be occasioned by dropping of the list of delinquents. If each member would only secure one new application for the year 1911 we would easily double our membership. Just write Mr. W. A. Stryker, Westfield, N. J., and tell him how many new recruits you expect to secure for 1911. Let each of us do this and that will give our chairman an idea of what to expect.

If you need any blanks etc., don't be afraid to write me and they will go forward by return mail. Just write me a card and tell me the number you need.

Hoping to hear from all, I am, Fraternaly, R. L. Doak, Secy.

Local stamp collectors formed the St. Joseph, Mo., Philatelic Society. Capt. John Harnois, president, and expect to organize a department through which duplicate stamps may be exchanged. Henry Clay was elected Secretary. The society will meet March 24th, at the home of the Rev. E. H. Eckel, 207 North Seventh St., and the session will be open to all collectors. Among those at the meeting, Harvon Edwards had the largest collection, 12,000 specimens. Captain Harnois' collection is unusual in that most of his 3,600 stamps have intimate personal histories, having been given to him by friends, often under peculiar and interesting circumstances.—St. Joseph, Mo., News Press.

United States Colonial Stamps. I--Guam

By Tertram W. H. Poole

(Continued from last issue.)

"These being ultimately delivered. Governor Leary began to get busy, and where cash had been sent stamps were forwarded, and where checks had been sent they were forwarded after collection. For several weeks Governor Leary's office looked like the clearing house in a good sized city, and when the next steamer put in port and asked if there were any letters for America, the officers of the ship were amazed when some men appeared lugging sacks of mails for the United States."

PHILATELIC INDIGNATION.

While, as I have already shown, there was considerable indignation among philatelists at the issue of the first three stamps for Guam it was as nothing compared with the resentment occasioned by this second supply with its additional values. General feeling at the time was well expressed by the METROPOLITAN PHILATELIST in the following words:—

"Newspapers there are none, so that five or ten cent stamps would be ample for all postal requirements. The other values that are to be sent out are superfluous, but the Special Delivery is simply ridiculous, and well calculated to make the postal authorities of the United States the laughing-stock of intelligent people the world over, and should be suppressed at all hazards. The poverty of Spain and Portugal has been the excuse for the large number of colonial issues of these countries, but no such excuse will answer for the United States of America, leaving us the choice between ignorance and avarice, both equally galling to American stamp collectors. What could the postal authorities be thinking about? A series of twelve stamps for the miserable little island of Guam, while they consider five values sufficient to supply the wants of the magnificent island of Cuba! We trust every collector will immediately write to the President, Postmaster General and Cabinet, the Senators and the members of Congress of their district to stop such a disgrace before it is made known to the intelligent portion of the inhabitants of the world by means of stamp albums and catalogues."

SPECULATION IN THE ISSUE.

The fact that \$9000 was sent to the island for the first issued 1c, 2c and 3c stamps (for it must be remembered that when the stamp dealers and collectors sent their orders only these three values were known to have been issued) is ample proof of the amount of speculation indulged in. It is even reported that all sorts of tempting offers were made to Captain Leary to leave the stamps behind or at any rate to ship them back EN BLOC as soon as he reached his destination. He was, however, proof against all these offers and it was only when he found that the stamps were in such demand and that their sale would benefit the revenue of the island he was to govern that he requisitioned for further supplies.

Fortunately the type of overprint was the same throughout so that the speculators who tried to make a corner of the first printing were unsuccessful in their attempt.

Governor Leary was succeeded by Governor Seton Schroeder (in 1900 I believe) and as orders for stamps were still arriving he found by the end of the year that his stock of many values was almost exhausted. In 1907 he sent a supplementary order for 3000 each of the 3, 4, 6 and 8 cent stamps, 5000 1 cent and 2000 special delivery.

(To be continued.)



PAPERS desiring an impartial review on the lines of those below are requested to send a copy of each issue to the address below:

Auslaendische Fachzeitungen sind hoeflichst gebeten ein Tausheqemplar egeimassig an den Untefreichneten zu senden.

Tous les journaux philateliques sont pries envoyer un exemplaire en echage a l'adresse sous-donnee.

Desames recibir esemplares de cambio de las publicaciones filatelicas estranjerra la adressa enseguida. I. G. Dorpat, Wayide, Wis. U.S.A B37

The bad example of Redfield's Stamp Weekly has been followed by The Stamp Collector of Columbus, and this journal to has made a change in its form and size. The break is not quite so bad as in the case of Redfield's. The Stamp Collector is now of about the same size as the Hobbyist and the Southern Philatelist. Besides that, the change begins with No. 1 of a new volume. The reason for such change is economy, which is necessitated by lack of support. We regret to see such retrogression and hope the St. C. may be able to retain its new size without any further reduction, or enlargement, during the time of the present volume, because any change of form during the issue of the same volume will tend towards a further reduction of support.

The editorship of Der Philatelist of Dresden has passed from Dr. Kloss to Hr. Franz Wallner, who, it may be expected, will keep the journal up to its old standard of excellence. No. 1 of the present volume gives an account of a "chain-letter" started for the benefit of an orphanage in Singapore, India, and shows what enormous waste of energy and postage such a letter-chain implies. In the same number we find an advertisement of an invalid, Anton Stetter, Vienna, asking for donations to his stamp collection, which he calls "his sole enjoyment in his sufferings." The venerable old Hr. Moschkau of stamp album fame, severely criticizes stamp speculators and their conduct at the recent government stamp auction at Berlin, where Hanover remainders and certain used stamps of Germany and its colonies were sold, and where the speculators drove prices up nearly to catalog quotations, which, he thinks, is much too high for wholesale lots. He may be right, though he might have been a little less severe and should certainly have omitted to call the curse of God in Heaven upon the speculators.

Messrs. Carl Willadt & Co. of Pforzheim, Germany, announce the publication of their "Preisbuch" or catalog of European stamps, which they will distribute to their customers and those asking for a copy, gratis, to the amount of 20,000 to 25,000 copies. The prices quoted are those at which they will actually sell.

Mr. A. W. Robertson, president of The Winnebago National Bank of Rockford, Illinois, writes:

"I have your WEST copy of the January issue for which accept my thanks. I notice what is said regarding the bluish experimental rag paper of the U. S. under the "Press Review" heading. According to this only seven copies of the 5c rag paper are known. This is incorrect as I had two

sheets of them. I purchased these at the postoffice here, and soon afterwards nine sheets more of them turned up and were sold over the counter, before I learned of it, and were probably all used for postage. Of the two sheets I had, 91 were sold for me by Mekeel of St. Louis. Stanley Gibbons purchased eighty-six of my second sheet, I sold a few to friends and have 15 left in my own collection. These consist of a block of ten with imprint and plate number, a strip of four and a single. I understand that Mekeel had recently one or two blocks of four that did not come from my sheets. I obtained my sheets last August, but was uncertain as to their being the experimental paper for nearly two months, as dealers to whom I sent copies said they were not. I finally sent same to the Third Asst. P. M. Genl. in Washington, and learned that they were the real thing. His letter was published in the P. J. of A. for Oct. 1, 1910. Trusting you will be interested to learn this, I am,

Respectfully yours,

A. W. ROBERTSON."

We wish to thank the gentleman for correcting us. We had read the letter from the Third Asst. Q. M. G. in the P. J. of A., but as nothing is said there about the number of 5c stamps found, we could not take any information on that point from that source. We are glad to note though that, as Mr. Robertson says, nine sheets of these stamps were sold and used for postage, which indicates that there is no "crooked business" connected with these stamps. The Phil. Gazette, by the way, gives the plate numbers of the sheets retained in the archives at Washington. That of the 5c, is 4931.

The Philatelic Gazette has, it seems, superior facilities for obtaining direct and reliable information from U. S. headquarters at Washington and for this reason deserves the support of all collectors of U. S. stamps. In regard to Postal Savings Official stamps it says: "It has been decided by the department not to issue 50c, \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00 postage stamps overprinted "Postal Savings," as has been prematurely printed in another paper. The new 10c, 50c and \$1.00 postal savings stamps are about ready to issue. It has been decided to issue a new one-cent postage stamp for Postal Savings use, as much matter is being sent out in unsealed envelopes covered by one-cent postage. The color has not been given out, but it is presumed it will look something like the special two-cent black Postal Savings stamps. J. M. B."

It may interest our readers that the Phil. Gazette published in its February number a list of dies of U. S. envelope stamps, belonging to the issue of 1907-1911, and that further lists of the earlier issues are soon to follow. It names 3 dies of the 1c, 5 dies of the 2c, and 2 dies each of the 4c and 5c, that is 12 dies in all for the four values.

What Herr Moschkau in Der Philatelist calls the "English system" of collecting stamps is illustrated in Griebert's Philatelic Notes and Offers by an article on the stamps of Cordoba, written by Hugo Griebert, in which he describes the 30 varieties in a sheet of these stamps in such a way that each stamp can be recognized and the plate reconstructed, provided one has the single stamps wherewith to do it. The Philadelphia Stamp News treats the

New York P. M. stamp in the same way, and we must say that we would be delighted to collect stamps according to this system, if we could only get the stamps. In later issues, in which the single stamps of the same plate do not differ from each other, this would be senseless. But here we have the collecting or plate numbers and of different printings, which are usually indicated by shades. In all cases of imperforate issues the collecting of unsevered pairs, strips or blocks also serves a good purpose, namely to prove the point that the particular stamps were really so issued. We cannot say anything against this system of collecting except that it is too expensive for many.

Mr. Griebert recommends the following stamps for special study, or, as he calls it, specialization:

Anioquia, 1868-1887,	Cundinamarca, 1870-1883,
Bolivar. 1863-1878,	Santander, 1884-1900,
Colombia, 1859-1895,	Mexico, 1856-1872,
Cashmere, all issues,	Paraguay, 1870-1884,
Dom. Rep., 1862-1883,	Peru, 1858-1873,
Chile, 1853-1865,	Roumania, 1865-1872,
Brazil, 1843-1861,	Tolima, 1871-1895,
Belgium, 1849-1867,	Venezuela, 1858-1880.
Costa Rica, Guanacaste, Liberia, 1860-1885,	

We agree and think the following might be added: Central America, The Guianas, Finland, Portugal and Colonies, Bolivia, Ecuador, Dutsch West Indies, Spain and Colonies.

Others might be named, but it may be better to say in a general way that all those countries are apt to pay best the study devoted upon them which heretofore have been neglected, about which little has been written and whose stamps are still cheaply to be had. After a country has become fashionable it will be very hard to compete in regard to its issues with those few who have exceptional means. It must not be understood though that we advise specialization without study, and the study must be something on the same line as Mr. Crocker's study of Hawaii.

From now on we expect a stream of "Georgeheads" to flow towards our albums. We advise collectors to get them as they appear and not let them get ahead of them. Those following this rule with the King Edwards, secured stamps which a few months later could not be secured at ten times the price. We advise all intending collectors to get them as they appear and not let them. We have in mind a young man who invested about a hundred and fifty dollars and sold out two years later for an even thousand, this he invested in a mercantile venture which is now paying him an income of four thousand a year. However, we are not advocating selling or speculating but advising earnest philatelists to buy stamps when they are cheap and within their means instead of letting the chances slip by and then either sitting down and lamenting their losses or filling the empty spaces at greatly augmented prices. A certain number of these stamps will be issued during the year, they may come out in a bunch or flow along a few at a time. The total amount will be the same in either case. Some of these stamps will become very rare, which ones or how many, no one can tell and certainly would not if they could.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



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

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

687. Richmond Postage and C. S. A. Postage. Mr. James Sanborn of Cohes, N. Y., writes: "Some fifteen years ago I purchased from one of our young local collectors a packet of so-called Confederate stamps, both regular and local issues, about 100 in all, which he had purchased from S. Allen Taylor, Boston, Mass., who at one time did quite a business in "fac simile" (?) stamps. This lot included not only the then known locals but also some that have never been known, among them being the two you describe in The West (October 1910). Undoubtedly yours are from the same source."

The owner of these stamps informs me that he got them in a mixed lot from a firm in St. Louis. I have something of a similar nature in my collection of fakes, which I have always regarded as the product of somebody's phantasy. It would be well to bring such stuff together and to make it known as to what it is. It must, however, not be supposed that every stamp which is not catalogued must therefore be of this kind. There is reason to believe that some genuine locals, or varieties of such, may yet be found.

698. Firms that conduct Auction Sales. Since giving a list of such firms in the December No. of the WEST we have received auction catalogs from the following firms: L. W. Hudson, Selma, California, Anderson Auction Co. 12 E. 46th Str., New York City, N. Y. Dayton's Post Card and Curio Shop, 116 S. Ludlow Str., (Alvin J. Fink, Proprietor) Dayton, Ohio. It is notable that in recent auctions some stamps have brought full catalog prices and even more, indicating that there is a new impetus to buying, and a growing lack of supply.

725. Where can one sell the common U. S. 1 and 2 cents stamps? It will be rather difficult to do so. There are so many of them that there is hardly any need for anybody to buy them. The best way to do would be to put an advertisement in The WEST, stating exactly what and how many of each kind you have. I would not destroy them tho without first picking them over for varieties of shade, perforation, paper, etc.

726. Who are the best informed persons on the following subjects? Archaeology, Antiques, Autographs, Bibliography, Botany, Cigar Bands, Confederate History, Currency, Entomology, Ethnology, Fire Arms, Indian Relics, Indian History, Manuscripts (Pld), Mineralogy, Numismatics, Ornithology, Philately (U.S.), Philately (Foreign), Philatelic Literature, Philocarty, Post Marks, Relics of all Kinds, Zoology, Heraldry, Precancels, Cash Permits, Postal Cards, Stamped Envelopes, Philatelic Societies, Auction Sales of Stamps, Postal Laws, Universal Postal Union, Postal Matters Generally. Some of these subjects have little or no connection with philately, they may be of interest to stamp collectors tho, and therefore they are all mentioned. If any of our readers would give their opinion as to whom they consider the best authority on any of the subjects named, I would feel much obliged to them for doing so. It is impossible for me to give the answers, and it may be quite instructive to learn the opinions of our readers. The question, of course, refers to persons in the U. S. only.

727. What makes British Colonial Stamps so popular while French and Ger-

an Colonial Stamps are little noticed? There is, I think, a number of reasons, the on the European continent, that is, among German, French, Austrian, Spanish and Italian collectors, the colonial issues of the continental governments are no means 'little noticed.' It is only among the English speaking people that British Colonial stamps are preferred to the detriment of all other colonial stamps. Language, patriotic sentiment, facility for getting the stamps, beauty of the stamps, the fact that British Colonial stamps appeared before most of the other Colonials, the booming power of the English philatelic press and stamp sellers, and last but not least the clean way in which remainders of the British Colonial stamps have in most cases been handled are some of the reasons. As time passes other Colonials are apt to gain in favor, not only with their own nationality, but generally, and with English speaking collectors too.

728. Where may I learn about the Colonial issues of other Countries than Great Britain and the United States? Besides the essential information contained in Scott's, Gibbons', Lincoln's, Bright's and any other catalogs issued in the English language, you will find many notes scattered here and there in the English philatelic press, also some larger articles. You will have to do a good deal of hunting tho. I do not remember a single book in English that treats expressly of the "foreign" colonies. In other languages we find quite a number of them. There is Kohl's Handbuch, Friedemann's Postfreimarken der Deutschen Schutzgebiete, the publications of Moens, Diena and others in the several languages of the European continent. A great deal can be found in the French, Dutch, and German journals. Perhaps some of the Society Librarians can help you.

729. Do you think it advisable to collect the stamps of Portuguese, Dutch, French, Spanish, Italian, and German Colonies? That depends on the opportunities you have for doing it, and on the purpose for which you would collect these stamps. If you can get any of them without expenses, then I would consider it most advisable to collect them, even by dozen and hundreds in duplicate. They can afford you a good deal of pleasure too, and some of them may be a good investment as well.

730. What Postal Cards are at present issued by the U. S? To avoid misunderstanding we must remember that all cards ever issued are still good for use, and that any of the old stock that may yet be in the hands of postmasters may be still sold and used. Thus, in Wayside, we still buy and use the old card with portrait of McKinley in rectangular frame, black on cream, face of card divided for address and correspondence. Some time last year a new card was issued with portrait of McKinley in oval stamp on horizontally in background, blue on bluish, face of card not divided. Of this about 2 million said to have been printed and may still be sold and used. Towards the end of last year the stamp has been changed by the removal of the lined back ground, so that the portrait of McKinley now appears on a plain colorless back ground, otherwise no material change being made. Of this card about 75 million are said to have been printed before the close of the year. This card is, of course, mostly sold and used at present. Lately a new and smaller card, if I remember right, with the portrait of Lincoln has been announced, but I have not seen that yet. So far the 1 cent single card. Then there is the 1 cent double card, which naturally can be divided and used as two single cards, one bearing the head of Washington and the other, the reply, that of Martha. I have seen neither, which shows that the card is not very much used. About the 2 cents single and double cards, which I presume are still to be bought at the larger offices, have no recent information.

WASHINGTON NOTES--By "J. U. Perkins"

Not having seen anything in the philatelic press concerning the reason for the present stamps in imperforate form, with the new watermark, being printed in sheet form with varying spaces between the stamps, I inquired at the Office about this. It appears to be simply another device to prevent bad perforation, due to the uneven shrinking of the sheets when printed in a wet condition. The varying spacing allows the perforating wheels to be moved to the right or left, according to the amount of shrinkage of the sheet. In the case of the sheets as now printed, the two perforation wheels on either side of the middle guide line of the sheet are held stationary the stamps being spaced 2 mm. apart. The next space is 2 ½ mm., and the rest 3 mm. This makes three varieties of spacing on each full sheet of 400 stamps.

It has been announced that a new 1 cent stamp for the use of the Postal Book business is to be issued, to be similar in design to the present two cent stamp, printed black.

During the month the Post Office placed on sale at Washington the new postal card intended primarily for use in card filing systems, size 3x5 inches. The design shows a profile bust of Lincoln, surrounded by a horse shoe shaped ornament containing the words, "U. S. Postal Card, Lincoln, 1 cent." The ends of a wreath appear on each side of the design. Across the card is the usual inscription "This side of card is for address only", in the same form as on the regular cards. It is printed in a rose carmine color on cream tinted flexible card board, and the entire design and execution makes a neat and striking effect.

Washington, March 6.—Arthur M. Travers, chief clerk to the third assistant postmaster general was dismissed from the service today by Postmaster general Hitchcock, who in a statement declared that Travers had been guilty of manipulating postage stamps for his own financial benefit.

According to the inspectors, Travers today confessed to them that he had manipulated certain rare stamps so as to create a fictitious market value. He also, the inspector declared, admitted changing the records of his office to show that the stamps had been destroyed after condemnation when they actually were not destroyed.

The value of the stamps disposed of exceeded \$10,000 but the government will suffer no pecuniary loss. Travers came into the postal service from Michigan.

STAMP COLLECTORS OF THE COUNTY ORGANIZE.

On Feb. 23 a meeting of several postage stamp collectors of Hudson County, was called for the purpose of organizing a stamp club. Gustave Klingenstein was voted temporary chairman and M. Klingenstein acted as temporary secretary. The election of officers followed in which the following were elected: J. H. Braun of West Hoboken, president; M. Klingenstein of Jersey City, vice president; J. Froelke of Jersey City, secretary and treasurer. Board of directors, F. Funk, J. W. Treen, Edw. Sholl. The name of the organization is to be the Hudson County Stamp Club. A constitution and by-laws committee was chosen as follows: J. Froelke, Edw. Sholl, J. W. Treen, B. Klingenstein and M. Klingenstein.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

(Continued from February WEST).

The Bank of England, was founded in 1694 and is the most important exchange bank in the world. In 1905 the capital of the bank was 14 million pounds sterling.

The tax on domestic drafts are:—To 5£ 1d.; 5 to 10£ 2d.; 10 to 25£ 3d.; 25 to 50£ 6d.; 50 to 75£ 9d.; 75 to 100£ 1sh.; and for every other 100£ 1sh. more. Foreign drafts under 50£ are free. Above 6d for every commenced 100£.

If The tax for Companies not English is 3d for every 25£ of the nominal value of stock or share certificates, share warrants, etc.

1. All bonds, certificates, shares, when put onto the market require a tax of 1sh for every 10£ of the nominal value.

Transfer tax on all bonds, shares, stock transactions and etc, is:—Up to 5£, 6d.; and to 50£ 6d.; for every 5£ above that 2sh, 6d. for every 25£; and from 300£ up 5sh for every commenced 50£. -On the transfer of inheritance a fixed tax of 10 sh. is used.

Contract notes issued by brokers require a tax of 1d., over 100£ 1sh. Income tax on all papers paid in England.

Collectors of revenue stamps will bear in mind that in all bank, bond, stock transaction that 3 or more different issues of stamps are quite frequently used and make these prices quite interesting collections. They are bill stamps, transfer stamps, contract note, draft and receipt stamps, and consular stamps, etc.

TRANSVAAL. Check and sight drafts, 1d.; all others to 10£, 1d.; from 10 to 50£, 6d.; and 1 sh. for every 100£ or over.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE. Drafts, etc. over 100£ 1sh; Promissory notes 3d. Share certificates over 10£ 3d.; share certificates over 100£ 2sh 6d. Transfer 10 shares value 10£ 1d, 100 shares value 100£ 10d, Contract notes 3d.

NATAL. Drafts, etc., for every 50£ 3d. Promissory notes over 100£ 6d. Shares nominal value 10£ 3d. Transfers 2sh 6d. Letters of indemnity 1d. Proxy forms 3d. Contract 1d

CANADA has its own currency. Paper money from 25cts to \$1000. Checks, etc., are free.

INDIA. Silver Currency: 1 Rupie, 16 annas. 1 Anna, 12 Pie. 1 Croce, 4 Arel, 100 Lac 10 million Rupee. Coinages, Gold: 15 Rupee, 1 Mohur. 2 Pagodes, $\frac{1}{2}$ Mohur. 1 Pagodes, $\frac{3}{4}$ Mohur. 1 Sovereigns, 10 shillings. Silver: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, 1 Rupee. Bronze: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, 1-12 anna. All drafts or orders are stamped and the rate is as follows: To 200 rupee 2 anna, to 400 rupee 4 anna, to 600 rupee 6 anna etc. All sight drafts have also a fixed tax of 1 anna. Drafts drawn for longer than a year are taxed about 8 annas for each 100 rupee. Council drafts are those which are payable by the Indian Government in London

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. Mexican dollar the currency. Coined also silver: 50, 20, 10, 5 cents. Bronze: 1, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ cent. Drafts are stamped: To 50 dollars 3 cts duplicate 3 cts; from 50 to 100 dollars 10cts duplicate 5 cts; from 100 to 250 dollar 15 cts duplicate 5 cts; from 250 to 500 dollars 30cts duplicate 10 cts; from 500 to 750 dollars 45 cts duplicate 15 cts; and for every other \$250 15 cts plus 5 cents more.

HONGKONG. Silver currency and coins: 1 Hongkong dollar, 50, 20, 10, 5 cts. Drafts are stamped: To \$10 free; 10 to \$50 2 cts; 50 to \$250 5 cts; 250 to \$500 10 cts; 500 to \$1000 20 cts; and 50c for every \$5000. Checks are taxed 2c each.

(To be continued.)



Dear Sir
We have
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Yours
J. S. 106

ACROSS THE POND

England—Birmingham Philatelic Congress at June, 1911.

The third Philatelic Congress of Great Britain will be held at Birmingham from the 7th to the 10th of June next, under the auspices of the Philatelic Union of this town.

The principal items of the program, besides the three matters, which were also the subject of last year's meeting (nomenclature, forgeries and colors) are: A "non-competitive" stamp exhibition, stamp exchange, experiments on the processes, connected with the printing of stamps; two garden parties and the banquet.

The headquarters of the congress will be established in the Grand Hotel, the organizers, who deserve all praise, have already engaged the beautiful Grosvenor Hall for the banquet, as well as three rooms, in which the meetings of the congress are to be held.

Lady Warwick has graciously made known that she will receive the delegates at Warwick Castle.

France.

A new collector's journal, called "Philatelia," is now published in Paris. I received the first number, which is composed in a very efficient way; it is devoted to all kinds of hobbies, stamps, cards, curios, etc., and also contains a list of gentlemen who desire to correspond with foreign collectors. Thirty-two pages monthly; printed on fine paper, serve to render it very desirable. I wish the publishers a successful career.

Especially for young collectors, who are desiring of increasing their knowledge of the French language, the subscription is very recommendable, and any one sending 25 cents to the publishers will receive it for a whole year.

Germany.

The Tenth International Stamp-Dealers' Congress, in connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary, was held in Berlin on the 20th and 21st of January.

The proceedings, according to the program, must have been very interesting. On the first day an auction and exchange was held; in the evening a meeting took place on the agenda, of which were mentioned a lecture by Dr. Danielewicz. On the 21st the exchange of stamps was continued, whilst the

proceedings closed with a banquet and ball, which have had, no doubt, a most successful elapse.

Our German friends, as is well known, have a weakness for dinners and dances.

Greece.

The New Grecian Stamps are in Preparation at Messrs. Aspiotis Corfu's printing office. There will be four varieties. The first, for the 5L green, 50-L carmine, 50-A pale-grey, represent "Hermes" fastening his sandals before a temple of the Ionian style. After the design of a coin of the Sybarity, Grete, fourth century, B. C.

The second, for the 2-L carmin, 20-L violet-blue, 25-L blue, 40-L blue, shows the goddess Iris before a doric temple, after an ancient coin.

The third, for the 1 L blue, 3-L vermillion, 10-L carmine, bears the head of Hermes, turned to the right, after a two-Drachne coin, issued at Sybarity, fifth centenary, B. C.

The fourth variety, for the 1-Dr. blue, 2-Dr. vermillion, 3-Dr. carmine, 4-Dr. blue and 10-Dr. blue, represent Hermes carrying off Arcas, after a coin, issued at Phenee, Arcadia, in the 4th centenary, B. C.

Holland.

A Philatelic Mystery. A Philatelist wrote some time ago to one of the Dutch papers, expressing his astonishment at the fact that a stamp-dealer of his town was exhibiting a complete sheet of 50 10-Gulden Dutch Postage Stamps, still provided with the gummed paper edge, and bearing the Rosendale post-office date-stamp, Oct., 1910. Near them was a set of 4 similar stamps, also cancelled in Rosendale. The stamps were offered at a price considerably "below par." The writers could not understand how anyone could have obtained possession of a sheet of post-marked 10-gulden stamps, to resell at a lower price. He submitted a few hypotheses, but felt they were doubtful.

"But," says the Rotterdam Gazette, "the reality is stranger than anyone could imagine." The explanation is as follows:

A believing Roman-Catholic has defrauded the state of the sum of fl. 500, by giving an incorrect return of his income or something similar. Feeling the prick of conscience he confessed to a priest what he had done and desired advice regarding the best step to take to rectify matters, without however, compromising himself with the fiscus. The pastor, a man of wisdom, knew what was to be done. He charged the man to spend on the amount due to the treasury in 10-Gulden stamps, have them postmarked, and after disposing of them to contribute the price realized to some good ecclesiastical object, and so "Caesar received his due," the man's conscience was eased and the church-treasures were enriched.

Roumania.

New Jubilee-Stamps to be issued 10 th of May. In last month West I made mention of the issuing of new Jubilee-stamps to commemorate the 50

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specimens as possible, up to 15 or 20 in the case of the smaller creatures, of every variety from each region where it flourishes. Great success has already been attained; no other museum in the world has such a magnificent collection of the smaller mammals, and the only one which begins to compare with it is that at Washington; but there is much yet to be done before the aim of South Kensington is achieved.

The skins, expanded to something like their proper size by a light filling of cotton wool, lie side by side in neatest order. One drawer will contain perhaps 100 mice of one or two varieties, or 50 rats or squirrels. A single drawer may be fully occupied by three monkeys of a fair size. The skins of still larger animals are slid away on cupboard shelves.

The moth, the housewife's horror which works havoc among furs when it gets a chance, gets no chance here. The air in every drawer and cupboard is saturated with the scent of camphor; and four times annually the galleries are thoroughly fumigated besides. Occasionally the enemy has invaded the public exhibition galleries; the giraffes, for instance, were the object of a determined attack in their great glass house; but the honours rest with the vigilant defence, and every case is believed to be now moth-proof.

The Veterans in Retirement.

There is a "submerged tenth" in this great animal community. The fraction is not really as large as that; but a considerable number of beasts who have served their day and generation in public have been elbowed out by the competition of newer and more perfect members of their families, to spend an inglorious old age in the darkest corners of secluded chambers where the public never come and the busy men who do come hardly pay them the compliment of a glance. It is pitiful to see a noble zebra, a musk ox, and a Peter Pan hippopotamus who never grew up searching the gloom with dusty eyes for the children who used to admire them in Bloomsbury. What is to become of them? Some of them are faded and otherwise damaged, so that the skins are hardly worth the trouble of unstuffing, and other museums would not take them as a gift. Yet they have some historical interest, as the specimens from which descriptions in the Zoological Society's early publications were drawn; and many of them will be kept as types. The rest will find it harder and harder, as the space they fill becomes more valuable, to claim any further reprieve from the common fate of man and beast. There are animals here that died before the oldest of men were born. For generations they have been merely dead; the day of disclosure, long delayed, must come at last.—London Times.

THE OLDEST COINERS KNOWN.

Coins were in use as early as 800 B. C. A pure silver coin bearing a perfect Aramean inscription of Panammu Bar Rerub, King of Schamol, who reigned at that time, was recently found by a German collector during his explorations in Northern Syria.

Up to this time the Lydians were regarded as the inventors of money, but this new find shows that the Arameans who lived two centuries before, were the oldest coiners.

✂ Eratta:-Page 3 of "Across the Pond" and page 2 of "The Romance of a Great Collection" are transposed—read vice versa.

THE KING'S STAMPS.

An interesting Exhibition of Postage Stamps was opened in February at the Walthamstow Public Hall by Sir J. A. Simon, K. C., M. P.

The chief attraction was the loan of a few choice pieces from the magnificent collection of H. M. The King, who showed the original watercolour sketches for the first 1d and 2d stamps, formerly in the possession of Sir Rowland Hill and given to him by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir F. T. Baring) at the time of the Introduction of Postage Stamps.

Also the original drawing of the "Mulready Envelopes" by William Mulready, R. A. This is the only sketch of the envelope made by the artist and it appears that the idea of the design was given to him by Queen Victoria and carried out in accordance with Her Majesty's suggestions.

Another interesting piece shown was the Photographic Proof of the design prepared for King Edward's postage stamps. This presents two stamps on one of which the head is noted as "leaning too far forward," while the other is marked "pose of head correct." On the top of the card in King Edward's handwriting is "Appd. E. R."

The famous 2d stamp is also on view and our representative who was shown round the Exhibition by Mr. W. S. Lincoln of 2, Holles Street, W., the famous Expert and the oldest established stamp dealer in the world, was given some most interesting details concerning the stamp. It was printed just before the death of King Edward and subsequently all the stock, with the exception of a very few specimens, was destroyed. The King shows a bar from the left hand bottom corner of the sheet and also a single on the original envelope addressed to himself as Prince of Wales and postmarked "May 5th. 10." "The colour of the stamp," said Mr. Lincoln, "has been called magenta, but this is incorrect. It should be termed 'mauve.' Another erroneous idea is that it is the same design as the present green and red 2d, but it is quite a new design and a very handsome stamp."

The Earl of Crawford has also a couple of frames containing stamps from his collection, including specimens of the 9d Great Britain (hair line variety) and blocks of the 1d red on the "Dickenson paper" which has silk threads in its substance.

Another magnificent show was the collection of Stamps reflecting the Wars of the World, formed by Mr. Lincoln and from which he has taken his lecture "Philatelic Monuments to War." Here are stamps of the Civil War in America, Franco-Prussian War, South African Wars and most of the minor campaigns.

Mr. Lincoln pointed out the "Stamp Money" used in the Civil War in America, which was made by encasing postage stamps in metal discs, which were passed as currency, the back of most of them bearing an advertisement such as "Take Ayers Pills," "Fremont House, Chicago," etc.

He also drew attention to the stamps used under Colonel Younghusband, August 3rd, '04, when his force reached Lhasa. These were naturally only in use for a few days and a curious error occurs in the postmark which is misspelt "Lahssa."

It is a wonderful history-book that he has compiled in his collection of these stamps and during the Exhibition crowds were always collected in front of this most interesting exhibit.

"Excuse Delay in Answering Yours of the --th"--By C. S. Lewis

One of the first principles in the upbuilding of a successful mail-order business is the prompt handling of your correspondence. This holds true in any line and is especially so if one is dealing in stamps for collectors, postcards or curios. I realize that much has been written and said on this subject by others, but, it seems, judging from recent experiences of my own, that all that has gone before in this matter has not been fully assimilated by the ones who should be most benefited by a practical application of the advice which has been so often given. It should be obvious to the most verdant dealer that a prompt attention to one's orders or inquiries should have his immediate and most prompt attention each and every day and not be left to wait until one was "in the mood," or until a "more favorable opportunity," or till one "had the time." If you cannot give prompt attention to your correspondence you should do one of two things: Have some help or else quit advertising and shut up shop.

Of all the aggravations of collecting I know of none that so tries the temper of a collector as, after taking the time himself to promptly sit down and write to some dealer in answer to an advertisement in some one of the stamp papers, to have to wait some ten days to two weeks for a reply or for the goods ordered, when if prompt attention was paid to the matter he could reasonably expect an answer in three or four days at least.

A couple of recent experiences of my own will more fully illustrate the exact point I am trying to impress on all advertisers. A couple of weeks ago, while looking over several ads in the WEST my eye was attracted by a couple of offers of stamps I was desirous of adding to my collection. I wrote to the parties offering same for sale and asked as to condition of same, being one of those who consider quality as a first consideration. As is my practice always (and one which I believe every inquirer should faithfully follow) I enclosed an unused 2 cent stamp to prepay cost of reply. I was really anxious to secure the stamps that had been advertised and I can truly say this, had a prompt answer followed to my question as to condition, I should have undoubtedly sent a money order for same by return mail. But, and here's where the dealer loses out, it was two weeks before I received any reply regarding my inquiry. The city in which these dealers resided was but a nominal distance from my home town and a reply could reasonably be expected to a letter written there in at least three or four days. After waiting over a week I happened to pass a store on one of our main avenues and on looking in the show window I espied a couple of copies of the stamps I had inquired about, affixed to some approval sheets and the price affixed was but a couple of cents above that advertised by the dealers to whom I had long before written. As they were very good specimens of their respective kinds I at once went in and secured them and that evening found them occupying a permanent place in my album. About a week later came the replies to my letters from the dealers to whom I had written with an apologetic note in each stating that "very sorry to have replied sooner but lack of time," etc. It was the same old story. The "lack of time" had, however, lost them all prospects of a sale, and while they stated the stamps offered were in A 1 condition my interest was gone as I already had added both to my collection and was already on the lookout for something entirely different. Both of these dealers had also appended to their replies a statement that "want lists" could be filled by them along most any line, but one experience in regard to their lax or dilatory manner of handling replies had been

quite sufficient for the writer and a long period of time would have to elapse ere the experience in regard to a prompt answer from these advertisers would be likely to have been forgotten.

Now what I would like to say to all dealers and advertisers is just this: If you expect to build up a permanent and successful stamp business (or for that matter any kind of a mail order business) see to it that all mail matter received by you each and every day has immediate and careful attention. It costs you good money to place your advertisement in any one of the several stamp papers throughout the country and after you have succeeded in interesting some reader enough to have him sit down and write you, you really cannot afford to run the risk of losing him or her either as a present or future customer by any dilatoriness in your correspondence department. Here's where the real test comes, at least from the customers' point of view and a prompt reply to inquiries is the one thing that really shows him you are desirous of his patronage and are losing no time in giving his present and future needs your full and careful attention. A close application to business is required to do this, it is true, but what's worth doing is worth doing well, and nothing builds up a really permanent business as quickly and so substantially as a careful and painstaking attention to the "little worries."

The collecting of the current issue of entire stamped envelopes is something that should appeal to every collector in the U. S.; and it undoubtedly would, could the pleasure and cheapness of such a collection only be forcibly brought to their notice. Where else can a collector of moderate means make so good a showing for a small outlay, and where else does he stand so good a show of finding something valuable? Although there are over 500 collectable varieties of envelopes in the current issue already known, there are several dozen envelopes which may exist but have not yet been seen by any envelope collector. These may be laying in any quantity from 1 to 500 copies in some remote P. O., and if discovered by some "hunter" will sell for a good sum if rightly managed or will go a long ways toward completing the finder's collection by exchanging. There are quite a few envelopes in this 1907 issue which will now, even though they are still current, bring from \$1 to \$5 each. Considering the fact that there are five main varieties of paper, also various fiber, thick, and thin papers and two main varieties of watermark on white paper, also that there have been from 2 to 17 dies used in printing each denomination of envelope in this series, it is not surprising that some dies should be very scarce on certain sizes and colors of paper. Add to this, that the color of the 2c envelope was changed from brown-red to carmine, also about a carload of white paper watermarked 1903 and some manila paper watermarked 1894 was used to print various sizes and denominations, and a very little thought shows right here at home is a fruitful field for specializing.

Finland has disappeared from the list of stamp issuing countries. Its series ceased to be available for use on the 14th of this month, and the ordinary Russian series has superseded it. We are sorry for the unhappy country, for this suppression of its stamps is but one example of many acts of tyranny, and are the more inclined to sympathize because its issues have always been free from the speculative element (the famous mourning label had no official standing), and many of them have been strikingly handsome.

The Season 1911-12 is fraught with tremendous philatelic possibilities.



New Issues Column

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

I must apologize to my readers for not keeping them up with a further article concerning the New Issues, but there has not been much to interest lately and owing to the pressure of work, I have been compelled for a short time to discontinue my articles with much regret, but now hope to again be able to communicate and be in touch with my readers of the "Philatelic West."

The stamps of King Edward VII, which I have so often advised collectors to purchase and complete their sets, are becoming increasingly popular in England and many of them are still rising in price. To add to the excitement of these, several new values are to hand from many of the British Colonies. Amongst these I might mention Gwalior 2 rupees red and brown and 3 rupees brown and green; Leeward Islands 5/ red and green on yellow; Fiji 6d purple and 1/ black and green; Malta 5/ red and green on yellow; St. Lucia 6d purple; Straits Settlements 21 cents purple, 45 cents black and green and 1 dollar black and red on blue and Northern Nigeria 6d purple and 1/ black and green.

I cannot too strongly advise collectors to fill up these interesting stamps as they can only be in use for a short time and are certain to become very popular as the years progress.

With reference to the Kings Heads Stamps, I should like to draw your attention to a review in this number of a new book I have just published for the stamps of King Edward VII. I have sent a copy of this for review to Mr. Brodstone and you will be able to learn from his article his opinion of my new publication.

I shall hope next month to be able to give a further list of some interesting issues which I am now expecting by every mail.

THE GROWTH OF STAMP COLLECTING.

Stamp collecting in this country has now been pursued for over half a century and the number of collectors has been steadily growing. The business of the Scott Co. was established in 1860. During this long period, many stamps have advanced a great deal in value and within a few years some varieties have increased in price one hundred times. The supply of many rare old stamps is small and, as the demand for them is increasing, the prices are as the result constantly going up. There are now over 5 hundred thousand stamp collectors in the United States. Thousands of these are young people while other thousands are professional and business men who make a serious study of stamp collecting. Some of the finer collections would readily bring many thousands of dollars. In Europe among the best known collectors are Count de Renotiere of France, the King of England, the Czar of Russia and many other noble and wealthy men. In this country some of our best known men are stamp collectors including statesmen, clergymen, educators and financiers.

NOTES.

Mr. G. D. Bliss sends the information that the Panama 13c map stamp has been surcharged 10c for use in the Canal Zone. He thinks it will not be used in Panama, having been originally prepared not for use in the Republic but for use in the Zone.—From the same gentleman we learn that Panama has issued stamp books containing 6 tens, 6 fives, 12 two and one-halves, 18 ones and 18 half centavo stamps each and selling for \$1.50. The stamps are not gummed on account of the Panama climate. The half centavo is of the map type printed in orange.

From a correspondent in Natal we have received a new 1d. Rhodesia stamp in carmine with the portraits of King George V. and his Queen. The stamp resembles somewhat the Canadian jubilee set of 1897. At the top it is inscribed "British South Africa Company" and below "Rhodesia."

Mr. A. S. Wiester of the Rex Stamp Co., Vallejo, California, tells us that he has two Ecuador revenue stamps surcharged and used for postage. Both are of Scott's R4. One is "Correos Un Centavo" in ellipse on 5c blue green dated 1907-1908. The other is "Correos Cinco Centavos" also in ellipse, but a little different, on 20c blue dated 1905-1906. It seems that Ecuador cannot keep its postal and its fiscal issues apart.

From Milwaukee we have a few days ago received a 1c wrapper of the present U. S. issue, the stamp being a perfect albino, i. e. an embossing without any color. It was marked O. K. with a lead pencil and did duty in paying postage as if it were a perfect stamp.

We have not yet seen the U. S. 1c postal card printed in red, nor the reply card with the portrait of George and Martha Washington and should be much pleased if our readers in addressing us would use one or the other of these cards.

It has been decided that anybody addressing a U. S. Postal Savings depository office may obtain the Postal Savings Card and Stamps. Remittance must be made in postal money order or cash; postage stamps are not accepted.

We admit that philately does not always admit of a succession of interesting items, but a journal could be made sufficiently interesting if the subjects were of a varying nature. There are always a number of new students that are anxious to know as much as possible about philately, and educational matter could be found which could be less exacting on the mind than the exhaustive histories which have lately appeared. Even the reports of stamp auctions could be made more interesting than they have been so far. As far as the information on prices is concerned it is of little benefit to the collector, as only in the case of "mint" is the condition of the stamps described. It is admitted by all true collectors that philately is a fascinating hobby, as well as a scientific one and just as much as collectors like to look at their albums over and over again, so do they like to read again interesting matter dealing with their stamps. For this reason, we think the republication of a number of highly interesting matters that appeared in the past would be relished by readers more than the average contents of present day journals.—Australian Paper. We expect to use some of the better notes the WEST used fifteen or sixteen years ago as we have had many requests to use such.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

New stamp collectors' clubs seem to be in order these days. Among the latest are: Kansas City Philatelic Club, Jersey City and Roxbury Stamp Club, and another in Minneapolis. We also learn that the Winnipeg Stamp Club will in future be a branch one of the Hobby Club.

The design for the new English postage stamps has been approved by the King. A notable feature is uniformity in conspicuously denoting the value in figures. In the new three-halfpenny stamp, for instance, the figures 1½d. appear in each of the top corners. Another innovation is a dolphin introduced at the bottom at each corner perhaps intended to suggest King George's association with the Navy, or maritime supremacy, or both.

Possibly the 8c and 10c Pan-American "have a future before them," as the saying is. Possibly, too, the 5c value has got his foot on the same ladder, leaving his brother, the 4c value somewhat lower down.

Roumania is to jubilate again. It will scarcely be necessary to say that this is to be done at the expense of stamp collectors if possible. Ewen's Stamp Weekly reports that a new series of picture stamps, ranging in value from 1 to 60 bani, is to be issued in May next. The excuse given for the issue is the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the University of Jassy.

The 50c Mexican pictorial should be found to sell: it is not over cheap, but in a mixed lot one has a chance of discovering specimens of the scarce and dearer shade.

We note that the British South African Co. have issued a series of stamps bearing the likeness of the King and Queen of England, very like in design to the ½c of the Quebec issue. How would it do for the English Colonies to issue a set of stamps bearing the Queen's head for the use of ladies and another set with the King's head for the use of gentlemen. They would double the sales to collectors in this way.

Prices seem to vary somewhat for the 6c black Argentine 1900; this stamp and the 12c olive should go up.

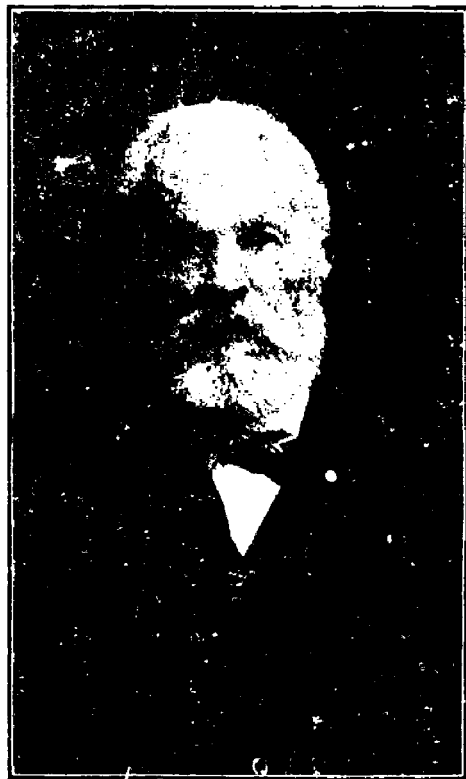
Possibly one of the events of the future may be some sort of a famine of high values; these certainly do not seem to be employed to the extent that they once were. Exchange correspondence may often bring these sorts to one's door, an advantage which allows of their being gathered in one's and two's.

The percentage of good copies in each hundred lot seems to depend sometimes on whether they have been gathered in a hot or cold climate.

It is a mercy that torn heavily cancelled copies have a market—at a certain price—otherwise some of us would find ourselves saddled with heaps.

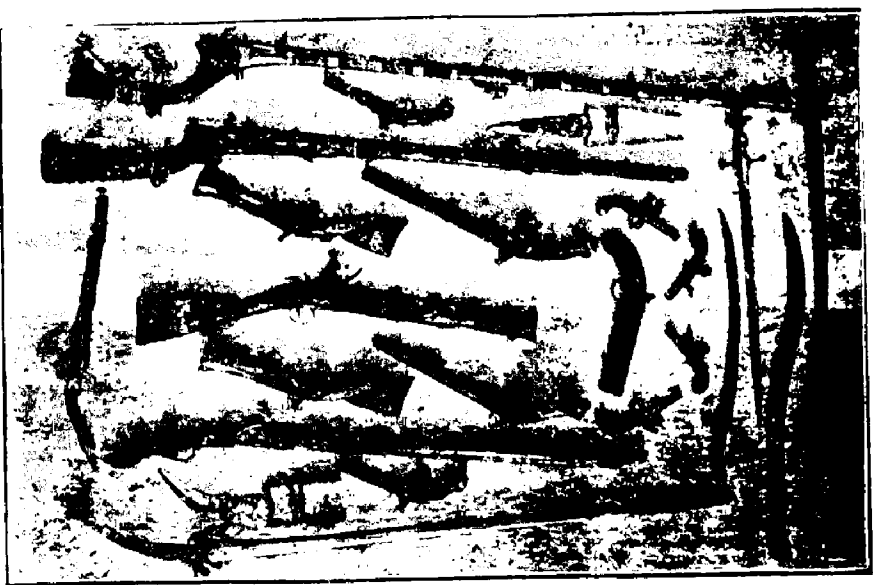
Don't gather too many copies of the sorts that everybody already has, unless you have a ready outlet for them in quantity. Out-of-the-way sorts are likely to disappear soonest.

There has been considerable doing in the way of Stamp Companies in Philadelphia of late, the Philadelphia Stamp Co. has absorbed the United States Stamp Co. It is further stated that the earnings of the first named Company were thirty-six per cent for the past year. Look up their ads in the WEST,



A. SISSON, St. Louis Collector. J. H. JOHNSTON, Pittsburg, Pa. See his ad.
FRAD P. HUFF, Brookings, So. Dak. DR. BARTEL, Mgr. Hussman Co, of
St. Louis, Mo.





Collection of Rare Pistols and Guns for sale.
See ad in this issue.



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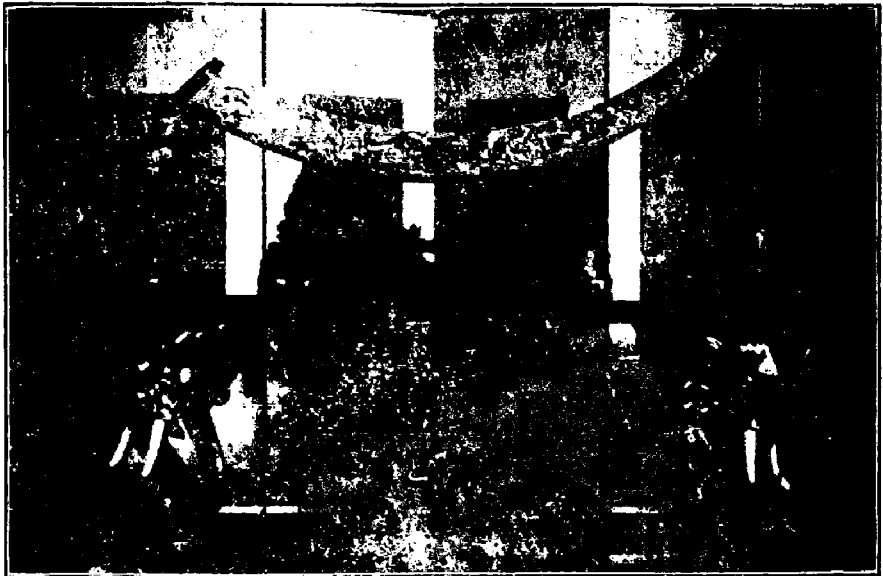
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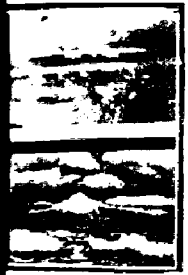
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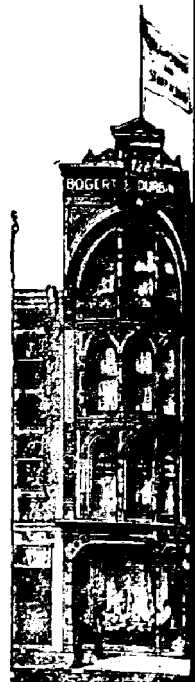
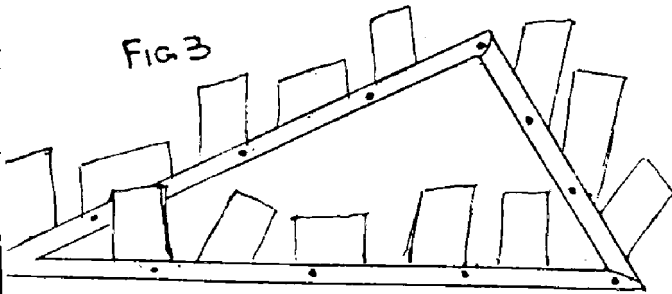
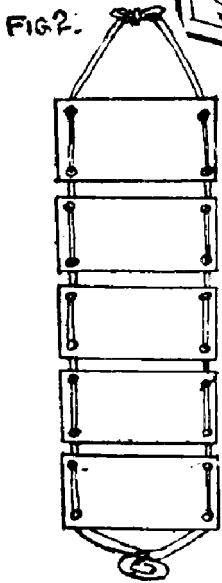
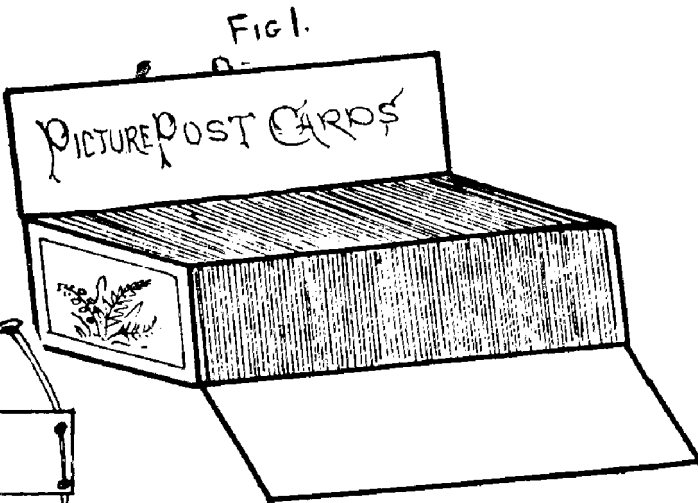
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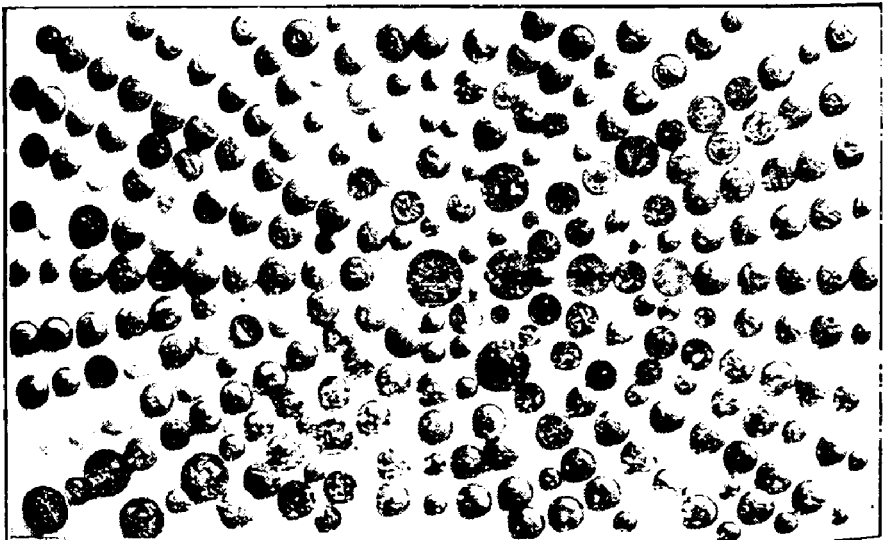


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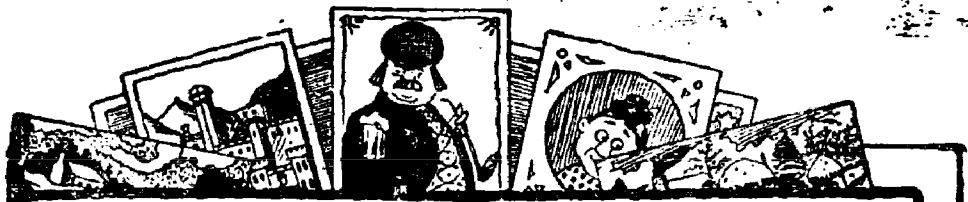


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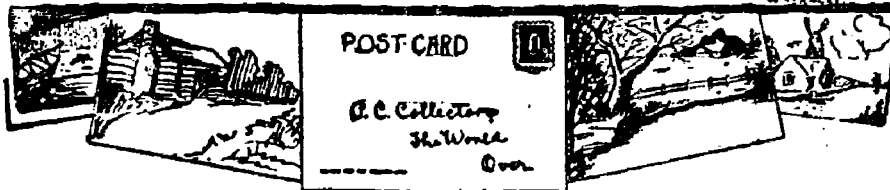
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Button Collection of W. H. Northrup, Sunderland, Vermont.



PHILOCARTY



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(Continued from last issue.)

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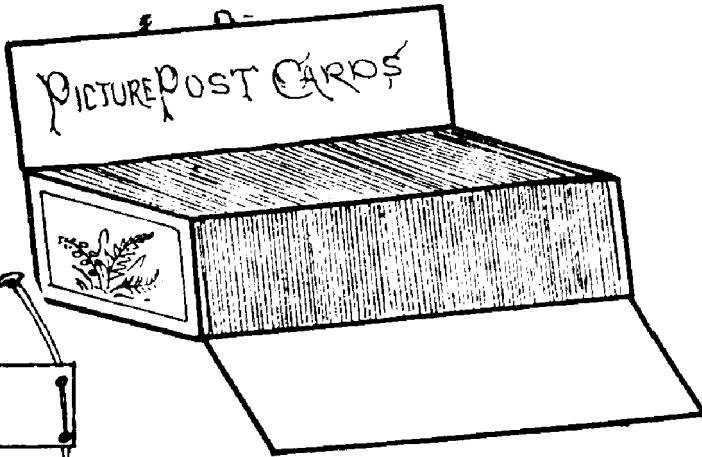


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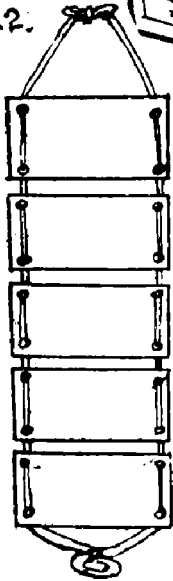
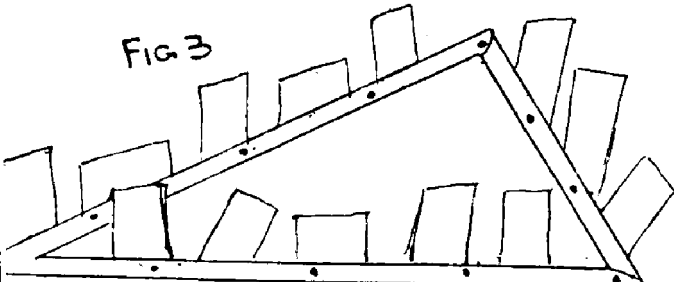
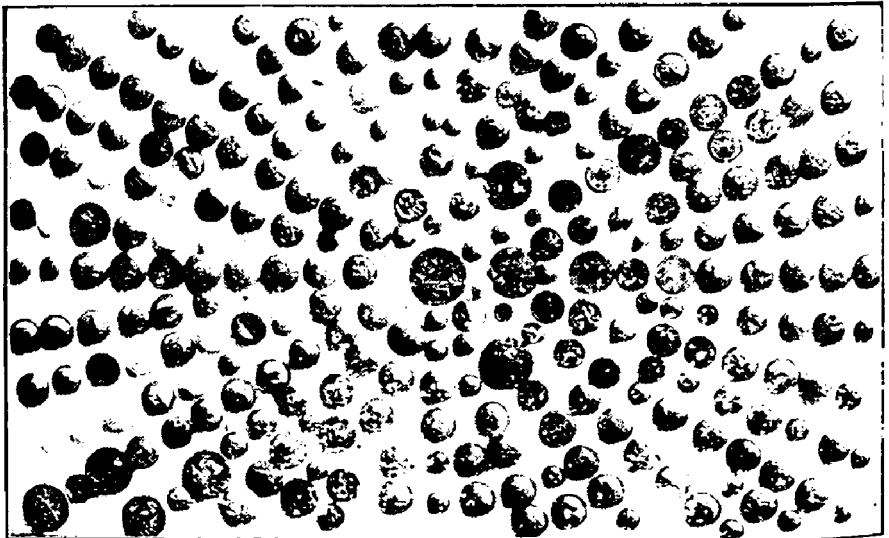


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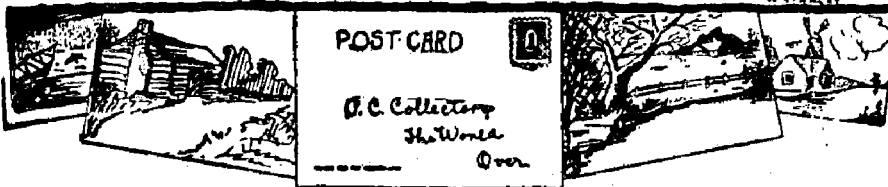
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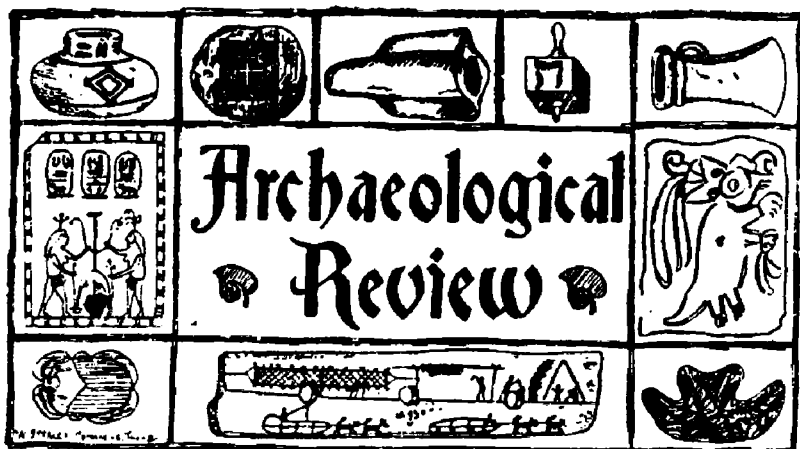
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KUHN'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books are requested to send copies for review to address below. Also desire notes and citations of archaeological interest. Please remit direct to Mrs. Chas. C. Kuhn, 118 West 12th Street, New York, N. Y., U. S. A.

Have received two pamphlets written by Prof. Byron Cummings, Dean of the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. The first is *The Great Natural Bridge of Utah*. This publication contains twenty-four pages, and is well illustrated. While not of a strictly archaeological nature, it contains references to the ancient life of Utah in the neighborhood of the bridges, and is very interesting reading. The other publication treats of *The Ancient Inhabitants of the San Juan Valley*. This number consists of forty-five pages with numerous illustrations and relates to the Pueblo and Cliff dwellings of the San Juan valley Utah. It contains an account of Prof. Cummings' work and conclusions while exploring and excavating among the old deserted Pueblos and Cliff dwellings. It is one of the best articles I have ever read, on the archaeology of the West, and should be in the library of every collector. For further information address Prof. Byron Cummings, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Harvard Archeological expedition has been making some very interesting discoveries among which, is the Palace of Queen Jebezel. The beautiful but brazen Queen of the Israelites. I hope to soon be able to give a more complete account of this expedition.

Are there any readers of this Department, living in Hawaii or the West Indies? If so, I would especially like to hear from them.

The following clipping was sent me by Mr. R. S. Jordan of Ashville, N. Carolina, and was clipped from an Asheville paper:

An Indian cave is believed to have been discovered about five miles from Alexander. Within the past few days two of Alexander's well known citizens, who bear reputations for truth and are men of character, while out for a tramp, discovered a cave which they think has been unknown. The cave is situated among some very steep and rugged cliffs and the approach is very difficult, it being necessary for a rope to be used in order to gain access to the mouth of the cave.

The cave consists of three rooms and from all appearances has been unoccupied for many years—perhaps hundreds of years. In the front room appear many signs which lead to the belief that it was at one time used for a kitchen. Rocks

out in the shapes of kettles and pans are there in profusion and rounded
that have the appearance of having served as grinders of Indian corn are
the room. Connecting with this room is another room of larger dimensions
with walls darkened with soot, smoke and grime. Arrowheads and war axes are
scattered throughout the room, together with many other articles which the Indians
are supposed to have used. A long narrow hallway connects this room with another
one which apparently was at one time used as a place for depositing of the
dead, since many bones, skulls and several skeletons are packed away in the
cave.

This cave is very dark, is well hidden and provides an excellent place for
hiding in outlaw or hermitage. Many theories are advanced as to who has occupied
the place. Some persons are of the opinion that it was at one time occupied
by the cliff dwellers, others think that the famous Murrell band of outlaws lived
at this place while in hiding, but the consensus of opinion is that it has been
occupied since the American Indians used it as a home.

Mr. J. B. Packwood and Mr. A. M. West are the gentlemen who made the
discovery, and they will cheerfully give any information concerning their discoveries.

THE PIASTRE.

Piastre (Greek and Latin a piaster—In the early Roman languages, the term
was applied to anything spread out or flattened) a Spanish silver coin which has
been extensively adopted by other nations. The Buccaneers of the Spanish Main
usually applied the term "Piece of Eight" to the piastre—it was divided into
eight silver reals. The present piastre is divided into twenty copper reals. It
is worth about \$1.01. In the Levant the piastre is called a colonnato on account
of the original coins which were struck for use in Spanish America, bearing two
columns on the reverse side. The Italian piastre or scudo is an evident imitation
of the Spanish coin, and is exactly equal to it in value. The same is true
of the piastres in use in Chile, Mexico and South America, with the sole exception
of New Granada which is about 5 cents less. The United States dollar was
based on the Spanish piastre but is a fraction less in value owing to an
error in the original estimate. The term dollar is derived from the German
"thaler". The original "pillar" piastres are considered current nearly all
over the world. The coin known as the Turkish piastre is not an imitation, but
an independent national silver coin which in 1753 was worth about 84 cents.
It has since gradually and rapidly deteriorated, till at the present day, it is
worth not more than 4 1/3 cents. The Egyptian piastre is worth about 5 cents.

WORLD'S RAREST BOOKS.

According to an estimate prepared by the Bibliophiles Association, of New
York, a two foot book shelf, containing the ten rarest books in the world, would
be worth about \$250,000, and would contain the following volumes: Gutenberg Bible,
first printed book, \$60,000; Psalter of 1457, first book printed with a date,
\$40,000; "Receyvel of the History of Troy," printed by William Caxton, the first
book in the English language, \$40,000; first edition of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales,
\$20,000; first edition of Thomas Malory's "Morte d' Arthur," \$20,000;
"Book of the General Laws of Massachusetts," 1684, first book printed in America,
\$10,000; first edition of Shakespeare's "Venus and Adonis," \$10,000; Psalter
of 1459, the best copy of which is now owned by J. P. Morgan, \$10,000.—(by Ha
Paris.)



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 the society and yet receive the same benefits as though they were a member of several societies and 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 we find those complained against are members of this society we will do all we can to have them make returns 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 collector 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.

Yearly Dues: 50 cents and part of the world. Subscription to the official organ of the Domestic Soc. Foreign one dollar, payable to the publisher direct.

Translations made by the translator are post cards 2 cents each; government postal cards 5 cents each; letters 10 cents per page and 5 cents for each additional page, and return postage.

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- Dr. H. M. Whelpley, 224 South Broadway St. Louis, Mo.
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- Chief of Autograph Department

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS.

- 2385. W. O. Hart, 134 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La., Treasurer of the Commercial Law League of America.
- 91. F. M. Gilham, Obsidian, Highland Springs, Lake Co., California, a new charter member.
- 2386 Carl H. Bloxham, Salcha, Alaska, post cards.
- 2198. John H. McDonal, Marietta, Ga., Renewal Chief of Stamp Dept.
- 2387. Maud A. Frumento, Cowichan Station, B. C. Canada, post cards.

RESIGNED.

L. T. Terwilliger as Chief of Stamp Dept.

FAVORABLE AND UNFAVORABLE MENTION.

W. W. Bliss, Duarte, Calif., says he has had dealings with F. B. Steadman, Warsaw, N. Y., for the past two or three years he has found him perfectly square and would trust him with his entire stamp collection. Ralph V. McCallum, Box 112, Auburn Me., and Cedric Kilver, 2715 Werren St. Chicago, Ill., report unsatisfactory dealings with said party. If Mr. Bliss will comply with the rules of the Fraud Dept., I will gladly enter complaint for him. Please mention names we have had several late Chiefs of Stamp department lately.

FRAUD LIST

Paul Vincent, General Delivery, Cairo, Egypt, please make returns for

tion of stamps (value \$4.21) sent you by John F. Thompson, 311 Powder Springs St., Marietta, Ga., otherwise your name will be kept on our permanent "Fraud List."

Notice to Non-Members:—If you have been defrauded in any way by anyone and would like to enter their names on our permanent "Fraud List" you may do so by sending a full text of the complaint and five (5) one cent stamps to defray the cost of same. For this amount you will receive a complete fraud list and have the fraud mentioned in the official organ. If you will enclose an additional four (4) cents postage I will write to them a personal letter demanding a settlement.

"Secretary."

Dear Members:—As the new chiefs of the stamp and autograph departments will take your attention this month I will ask you to give their messages your most careful attention and help them to push their departments to the front

Yours truly,

"Secretary."

At the request of Members, collectors of autographs, I offer the following hints that I have found from long experience to be relied on, especially for beginners:

1. Begin collecting signatures and with each try to get the portrait and in so doing you will study the life of the man.
2. Do not try to collect everything offered.
3. It is better to collect certain lines, as statesmen, poets, authors, presidents, signers, etc.
4. Collect if possible autographs in good condition, beware of the "too bright ones", they may be lithographs.
5. Listen to others, what they have to say about autographs and in this way you will soon learn, but use common sense as to what to believe.
6. A collector saw some time ago in one of the papers that Lincoln and Grant autographs brought fabulous prices at auction. He sent at once 50 Lincoln, Grant and other presidents to an auction house and his share was \$38.00 for the 50 items, after paying 42 per cent for expenses and charges. There is a difference in what the other man is supposed to have received and "what you receive".
7. Avoid unmercessary handling of autographs belonging to others.
8. The best way to discover your ignorance about autographs is to have some non-collecting friend ask you questions.
9. Do not try to improve autographs with erasers or acids.
10. Never cry down another's collection of autographs, give him the benefit of the doubt.
11. Never talk scandal or say mean things of other collectors. If you have nothing good to say, say nothing.
12. Do not expect anyone to value autographs unless you submit them for examination.

Anton Heitmuller, Chief of Autograph Dept.

To the Members of the I. C. U.:—As our Sec.-Treas. has seen fit to appoint me to the position of Chief of Stamp Department to succeed Bro. L. G. Terwilliger who has resigned, I desire to say to the members of the I. C. U. in all the departments (not only in the stamp department, but in all) that I shall do all in my power for the I. C. U., but realizing that I can do nothing without the co-operation of the other members, I wish to ask all members (especially the officers) to cooperate with the different departments and let us ALL make ALL the departments successful.

I am now in communication with our President, Mr. Fabian, with a view of starting an exchange circuit in the stamp department, which I think will be bene-

ficial to all the members. I would like to have suggestions from members as to what they think will be a benefit to us and any suggestion will have my closest attention and I shall always study for what will be to our best interest. I stand ready to do anything at any time to further the cause of the T. C. U. and once again I ask for the co-operation of all the members to make our society a success.

Hoping to have some plan outlined for an Exchange circuit by the next month; also hoping to hear from the members on this subject.

Yours for the good of the T. C. U.

John H. Donald, Marietta, Georgia.

Dear Members: Am pleased to announce that the Pan-American Souvenir Card Club has combined its membership with that of the Collectors Union.

Further announcements will be made in next report.

Secretary.

A RELIC OF THE PRICE RAID — By Geo. G. Remsburg.

The old cannon captured from Kansas troops in 1864 by General Sterling Price's men, who were forced to abandon it later was recently found in a deep hole in Flat creek, about ten miles east of Exeter, Mo. The find was made by a party headed by E. F. Heisler, secretary of the Kansas Soldiers' Memorial Association, and Judge Logan, of Aurora, Mo., one of the soldiers who captured the gun.

The cannon was part of the equipment of a force of Kansas troops under Col. G. W. Veal, of Topeka, on the march from Springfield, Mo., to Fort Smith, Ark. The Kansans were attacked by Gen. Price's command and driven back toward Springfield, losing several men and the cannon in the battle. The Kansans rallied, however, and went after the artillery again.

According to Judge Logan, the Confederates who had captured the cannon were being hard pressed and rather than see the gun recaptured they spiked it and threw it into a deep hole in Flat Creek where it has lain for forty-six years.

Judge Logan identified the place recently and preparations were immediately begun to recover it. The water was pumped from the hole and a derrick used to raise the cannon. It will be placed in the museum of the Kansas State Historical society in Topeka, until the new memorial building for the Kansas soldiers is completed.

Mr. Heisler invited Governor Hadley of Missouri and Governor Stubbs of Kansas to deliver addresses at a joint reunion over the recovery of the cannon.

A most remarkable circumstance occurs in the town of Dhubbooe, 225 miles north of Bombay. A rampart two miles in circuit backed inwardly by a handsome colonnade; a magnificent tank, bordered by a grand flight of stairs and numerous Brahmanical temples are all constructed of hewn stone. It presents a rare and awe-inspiring spectacle, here, in a purely alluvial country where even a pebble is unknown. Its existence once more brings before us the question which has puzzled scientists for centuries; Did the ancients have a recipe for manufacturing masonry? Surely it must have required an immense amount of human labor to construct these gigantic relics of the past. In many prehistoric ruins are found solid granite columns which the mechanical contrivances of today would be entirely inadequate in conveying and placing in position. Cement must have been used. Will pay you to come and see Cement Co., Superior, Nebr. See ad.

A Column for Kansas Collectors

By George J. Remsburg of Potter, Kansas

The Kansas Historical society recently added to its collections a lock from the door of Ruthven Lodge, in Washington, D. C., where it is said, Dolly Madison sought refuge when the British advanced on Washington, in the War of 1812.

Oscar Schaar, a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security in Wichita, has presented the local lodge with a ballot box made from a piece of the door of a main saloon on the Maria Christina, the flagship of Admiral Montejo, Commander of the Spanish fleet after the Manila Bay matinee, when Commodore Dewey made a submarine fleet of Spain's Orient navy. Mr. Schaar secured this trophy from the sunken ship while serving in the U. S. navy at the time it was raised from its watery bed.

It is reported that James King, while plowing up a sandy pasture near Wellington recently, penetrated an old cave of considerable dimensions. In it were found human bones and some cartridges of an old pattern.

R. E. Merwin, of Lawrence, is an assistant with the Harvard University expedition that is unearthing ancient Maya cities in Guatemala. New evidences of the high state of civilization of the vanished Mayas, and houses of "poured" concrete antedating Edison's plan some twenty centuries are said to have been found.

D. B. Smart, who had taken some interest in archaeological, geological and kindred subjects and made a collection of interesting specimens along these lines died recently at Atchison.

The Kansas University recently received from Robert Jordan, of Light, Arizona, two fine metates or mill stones from the Arizona Cliff Dwellings. They are the only ones in the University museum.

The curio store of Rudolph Kriete at 220 East 12th Street in Kansas City was recently destroyed by fire.

A part of the fine Roxby collection of Oriental relics and curios was recently stolen from the Kansas City Public Museum.

Prof. W. H. Keller of the Kansas State Normal school collected a fine lot of fossils in Osage and Coffey counties for the Normal Museum.

THE GUINEA OF BRITAIN The Guinea of Britain was a gold coin minted during the reign of Charles II in 1664 remaining current until 1817 when it was superseded by the Sovereign. Its value varied considerably at different periods but was latterly fixed at twenty-one shillings. It derived its name from the fact that the gold from which the first specimens were coined was brought from the Guinea coast in West Africa and for the same reason it originally bore the impression of an elephant.

Union Souvenir Card Exchange

America's Largest Card Collector Club Organized April 1906



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EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We wish all members to take particular notice that when their memberships expire they will be taken off the list immediately as we wish no dead ones in our Club. The following memberships expire before April 1: Please renew, at once or send resignation.

466, 1208, 1396, 1514, 1759, 1767, 1773, 1774, 1782, 1871, 1972, 1976, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002.

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:

1793. W. L. Falkenstein, 1 point.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

2063. Walter M. Santee will be away from home until May 5, when he will answer all cards.

In answer to enquiries we will say that the "Circling the Globe" Department of this Club is still in existence, but circuits cannot be made up for lack of foreign members to fill them. Many U. S. members have made application, but not enough foreign can be secured. Foreign members desiring to join should inform the Vice President (1510) of the fact.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1999. Lola A. Phillips, 441 S. Desplainez St., Chicago, Ill. (would like a card from every member).

2043. W. L. Bucke, 324 DeKalb St., Norristown, Pa.

RENEWALS.

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

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

1990. Harry Wynne, Rosemont Parade, North Finchley, London N., England.

NEW MEMBERS.

2089. H. E. Carpenter, 1200 Taylor St., Topeka, Kansas.

2090. W. D. Stone, Box 174, Fayetteville, Ark. (stamp view side from foreign)

2091. B. A. Turner, 701 N. Lincoln St., Greensburg, Ind., good colored views with all members; especially foreign).

2092. Conrad P. Hoff, S. D. S. C. Box 108, Brookings, S. Dak. (foreign only.)

2093. Dale F. Stansbury, Williamsport, Indiana.

2094. Paul. C. Semmer, 469 Jefferson St., Portland, Ore. (colored views only; sends first).

2095. W. F. Rayl, 117 Brown St., Clarksburg, W. Va. (colored views of public buildings and historical cards).

2096 Hadrazky Victor, Calea Mosilor 369, Bucharest, Roumania. (sends always first. Exchanges several unused view cards at once. Corresponds in German, English, French, Roumanian).

2097. Aug. Grahn, 1810 W. Minnehaha Street, St. Paul, Minn.

The Secretary is glad to furnish application blanks to all applying for them. A premium of five fine cards is given for each new member secured. Tell your friends about the UNION. Send them a blank and ask them to join.

THE CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.



The 85th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, on Friday evening, Feb. 3rd, President Harry F. Williams presiding. The following 19 members were present: Messrs Carey, Dunham, V. M. Brand, Simpson, Excell, Leon, Edward, Michael, Vercouter, Holmes, Baker, Williams, Lcer, Krausz, Lewis, Kelly, Green, Keikler, Lamsen and Nelson. The resignation of Mr. Christian

Sorensen was received and accepted.

The Curator elect, Mr. M. P. Carey, was installed into office and read his annual report. Mr. V. M. Brand reported the death of Mr. Otto Darmstaetter, an active member, and the President appointed a committee consisting of Messrs, Baker, Exell and Green to draw up suitable resolutions on his death. The President announced the resignation of Mr. Dunham, Chairman of the Convention Finance Committee, and appointed Mr. T. E. Leon in his stead. Messrs. Alfred B. Jacobs, Edward Johnson, Louis C. Tonsley and A. O. Wilcox were elected to membership.

On motion it was ordered that the Treasurer report at next meeting all members in arrears for dues for more than one year and that the Treasurer should notify all such delinquents of this action. A motion was carried instructing the Executive Committee to renew the lease on present quarters, for two years from May 1st.

Under Exhibitions Mr. Brand showed an original bag of Maunly money; 32 1-32 ducats of Regensburg; pattern set of the Batavia Republic dated 1800, of which there are only four sets; a pattern crown in gold of Geo. III of England by Wyon; hard times tokens No. 85 in white metal and No. 1f1. Mr. Leon showed a one hundred dollar bill of the National Gold Bank of San Francisco.

Magazines received since last meeting were: The Numismatist for December and January and Mehl's Monthly, Numismatische Correspondenz, Spink's Circular, Numismatischer Verkehr, Giornale Numismatico and Philatelic WEST for January. Auction catalogs from Amams—with plates—Green, Low and the Dr. Strochlin Sale at Geneva, Switzerland—from Spink and Son. Catalogs with fixed prices from Majer and Steigerwalt; and a priced catalog from Low.

Messrs. Tonsley and Wilcox were present as visitors.

Adjourned to meet March 3rd, 1911.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

By the introduction of new presses, the government office is able to turn out 3,000,000 postal cards a day.

Chas. F. Fox



J. B. Babcock

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H. H. Bingham



Frank M. Coyle

Auction prices are running very high, providing the item offered is "a" fairly good thing and has the backing of a famous name. At a New York sale many letters—nice letters with good contents, brought many times their real value. By this I mean that the same letters in an ordinary sale without the glamor and advertising gained by the Stedman name, would have sold at only a fraction of the prices paid. A famous name is not always needed, as you may be able to attract the attention of rich buyers in some other way. Elaborate advertising and over cataloguing will often do it. A common item worth two or three lines, if given half a page, freely quoted from, and called very rare, will often climb to singular heights.

The cause of it all is that there are a lot of people in this country who have apparently unlimited money and a taste for spending it recklessly on anything which attracts their attention. They are the easy victims for sharpers of all sorts, and are the main reliance of auction sales.

I do not attend such sales, nor do I quote the prices paid. They are simply "freaks," and are only useful as illustrating what fools people can make of themselves.

A collection made by paying absurd prices to sharpers, or by wild competition at auction sales, may contain many good things, but it can never claim the respect of a genuine collector.

A collection should be made only by a man who takes real interest in what he is doing, and puts personal work in it. He should buy from personal knowledge, and pay only fair market prices. It can hardly be a satisfaction, no matter how rich you are, to know when scanning your collection, that you paid for the privilege of owning it, many times its value.

Affairs continue to be slack in the regular autograph auction line. There has been no sale this season in Boston, and I know of none ahead in Philadelphia. New York Sales Co's say they are cataloguing a good historical lot for sale this month. It makes one long for the frequent sales of twenty years ago. Then there were many bargains and good items were hunched in lots. Nowadays everything is spread out very thin, and catalogued to the limit, and there is not much of it at that. This has of course, forced prices up in many directions. I think this is very much the sole cause of increase in values at these sales. I have not been able to discover any increase either in interest or numbers of collectors. If we had as many and as large auction sales as twenty years ago prices would be probably as low or lower. The demand is still very limited, except for the few star names. If the collection of Chas. F. Guinther, Adrian H. Joline or Simon Gratz came on the market it would break prices greatly. But these gentlemen are

still alive, and we hope they may continue long with us. The sale of the dramatic collections of Augustin Daly, Thos. J. McKee and Surrogate Arnold wrecked the dramatic line several years ago, and it has never recovered. Mr. Evert I. Wendell has a dramatic collection of such tremendous size, that if sold, it would obliterate the drama. Anyway people take far less interest in actors and actresses than of old. Dramatic genius is scarce and it has got to be pretty much a syndicated money-making affair.

The Presidents and literary hold up well, and fine specimens of the signers of the Declaration are in demand. The Albany and Stamp Act Congress, the Old Congress and the Federal Convention are pretty much forgotten.

Good letters of Washington and Lincoln have climbed out of sight. Interesting letters of Revolutionary heroes go very high at auctions, but are slow sale otherwise. War letters of Generals in the Civil War are much sought after. From the nature of the case they are rare, as a fighting general has not much time for letters.

Fortunately as the old collectors die, or drop out for some reason, new ones take their place. The collecting autographs of famous men was begun in Roman times and has continued more or less ever since. Hero worship is never likely to be eradicated entirely from the human race. Some people collect letters because they are really interested in the personality life work or general surroundings of the writer. Others collect because the writer has become notorious in a good or a bad way. True fame will keep up and increase the value of particular letters, while mere notoriety is apt to lose all value in time.—Collector, N. Y.

A KING'S HOBBY.

King Victor Emmanuel's passion for numismatics began when he was 10 years old and found among the coppers in his pocket a papal penny with the effigy of Pius IX. He put the coin carefully by, and from time to time he added others until he had saved fourteen papal coins of different dates.

His father then presented him with seventy coins, which formed the nucleus of a collection which is considered one of the finest in the world. King Humbert and Queen Margherita encouraged their son's growing passion for collecting coins, and instead of the usual gifts for birthday or Christmas gave him medals and coins until in a few years the young Prince had a collection numbering 3000 pieces.

He now began to study the history of every coin and of its mint mark, and his mother not only helped on with this work, but often sent abroad for coins which were on sale. When in 1895 the Prince's collection numbered 18,000 coins, both foreign and classical, he decided to limit his future collecting to only Italian medieval and modern coins.

It was at his suggestion that an Italian numismatic society was founded and he assumed its honorary presidency. The collecting of coins naturally became the hobby of the King, who purchased the celebrated Marignoli collection for \$20,000 and several others until he acquired nearly all the known specimens of Italian coins, and he then started to write his monumental work on numismatics, the first volume of which has just been published.—New York Paper.

AN OLD BANK NOTE.

The oldest bank note in the world is now in the British museum. It was printed in China in 1368. This was ninety two years before the birth of Gutenberg, the inventor of printing in Europe.—Mehl's Monthly.

THE ROMANCE OF A GREAT COLLECTION.

In a private room at the top of the London National History Museum lie seven packing-cases just arrived from the Far East. They are dull-looking enough, and would be carted through the streets without exciting the least curiosity; but when they were opened last month they proved a scientific treasure mine—as, indeed, the Museum staff had reason to expect. The boxes are not large, and one or two are quite small; yet among them they contain the skins of hundreds of animals—not folded and crushed, but packed as regularly and closely as cigars, each skin preserved in an almost cylindrical form with legs and tail stretched out straight behind, and accompanied by the skulls.

Collectors Great and Small.

The Duke of Bedford, following up his work of the same kind in Japan and Korea, has for some time past been maintaining a zoological collecting expedition in China. These seven boxfuls have been obtained in the province of Sze-chuan by his representatives, of whom Mr. Malcolm Anderson, an American, is chief. Nor is the Duke the only scientific enthusiast devoting his money to the collection of zoological specimens on a large scale for our national Museum. Mr. C. D. Rudd, the well-known South African, after having the whole of his own country scoured by expert collectors, and sending home thousands of specimens for the Museum, has now an expedition at work in British East Africa.

Mr. F. C. Selous has for many years been one of the most valued contributors to the national storehouse, and he does the collecting himself.

All over the world representatives of the Museum are searching out the secrets of nature. They are not sent out by the Museum; they are officials or private individuals, scattered over the face of the earth in pursuance of the ordinary routine (often sufficiently extraordinary) of British administration and trade; yet they add to "the white man's burden" this voluntary task. About 50 volunteer foragers of science go out every year and send home their catch in usable condition. The nation, as represented by the Museum staff, gives them lessons in skinning, and also, if necessary, equips them with traps and other apparatus.

Behind the Closed Doors.

The casual visitor to the Museum, wandering through gallery after gallery among the legions of animals filling the glass cases, is impressed by their number as well as by their variety. He would hardly believe that the specimens he sees are not one-hundredth part of the whole collection. Yet that is really the case. The great bulk of the collection is hidden away in long ranges of high cupboards and cabinets in the private galleries. The stuffed animals on exhibition are interesting and instructive to the general public; but they have little to teach the serious student. The zoologist must study the "inwards" of the beast; and in the private galleries he can examine not only skins and limbs but bones and teeth. To obtain a true knowledge of even a single variety or race it is necessary to examine many of its members, which often differ considerably among themselves.

The Museum authorities therefore aim at gathering together as many

anniversary of the University of Jassy. According to the "Coll de P." the designs will be signed by the Roumanian painter Niger, and printed in Berlin, Germany, in two colors, bearing the inscription "Jubilent Universitate Jasi," and the following values will be issued:

1-b Prince Couza and Princess Helene, 2-b King Charles and Queen Elizabeth, 5-b the Prince and Princess of Roumania, 10-b poet Liuceani V and Alexandri et Koge, Statesman, 15-b Academy of Mihaileanei, 25-b Prince Couza, signing the degree relating to the foundation of the University of Jassy, 40-b the old University, 50-b the new one.

Switzerland.

Free Postage-Stamps for Charitable Institutions. For the benefit of the charitable institutions in this country, the Swiss Postal-authorities issued on January 1st, a certain number of postage stamps of a special design, Free Charge, to those institutions, unions and societies, whose purpose it is to render help to the poor or do other good work. The stamps are exclusively to be used for their own correspondence.

Every year the federal counsel will have to approve of a bill, introduced by the postmaster-general, relating thereto.

These charity-stamps can only be obtained for collections on application at the head-quarters of the post, at face-value and cancelled. Stamps are of the values of 2, 5, 10 cents, all printed on grey-blue paper, the design is that of the postage-due stamps. The letters P. P. appear in the square, containing the figure, indicating the value, the one P is in the upper left-hand corner and the other in the right-hand bottom corner. As 1,600,000 of each of these stamps have been printed, they will scarcely be rarities.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF KING EDWARD VII.

Mr. W. S. Lincoln of 2 Holles St., Oxford St., London, W., the oldest established stamp dealer in the world, has just published a new edition to his already well-known series of the Lincoln Stamp Albums. This he calls "Postage Stamps of King Edward VII," and it is formed to contain every stamp issued during the reign of his late majesty, King Edward VII.

Each page is arranged in an artistic manner with descriptive spaces for the reception of these stamps, varieties of shade are included and also, more important, every variety of watermark as well as the various differences of paper, ordinary and chalked-surface which cause such tremendous difference in the values of these interesting stamps.

An album after this fashion we feel sure will appeal to all our readers. It is well-printed and splendidly bound in cloth, with a handsome cover bearing a striking portrait medallion of his late majesty.

It is also especially appropriate when we remember that his son, King George V, is, as is well-known, an ardent collector himself.

Mr. Lincoln will be pleased to forward to any of our readers one of these splendid albums on receipt of \$1.80, payment for which he will accept dollar notes, or U. S. A. postage stamps.

We thoroughly recommend an investment in this excellent album.



— BUREAU OF INQUIRY —

All inquiries concerning firearms addressed to the editor of this department will be answered under this head. Should an immediate reply be desired, enclose a self address & stamped envelope. Address communications to G. Elsworth Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

THE ALLEN PEPPER BOX--PART I.

One hundred and one years ago Ethan Allen was born at the little town Bellingham Mass. His fame, as an armorer rests upon his connection with the very important inventions,—the double action revolver, called in the olden days a "Pepper Box," and in the fifties he invented and constructed the first machinery for manufacturing the new metallic cartridges, the use of which greatly encouraged the perfecting of modern breech loading arms.

In his youth, manifested a great passion for fire-arms; he worked for several gunmakers, exhibiting extraordinary skill. In the early thirties, when percussion arms were gradually being improved, their simplicity and efficiency making them more popular than the passing flintlock, while making the much feared infernal machines known as "Lambert's Cane Guns," he invented the famous double action pepper box pistol.

A firm was organized at North Grafton, Mass., called "Allen, Thurber & Company," composed of Mr. Allen and his two brothers-in-law, Messrs. C. Thurber and Thomas P. Wheelock. Then began the manufacture of the famous five and six shooters,—the pistols that settled many a deadly feud,—that saved many a life from the savages and various wild animals infesting the wide country between the East and the "Land of Gold."

Gold was discovered in California in 1848. Next year came the "Forty-niners." Outcasts and criminals crowded the gold fields; the people being without laws,—anarchy reigned: Every gold hunter HAD to have a formidable weapon of defense—a gun upon which he could depend when his life was endangered by the lawless—the lawless class must also be well armed to carry on their perilous work.

In those days the two popular pistols were the "Allen" and the "Derringer." Both were costly, but that didn't matter when they were going to get gold! Gold!! Gold!!! They would get it fairly if possible, if not, why then they must get it anyway. Everyone was armed either for defense or offense. A rivalry sprang up between Ethan Allen and Henry Derringer. The latter's pistols were of large calibre, a good aim from one meant sure death, they were well balanced and never-failing. The "Allen" had one very popular feature—should you miss your mark with a "Derringer," you would be left"; but with an "Allen" you might miss your antagonist five times, and then kill him with the sixth shot.

of five or six different men before emptying the pistol.

To the gold hunters, Allen's agents sold thousands of pistols. The agents of Derringer were also very successful.

One of the latter's agents is yet living, Mr. John P. Lower, of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Lower proudly exhibits a beautiful pair of pistols made especially for him, and presented by Henry Derringer, as a token of Mr. Derringer's appreciation of his services in California—Mr. Lower having sold 1,000 "Derringers" during a few months of the gold fever.

PART II. NEXT MONTH. In it will be described and illustrated the different varieties of the Allen Pepper Boxes.



American Society Antique Weapon Collectors

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The American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors held a meeting at their headquarters, 6322 Frankstown Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., Friday evening February 24, 1911. The following members were present:—Pres. O. J. Bierly, presiding, Dr. G. F. E. Wilharm, J. H. Johnson, C. F. Yessell, G. F. Brown, S. Mildner and G. M. Hunter.

New members elected were:—Chas. J. Tryon of Philadelphia, G. W. Lorimer of Piqua, Ohio; Richard Welly of Greensburg Pa., and S. Smith of Pittsburg.

Some interesting correspondence was read by the Secretary; letters from W. H. Kirk of Philadelphia, G. C. Maynard, of U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C., Chas. L. Tryon of Philadelphia, and Prof. C. W. Sawyer of Boston, were particularly interesting. Mr. Tryon offers to present the Society with a copy of his new book on firearms, which is now in print. Prof. Sawyer announces that his new book on firearms of the last century will shortly be ready for delivery.

Also a letter from G. Elsworth Brown of Tenn., advises regarding a magazine on antique firearms which he shall issue at an early date. This magazine will be called "Magazine of Antique Firearms," and shall be a complete and valuable guide and encyclopedia to the collector. This will be the first and only magazine of its kind ever presented and will be of great value to all collectors, without doubt. Mr. Brown promises that this magazine shall be strictly first class in every particular, printed on the finest paper and splendidly illustrated. The reading matter will be strictly original—written by the best authorities on ancient

Interesting photos and pistols were shown, among which were four varieties of the "Maynard Tape Lock" pistols, property of Mr. Bierly.

The next meeting will be held Friday March, 31st, 1911.

Respectfully submitted, Geo. F. Brown, Secretary.

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

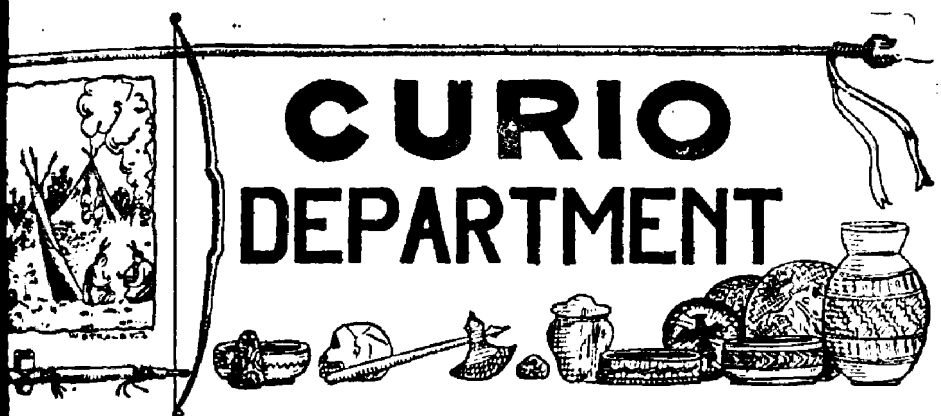
— Nuggets were unearthed and gold was found in the fowls that scratched the dirt Nov. 19, at the Gus McFeron ranch, near Hayford, ten miles west of Spokane on the Medical Lake and Cheney electric line of the Washington Power Company where excavations were being made for a building. Mr McFeron stated the matter to R. Lewis Ritter, secretary of the Spokane and Eastern Trust company. Ritter said, in giving the information, that there was no question as to the veracity of the reports and that the finds would justify an immediate investigation. McFeron expects to personally take charge of the work of mining on the ranch. The evidence is such as to lead to the conclusion that other nuggets are to be found in that vicinity. An excavation was being made for a building on the farm when the first discovery was made, and the matter created much excitement among the workmen. When a chicken was killed it was examined and it was noticed that the chickens had been around where the fresh earth was being thrown, and other small pieces of gold were found. The opinion has been volunteered that the nuggets have come from the hills in the direction of Cheney, Wash. For the reason that separate nuggets were located in the diggings at the McFeron ranch, it is thought that the find will prove to be an important one. McFeron has been a resident of Spokane county for twenty years, and is a wealthy and prominent ranchman.

The famous blue Hope diamond, known as one of the most beautiful in the world, was purchased for \$300,000 by Edward B. McLean of Washington for a firm of jewelers of New York and Paris. The gem, which is of sapphire blue, weighs 44 and three-eighths carats and once belonged to H. T. Hope. It is believed to have been cut from the large blue diamond, weighing in the rough 128 carats, by Farnier to Louis XIX., which disappeared during the troubles of 1793. The diamond was brought to this country from Paris several months ago.

At last the West seems to be coming into its own in the mineralogical field. The number of advertisers who deal in mineral specimens, is constantly increasing in our pages. The latest advertisers noted are Russell & Shaw, 11 John Street, Beauford Row, London, England, who handle a choice line of fancy specimens. Look up their ad in this issue, as you may find something greatly to your advantage.

A very rare old German manuscript Bible, a "Bibla Pauperum," without date, but ascribed to the 15th or 16th century was bought in Vienna, for the Leipzig Museum, for \$5000.

CURIO DEPARTMENT



Ferris of Denver says he has a linen tablecloth that is 121 years old, which his great grandmother made, spinning the thread from flax, and weaving the tablecloth therefrom. The date is woven in the border. It is in an excellent state of preservation, and he expects to take a photo of it soon for the WEST.

The two missing 1804 silver dollars have finally been located. They are in the possession of Miss Mabel Smith, executrix of the estate of John C. Comfort, who died two weeks ago at his home south of Shiremanstown, Pa. They were brought to Carlisle, by Caleb S. Briston and locked in the vaults of a local bank. These coins, for which millions have hunted, are in perfect condition.

The largest egg in the world, eighty times the size of an ordinary egg, is one of the latest acquisitions of the American Museum of Natural History in New York. It would not probably be classified as "strictly fresh" for the scientists declare it was laid more than 400 years ago. It was popularly known in Madagascar, whence it came, as the product of the "flying elephant," an extinct species of roc known as the *aepyornis maximus*. The egg is 2 feet 2 inches about its shortest circumference.

A MISSOURIAN'S CURIOSITY SHOP.

Pineville Herald: J. M. White, residing near Pack, has in his possession a purse that is 104 years old, a chest which is 104 years old, a bedstead eighty-two years old. The bedstead on which he sleeps is ninety eight years old, and it is a massive piece of furniture. He has a razor mug and a walking cane sixty years old, the wood of the cane having been brought from Central America. One of the lamps he uses he bought in 1867.

London—There is speculation as to how the American customs officials will assess Liszt's famous organ, which Mr Smith, an Englishman, living in the United States recently bought and resold to an unnamed American collector for \$10,000. Liszt had important parts of the organ built in Detroit and shipped to Germany. Mr. Smith will take it to the United States where he will plead its American construction justifies its admission free.

One of the largest coins in the world is in the possession of C. F. Engstrom a coin collector of Jersey City. It is bronze, oblong in shape 20 inches long and 13 wide minted in 1659, and bears the regal stamp of King Charles of Sweden. It is one of four found on a Swedish man of war raised by the Russian government in Riga Harbor, in 1910.

A Collector's Review--By Eki Pha

It was with a great deal of interest that I read in a recent issue of the "WEST" that there would very soon be published a "Collectors Review & Digest". Possibly a number of collectors had thought of this idea in one way or another, but never took the initiative, but there may be some who do not appreciate what a benefit it will be to the collecting fraternity the world over.

Since reading this announcement I have given the subject considerable thought and I am certain it is worthy a discussion in these columns, especially the idea and its scope.

We have all heard and read with interest The Literary Digest. The Review and other publications of this nature and can appreciate the satisfaction of reading between the covers of one magazine the news of greatest importance condensed, boiled down and literally digested, from over the entire world. Even though we have read the daily press on the same subject, the review not only gives it to us in a condensed form, but quotes from a number of publications on the same subject. To read all the papers and magazines on any one subject or group of subjects would be a task that no one would want to undertake. Besides this it is well known that 90 per cent of all articles that are published are "padded", that is, lengthy descriptions are given and the subject matter is drawn out. This is due a great many times on account of the writer being paid a certain amount per word and at other times the writer, being a scientific or literary man would be unable to properly express his thoughts otherwise. Nevertheless, some one else after reading it over might be able to cut it down from 50 to 75 per cent and still have it express the thought to the reader in perhaps a clearer light than in the original.

The "Authors Digest" was published a few years ago consisting of 20 bound books of ordinary size but between the covers of these 20 books there are 706 complete stories by well known writers past and present. The stories had been rewritten, condensed and shortened so that it is now possible to read several of Dickens of an evening and retire at the usual early hour. This means 35 or more books in one or rather in the size of one.

The days are growing shorter for us all as we grow older, and besides we are living in the days of speed in everything. We have not the time that we had years ago and means must be made to get all the news and information that we can get with the least loss of time. As near as I can estimate at a rough guess we have printed in the English language somewhere in the neighborhood of seventy publications devoted to "hobbies" of one sort or another. I doubt if there is any one individual that is a reader as well as a subscriber of them all. If there is such an one, will he please write me care of the "WEST"? We have not the time or patience to wade through them all no matter how interesting they might be nor have the most of us the \$15.00 to \$25.00 which would have to be forthcoming for subscriptions. But if we could for a very small fee secure the services of a number of earnest workers and have them sort the news, classify the subjects and boil them down until they had secured the very essence of the reading matter would it not be of great interest to us even though it should cover a number of branches of which we took no active part?

There is one fault to find with a certain class of collectors—we are thankful their numbers are few—which is, their apparent inability to appreciate the tastes and fancies of brother collectors providing they lead in a different path than their own. Even though I may be a crank on condition in the collecting of my stamps

and desire only the very rare and scarce ones, should I make of a younger brother's fancy if he has chosen cigar bands or some other worthless (?) article to feast his eyes on and hoard up as being something precious? Most certainly not! I should encourage him, help him collect and show him in many ways that there exists between us a feeling of fellowship. To the eyes of the uninitiated perhaps my hobby may appear even more foolish to them than my cigar-band friend appears to me.

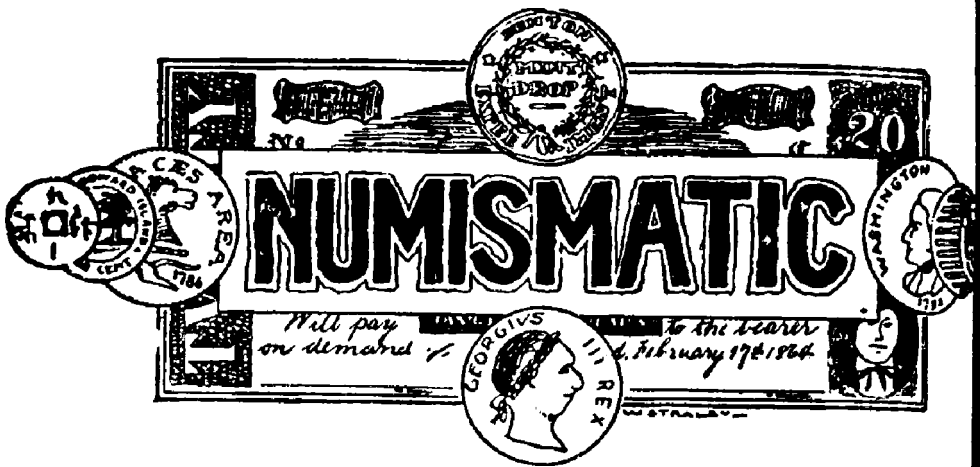
Still further there should exist in the minds of every collector a desire to know and keep posted on what other collectors with other fancies are doing. It is always the better plan in collecting as well as in anything else to not be a "Jack of all trades" but why remain in total ignorance of the hobbies that interest others who no doubt are just as enthusiastic over their collection of minerals, old books, manuscripts, china or any one of the many others as he is over his collection of, we will say, stamps? It is the age of men with broad minds and we must all realize there are many good reasons why the collecting of anything, no matter how worthless it may seem to some others, is commendable. It fills in the spare time, it gives the real pleasure of assorting, grouping and displaying, the quest for more, the rest and recreation after work, besides the study and the information that it brings. The world is made up of "many men of many minds" and we cannot expect all collectors to agree with us that our "hobby" should take precedence or should be classed as the one of all others to follow.

A hobby is a great recreation from our regular work at a trade or profession. To successfully handle our regular work we must be educated along those certain lines pertaining to that work and besides he must keep posted on competing lines. Trade papers are an absolute necessity to business. That is just as true with collecting as anything else. The live up-to-date collector takes from one to a dozen publications which keeps him posted on the news, prices and the supply and demand as well as what other collectors are doing. This news and information should be vitally interesting and necessary to him. So how much more important would a publication be if it contained ALL the important news in a condensed form.

The "WEST" as well as a few others endeavor to review the different publications and their efforts are appreciated but it is very rarely that more than a slight mention can be made of the subjects much less extracts from the articles. In fact, these papers have a definite object in view which is to get original material rather than a description of other papers. This work should be handled by the publication exclusively.

As I have reasoned over the question both pro and con the arguments are all in favor of a publication of this kind and properly handled cannot help but do the cause as well as each individual reader a great deal of good. It could easily start an educational campaign for collecting and could reach a larger class of outsiders than any one specialty paper. At the same time it would boost the subscription lists of all worthy collectors papers. The result would be a far better knowledge of the different fascinating hobbies and more converts brought into the fold for our mutual good as companions as well as purchasers. I am going to do what I can to help the cause. What do you think about it, dear reader.

WORSE AND MORE OF IT! It is rumored among the stamp collectors in Washington that the stamps involved are the U. S. on BLUE PAPER! It would be interesting to know what effect this will have on market prices of these.



The new coinage of China will resemble that of the United States to the extent that it will be based on a unit value of a dollar and fractional parts thereof.

Because it is too light, and slips through the fingers too easily the French government, after months of experiment, has decided against its proposed aluminum coinage.

Paper money that is soiled may be returned to the United States for cleaning. The laundering process in use, it has been found, can only apply to greenbacks, as it bleaches gold notes and the signature of bank notes.

Mutilation of the new gold coins goes merrily on. Banks and merchants have been warned to be on the lookout for the filed \$10 pieces. The operators file off the backs of the rim with an exceedingly fine file, and remove about 60 cents' worth of the precious metal, thus making them worthless for circulation and all ordinary purposes. The worst feature of the matter is, that the filed coins cannot be detected unless they are turned over and their backs inspected. Ordinarily clerks and business men look at the face of a coin to see if it is counterfeit, and give it no further inspection. Doubtless too, \$5 and \$20 coins will also escape the coin filer, and it would be well to be on the lookout for them.

A shower of coins which fell about a rip-saw in a pencil factory at Cotter, Ark., recently, took the employes by surprise. When the machinery was stopped and an examination made, it was found that apparently a buckskin purse, containing a number of gold coins, bearing dates between 1850 and 1860, had been broken in a tree, in a cutout cavity. The tree's growth had closed the cavity, thus well protecting the purse and coins in their natural cedar chest.

The new coinage for England is out and with it a collection that is likely to be used by many persons as a gift. You can purchase a set of specimen coins in a case for \$10, containing every coin from a gold five-pound piece to a silver penny. Few people are aware that silver penny, two-penny, three-penny, and four-penny pieces are still struck. They are used for Maundy gifts. The Royal Mint

is an old institution that conducts its affairs in dignified fashion. Those who wish to purchase the specimen coins cannot as they would do in an ordinary business—send a cheque and have the goods delivered. They must first send in applications and have their names registered. They will be informed when the coins are ready, and then they must apply either personally or by agent, and bring cash with them. Nothing but cash will do. There will be no five shilling piece and no four shilling piece with the new coinage. These have dropped out of use for some time. People did not want them, and would not have them. The five shilling piece, it will be remembered, was nicknamed by the public the "cart-wheel." Small silver money, on the other hand, is in steady demand, and even the three-penny piece maintains its popularity undiminished. The new coinage will not have much novelty about it. It will follow the precedents laid down for the British coinage for generations. The inscription will still be in Latin, although some would fain have had it in English. The style will be as before.

A \$3 gold piece, minted at San Francisco, in 1870, was sold in New York on March 5. A certificate of genuineness written on a fragment of paper by the coiner of the San Francisco mint in that year, J. B. Harmstead, reads: This \$3 gold piece is a duplicate of the one under the corner stone of the San Francisco mint, and is the only other one in existence.

GREEKS FIRST TO USE COINS.

The invention of coinage is due to the Greeks, most probably to the bankers of Halicarnassos and adjacent Asia Minor Greek colonies, who toward the end of the eighth century B. C. began stamping the small gold and electrum ingots which passed through their hands as currency with a mark of some sort intended to guarantee the weight and purity of the metal; such ingots very soon assumed a round and more regular shape, which we find already in old silver coins from Egina, nearly contemporary with Asia Minor "beans", declares a writer in the Saturday Review.

Curious to say none of the surrounding peoples with whom the Asiatic and European Greeks were in constant communication, political or commercial, took up the wonderful invention which at present seems to us of such obvious necessity that we scarcely realize how the civilized world of old could have got on without it. As a matter of fact, however, neither the Phoenicians, with their practical commercial sense, nor the Lydians or the Persians who claimed the supremacy over the cities where the new currency was initiated, nor of course the Egyptians ever had coinage, till the conquests of Alexander disseminated the Greek civilization all through the eastern world. The Romans came to know it through the Greek cities in Sicily and Magna Grecia, and began striking silver coins toward the beginning of the third century. B. C.

In the meantime, with the Greeks die sinking, like everything else, had fallen within the domain of art, and their coins remain forever a standard of beauty for the artist and a model of perfection for the die sinker.

The Florin is a gold coin which was first struck in the city of Florence, in the thirteenth century. It was the size of a ducat and had on one side a lily, and on the other the head of John the Baptist. Some derive the name from the city, and others from the flower. Its value in Austria is 2s. English; in other countries, about 40c.

Light on the Old Days Found in the Gilder Collection at the Omaha Library

If you want to know how Nebraska folks lived, along about 2,000 years ago, you can get an idea of it from a new exhibit that has just been placed in the museum at the Omaha public library.

It is an anthropological collection of Robert F. Gilder of the World Herald staff, who has obtained a national reputation in archeological circles.

For instance, the woman can see what the women of that day used for sewing: There are bone needles, of many shapes and lengths. Three stages of needle making are shown. No. 1, the leg bone of a deer; No. 2, same kind of bone showing knife cuts in needle form; No. 3, needle completed. Then there are bone bodkins, probably used for weaving nets; stone, shell and bone beads and pendants, and shell spoons, besides many and various kinds of pottery.

For anyone interested in hunting or sports, there are the stone arrow points, hide scrapers, knives, club heads, arrow shaft smoothers, ungrooved stone barbed axes, many kinds of pipes, and a fine collection of fishhooks.

A farmer would be interested in the little carbonized corn cobs, the carbonized hair rope and fiber rope, the bone hoes or spades formed from the scapula of a bison, and the stone hammers.

And, O yes, of course, the women would be interested in a paint mill and mortar with pestle, in a hand mill, and in the carved heads.

There are many other things which show in an interesting way the "comforts of a Nebraska home" 2,000 years ago.

At the top of the exhibit two grinning skulls of the people who lived at that time gaze down upon the spectators. Beside them is a presumptuous "young" skull of a Washington county mound builder.

This is the sixth collection by Mr. Gilder to be placed on exhibition. Probably the most valued one is that at the State University museum, where are shown a dozen of the skulls of the loess man. These skulls boast of their age as anywhere from 10,000 years upwards.

In the collection at the library, Mr. Gilder displays specimens of everything told about in his series of articles, "Digging Into the Home Life of Nebraska Ancients," which appeared in the World-Herald the winter of 1908-09.

Everything in this collection was taken from ruins of the old earth houses of this early people in Washington, Sarpy and Douglas counties. Mr. Gilder having spent much time in the past few years locating these houses and burroughing them with a spade.

His collections are at the following places:

No. 1—University of Nebraska museum, valued at \$50,000.

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No. 6—Omaha City Museum, public library building. —World Herald

The 26th Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society was held Feb. 15th, 1911, at Brooks Hall—Providence, R. I. Invited guests from New York, Boston, Springfield, etc., were present. The event of the evening was an exhibition and address by Warren F. Colson, the well known Boston dealer, who displayed and talked on Philippine Stamps—many of which he secured on a recent trip to the Island. Geo. C. Arnold, Sec., 124 Washington St., Providence R.I.

Introductory Guide to the Study of Roman Imperial Coins

Mr. Edgar Lincoln of 144 Kensington High Street, London, England, has just sent us a specimen copy of his *Introductory Guide to the Study of Roman Imperial Coins* that he has just published and of which specimens of illustrations used for this publication are given in *Our Illustrations*. This little book is arranged in a simple and clear manner. The series is shown in chronological order the earliest of the Roman coins noticed being those of Pompeius Magnus, one of the Triumvirate with Julius Caesar and Crassus, who was murdered by order of Ptolemy, B. C. 48. The list includes those of 117 Caesars, emperors, empresses and usurpers, beginning as we have said with Pompeius Magnus and ending with those of Honorius, created Augustus A. D. 393, giving in most cases the dates of birth and death and how they met with their death, which was in many instances by some untimely mean. They were either assassinated, poisoned, strangled, beheaded, or slain in battle, others by suicide very few as will be seen dying a natural death. The dates are also given when they were created Caesars or proclaimed Emperor.

The degrees of rarity are given of the various denominations of Denarii and Aesses.

This work is more than it implies for it not only gives a list of the coins of the Roman Empire, but there is also an interesting article on Ancient British and Anglo-Saxon coins well illustrated. This is an instructive and useful little manual and should advise all those interested in numismatics to procure a copy. Its price is only 6d or 12c, sent post free for 14c. See his ads.

The third Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary American Oil Paintings which was held at the Corcoran Gallery of Art at Washington, D. C., closed Jan. 2, 1911. There were 332 pictures exhibited. Four prizes were given: First prize \$2000 and the Corcoran gold medal; second prize \$1500 and the Corcoran silver medal; third prize \$ 000 and the Corcoran bronze medal; fourth prize \$500 and the Corcoran honorable mention. The money for the prizes was donated by the Hon. William A. Clarke. The sales at this Exhibition amounted to \$15,000.

The sales of the first two exhibitions which were held in the Corcoran Gallery were attended by considerably over one hundred thousand persons. Forty-seven pictures were sold in the two exhibitions aggregating over \$97,000.

The above results show that Washington is becoming more and more the headquarters for Art Exhibitions and art buyers in America. Anton Heitmuller,

ST. JOSEPH COLONY OF STAMP COLLECTORS GET TOGETHER AT AD CLUB.

Stamp collecting by no means is confined to schoolboys and girls in St. Joseph and some of the older philatelists have collections of several thousand stamps each that are more valuable than one would suppose. John Harnois, clerk in the office of Justice Flynn, is one of these, and he has called a meeting of all St. Joseph philatelists. "St. Joseph should have a philatelists' association," he said. "We could derive a great deal of mutual pleasure and benefit from our meetings and exchange of stamps. I would like to see every stamp collector, regardless of age, at the meeting."

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92	" " 10 22 " " 13		1.86
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94	Angra " 1 33 " 16		1.52
95	Azores " 10-63 " 10		1.85
96	" " 44-62 " 14		1.92
97	" " 23-38 " 8		7.47
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99	" " " 15 22 " 8		1.19
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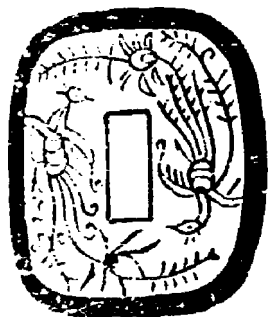
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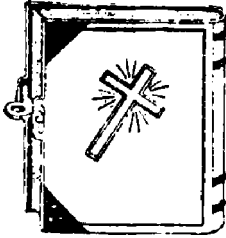
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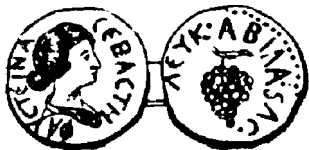
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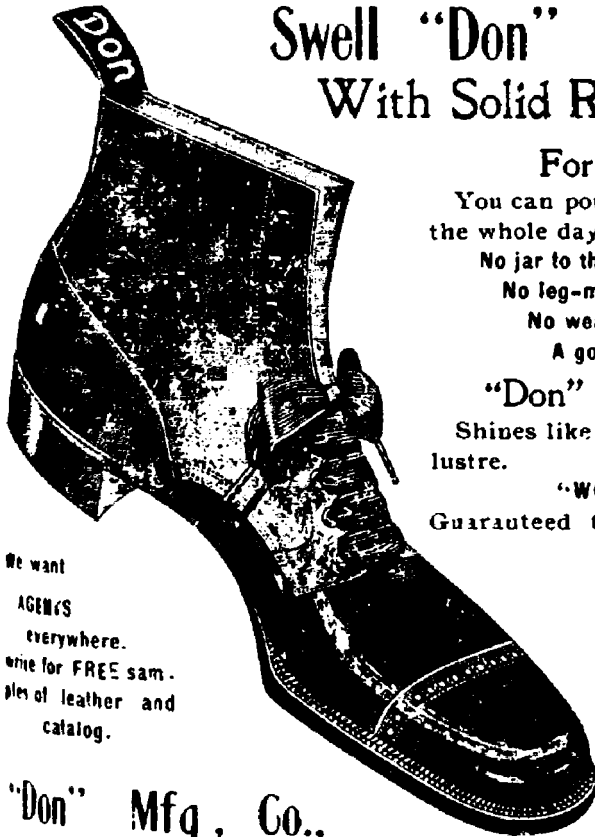
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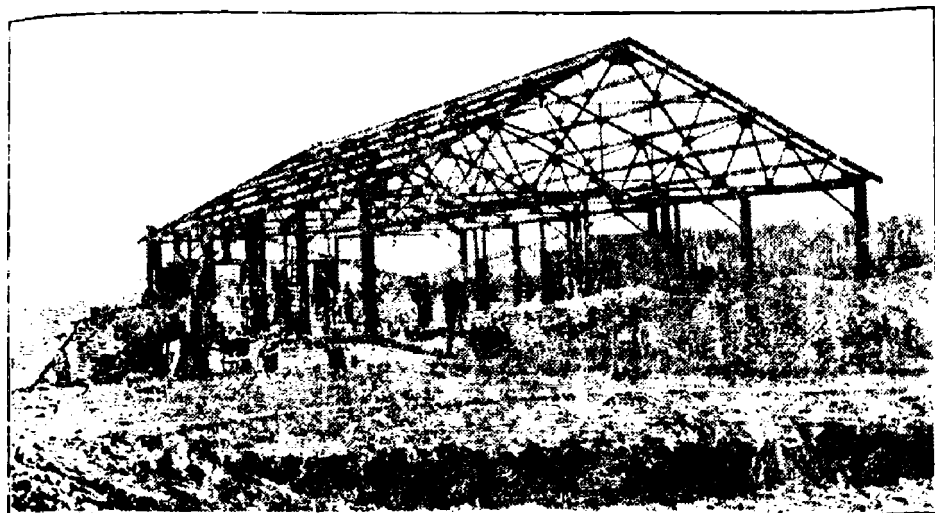
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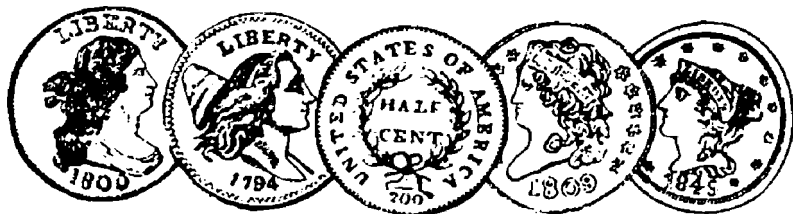
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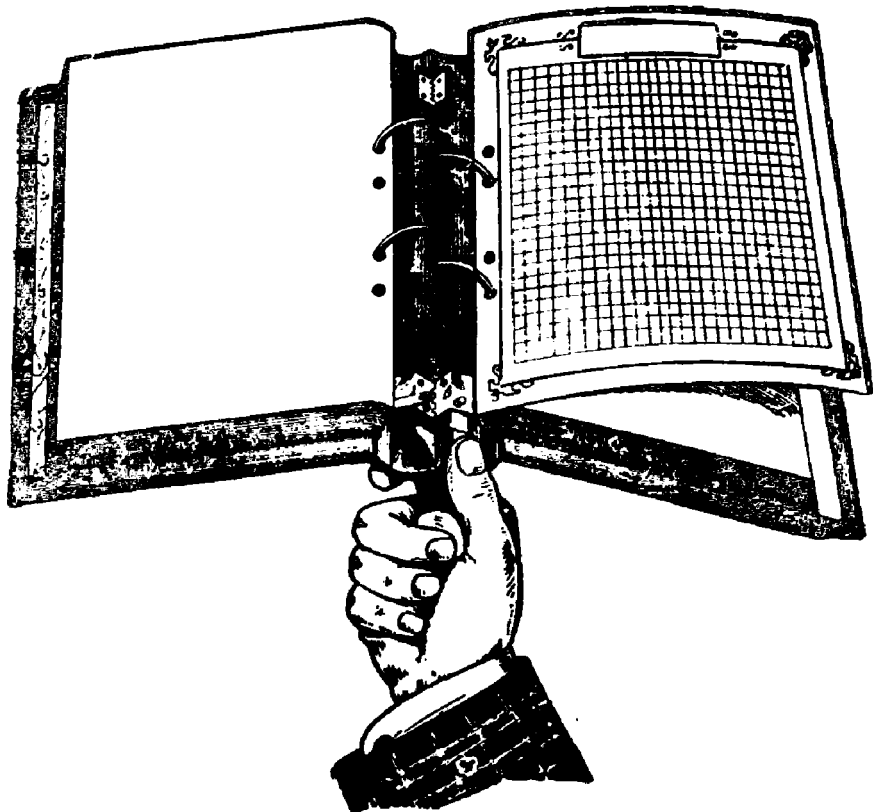
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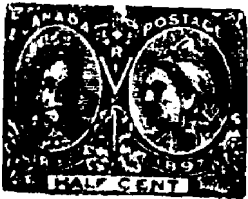
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3c Proprietary	20	06
3c Telegraph	25	08
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5c Foreign exchange	05	02
5c Playing cards	75	20
6c Inland exchange	18	08
10c Contract Ult	25	06
10c Foreign exchange Ult	50	15
10c Proprietary	35	15
15c Foreign exchange	60	20
25c Bond	12	04
25c Entry of goods	12	04
25c Life Insurance	20	06
25c Protest	25	10
25c Warehouse receipt	60	20
30c Foreign exchange	1.50	50
50c Conveyance Ult	50	15
50c Foreign exchange	50	15
50c Lease	40	15
50c Mortgage	04	02
50c Passage ticket	20	06
50c Probate of will	75	30
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20c " "	25	08
25c Bond	6.00	2.00
25c Certificate	25	08
25c Insurance	25	08
25c Protest	75	20
25c Warehouse receipt	1.00	25
50c Conveyance	1.50	45
50c Foreign exchange	1.25	40
50c Lease	1.25	30
50c Life Insurance	2.50	75
50 Mortgage	1.25	40
50 Original Process	40	10
50 Passage Ticket	5.00	1.50
50c Probate of Will	2.50	75
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\$ 1 Conveyance	40	12
1 Entry of goods	75	20
1 Foreign exchange	75	20
1 Inland exchange	15	05
\$1 Lease	2.00	50
1 Manifest	1.50	45
1 Mortgage	1.50	45
1 Passage Ticket	8.00	2.50
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1 Probate of Will	1.75	60
2 Conveyance	2.50	85
2 Mortgage	2.50	85
3 Charter Pty	1.25	40
\$3 Manifest	1.50	50
5 Conveyance	1.50	50
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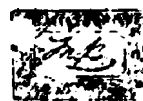
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Lot no.	U. S. used,	cat val.
1	1856 12c pair on part of cover not c otherwise fine	\$3.00
2	1867 No 95 not c, str. edge	4.00
3	1861 30c, rot c, good	75
4	1871 7c fair	75
5	" 15 & 37c fine	1.35
6	1873 12c State very good	50
7	Department State 24c, not c, fair	6.00
8	" 90c State slight tear	\$10.00
9	U.S. Confederate Bond of Feb 20 1863 fine	
10	1895 50c due. fine	60

U. S. unused

11	1856 1c(2)	1.00
12	1879 82.3c(9)	2.00
13	Nos. 44, 73, 94, 182, 157, 183 216, two dam. (7)	3.87
14	219 b, 220(2), 226(2)	1.12
15	233, 234 236 2 4(3), 267(2), 269, 279 281, 302 304(2), 3 6, 285, 286(3) face 62c	2.00
Above have no gum.		
16	1890 1c, 6c, 15 pairs, face 44c	1.23
17	1893 col, 1c block, 2 3, 5, 6c pairs face 36c	94
18	1902, 2c pair, 3c pair, 4c block, 5c block, 10c pair, face 66c	1.43
19	1902, 10c, 13c pairs " 46c	1.00
20	" 13 strip, str edge 15c fine face 54c	1.30
21	" \$1.00 fine face 1.00	1.75
22	1909 2c, Lincoln, Alaska, Hud- son, blocks, face 24c	.72
23	1909 2c Hudson(14) blk & strip face 28c	.84
24	Nos. 248 pair(3), 283, 301, 304, 319 pair, 335, 446, 337, face 63	1.86
25	Nos. 335(10), 336(5) pairs and block, face 30c	.90
Above lots 16-25 are o. g. and very fine.		

U. S. Wholesale No. in lot

26	1873-75 1c picked copies, no str	50
27	1871 3c picked 1.50	50
28	1873-82, 3c average	100
29	1883 2c(100) 1890 2c 400	500
30	1890 10c better than average	200

31	1893 Col 1c	400
32	1893 " 2c	1000
33	1894 2c	400
34	1895 2c	400
35	1898 Omaha 1c(35) 2c(65)	100
36	1902 2c	600
37	" 3c(20) 4c(20), 5c(35)	75
38	" 6c(2) 8c(60), 10c(70)	150
39	" 13c and 15c (1.00) each	10
40	1902 2c Shield	250
41	1904 St. L 1c(20), 2c(80)	100
42	1907 Jamestown 1c(15), 2c(50)	65
43	1909 3c(150) 4c 25	175
44	" 5c 150, 6c (73)	225
45	" 8c(60), 10c(125)	185
46	" 2c Lincoln	150
47	" 2c Alaska	100
48	" 2c Hudson	50
49	" 2c imp. and Mach. perf each	50
50	Rev U. S. 1st Rev 2c orange shades	200
51	" 5c cert.(30), doc 10c(40) pairs	70
52	2d and 3d issue ass't 2c	100
53	3 dollar brown doc(.96)	12
54	4 var Rev ast most punched 3.20	28
55	cut sq envelopes 20 var ass't	200

Foreign Cat. value

56	Antique No 14, Bah 13 Barb 42 fair	\$3.50
57	Brit Guinea 50 51 v. good	1.10
58	" Honduras good, only	3.00
59	Can. 1.19 47, 47 fair	4.15
60	C. G. H. No 5 pale color	3.00
61	Can 36a pair, fine only not cent	100
62	Ceylon 56, Cyprus 2, good, only	2.85
63	Costa Rica, 6 not c	1.00
64	Cuba 176, not c, otherwise fine	10.00
65	France 36 very good	1.25
66	French Col 11, 40, 42, fine	1.50
67	Bel. 20 Benin 30 last o. g. good	2.10
68	Gambia 7 v. good used	1.50
69	Mauritius 33, 34, 37, 52, 54, 55, 78, fair only	3.90
70	India 5 & 27 not c otherwise fine	2.00
71	" 50 and 51, fine	.75
72	Natal 15 and 40 very good	2.75
73	" 47 and 62 fair only	3.50
74	" 71 fine	1.25

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Auction No. 7 Continued

75 New Brunswick 5 and 9 fine ...	1.75
76 New F. 18 poor, 20, fine	4.60
77 " 35 little heavy canc	2.00
78 Nov. Scotia 10,13, No 346 dam...	2.15
79 Pr. Ed. Isl. 5 and 12 fair	5.60
80 Rou. 30 o.g., 40, 41, 42, 34 fine...	3.45
81 Str. Sett. 118, 119, very good...	1.50
82 So. Aust. 70, Vic. 127, average...	1.60
83 Crug. 37 strip 3, little heavily cancelled.....	3.00
84 Tas. 32, 34, 21 good	3.00
85 West Aust. 21 not c, fine	3.00
86 France Nos 97, 98, 100(3), 116(3) 281 o.g. fine, 9 stamps cat.....	1.28
87 Ger. No 83 trips o.g. 20	1.00
88 Mex 139a o.g. fine, only str edge	.75
89 " 147 " " " "	2.50
90 " 148 " " " "	3.00

Foreign Wholesale No. in lot

91 In appr. book 75 var. ass't 3.56	72
92 Col Rep Tolima 75, 77, 78, 79 \$2.12 used EACH.....	4
93 India 1865 1/2a, 1.40	70
94 Jam. 1889, 1p., 1.00	50
95 Victoria 1886 2c.....	100
96 " 1899, 1c	100
97 Can, France, Ger. Neth, 20 var ass	2500
98 General Packet, no cards or for. rev. var	1000
99 U. S. Precancels over 20 var ass	125
100 Map of Asia 100 years old very unique	1

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101 Envelopes 1887 diff. paper & val	100
102 " 1899 " " " "	50
103 " 1903 " " " "	100
104 " 1c 7 var ass't.....	75
105 Wrappers 3 var "	50

U. S. Postal Cards

106 1887 small.....	100
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107 1892 large	100
108 1894	100
109 1898	100
110 1902 McKinley oval	100
111 1906 " rectangular.....	100
112 4 var ass't.....	100
113 8 var "	100
114 Foreign cards. Austr 8 var ass't	100
115 " Ger., Bav., 16 var ass't	150

Above 2 lots contain some double cards and stamps on cards.

116 Ger entires & cards unused var	10
117 Europe entires var ..	30
118 " " 10 var ass't.....	50

Many rare and fine in above lots.

Catalogues.

119 Baumbachs 1894, prices, for. env cards & letter sheets	1
120 McKeels complete cat 1891	1
121 Senf's cat 1896, only prices for env. cards etc.....	1
122 Senf's cat. 1897	1
123 " " 1900, prices for stamps entires etc	1
124 " " 1902 prices for stamps	1

Above are bound and fine.

124 Scott's 1892 paper.....	1
124 " 1897 bound.....	1
125 " 1902 "	1
126 " 1904 "	1
127 " 1910 "	1

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128 Vol's 17, 24, 25, 26, 29, 6 diff. Nos.	
129 " 31, 35, 36, 37, 44 6 " "	
130 " 45, 48 complete 6 " "	
131 16 diff. Phil. papers assorted	35
132 U. S. Pkt. var.....	100
133 Foreign Pkt. var.....	600

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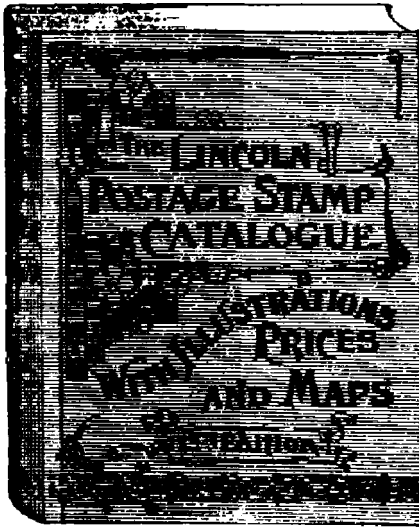
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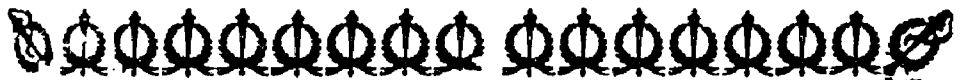
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ERNEST R. ALDRICH was born in July, 1866, at Benson, Minn. He is publisher of Lodge Record now in its eighth year. He has collected stamps since 1885, was a charter member of the American Philatelic Association and has been a member ever since. His first publication was the Philatelic Annual in 1887, second the Philatelic fortnightly in 1888, 1890 and subsequently The Curio. He has been associated in publishing or editing the North Star Philatelist, Weekly Philatelic World, Daily Philatelic World, etc., and has been for several years a contributor to the PHILATELIC WEST. He collects U. S. only, mostly interested in precancelled postage, but is not as active as some years ago.

J. A. JOHNSTON, whose photo appeared in last issue, is very much interested in old guns and other old things as well. He is 74 years old and has probably one of the finest collections of old guns and pistols in the country, well on to 500 and not many duplicates, and some of them are very rare, scarce and valuable, while a whole lot are not worth a great deal. Had he commenced to save everything he came across in the last 40 years he would have had a collection

equal or superior to any in the country.

CLARENCE M. PIETZSCH has made practical use of an unused fireplace in his home, as shown by the picture. It is here he keeps some of his more ornamental specimens of minerals, shells and other marine curios. The hearthstone in front of the fire place has been bordered in with an ornamental fence of minerals held together with cement. This space is filled with the shells, corals and other marine curios that he wishes exposed for ornament. The interior of the fireplace he had fitted with shelves on which repose specimens of minerals. The sides of the fireplace are decorated with Indian arrow heads. In case any of his naturalist friends should mistake the animal on the left of the picture as some newly discovered specie, he wishes to explain that it is only the baby's toy dog that has been left there to guard the "treasures."

GEO. A. KATZENBERGER has collected since 1882, and is 43 years old. He collects stamps, coins and curios. In the basement of the local Carnegie Library, he has about 20 cases of material which was gathered by his father, deceased uncle and himself. Has been secretary since 1893 of national Legal Fraternity PHI DELTA PHI, Presiden of Local Historical Society, member Harvard University Germanic Museum, etc., and since, 3 years in military service of Ohio participating in Columbus street cars riots in command of his company as Captain.

W. S. LINCOLN has sent a view of the interior of his office for our illustrations. He has just received the following Medals and Diplomas for his goods and they were presented at Walthamstow Stamp Exhibition. Eng. Silver Medals, Lincoln Philatelic Album; Bronze Medal, Lincoln Stamp Albums; Diploma, "Stamp Collecting Notes"; Diploma, Lincoln Stamp Hinges, etc. Diploma, Lincoln Exhibit of Stamps. See different and finer views of his store in the next issue.

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I. Nichols, Paris, France, says WEST ads pay fine and he does not want to miss an issue.

A Penn. Stamp Co reports over 25 replies the 1st week, while same ad in the next largest stamp Journal brought only three replies. This gives an idea which has the most paid subscribers.

Birck, Minn., says his ad pays big and gives 10 to 1 more results than any other stamp journal.

WASHINGTON NOTES--By J. U. Perkins

According to Postmaster General Hitchcock, the postal savings bank system has been more successful than reasonably could have been expected. The records show that during the first two months of operation, 3,923 accounts were opened. The net amount on deposit at the 48 banks after two months of operation was \$133,869. If the same ratio of deposits is maintained for a year, the amount on deposit at the end of the present year would be \$803,214. It should be remembered too, that the total population of the towns in which the banks are now located is only about three hundred thousand.

Clarence B. Hurrey, a graduate of the University of Michigan, has been appointed chief clerk of the office of Third Assistant Postmaster General, succeeding Arthur M. Travers, who was recently dismissed.

As a partial solution of the recent second class mail controversy, the Department announces a plan which has been decided on, to use the fast railroad freight system for the transportation of magazines and other bulky periodicals. The publishers will be asked to make such a finer separation of the matter in their own offices, and an earlier mailing date, as will enable the Department to use the slower method of transportation without affecting the regularity or promptness of delivery of the periodicals. A considerable saving is expected to be made by this system.

Don't dun your customers on postal cards! Postmasters throughout the country have just been notified by the Department that postal cards, or post cards, which make public the fact that the person named thereon is a debtor, delinquent or defendant in any case, shall not be accepted for mailing unless sent under cover. Furthermore, postmasters have been instructed that if any such cards are found in the mails, a report thereof shall be made to the superintendent of mails.

The grand jury has returned an indictment against A. M. Travers, former chief clerk in the third assistant postmaster general's office, who will now have to stand trial. The indictment included the name of J. A. Steinmetz, of Philadelphia, whom the inspectors charge with being associated with Travers in the recent stamp sensation.

According to a local paper, the postal authorities at Allahabad, India, were authorized by the Government to issue the aerial postage stamp recently illustrated in the philatelic press. The design shows an aeroplane flying over mountains, with the inscription "First Aerial Post, U. P. Exhibition, Allahabad." The letters were carried from the exposition grounds to a postal office station in Allahabad and then forwarded as usual.

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FERRATA. Page ad Price Co., Ka Liberia 1894 not 84. Detrick, Va., Roman Coin 1633 not 1833 W. Peters, N. Y. \$1 Red words Passage ticket should come after not before \$1. Fink Ohio, ad No. 36 Banjo Clock date 1700 is \$30 worth \$20.

The "A. B. C." of Stamp Collecting

For beginners the overprints, surcharges and errors will be difficulties—not insuperable, but troublesome at first. But perhaps the greatest trouble to young collectors is in deciphering the watermarks, which often make such a great difference in the value of stamps, for occasionally paper bearing a somewhat unusual watermark has been in use for a short time, and the stamps so issued become rare. Specialists pay much attention to complete sheets of all the plate numbers, and as the lower values are printed in large sheets the complete numbers are very varied. Thus, for instance, the common English penny red becomes valuable when one of the scarcer plate numbers is met with, of which the rarest is No. 225. In the higher values the sheets were usually smaller and the plate numbers less in consequence.

The collector has to become acquainted with colors, for in philatelic terms, shades of colorings are designated by different names to those used for ordinary materials. There are some colors which are difficult to define; thus in the common penny red stamps there are many different shades, varying from carmine to brick red and shades of brown. The preservation of a stamp has a good deal to do with its color, for exposure to light alters the shade of many of the brighter colours. For that reason stamps preserved from injury in albums keep their colour much longer than when exposed to the light.

There are a few accessories indispensable before even a beginning can be made. First, there must be a good lens to examine the stamp carefully, and a perforation gauge useful in determining the value of the rarer stamps. An album is, of course essential. It must be selected when the collector has decided what countries he will take up and in what branch he will specialize. Many albums are made for the collectors of British Empire stamps (Lincoln's is the best one). Others have pictures of the chief collectable stamps, very useful to the beginner, for the forms, colour, inscriptions and different emblems unused in foreign countries are most bewildering, especially in those countries where special issues have been made on every change in Government, and to commemorate events in the country's history.

The prices of stamps may seem prohibitive at first, but when it is realized that there are thousands of stamps which can be secured a penny each, often in fine preservation, it will be seen that there is no great difficulty even in a school boy becoming the possessor of an extensive collection to which he can add from time to time. In the following it is intended to give the beginner hints and information about the stamps of the countries where interesting collections can be obtained, and to help him to pursue his hobby without falling into the many pitfalls which the young collector without such a guide may do. Next issue we shall commence with postage stamps of the British Empire, beginning with those of Great Britain. All these contributory factors to the market value must be borne in mind by collectors. In the following chapters mention of the rarer varieties will be made, but we shall as far as possible confine ourselves to the inexpensive stamps which young collectors may hope very soon to possess. The first collectable stamps used in the postal system in England were issued in May 1810, engraved by Mr Heath, and printed by Perkins Bacon and Co. These stamps, the 1d, black and 2d violet blue and blue, were imperforate, having letters in the lower corners, and Maltese crosses in the upper. The watermark was a small crown. The 1d. black were usually cancelled in red, and 2d. blue in black, although there were some variations in the cancel mark; notably a double lined Maltese cross cancellation, and later small numbers varying from 1 to 12, were sometimes inserted in the center of the cross.—English Paper.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—Are we all working? Are all the departments in good running order? Are you all taking advantage of these departments? If not, you are missing a great deal!

The convention this year will be held at Galveston, Tex., and I have set the date at August 1st, and 2nd. It will be on these dates if no serious objections are filed with me by next month. H. S. Powell, President.

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102 books in circulation as per last month's report, value.....	\$2046.80
11 books received since, value.....	139.17
113 books, value.....	\$2185.97
23 books retired during the month of which the amount of \$107.67 or 31 per cent was sold.....	348.80
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Amount on hand as per last month's report.....	\$155.85
1 per cent from retired books.....	3.49
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407. Roger G. Way, Bloomington, Calif.

Dear Members:—Owing to being sick at the present and for several weeks past, it has caused me to be unable to give a list of the suspended members in this issue but they will all appear in the next issue. I must say that all may be somewhat disappointed to learn that the Year Book will be a few weeks later than expected due to my being unable to get all the copy prepared at the expected time for the printer.

I hope all the members will get to work with vim and vigor and help fill in the gap that will be caused by the suspension of all who are in arrears.

Hoping that I may hear from all and that I will be able to give a better report next month, I am,

Fraternally,

R. L. Doak, Secy.

Stamp collectors are like mountain climbers, always trying to get into difficulties. A year or two ago Cayman Isles were all the rage but as soon as the speculative postmistress left or got fired the "country" (we have written, so will let it stand which will amply compensate for any remarks we may be inclined to make further on) has been severely let alone by philatelists. The next inaccessible peak or island to be discovered was British New Guinea or Papua. My publisher only received fifty of the 2 | 6p., but supposing more would soon follow sold them to their regular patrons at normal new issue price for this value seventy-five cents each. Quotations rapidly advanced and the stamps sold for nearly twenty dollars at auction. By this time Papua was all the rage and remains a best seller to the present day. The New Hebrides was next in the field and could never be procured in quantity and consequently prices were high, but they sold. We procured a few of the latest issue a few weeks ago, just enough to please a few and make hundreds determined to get specimens at any price (some few will succeed). Scarcely had these been announced when a new set came. This is one of the funniest stamps in the world, some kind of heathen symbol in the center with the French and English arms at each side; moreover they are valued in French currency and apparently printed in that country, but on regular English official watermarked paper. The fourth set for the country will in all probability be procured in quantity — Me: Philatelist.

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Why Prices in the Philatelic World Will Not Come Down

By Leroy C. Wheeler

We are always finding the person who laughs at stamps and stamp prices. To such a person it is unbelievable that there can be a continual raise in the prices of most of our staple stamps of all countries. He will tell you that that is all imagination and perhaps will try and make you think that stamps can be bought now as cheaply as they could, say, five or ten years ago. To the collector who has watched the trade the above statement will fall on deaf ears for stamps are increasing in value and there are more collectors, we might say, daily.

At the present time prices rule fairly high and bid fair to an advance even over some of the prices which in the trade are termed "out of sight." To the sceptic, these high values are only whimsical fluctuations which are sure to come down, but to the man that studies the trade they are not even permanent in their present values for the demand makes no notice of a decrease. With the demand running high the high prices are sure to remain.

Now the question is, what makes the demand and how does the demand raise the price? That is easily answered: First let us take the word DEMAND. In the stamp market it means a cry from all over the country for a certain stamp, a certain issue or a certain set. If the set is no longer issued, there are only so many of these stamps to be had. Perhaps there are enough to supply every collector with as many as he may wish. If so, the price is kept down. If there be only enough to supply half the collectors who were clamoring for the stamp in question, what does it do? When the wheat crops of the great West are poor, what does it do to the price of wheat? The same thing is true of the stamps. Scarcity means higher prices and when once the high prices prevail, what is there to bring them? With an ever increasing demand and nothing to satisfy it, it can mean but one thing, there must be one object to the collector who is supplied to sell out, and that one thing MUST BE higher prices.

Unlike a wheat crop, which next year can be duplicated, stamps the supply once exhausted can never by legitimate means be increased. The person who considers stamp collecting merely a 'craze' may maintain that, conceding that stamps can maintain a high price standard there is no reason for their ever going higher. But there are the best of reasons why they will go higher and higher as the years go by. An issue of stamps which would have supplied the collectors of ten years ago would not nearly go around today. Why is this? Simply because the number of collectors ten years ago would not compare with the number we have today. And so we shall find continually that whenever a new collector is added to the great host of collectors that it increases the demand for certain stamps. The government is not issuing any 1863, 1890 or even 1903 stamps. Each new collector who secures these stamps must buy of someone already supplied and with that he lowers the number on the market which naturally does one thing—raise the price.

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MONACO--The *Gotonship State*

No collector who wishes to derive any geographical knowledge from his stamps should neglect to learn something about that exceedingly interesting little division of Monaco. Offhand, now, how many can tell where Monaco is and what it is? Not many, I am afraid.

Monaco is a principality having an area of only eight square miles, and a population of 15,180 according to the latest figures. It is situated on the Mediterranean Sea, in the southeastern corner of France, between Nice and Mentone, and enclosed by the French State of Alpes-Maritime. The government is a limited monarchy, with Prince Albert, whose picture appears on all the postal issues, as chief ruler. He is assisted by a governor-general and a council of state.

The state is divided into three towns—Monaco, the capital, Condamine, and Monte Carlo. Of these Monte Carlo is probably most widely known, as here is located the famous Casino—the greatest gambling resort in the World. The common people of Monaco certainly have no kick to make about taxation, as the receipts from the Casino more than pay the expenses of the government, and it also makes the land roundabout of considerable value. With a fatherly watchfulness the laws prohibit the access of any of the subjects of the state to the roulette wheels and tables of the Casino.

This greatest of all gambling enterprises is now in the hands of a stock company capitalized at 15,000,000 francs. The Prince owns a large part of this stock. Into the till of the Casino are yearly poured the fortunes of thousands of Europeans and many Americans. Nearly every one who risks his money thinks that he has the one best scheme to break the bank. Few of these schemes have ever worked. If one is fortunate enough to win a good pile, he usually loses it all right back again, so the promoters are safe, anyway. There have been a very few extreme cases where the innings have been so large and so steady that the owners have bought the schemes from the happy originator to protect themselves. A book could be written about the Casino alone, and it would be a mighty interesting book too. Monaco has its own coinage, which is current in all the Latin states. The products of the country are Olive oil, wines, fruit, and perfumes. The population is French and Italian. The standing army consists of 5 officers and 70 men,—if one dies the army becomes one and one fourth per cent smaller.

The stamps of Monaco are of but two designs, and consist of but three issues. Every collector should possess a nearly complete set, as only two of them catalogue over two dollars. They are nearly as cheap unused as used. There is likewise a postage due set of six values. The similarity of the stamps to those of France may be accounted for by the fact that since 1860 the state has been under the protection of that country—a monarchy within a Republic! Previous to 1860 it had been at various times independent and under Spain and Sardinia.

Write to us any suggestions or ideas that will help out the WEST also send in any names of collectors you have that "look good",—we want them. Many times we get ideas from our readers and while they are not exactly up to the standard as a producing power, with proper treatment, often turn out to be "pullers." You know by experience that ideas are valuable and by keeping in close touch with our publisher, he can very often help you, and we are among the first to give you all the assistance possible. Write us. We allow a per cent on sub.received.

United States Colonial Stamps. I--Guam

By **Bertram W. H. Poole**

(Continued from last issue).

It was well known that Governor Schroeder's policy was to discourage the use of surcharged stamps and much speculation was indulged in the philatelic journals of the day as to whether the new supply would be overprinted or not. After some negotiations it was decided to issue ordinary U. S. stamps and Guam was taken into the U. S. postal system. The surcharging episode was thus at an end, there was a wild scramble for the overprinted remainders, and since then the island has possessed but little interest to philatelists.

VARIETIES OF SHADE, ETC.

There is one important error in the stamp of Guam, a few of the 1 cent being issued with inverted overprint.

The specialist will find some fairly distinct shades in some values the following being a list of those I have seen:—

1 cent green, deep green, deep yellow green	2 cents rose, carmine, deep carmine
3 cents purple	4 cents brown, deep brown
5 cents blue	6 cents red brown deep red brown
8 cents puce	10 cent brown yellow-brown
15 cents olive green, deep, olive green	50 cents orange, red-orange
\$1. black	SPECIAL DELIVERY. 10c. blue, indigo

SPECIAL PRINTING.

In 1900 a certain number of stamps were overprinted as samples and while probably, most of these were stamped "Specimens" in small type by means of a rubber hand stamp (I have seen all varieties thus) others were distributed without any distinguishing mark. According to Mr. G. L. Toppan's interesting notes in the American Journal of Philately for May 1905 one sheet each of the 1c, 2c, and 5c values two sheets each of the 3c, 4c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 50c and \$1 and five sheets of the Special Delivery stamp were overprinted "Guam" for sample purposes. Those marked "Specimen" are, of course, quite easy to distinguish but of the others some can be identified by the shades and others again are practically impossible to tell as they are exactly like those issued for ordinary purposes.

Mr. Toppan describes these varieties as follows:

- 1c. pale, clear, yellow-green, much like the regular shade of the first printing
- 2c. bright carmine, lighter than the regular shade of the second printing.
- 3c. very lightly m'ked, otherwise similar to the normal color.
- 4c. paler than the normal color.
- 5c. rich, dark blue.
- 6c. a trifle more brown than normal.
- 8c. rather darker than normal.
- 10c. slightly more of a yellow brown than normal.
- 15c. a lighter, more yellow-green than normal.
- 50c. bright, red, orange, much deeper than normal.
- \$1. black, is distinguishable from normal shade.

Special Delivery 10c., is distinguishable from normal shade.

Of these the only one which is at all easy to identify is the 5c and here the darkness of the colors is a certain test. Others can only be told with certainty by careful comparison with a set known positively to belong to this special printing.

POSTMARKS.

Used Guam stamps are, naturally of some degree of rarity for the majority

went to fill dealers' orders and very few ever served any legitimate postal purpose. The postmark most frequently met with consists of "AGANA, GUAM" in tall capitals 5mm high. I have seen it on all values struck in either purple or blue. On the 1c and 5c I have seen parts of an oval mark, in blue, showing dots and stars as its design. The only other variety I have met with is a duplex mark (this is probably still in use) consisting of circular date stamp attached to a numbered obliterator. The circular portion of this contains "GUAM, LADRONE ISLANDS" and the date, while in the obliterating part of the mark the number "1" is shown. I have only seen this on the 2c value and the solitary specimen that has come under my notice was struck in blue. Next issue Porto Rico.

WHAT HAVE WE GAINED?—By A. Z. Myers.

For now a little more than a year we have been collecting stamps. What have we expended? What have we gained? Does it pay? These are practical questions. This is the way the answers seem to us:

What have we expended? A good many hours of time, sometimes it was time that ought not to have been taken, usually it was time that was really the best kind of recreation to us. We are busy—a busy pastor, some may care to know. We work hard, and long hours. We do not know how to loaf, how to do nothing, so when we want to rest we either go to bed, or go out with our camera or work at our "foto" work or our stamp collection. Thus we make the rest count in our hobbies. We have expended little money building up our collection by exchanging stamps for stamps, of fotos for stamps. The principal item of expense is postage and stationery.

What have we gained? Our collection is nearing the 3000 mark, and we have many thousands of duplicates. Have some quite valuable stamps and the whole will catalogue thousand dollars. That is the material side of it. And if that were all, we think when considering the lines along which we have worked, it is worth while, thanks to the locals in the WEST for much of this gain.

We have had a delightful time with our correspondents. There have been some very pleasant experiences. Many of them we treasure among our company of select friends, even the most of them we have never seen. They have been so kind, so courteous, so patient with us and given us so much pleasure that we are glad to have known them and continue to know them. Thanks again to the WEST.

We have learned considerable about filately. We know we have hardly made a beginning and will possibly never be a specialist, but what we do know has brought us a lot of pleasure. So, also, in the matter of history and geography our world knowledge has materially increased. We have used a loose leaf album, blank paper, placing in geographically rather than alphabetically. All of which has caused us to know countries, colonies and where they are and some things about them. This has a decided value to us in our missionary interest and studies.

Then there is a pleasure in having a hobby. Just in having it. I wish everybody had a hobby. It rests one, it gives life a meaning. It makes friends. It drives dull care away. It will prevent worry. It is good for the health.

Does it pay? Well, the above is my idea of it. And I am not going to quit either, not yet awhile, anyhow.

January 10, 1840, the first postage stamp was used. It bore the head of Queen Victoria upon it as all good British stamps did for nearly sixty years, and was worth 1c. If you had it now you could find a market at nearly your own price.



Because
the King
is
Loving

Dear Sir We
are leaving
the town of
our home,
and you
were with
me

Jack,
1890

ACROSS THE POND

M. Stanley



All the designs for the new King George V. postage stamps have now been finally approved by the King, and the work of engraving the plates or the printing of the stamps is being rapidly carried out at the Royal Mint. The King has throughout been extremely interested in the preparations for the issue of his stamps. He has seen designs, sample engravings, and proof stamps, and has kept in touch with every stage of the work. As in the case of the King Edward stamps, the new issues will vary in border and lettering according to the different values, but the head of the King will be the same on every stamp. A big task now lies before engravers, printers, and postal officials in completing the issue within the next two months or so. The new stamps will be on sale to the public some time in May, or, at the latest, the early part of June. The exact date, however, has not yet been decided. It is the aim of the Post Office to have simultaneous distribution at every one of the 25,000 offices in the United Kingdom. During the first two days of selling the new stamps the demand is expected to be ten times the average.

It will be no news to American readers that King George is an ardent stamp collector and student. His collection contains many wonderful rarities, and these are willingly lent at recurring philatelic exhibitions. Just such an exhibition was held in the middle of February in London, its idea being to illustrate the evolution of penny postage.

The main feature of the collection was its illustration of the development of British stamps, and there were thousands of specimens showing the divergencies of pattern adopted for the various values since the preliminary drawings were made in watercolor of the 1d. black and 2d. blue for Sir Rowland Hill. These designs for the first postal issue in the world with Queen Victoria's head in white telling sharply against the dark ground, still looked fresh after seventy years, and were among the rare and notable memorials of philatelic history lent by the King. Another was the original pencil sketch by Mulready for his famous 'envelope,' which, with its graceful lines and pretty allegory was laughed out of existence by humorists and caricaturists, including Thackeray. No doubt the idea of the application of art to commonplace things was unfamiliar at the time, but it must be admitted that Mulready's indifference to practical considerations carried him too far.

His Majesty also sent some specimens of the 2d. magenta stamp of Great Britain, the last British stamp bearing the head of King Edward. The issue was withdrawn, and what is believed to be the only used copy in existence is to be seen on an envelope addressed to the Prince of Wales. Also from the Royal col-

lection came a proof of a penny stamp with King Edward's head leaning too far forward, and beside it was a corrected proof with the head properly placed. The difference in position was so light that the error might have passed unnoticed by most people, but the specimen served to illustrate the great exactitude that is given to the preparation of postage labels.

The Earl of Crawford exhibited some very rare and extremely valuable 9d. stamps of 1862, fine engraved on thread paper. A hair line scarcely visible, with out a glass gave special importance to these specimens, the four of which were probably worth \$2 500. Mrs. Field contributed some remarkable Cape of Good Hope examples, including the much prized triangular form. C. Nissen's collection of proofs and essays from 1839 to 1902 was of much interest, comprising King Edward's head in various trial colors, a suggestion for a combined $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. stamp, the idea being to cut it into two triangles for $\frac{1}{2}$ d. values, a 1d black with Queen Victoria's portrait specially prepared for the Prince of Wales, with the watermark upside down, 1d. and 2d. stamps printed with particular nicety for the Paris Exhibition, and a £5 stamp with the design in gold. This was found to be too expensive, each specimen costing 12c, and was withdrawn. A. L. Adutt showed various stamps from the Cayman Islands, which had only recently made their own issue and had indulged in several fancy varieties.

European States may be expected to provide a number of interesting additions to our albums. The new set for the present reign in Sweden is only partially issued as yet; the new Bavarian stamps, with three portraits of the Regent, are likely to be ready in March. Roumania is to issue in May a series of stamps commemorating the jubilee of the foundation of the university at Jassy. It is rumored that Russia has a new series in preparation, to commemorate the tercentenary of the Romanoff dynasty, but as this event does not fall until 1913, the stamps are not likely to be out until late next year or early in 1913.

The third Philatelic Congress of Great Britain and Ireland is planned to meet in Birmingham on June 7th 8th and 9th. The chief subject to be introduced will be a scheme for the standardisation of color names, one of the most perplexing of the philatelic student's difficulties. The standard catalogues, though much improved in this respect of recent years, still give a variety of names to identical colors and shades, and it is difficult to see how in lists of upwards of 70,000 varieties of stamps we can hope to attain absolute consistency in the naming of these colors.

Vienna is to be the center of attraction for stamp collectors on the Continent this year by reason of the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held there in September. The first stamp exhibition was held in Vienna just thirty years ago and since then there has been no repetition of that pioneer effort in the Austrian capital. This year's exhibition is under the patronage of his Excellency the Minister of Commerce, Dr. Richard Weiskirchner, and both the Ministry of Commerce and the Postal Department are contributing important exhibits. The great German 'Philatelistentag', at which most of the prominent German dealers and collectors assemble in congress will be held this year in Vienna during the period of the exhibition, so that the two great Continental events of the year can be taken in at one journey. The German philatelists' 'day' (it is more than one 'day' now) has been held regularly for twenty-two successive years, the Vienna meeting being the twenty-third.

Monsieur Albert Coyette has just retired from the presidency of the leading French philatelic organization the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie. He has held that office since 1898, and is one of the few French philatelists who are reg

ular visitors to the British and foreign international exhibitions. He has been a collector of stamps since 1872. He was made Officier d'Academie in 1900 for his services as honorary secretary of the International Philatelic Exhibition, held in Paris, in connection with the Universal Exposition of that year. His collections are varied, but he has always displayed a penchant for stamps of the British Empire and the United States. During the greater part of his term of office in the French society he has been editor of the official organ, "Revue Philatelique Francaise," and his able control of this journal will now be missed by his numerous friends in this country. It is good to know, however, that he is not relinquishing his collecting but is retiring from office solely on account of the pressure of his business affairs. During recent years he has been made Officer of the Green Dragon of Annam and Knight of the Order of Christ of Portugal. The WEST Publisher met him in Paris two years ago last July at Philatelic Club House.

Another Continental philatelist who has been prominent in recent news is Imperial Councillor Dr. Franz Kalckhoff, who has been selected this year for the philatelic honor of the Lindenberg Medal. This medal is a kind of philatelic Nobel prize, and was founded by the Berlin Philatelisten Klub, on February 6th, 1905. It is conferred for conspicuous services to and successful authorship in philately, and is named after the eminent ex-president of the Berlin Club, Judge Lindenberg. Dr. Kalckhoff is the tenth recipient of this medal, which is quite international. Of the ten medals, three have been awarded to philatelists in Great Britain, two in Germany, two in France, and one each in Belgium, Italy and Austria.

Dr Kalckhoff's title to inclusion on the Lindenberg roll of honor is indisputable, as, indeed are all the gentlemen who have been hitherto selected to receive it. He is a Doctor of Philosophy and a member of the Board of the German Patent Office. His interest in postage stamps commenced as far back as 1868. Since the late seventies he has been a constant contributor to the literature on the subject and is best known for his books on reprints.

A new philatelic society has been established at Salisbury Rhodesia with A. Hayne a collector well known on the Rand, as its honorary secretary. There is already an active society in the country with its headquarters at Buluwayo, and of this the Postmaster General of Rhodesia, G. R. Eyre, is president.

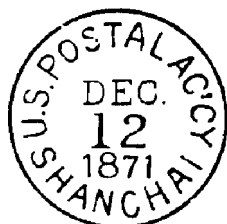
EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST has adopted the motto "Watch us grow", and if there is any philatelic journal, besides The WEST, which we would like to see growing it is EVERYBODY'S. Judging from the character of the editor in chief and his associates it will grow. On pages two and three of the November issue it states that Major Partello of Fort Lawton has copies of the 24, 30 and 90 cents 1851 imperforate. This seems to contradict Mr. Steinmetz's statement in The P. S. C. BULLETIN regarding these stamps, and certainly shows that these stamps exist in imperforate condition. The question when they were issued is not thereby settled. All imperforate copies that do exist may have and according to Mr. Steinmetz must have been printed after June 1860, but may have escaped perforation as happened with other stamps about the same time and at later dates. They are certainly a rare article in this condition. Dr. Holt is in a fair way to establish a "Philatelic Bureau for 'shut ins.'" and he says "I am in this campaign to stay." Anybody interested in this movement, as well as invalids confined to their rooms and suffering from non employment, will do well to get a copy of EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST.

U. S. Postal Stations in Foreign Countries

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I. AMERICAN POSTAL AGENCY AT SHANGHAI.

The existence of such a post office is not very well known, at least in Europe letters with postmarks from Shanghai are comparatively rare. Now, that an increased interest is taken in cancellations, it might be well to call attention to this subject. These cancellations could easily be included in either of two different specialized groups, namely, in an American collection as "Post Offices in Foreign Countries," or in a China collection as "Foreign Post Offices in China." The styles of postmarks are of course similar to those used in the mother country, and so we find a letter dated 1871 with the yellow 10c 1869, also a carmine 6c



1870 cancelled with a circular postmark which was composed of sufficient ink to obliterate the stamps only too thoroughly. By the side of it is the date stamp, 26mm, in diameter, inscription in upper half "U. S. POSTAL AG'CY," in lower half "SHANGHAI." Date "DEC. 12, 1871." It might be remarked that the 12 is conspicuously large and apparently not adapted to this particular postmark. The reversed side of the letter bears a large red-violet cancellation from San

Francisco, Cal.

The next postmark according to date is as follows:

10c and 15c of 1894 as well as 7 copies of 5c of same issue all bearing the same cancellation, a combination of date, postmark and barred oval:



At left: Dated postmark, inscription upper half "U. S. POSTAL AGENCY," lower half "SHANGHAI." Date "SEPT 18 9 A M." the year appears between the two sections of the postmark and is here "95." The right half consists of an upright narrow oval in the center of which is a circle with number "1," above and below the circle are 3 bars completing the oval. This postmark was still in use in 1900 with corresponding changes of date.

In 1899 we find it on a postcard 2c blue.

In 1900 on a 2c red of the Omaha series.

In 1905 we find a similar postmark composed of two parts, the right section is similar to the former, but it is removed from the date part, while the oval is formed of heavier bars. The inscription of the date section has been slightly changed:

Upper half "SHANGHAI, CHINA."

Lower half "U. S. POSTAL STA."

"Date MAR 12 5 P M." the year is again between the two parts of the cancellation at the bottom. On a registered letter of the year of 1905 we find a registered postmark which is also used as cancellation, contrary to the former style.

As this letter was sent via Frisco—New York to Germany, New York affixed the prescribed registration label printed in red.

In 1906 the new postmark came into use. This time we had only a date

stamp, diameter 29mm. Inscription, upper half "SHANGHAI: CHINA," lower half "U. S. POSTAL STA REGD." It is therefore a registration postmark, but in spite of this it is found on ordinary mail, as the simple souvenir card which we have before us shows. The inscriptions are rather small, the date of "JAN 17 11 A M 6," the year is therefore expressed by a single numeral.

In 1910 we find on registered letters a similar postmark to that of 1905 in four lines, but the letters have received a different shape the wording is the same, the color a deep red violet. The stamps used are cancelled with a large oblong oval bearing in the center in heavy letters "R. D.," above it "U. S. POSTAL AGENCY," in the lower half of oval "SHANGHAI, CHINA."



The color is also red violet. The letters according to postmarks travelled via Nagasaki arriving by railroad post 18, in Germany, according to registration label and railroad postmarks, some of them came via Frisco—New York. On ordinary letters we find a combined postmark—date stamp and barred oval side by side—similar to the one used in 1896 in regard to arrangement, but now it is again "POSTAL AG'CY" instead of "STA" (Station). The year is expressed this time in four figures "1910" (in one specimen the date April 19 appears inverted).

II. POST OFFICE AT YOKOHAMA.

The United States maintained for quite a while a post office in Japan, which was located at Yokohama. We could not ascertain when it was established, but it was discontinued for the same reason that the English post offices then existing at the same place were abandoned, namely, because Japan had established a post office of its own according to European style.

The cover on hand bears the 1871 6c. and 10 stamps. The cancellation consists of nine rather large dots forming together an oval, by the side of it is a circular cancellation with the inscription "Yokohama—Japan." Very little can be read of the date, only the year 72, as both postmarks are very indistinct.

It would certainly be of interest to specialists to know what denominations were used in Japan and China at these U. S. post offices.

(To be continued.)

Stamps to Be Sold: President Taft received Feb. 25 a sheet of the Dickens centennial stamps, precisely the same as those sent to King George. in England. The only exception is the different way in which their value is expressed. It is the idea of the promoters of the Dickens centennial in 1912 that one of these stamps shall be pasted on each Dickens volume in existence. Every stamp sells for two cents and it is the plan to provide an annuity for the family of the author from the fund derived from their sale. After this matter is taken care of it is proposed to build a permanent Dickens memorial in the form of a children's hospital in London. The stamp, which is simple in design, bears a reproduction of a famous portrait of Dickens, Dicken's family, it is understood are in need of the aid which it is proposed to give them.



PAPERS desiring an impartial review on the lines of those below are requested to send a copy of each issue to the address below:

Auslaendische Fachzeitungen sind hoeffentlich gebeten ein Tausheexemplar egelmassig an den Untefreichneten zu senden.

Tous les journaux philateliques sont priensenvoyer un exemplaire en echarge a l'adresse sous-donnee.

Desames recibir esemplares de cambio de las publicaciones filatelicas estranjerrsa la adressa enseguida. L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis. U.S.A B37

From Oakland, California, we have received a new **COLLECTORS' MONTHLY**, published by Mr. John B. Gardella, 8 pages and cover, devoted to minerals, relics, curios and coins. No. 1 says nothing about stamps except in advertisements, but from its general tenor we think that it may be interesting to stamp collectors and that before long stamps will receive more attention.

The Canadian Philatelist, that ably edited stamp journal of the far north, Rouleau, Sask., has always something of interest. In the January number it says: "Penny postage between Australia, Great Britain and British possessions will be introduced May 1st, 1911." "Two 2cent U. S. documentary stamps recently prepaid a letter from Madison, Wis., to Regina, Canada. The stamps bear the postmark Madison, Nov. 23. 6 P. M." We have repeatedly heard of U. S. revenue stamps thus slipping through the mails. They are interesting, though such exceptions cannot establish a rule.

EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST is strongly forcing itself to the front. It now has ten associate editors besides Dr. Holt, the editor in chief, and among them are very good names, philatelically. Those that fail to subscribe miss something with every number they do not get. In No. 1, of the present year a portrait is given of Dr. Holt, and the doctor in the leading article speaks a strong word for stamp collecting. Among other good things he says: "Take my word for it, as a practicing physician, if you are searching for a pastime which will wear well; cost much or little (as you elect) be available for long or short periods of indulgence; meet the needs of any age; furnish instruction and fascination; then I'd strongly advise you to give stamp collecting a good serious trial."

The **BERLINER BRIEFMARKEN-ZEITUNG** gives the last issue of French Gabon (not yet given in Scotts) as follows: 20c—60,000; 25c—68,000; 30c—12,000; 35c—19,000; 40c—12,000; 45c—11,000; 50c—7,800; 1fr.—5,250; 2fr.—2700, 5fr.—2,700. **DIE POST** says that the latter three stamps are selling for 30 fr.: which is nearly four times face.

DIE POST points out that the 2sgr. Prussia, Scott's No. 7, is a rare stamp. While Scott prices it \$85.00 unused and 75c used the German catalogs quote it at \$100.00 and \$1.00 or more, and **DIE POST** thinks that it will soon rise even higher. There is a reprint of this stamp valued at \$5 00.

We have been favored with a copy of **KOSMOS**, sent us by Mr. W. C. Jeffries of Bridgeport, Conn., the organ of the Alliance Internationale de Correspondence" of Amsterdam, Holland, an organization somewhat similar to the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club of Milwaukee, of which we have spoken repeatedly in **THE WEST**. Mr. Jeffries boasts that in 3 years of correspondence with the members of the Dutch club he has never missed one answer. The number received contains 28 pages and cover and portrait plate. The membership numbers run up to 3342, many of whom are stamp collectors or collectors of view cards.

The **SOUTHERN PHILATELIST** is keeping up its reputation of appearing regularly and doing well. Whether intentional or not, we don't know, but it turns

a good joke on its "creditors" warning them that their names will be published if they don't write! Who ever heard of a "debtor" doing such a thing to his "creditors"?

The January HOBBYIST is a little meagre in its reading matter, though its dress and the amount of advertising are as neat and plentiful as ever. Print more news, friend O. K.

Mr. Eugene Klien in The EMPIRE PHILATELIST says of the 5c 1847 (U.S. of course) that "is becoming much scarcer than the 10c", because it is being collected in shades, while the 10c is not. Originally the numbers issued did not differ very materially, 4779 of the 5c and 3883 of the 10c having been sold. This refers to the Government Reprints made in 1875. Of the originals there were 3,712,000 of the 5c and 891,000 of the 10c issued to postmasters, some of which, however, were returned and later on destroyed. According to numbers the reprints should be worth more than the originals

Ressler's Stamp News is still alive and worth reading.

If newspaper reports are right more than ten and one quarter million letters were during the last year opened at the dead letter office in Washington, nearly five million of which could not be re-mailed, but which contained \$64,303., mostly in postage stamps. There were eleven million post cards destroyed by order of the dead letter office, and it is proposed that in future such shall not be sent to the office in Washington, this being a useless expenditure because postal cards and postcards are not returned to the sender anyhow, but that they shall be destroyed by whatever postmaster they are found undeliverable. It is also proposed that persons to whom a letter is returned from the dead letter office shall be required to pay a small fee for such service. And finally there is a proposition on foot that all franking privileges shall be modified in so much that postage stamps shall be used in all cases, persons using the franking privilege to use special stamps provided for that purpose. The second class or newspaper rate is still under discussion, and various opinions are being expressed, some agreeing with the P. M. General, most making opposition to his plan of raising the rate. One thing seems certain, and that is, that the P. M. General is hard trying to cut off all unnecessary expenses in the postal administration, and for this he deserves the thanks of all, provided he will not do it partially but in such a way that really all unnecessary expenses are cut out. It appears that in that case the annual deficit might easily be, not only avoided, but turned into a handsome surplus. The parcels post we hoped for finds little favor in Congress, and it is not likely to find adoption, the large express companies being yet too powerful. Though the treatment of registered mail has been altered considerably, so as to make it cheaper, we hear nothing of a reduction of the rate.

The late number of The CANADIAN PHILATELIST contains an account of an used specimen of the celebrated Couell stamp accompanied by an affidavit from the person who received it in the ordinary course through the mail. In the October number the C. P. repeats the paragraph but names are not mentioned, a circumstance which we consider as regrettable, thinking it desirable to give full publicity to any details of information that may be helpful to philately.

The American COIN, STAMP and POST CARD COLLECTOR is improving. To it we are indebted for the news that Colonel Roosevelt was a stamp collector in his youth, and that he still retains some interest in stamps, as he personally told Mr. C. J. Phillips of Stanley Gibbons, London, not very long ago. "Once a stamp collector, always a stamp collector." may be true of the Colonel, though he may not have done much in collecting lately.

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

From an old number of *The Numismatist*, I clip the following rymth.

"Out on the dumping gound of Time
Far out on the sea of fad;
Two gruesome relics met by chance
And wailed at each other sad.
And who are you? With tears each groaned;
As he surveyed his brother tramp;
I'm the souvenir coin, one sadly moaned,—
And I'm Wanamaker's big stamp.

The Wharton local was used at Louisville, Ky., by D. B. Wharton, who in 1855-6, conducted a private delivery in that city taking letters from and to the postoffice, this being before the day of government city delivery. Collection boxes or places were established as which letters having regulation postage thereon, and in addition the "local" stamps could be left and from whence several times a day a collection was made and taken to the office. Early in 1856 Wharton sold out to Wislow Gough and he in turn on April 1856 to James G. Brown and S. B. McGill, who conducted the post several years.

The Wharton stamp was lithographed by Roryn & Co., presumably a Louisville, Ky., firm and were printed in sheets of fifty, five rows of ten each, with sufficient space between the fifth and sixth stamp of each row, to make it almost appear as two panes. The design was changed by the last named firm so as to read "Brown & McGill's P. O. Dispatch."

A ten cent 1861 stamp bearing the cancellation of the Shanghai postal agency dated July 10, 1870, is the earliest known specimen of the "beyond seas" postal department of the United States

Specimens showing the postal cancellation of this agency should make a welcome addition to any collection.

What is said to be the earliest known cover with the postage from one city to another paid with stamps was that in the Seybold collection, where four New York stamps, three cent on green glazed paper and was used August 22, 1843. The cancellations are U. S. in frame, and "Paid" in red and the figures "12" in blue.

A recent offering at a New York sale was a bonzouval pair of the 1851 ten cent green, the right hand stamp being the variety with the line over "postage" while the left hand one is without any trace whatever of the line. From this the inference can readily be drawn that both varieties exist on the same plate.

Chester Meyers has discovered an interesting combination the "Longmont, Colo." precancelled used in connection with "Dallas, Texas" both on the same cover.

The same gentleman shows the 2c due, precancelled with a single wide bar

which was used about twelve years ago at St. Louis, Mo.

One of the leading furniture houses of Chicago in November sent out a circular franked by the one cent precancelled with the mailing machine slit perforation.

For the year ending June 30, 1869 \$12,706.220.00 worth of postage stamps were used, \$1,332,862.50 of plain stamped envelopes, \$950,726.00 of return request envelopes, \$71,705.00 of plain newspaper wrappers and \$200.00 worth of return request wrappers.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1870, the United States paid for the transportation of mails \$1,107,376.69.

On October 9, 1869, a through mail route from New York to San Francisco was established, the route going from New York to Harrisburg, Pa.; thence to Pittsburg; thence to Chicago, Ills.; thence to Clinton, Ia.; thence to Omaha City, Nebr.; thence to Ogden, Utah; thence to Sacramento City, Cal.; thence to Stockton, Cal.; thence to San Francisco. The average time consumed during the first year of its operation for the transit was 7 days, 7 hours and 5 minutes, although one trip was made in 6 days 40 minutes. On an average the return trips were a little quicker being 7 days 4 hrs., 46 minutes although no single trip showed as fast time as the fastest western one, the quickest being 6 days, 15 hrs. 10 minutes, or 14½ hrs. slower.

At a recent sale the proofs of the Omaha set brought \$760, the lowest price I ever noted for this set.

A new precancelled which I recently met with is the one cent with three line inscription between double rules Grand Central Station New York, N. Y., which is being used by a New York dry goods firm.

The proof question was forcibly brought to our notice by the inspection of a superb collection of proofs all printed in black. The filled album was the work of years and represented a considerable cash outlay but the result was superb and could scarcely be over-valued. Colored specimens would be more brilliant but to show off the beauty of the engraving black is the only medium. The collection of proofs and essays is steadily increasing not only amongst the leading amateurs who may be expected to collect everything connected with philately but also amongst stamp collectors of average means, while not a few confine their efforts solely to proof impressions. Collectors however much their intelligence may be devoted to their study can never entirely divorce their minds from the glamour of rarity and very many, even against their will must take into account the possibilities of advancing the prices before they make considerable investments in the objects of their choice. It seems to us outside of high priced rarities there is no object in the stamp line which is more likely to show big profits than a well selected collection of rare specimens and essays.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



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

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731. Have all the Punched Stamps of Spain been used as Telegraphs? Hardly, as some are found with full original gum, indicating that they were not used at all, it seems that remainders have been punched also and sold thus. Others are found canceled with pen strokes or with three bars running across the face of the stamp. These, too, are said to come from remainders and like the punched stamps are valued about one half as much as the used specimens. By the way, Spanish stamps require a good deal of study, as there are numerous falsifications, even with genuine postal cancellations. R. Friedrich's "Postmarken Spaniens" is a valuable standard work.

732. What is the Status of Pen canceled Stamps of Chile? As in other South American countries so in Chile, it is said, that many of the smaller post offices, especially in by-gone years, either had no cancellation handstamp or were not always careful enough to use it, and hence pen-cancellation was often resorted to. Hence, pen cancelled stamps may be genuinely used; nevertheless they are valued considerably less than stamps with a clear legible handstamped postmark, commanding only about one third to one half of the price the latter are worth.

733. How can Postal Cancellations of Japan be distinguished from the Telegraph Cancellations of that country? We fear that this will be a difficult matter for Europeans or Americans, but perhaps some of our readers will be able to teach us. If so, please!

734. What is the Difference by which the Postally used Stamps of Great Britain may be distinguished from those used as Telegraphs or FISCALS? We are not in a position to give a full and satisfactory answer, and fear that such is not even possible in the space here at our command, but as a general rule, penmarked stamps are to be considered as fiscally used while the postally used show the postal date stamp. This, however, will not answer in all cases and a thorough study of British postmarks will be necessary to distinguish in all instances. A valuable work for this purpose is John G. Hendy's "History of the Postmarks of the British Isles." Price 75c. and \$1.00 according to binding, plus postage. It goes only as far as 1876, but will help one to get a good start.

735. Who knows anything about a "Machine Perforation" for Stamp vending machines, consisting of Five Holes? The Schermark No. 1 consists of 6 small holes, the Schermark No. 2 of 6 larger holes, and the Mailometer No. 5 of 6 still larger holes. The Mailometer No. 2 is a perforation running all across the band in large holes (7 or 8), and the U. S. Government perforation also runs all across but as the regular gauge (12). The Brinkerhoff No. 1 has four holes and the Brinkerhoff No. 2 has two holes and three cuts or slits, while the U. S. Auto Vending has cuts and notches at the sides. A perforation consisting of five holes is unknown to us.

736. Where may one obtain information about the various Dies of the present issue of U. S. Envelopes? You will find articles treating of these in Meekel's Weekly, The Stamp Collector, and the Philatelic Gazette; also in Bartels' U. S. Stamp Catalog, new edition, you may find some valuable information. Mr.

V. M. Berthold of the Phil. Publishing Co., 99 Nassau Str., New York, contemplates publishing a list of envelope varieties, and it may be well to correspond with him in regard to any difficulties.

737. What is the Value of U. S. square cut Envelope Stamps, 2c Lake of the present issue? That depends, as in all other cases, much on the condition of the stamps. If they are very heavily cancelled and cut too close, they are worth hardly 1 cent a hundred, while if fairly clean and with a large margin they may be worth 50c to \$1.00 a hundred, possibly more, especially if there are some of the rarer dies and papers among them. Every lot will have to be estimated on its particular merits.

738. Are there any Counterfeits of the Stamps of Cuba? Yes, some of the first three issues are mentioned, and it seems that they have been postally used to the defraudation of the government. It is very likely that later issues also have been counterfeited, but I have no definite knowledge of them.

739. Why are the 10c Cuba, 1877, 1878 and 1879 used not priced by Scott? Most likely the reason is that these stamps are not in stock in used condition. The other catalogs, including Galvez, do not price them either, in used condition, with the only exception of Kohl's Handbuch which prices them \$5.00, \$2.50 and \$6.25 respectively. Seaf lists them as stamps that have not been used at all postally. Hence used copies will have to be on original letters, or must bear a legible and known postmark. Canceled copies, especially with original gum, must be considered as fraudulently canceled and are worth less than unused copies. Seaf treats the 10c of 1880 the same way.

740. Is it advisable to collect the Stamps of Cuba? Why not? If it pleases one to do so, and if he has the opportunity to do it, I see no reason why he should not. On the contrary, Cuba is so near our own country and its history is so closely connected with our history and the future may bring still further and closer connections, that besides the stamps of our own country and those of our possessions I know of no other country nearer to us than Cuba. There may be others as near, but none nearer. But, of course, in collecting the stamps of Cuba it is advisable to study these stamps and to study the history of Cuba, which will very materially increase the attractiveness of the stamps and their collection and it will depend in a great degree on the study one makes of a country and its stamps, whether the collecting of such stamps is to be in any way profitable or not. Some prices are, indeed, rather high and may in time be reduced, but as a whole I think they are moderate and may be expected to rise, and as they rise it will become more difficult to get them. Some are not easy to get even now. In my opinion, the sooner one starts to collect them, the better, provided the stamps of the U. S. and possessions are not neglected.

741. Of what character is a half penny stamp of Great Britain, Scott's A54, in blue instead of green? It is most likely a chemical changeling, Green, lilac and violet are easily changed into blue or grey, orange into brown, but they can be changed into some other colors as well, according to what chemical agents are allowed to act. Sometimes the impurities of the air alone are sufficient to effect a change. Alkaline and acid waters have, of course, different effects. Human saliva may cause a reaction. It has been said that the addition of a little table salt to the water in which stamps with fugitive colors are soaked tends to prevent the changing of the color. The better way is not to wet the stamp at all at least not the face of the stamp. Changelings may sometimes be restored, but in such common stamps as the half penny of Great Britain it is hardly worth while.

Philatelic Musings--By "Timbrologist"

It may perhaps, not be credited when I mention that there are many collectors of stamps, who do not know the meaning of the word "Philately," and a few who have never heard of the word, yet the fact remains, few can speak from personal knowledge. The love or science of collecting stamps, for such is really the meaning of the word, is a hobby that grows on one. Love comes first, science afterwards. Really when one comes to ponder over this sentence, it is not unapplicable to matrimony. The "love" part is played by both—he and she—at the start, the science to keep this love everlasting is an after study that grows on one of the two, which one I am unable to say,—occasionally it grows on both. In that case the couple become, like a true philatelist, enthusiastic, and the love in one and the science in the other, end only with death. If any of my readers think this simile too far fetched, my retort is either they have not yet tasted all the sweets of married life, or they know not the true meaning of "enthusiasm."

We well know that the bump of acquisitiveness is developed more or less in all human beings, and with many collecting becomes a hobby or mania. It does not matter what shape that hobby or mania takes, it is omni-present in one or more members of a household. There are lots of men who sneer at the collecting mania, yet if you tell the miserly inclined that they are collectors also of money, they will try to ram down your throat that putting by, (hoarding, I call it) some silver for a rainy day, is more sensible than collecting such rubbish as stamps, curios or old china. They forget that whereas money hoarded up brings nothing more in return, stamps, old curios, and old china, always increase more or less in value, and yield a greater interest than money put even in a bank.

There are two phases of the collecting mania, one is the sound, honest one from unselfish motives, the other quite the reverse, and it can come under the title of kleptomania. The last form occasionally meets with some sympathetic consideration from police magistrates, who feel inclined to look upon it as a disease not controllable. I often wondered why the thief or burgler, whom an unsympathizing police—when they catch trem—drag before a police court, does not plead kleptomania. Now, if any of them happen to read this, it may be worth their while to seriously consider the advisability to adopt this plea. Many years ago I found out an individual who used to purloin surreptitiously stamps from a friend's album. When he was brought to book, he said he could not account for it and his father, who was present, pleaded kleptomania on the part of his son and gave proofs of it. As the stamps were restored, my friend did not move further in the matter. But this mania for collecting things that did not belong to him, brought him at last to grief. He came before an unsympathizing magistrate, who was quite satisfied that it was a criminal instinct, and not kleptomania.

This brings me to mind that I am supposed to talk on stamp collecting only. There is no doubt that there is a greater camaraderie amongst philatelists than among collectors of all kinds of art subjects; and I am also of the opinion that stamp collecting brings out some traits of character than otherwise would be hidden. For instance, emulation,—to have as good as one's neighbor, and to find out all about the science in equal proportion. This is a good trait. Envy, at seeing your neighbor able to obtain stamps which you have failed to possess. This is a bad trait. Sharpness—in being beforehand with your neighbor in getting hold of an issue from the post office which is not authorized, and making the most of it. This is a negative trait. Perseverance—always on the alert for something unexpectedly to turn up, badgering your friends and acquaintances for

stamps, hunting up shops in unlikely places for any possible display of stamps in the window. This is a doubtful trait. But the last one really does not affect an enthusiastic collector as to what his friends think of it. Many a rare stamp has been acquired in these out-of-the-way places. The stories of some of these finds would put to blus the biggest fish and snake yarns yet told.

There is one thing about philately that does not belong to other branches of collecting. Its votaries are decidedly cosmopolitan. Go to an important stamp exhibition and you will find the assemblage a most heterogeneous one; kings and princes of the blood royal; noblemen of ancient lineage, learned professors, merchants, shopkeepers, clerks, servants, and last, but not least, ladies of all classes of social standing, hobnobbing with each other. Rank is forgotten, and philately reigns supreme. 'Too far-fetched,' will be the exclamation of some of my readers, but if they had travelled in the centres of philately in Europe they would not say so. I can remember when I was a jackeroo on a station, receiving letters from a Grand Duchess of Royal lineage, who would ask me to send her old Australian stamps, and she sent me in exchange a lot of rubbishing German. Wasn't it condescending of her? I do not know to what extent my liberal treatment of her requests might have gone had she asked me to come and stay at her castle whenever I chose to visit Germany; but she forgot to do this, and I felt rather despondent over this, and this reflected on my generosity. We do not correspond any longer.

'Kings may come and kings may go, but philately will stay forever.' This is not the correct quotation, but it will do for the purpose. 'Where will the quotation come in when some day stamps are no longer required for postal purposes?' may be asked by some reader. I don't think this event will ever come to pass. It would mean such a revolution as the world has never seen, for the strikers would include every class of humanity even soldiers, sailors, and policemen. Brotherhood is becoming too closely welded to allow for such a struggle. Besides there must always be two or more opponents in a fight, and in philately there are no opponents. Thus stamps will have to stay. If there is to be a struggle, it will come when Socialism reigns supreme. Then the poor collector need no longer be envious of the rich one. All the stamps will be pooled, and everyone will get an equal share. How long this equality will last will depend upon the reign of socialism—not very long.—Australian Philatelist.

A NEW STAMP FOR CORONATION.

Every effort is being made to issue the new King George V postage stamps in time for the coronation. To accomplish this a heavy task lies before the printers, who, to assure the success of the new issue and cope with the demand, are making arrangements to print one million stamps per hour. This will require about two hundred hands, two thousand reams of paper, and one ton of gum arabic.

As it is the intention of the postoffice to distribute the stamps simultaneously all over the British Isles, so that they may be on sale everywhere on a determined day, one billion stamps will be necessary to supply the twenty-five thousand post-offices of the United Kingdom. The new design was approved quite recently by the king, the postmaster general and the board of inland revenue, and the royal mint is already busily engaged on the work of engraving the plates for the printing of the new stamps. A keen philatelist, the king has shown a personal interest in the new issue, and has kept in constant touch with every phase of the work of printing the stamps. He personally examined and criticised the designs and sample engravings that were submitted to him.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGIN "NO. 1" THE SWISS

The auction business for the past few months has been booming, and many fine collections have been sold and several more are apt to be sold in the sales already announced.

It would appear that our hobby is going forward in a pleasing manner by the

report that at the recent exhibition at Walthamstow, Eng., the visitors numbered close on 200,000.

Notice how the 4d. blue Cape triangles are gradually reaching the dollar mark?

Trengganu, another Eng. possession, has now favored us with its first set of stamps. What with Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, etc., we will soon be in the midst of another transfer of our album.

It was through the efforts of J. W. Scott and Henry Calman that stamps are duty free. Mr. Scott informed the custom people that the collection in dispute was of no value, but plus brains was worth many dollars.

During the last few months we have been inundated with new color changes, new values and new commemoratives, which throw our albums out of date, and already many ardent members among us have been making extensive transfers of their collections, to cope with these additions. Apparently we are in for greater changes through the recent succession to the Throne and the consequent construction of extensive works by the Royal printer. We trust that all Eng. agencies will be well supplied from time to time in order to prevent the many unnecessary and unfortunate provisionals of the past. The exposure of which came none too soon.

It may be the King of England, when he placed the contracts with the new firm, hoped to minimize the numerous minor varieties of perforating and printing, which were not in keeping with the great advance in the art of modern machinery and printing.

Quite a scramble for Honduras stamps lately. Some philatelists follow the newspapers closely. The announcement of Ecuador selling a few islands to the U. S. caused a rush for Ecuador. A week later the sale is called off and the philatelist's ardor deadens. He follows the navy. Nicaragua will always be a prime favorite. Its many surcharges seem to be an inducement rather than a discouragement. A big flock of overprints has just been let loose. A promise of a new set in April makes early acquisition of the provisionals advisable.

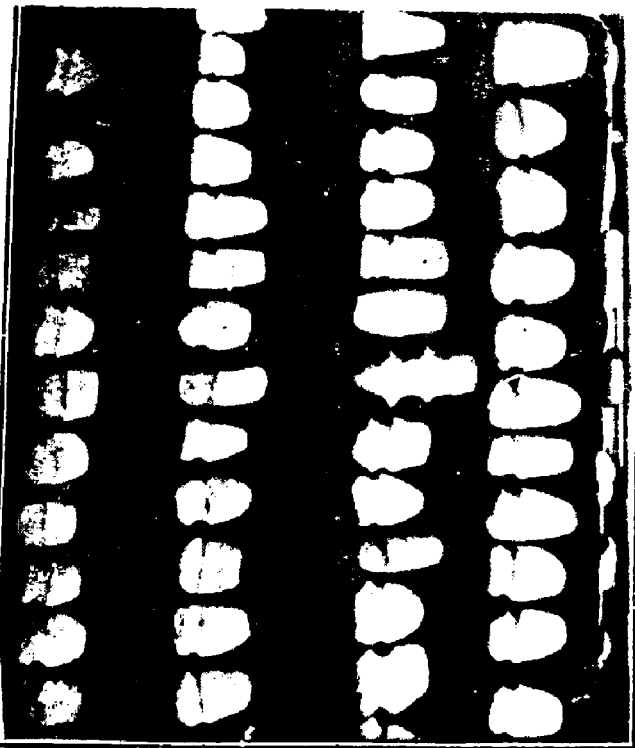
There is seldom much originality to be found in stamp advertisements, but a suggestion of aiming at this might be taken from recent curious announcements. A Frenchman offers to wed the first fair lady who comes along with a Mauritius 2d blue. Another advertisement, nearer home, appeared lately in the form of a menu. And while on this subject we recall the following, which appeared some years ago in the Bazaar, Exchange and Mart—"Exchange rare stamps for lady's and gentleman's clothes, for boy age 3 and girl age 4."

The most notable sale of rare Confederate States postage stamps that has ever taken place in New York was begun March 26th. The collection is that of the late Philip La Turette. The stamps are all of the provisional issues. Among the choicest items in the collection are the Abingdon, Va., five cent, on orange paper, and the Autaugaville Ala., five cent, on white paper. Many other rare varieties are included in the collection, some of them valued as high as \$250 each.

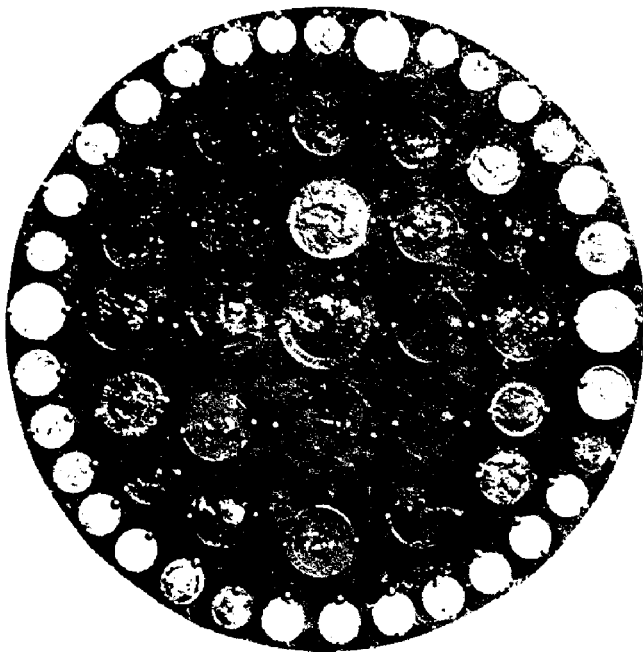


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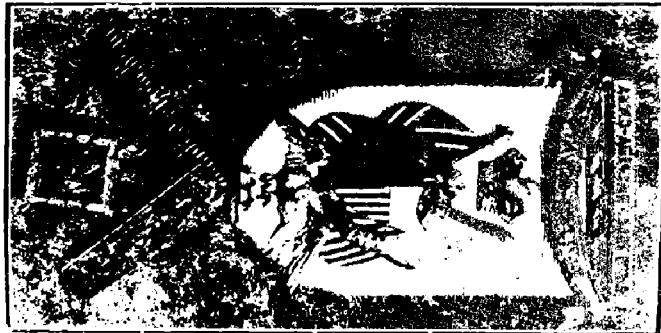
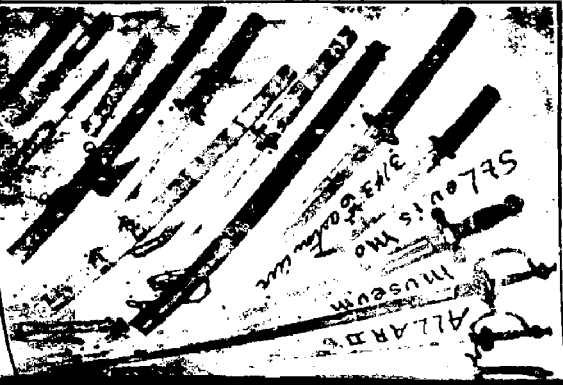
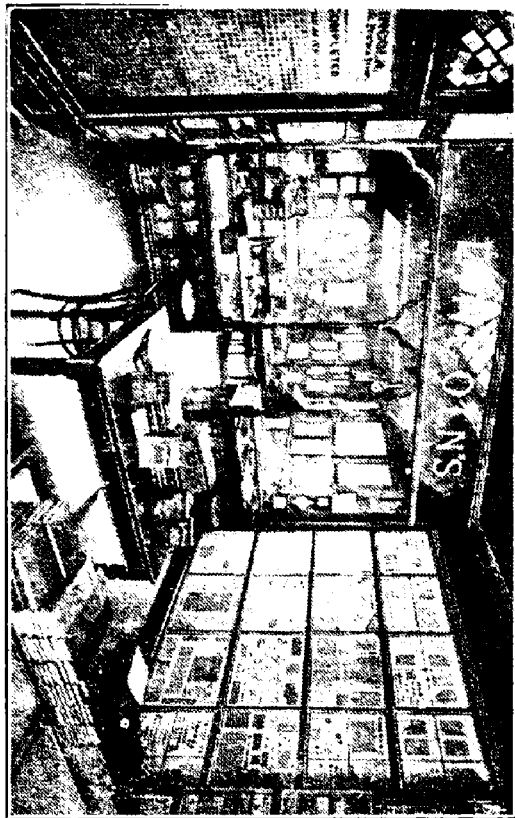




Indian Relic Collection of Abramson, Mich.



Coins and Medals of O. Bierly, Pittsburg, Pa.
Inside view of Lincolns Store, London, Eng.



Lincoln Medal





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Pikes Peak from Ute Pass, Mid. Ry.

Candlesticks of W. H. Lathrop,
Sunderland, Vermont



Room showing fireplace and
collection of Clarence Pietzch,
New York City



Scenes on the Colorado Midland
Railway, near Nast, Colo.

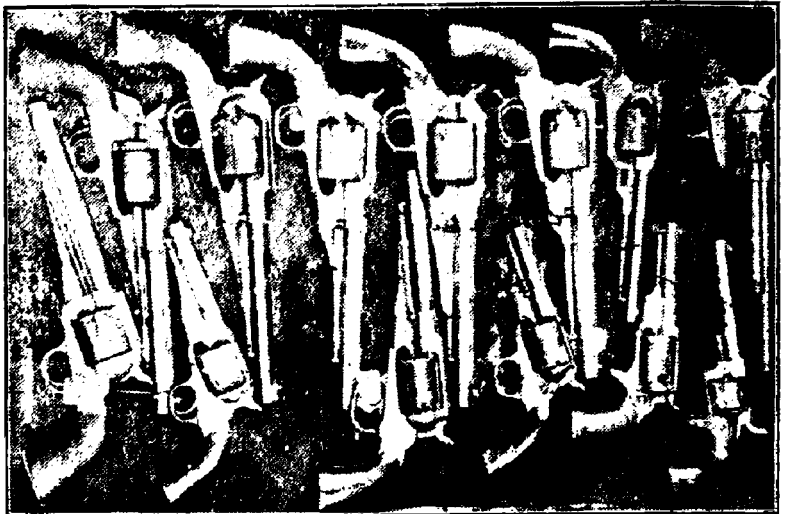


Pants are made for men,
not for women. Women are
made for men, not for pants.
When a man pants for a
woman, and a woman pants
for a man, they are a pair of
pants. Such pants don't last.
Pants are like molasses —
they are thinner in hot
weather and thicker in
cold. Men are often mis-
taken in pants, such mis-
takes are breeches of
promise. There has
been much discussion
whether pants is
singular or plural.
Seems to us when
men wear pants it is
plural, and when
they don't it is sing-
ular. Men go on a
trip in pants, right
and it is all right.
When they go on a
trip in pants, it is all
right. If you make
a mistake, it is
a mistake.

Aa Oregon Post Card



Pistol Collection of J. Van Rensalaer, Newark, N. J.

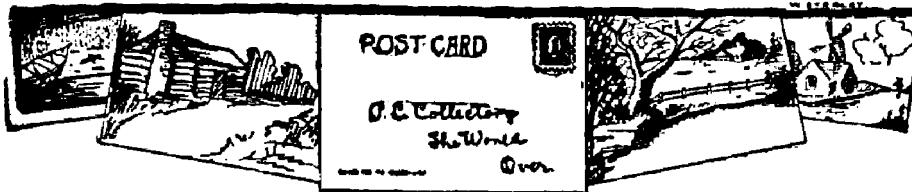




Some of the finer forms in arrows that L. W. Stilwell, Deadwood, S. D., carries in his immense stock of Stone Relics. See his ad.



PHILOCARTY



Some Suggestions on Card Collecting

By Carroll A. Pitkin

(Continued from last issue.)

Another point is try to get the same writing, or none at all on the face of the card. Perhaps you wish to have the view free from any writing, which is a good idea. Some may wish to have each correspondent sign his name and the date upon the view, which is good. Some may desire a little description written in; others want the stamp to show. It is all a matter of preference, but I do believe the general appearance will be greatly benefitted by following one particular plan, and rejecting cards not furnished accordingly. Don't fool with a correspondent who isn't willing to accede to your own desires, when it is just as easy for him, even if your ideas do not happen to meet with his fancy.

So much has been published about confining one's energy toward a particular subject, that I shall not dwell upon it. I think the specialized collection is a very good idea, but should you wish to collect all kinds, you can at least help the matter by arranging them separately. Have all your park scenes free from your mountain views, keep your churches distinct from your marine cards and so on. One of the most interesting collections I ever saw, was confined to lighthouses, military scenes and mountain lakes; each being separately housed in loose leaf albums. I may say that the collection of lighthouses comprised every one in the U. S. except two. It was an absolutely faithful representation of all types and arrangements. It could be used by any engineer, as a reference as to what has already been done, in the design of such buildings. I really believe that one division of his collection, is worth and could be sold for more than 10c a card.

The value of anything designed to be used for a reference or educational purpose consists in the classification of the contents, and as such, my friends cards were not worth ten cents. They were, as I said arranged in a perfect jumble, and to find a particular card would have required hours of search. I explained the certain advantages of properly classifying and arranging them, as well as requesting his exchangers to follow some simple rules in sending such as I have touched

upon above. He intends to follow this advice, and I expect the next time I see them, that they will be in such shape, as to be a pleasure to inspect, and a matter of seconds to hunt up, any card among the thousands.

I am tempted, although not ordinarily open or even favoring, the free advertising of goods, to bring to the readers attention the best method I have yet seen excepting the card index which is very expensive in comparison. I speak of the Card Rings, made and sold by an advertiser in the columns of the West. They are cheap to use, very simple, and they are certainly the last word in arranging for the exhibition of cards, in as much, that they may be easily stored in small space, and that both sides of each card may be inspected, without trouble. I am using almost a dozen of them at present, and find them well adapted to the purpose intended: in short a big success. Perhaps to facilitate the adoption of them by the reader, it will be well to mention that they may be secured by the maker, W. L. Bucke, 1332 W. Girard Ave., Phila.

In summing up, I would suggest the advisability of at once forming a definite plan along which to collect, and then rigidly adhering to it. The pleasure and the value will be multiplied to your satisfaction.

THE OLD AND THE NEW COINAGE.

The introduction of a new design in Eng. coinage is at least one occasion on which the Mint and its staff are called upon to forsake the undisturbed equanimity with which they are sometimes jealously charged. Of old dies there is always a big stock to draw upon; the preparation of new ones involves much additional work, even though the eagerly awaited coins drop very gently into financial currents. There will be little or no alteration in the Georgian coins which are now being prepared, under the superintendence of Mr. Ellison Macartney, except that the portrait of the King is substituted for that of King Edward and turned, in accordance with custom, in the opposite direction from that faced by the preceding Sovereign. Those in authority were offered suggestions of novelty, one of which if carried into effect, would have abolished the Latin of the inscription and substituted one in English; but precedent has been followed and the new coin will continue to speak in the old language. It is possible that two denominations of the silver coinage, the florin and the sixpence, will bear new designs on the reverse, but this point has not been finally settled and definite information of what the alteration, if any, is to be, is for the present withheld. The only coins of the new design so far struck are sovereigns, half sovereigns, shillings, and half pennies.

No specific date is fixed for the issue of the newly designed coins, but it can be said that one of the first to make its appearance will be the halfpenny. A somewhat notable omission from the new coinage will be the five shilling piece. Probably the majority of people will not be surprised to hear that the "cartwheel" lacked public support and will therefore follow into oblivion its almost equally inconvenient companion, the four shilling piece. No five shilling piece has been struck since 1902; the four shilling piece dropped out of existence, so far as the Mint is concerned in 1890.—London Times.

A Reader says: I am interested in coins as well as stamps and I would like to see published various ways of arranging coins so they can be displayed at fairs, etc. Would like to see some etchings of frames, and how the coins are supported, so when the frames are setting or hanging up the coins will remain as put,—whether the best way is to use tacks, or how. A Nebraska University man made a frame of glass so could be turned over and both sides of coins seen.



Hon Ernest R. Ackerman, President of the New Jersey State Senate, has kindly consented to be present and exhibit his collection of the stamps of British Guiana. This section of the Senator's collection is said to be one of the finest extant covering this Country, and never before exhibited.

Senator Ackerman is a collector of International fame, a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, England, and one of our own members.

The Trenton Philatelic Society has secured for this exhibit the use of the Director's room of the Tren-

son Trust and Safe Deposit Co., 30 West State St(2d floor front).

We cordially invite Publisher of WEST to meet Senator Ackerman and enjoy with us greeting him and viewing his magnificent collection, on Tuesday evening, March 21st, at 8 o'clock.

Yours for Philatelic advancement, Trenton Philatelic Society.

William Housel, George E. Poole, Edward B. Sterling, Committee.

Members and friends of the Trenton Philatelic society viewed with interest last evening the rare collection of British Guiana stamps belonging to Senator Ackerman, president of the New Jersey state senate and a member of the local stamp club. Senator Ackerman is a collector of international fame and a fellow of the Royal Philatelic society of London, England. The exhibit was placed in the directors' room of the Trenton Trust and Safe Deposit company, and the attendance last evening was large.

The collection of stamps of Senator Ackerman is very valuable. He has been gathering stamps for thirty-five years and his various albums are the envy of the most ardent collectors. The collection of stamps has long since become a fad with Senator Ackerman and the den in his Plainfield home is papered with a collection of 35,000 British Honduras stamps.

Senator Ackerman has had exceptional opportunities for acquiring philatelic treasures, he having traveled extensively and gathered stamps in more than 100 different countries. He has friends in Iceland and Finland, as well as in Venezuela and the Soudan, in Java and Burmah and in Johore, from whom many desirable specimens have been obtained.

From Macau and Canton, in Hawaii and Mexico many rare stamps have been acquired during his visits to those countries. In Luxemburg, Monaco, Modena, Hungary, Portugal, Russia and Egypt, large additions to his holdings have been made during visits to these lands.

By reason of his philatelic knowledge many varieties have been acquired during trips to the Orient and great varieties have been acquired for practically nothing by reason of advantageous exchanges —N. J. Gazette.

The "Darwin" collection of remains of extinct animals, now being exhibited at the Natural History Museum, So. Kensington, Eng, contains some very fine specimens of various periods. Among the most interesting is the skull of a toxodon, a pachydermatous quadruped, having teeth bent like a bow. This very rare specimen was, as the Globe remarks, found by Darwin in the yard of a farmhouse where boys were throwing stones at it and he subsequently bought it for eighteen pence. There are also some good examples of stony coral and calcareous plants collected by Darwin during the voyage of the Beagle in 1832-36.

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 Games!

Bert Asher, operator on the Puget sound road at Adair Mont., arrived in Missoula, Mont., recently, and in his possession was a fragment of the meteor which struck in the vicinity of Adair on a recent Sunday evening at 10.30 o'clock. The meteor was seen flashing across the sky by several residents of Adair, and two prospectors left at once in an attempt to locate it. They found the place to be about one quarter of a mile from the town, and were guided to the spot by a big glare of light. The meteor had struck a tree and set it on fire. The heat was so intense that the meteor could not be touched for several hours after it fell. It would fill a half-bushel basket.

Radium, newest of all precious earthly substances, and most valuable, has not had a very large volume of production, and the prospect of it coming into common use, either for novelty or scientific uses, are remote. Professor Joseph Step is the foreman of the only "sure enough" radium mine in the world, and he has been a long time getting out a million dollars worth according to a report made by him from the St. Joachimsthal, of which he is superintendent.

The mine is located about twelve miles from Carlsbad. It is one thousand feet deep and it is worked by the peasantry of Bohemia. Radium is only a by-product. The mine originally operated for silver, but now it is mined for pitchblend, because of the uranium it contains.

Various uses are found for pitch blend in making crystal wares, similar to crockery. The oxides provide an inexhaustible number of tints for the coloring of porcelain and are worth three dollars a pound.

In all his experience since Madame Curie discovered radium, Professor Step has succeeded in getting out only 16 grains of radium. This is three and one-half drams or seven sixteenths of an ounce. Nevertheless, this tiny contribution is worth \$80,000 a gram or a million and a quarter dollars. Radium is worth about two and a half million dollars an ounce, or \$30,000,000 a pound, apothecary's weight.

Lately, radium has been found in the iron mines of Cornwall, where Sir William Ramsey, an English philanthropic scientist, has succeeded in getting out a quarter of a million dollars worth. One hundred and sixty tons of rock, fifty-five tons of water and five tons of chemicals were necessary to the extraction of the seven-sixteenths ounce of radium brought from Bohemia.

The activity in the production of copper, lead and zinc from primary sources

in the United States was greater in 1909 than in any previous year. Complete figures have just been issued by the United States Geological Survey. The total output of copper from smelters was 1,092,951,624 pounds. The total quantity of refined copper, including domestic and foreign ores, was 1,391,021,451 pounds, an increase of 253,059,046 pounds over the previous year.

The total quantity of lead, smelted or refined in the United States in 1909 was 457,045 tons. The apparent consumption of lead by American industries was 370,013 tons.

The total production of zinc was 255,760 tons, while the consumption was 271,274

In the production of copper Montana led all states, with Arizona second, Michigan third and Utah fourth. The United States produced 38 per cent of the lead of the world and 30 per cent of the zinc.

THE CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.



The 86th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, March 3rd, President Harry F. Williams presiding. The following 18 members were present: Messrs Carey, Dunham, V. M. Brand, Brenner, Simpson, Excell, Leon, Vercouter, Jochem, Holmes, Baker, Williams, Loer, Davis, Green, Verkler, Nelson and Dr. Merrill. Mr. R. T. Brewer was present as a visitor. Mr. Ed-

ward T. Newell was transferred from active to corresponding membership.

The committee on resolutions on the death of Mr. Otto Darmstaetter submitted the following, which was adopted:

Whereas it has pleased an all wise Providence to take from his family a beloved husband and from us an esteemed member, Mr. Otto Darmstaetter, and

Whereas by this death we lose an old and faithful member, one who joined with us in the early and trying days of our organization and who remained faithful unto death: therefore be it

Resolved that the Chicago Numismatic Society tenders the bereaved wife of our deceased member our sincere sympathy, and be it further

Resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Society and a copy thereof be forwarded to the widow.

Mitchell Baker
I Excell Committee.
Ben G. Green,

Messrs. E. R. Stephens and Harry W. Labey were elected to membership.

Under exhibitions Dr. Merrill showed a line of early U S. gold and Mr. Brenner proof trade dollars of 1884 and 1885, the latter being the first one ever having been seen by any of the members present.

Magazines received since last meeting were: Elder Monthly for January; Mehl's Monthly, Spink's Circular, Philatelic West and Numismatist for February. Auction catalogs from Elder (2), Green, Hess and Mehl. A catalog with fixed prices from Boudeau and a priced catalog from Low.

Crosby's work on the Cents and Half Cents of 1793 and the Mint Report for 1910 were added to the Library.

Adjourned to meet April 7th, 1911.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

Coleridge composed Kubla Khan while sleeping.

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EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We wish all members to take particular notice that when their memberships expire they will be taken off the list immediately, as we wish no dead ones in our club. The following memberships expire before May 1. Please renew at once or send resignation:

467, 1087, 1466, 1475, 1476, 1488, 1734, 1792; 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007.

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.

1087. Arthur Soderstrom 1 point 1690. Oscar W. Hayes 2 points
2080. Clarence M. Stevens 1 point 2105. Walter E. Byrnes 1 point.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

To properly enjoy the benefits of the UNION each member should receive the complete list of members each month. If you are not getting it, send 2c a month for the months that your membership has yet to run, and the list will be sent you. Single copies of the latest list will be sent to any collector for a red stamp. Our foreign membership list is increasing rapidly, and the UNION should now be more valuable to you than ever. You can help make it better by getting some blanks and sending to your friends. We still give a premium of five fine cards for all new members secured.

NEW MEMBERS.

2098. Thos. W. McGuire, 2608 Norton Ave., Everett, Wash., (city halls, court houses, depots, postoffices only).

2099. Gyongyos Bela, Szepesi u. 10, szam., Pecs, Hungary; colored views only; types, landscapes, towns, bridges.

2100. J. H. Stambaugh, Allerton, Illinois; no comic.

2101. Guy E. Pugh, Allerton, Illinois; photo cards only.

2102. A money order has been received from Vienna, Austria, for dues, but there is no clue to name or address of sender. We will publish same if received.

2103. F. Willard Beals, Schoolcraft, Michigan; desires a card from every foreign member.

2104. Norman A. Hambley, Oshawa, Ont., Canada.

2105. Walter E. Byrnes, 9 Carson St., Bridgeport, Conn.; all kinds but comic; scenery preferred.

2106. E. D. Piper, 1800 Hickory St., St. Louis, Mo.

2107. Clarence W. Conor, 260 Nichols St., Bridgeport, Conn.; desires scen-

my views, no comics.

2108. Mrs. L. S. Hubbard, Box 44, Arcata, California; fine views only; no comics.

UNION NOTES.

When sending a card to a foreign member, it is well to always send a fine colored local view; something that will be of interest. If you send fine cards, you will be surer to get replies.

Cards may be sent to foreign lands with a one cent stamp, but must be marked "printed matter" and bear no writing except name and address of sender. A rubber stamp is valuable for signing name, as it can always be read. Don't blame the foreigner for not answering, when you sign name poorly.

When placing stamps on view side of cards, be sure they stick. Many cards are highly glazed and stamps will not adhere. If this is the case, scrape a little of the glazing off, for it is disappointing for a person to receive a card with the stamp lost off, and it often causes postage due to be charged.

Autograph letters of one page framed with a portrait look well on the wall alongside of a staircase, or in a library. The expense of framing is slight, depending on the frame. A passe-partout cut with two openings the proper size should cover letter and portrait. These should be laid on a flat sheet of cardboard and caught at the edges with wafers, and under no circumstances pasted down. One dollar will provide a neat black or gold frame with passe-partout. It can be had at any framer's. It gives an interesting air to a library to have on the walls letters of the men who wrote the books on the shelves. One thing I have to contend with is the exaggerated ideas of value most people have of autograph letters. They are not to blame for this as they read of the absurd prices paid at auctions, and see the high prices placed on framed autographs by some dealers. Some letters are rare and dear, but the great majority are low priced. There is no curing the auction crank. He would rather pay ten dollars at an auction than \$2 to a dealer. He distrusts all dealers, as he believes they will overcharge him. If he attends an auction he can at least feel sure there was some other man who was willing to pay nearly as much. As a rule the autographs sold at auction are not catalogued by autograph experts.

There is not a great profit in the auction business at present rates, and unless it is a very fine collection it does not pay to employ an expert. Hence there are many errors in the catalogues, although most of the descriptions are correct. Letters signed are catalogued as full letters, and strange men of the same name are catalogued as celebrities.

It takes an expert to detect these mistakes, and it requires expert knowledge and a cool head to buy correctly in the confusion of auction sales. An expert buyer will save his customer much more than the ten per cent he charges for his services.—N. Y. Collector.

A clipping says: "Huntington has just returned from abroad with a strong box full of rare stamps, which, when added to his already noteworthy collection, make it the largest and best on this side of the Atlantic. His purchases in Europe last summer are valued at nearly fifty thousand dollars. Huntington was prepared on his arrival to pay a duty of \$12,000 on the stamps and was disappointed when customs officials informed him that stamps were not dutiable. Among experts here and abroad the Huntington collection is ranked as the equal of that possessed by King George of England.

Charles Foy

J. M. Balch

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H. H. Bingham

Frank M. Edgley

The true collector gathers his treasures for love of them and for his own personal satisfaction, and with no idea of selling again at a profit. After a while however, when his collection runs into big money he is apt to consider it also from a financial point of view. He may wish to give it up and turn to some other line of collection; he may have urgent need of money, or he may regard it as a valuable asset for his heirs.

In autograph letters the value of the collection will depend entirely on the judgment shown in collecting. If a man buys trash he need never expect to get a large price for it, and it will be doubtful if he can sell it at all. By trash I mean poor damaged specimens, or people of only temporary notoriety. The former injure the appearance of a collection, and the latter quickly become valueless.

The most valuable autographs are naturally those which everyone recognizes as valuable, for instance, the original manuscripts of famous novels or poems, the originals of great state papers, diaries of famous men, etc., etc. Next would follow full autograph letters containing interesting contents. The letters may refer to the writer's life or works, or to great historical events of the time. The date has a great deal to do with the value. Letters of generals of the Revolution or Civil War are much more valuable when written during these periods, than when written before or after.

Letters of no particular interest follow in value, then autograph documents, notes, letters and documents signed and signatures. Letters signed are apt to possess a special value because of contents, as a celebrity may often dictate long important letters.

Leaving aside the question of contents an autograph letter is generally worth three times as much as a letter or document signed, but this is not always the case. A letter of Napoleon is worth several hundred dollars, while a document signed averages about \$25.

Kings, queens, generals, judges and other men of high official position are apt to write few letters, but they sign many documents. Letters of the French Kings are rare and dear, while documents are common and cheap.

The supply of autographs of dead celebrities cannot of course be increased but is subject to constant diminution through various accidents of fire, water and handling. Great quantities also pass into museums and public libraries, and are thus forever withdrawn from public sale.

As the tangible supply diminishes the prices of desirable autographs rises through the natural law of supply and demand. Autographs of Milton, Cromwell, Byron, Burns, Lincoln, Poe and other men of that stamp have constantly increased in value and will continue to increase.

Now and then discoveries of large batches of autographs of some famous man

will temporarily break the price, but it is sure to go back again in a few years. It all depends on the real worth of the man. If he is a truly great man and not merely a hero of the hour, he will hold his value and increase steadily. Who can expect a fall in R. L. Stevenson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, or Thackeray?

Autograph collecting is also becoming better known and more respected by the general public. For many years it was confused with the work of autograph fiends who pursue public characters and demand their signatures. A collector sometimes begins in some such way as that, but he is soon apt to give it up and look for specimens better worth while.

A collection of signatures well placed in an album with portraits and clippings is often very interesting, but a handful of loose cards, or a soiled album with a miscellaneous lot of signatures counts for little.

A collection of letters in nice order and containing good contents will always interest intelligent people, and will have an increasing money value. NYCollector.

TO SELL ART GATHERED BY PRUYN.

Objects of artistic, literary and historical value that fill the house in Albany where lived Chancellor Pruyn, a man who took a prominent part in the affairs of New York, are to be sold under the auspices of the American Art Association in Madison Square South.

John V. L. Bruyn was one of the leaders of the bar in his state and up to the time of his death in 1877 he exercised an important influence. He drew up the papers which consolidated various railroads into the New York Central Railroad, and was associated with many projects from the advancement of New York.

His home was a meeting place for statesmen and men of letters, and many distinguished foreigners were entertained there. The home was sold in June and now its contents are to be dispersed. The furnishings were such as would be gathered by a man of rare taste and culture. Many of the pieces were obtained from the descendants of the personages who had once owned them.

The collection includes the small patent from which it is said Mary Queen of Scots received the Sacrament, a pair of candlesticks owned by the Duke of Buckingham, a milk pot which was once in the abode of Oliver Cromwell

There is the cane presented by Lord Byron to the first actor who presented "Mazeppa", the ivory topped head of which is a beautifully carved ornament representing the wild horse of Tartary. There also are the wedding ring of Martin Luther, objects from the collection of the King of Holland, sold in 1849, a set of chairs which were once in the hands of Victor Hugo and a coffee pot which was in the collection of Lord Lyndhurst.

Among the American is an elaborate silver vase, presented to Commodore Decatur by residents of Philadelphia, and a rare "Cincinnati" plate which was one of a set presented by General Washington to Captain Samuel Shaw of Boston.

Among the property are watches, ivories, paintings, autograph letters and documents connected with the public annals. The library includes the publications of William Loring Adams and the Bibliophile Society, two old school "Grangerized" books, with copper plate engravings, copies of the Strawberry Hill catalogue, "Spence's Anecdotes, a portion of "De Bry's Grand Voyages" and rare editions of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer.

The old house was filled with Colonial furniture and antique pieces of Dutch, French and English cabinetry collected by the Chancellor on his trips throughout the world.—New York Paper.



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THE GREAT REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN ANTIQUE WEAPONS.

For several months collectors of antique weapons have been becoming very active. Never before has the interest in old arms been so intense as at the present time. In 1909, Otho J. Bierly, a well known Pittsburg connoisseur, founded the only organization of collectors of ancient weapons; since then the number of active collectors has been increased by hundreds of beginners. Several of the well known magazines are now publishing articles dealing with the story of the arms of our ancestors.

The "Philatelic West" devotes a few pages each issue to old firearms: "Arms and the Man" recently published "The Story of the Original Revolver"—one of the best works of noted firearm antiquarian whose "Firearms in American History" series are the most authentic and delightfully written books in the collectors library. In recent issues of "Field and Stream" Warren H. Miller's interesting articles on the History of arms has aroused considerable interest. The "Outing Book" has also entertained its readers with descriptive sketches of the oldest forms of the ancient gun. A very important contribution to current historical literature on old weapons is the new "Magazine of Antique Firearms," published by John N. Clements at Athens, Tennessee.

The periodicals mentioned above are too well known by all the readers of this magazine to justify a description of each of them. The last one, "Magazine of Antique Firearms" is of such recent origin that there may be several of our readers who are unacquainted with it. To them it may be said that "Antique Firearms" most distinctive feature is its being the only periodical in the world devoted to the history of firearms. It is beautifully printed on the best quality of book paper and bound in hand made Italian cover paper. It contains only original matter, the research work of the most reliable historians. Besides the numerous illustrations that belong to the descriptive articles concerning old firearms, are pictures and biographies of the famous old gunmakers published for the first time in "Antique Firearms." The subscription price is \$2.00 per year in America, and \$2.50 in Europe and Asia where it already has a good circulation.

The evidence of the great increase in the collecting of old arms, as testified by the action the magazines are taking, is confined by the activity of the dealers. The readers of the "WEST" remember the advertisements of the recent Fairbrother and Fink auction sales. Several private collectors have also sold their duplicate specimens by auction. Lately the administrator of a deceased collector sold a

fine lot of odd firearms by auction—the results of them all have been very satisfactory. The scarcity of good specimens, aided by the increasing demand, is running the prices up. Every active collector is buying all the desirable specimens now—they know too well, that after a few more months of steadily rising prices that only the collector who “goes out with a full purse” will “land the goods.”

The Influence of the WEST

By an Observer

Several very important organizations owe their success to the publicity given them by the Philatelic West. With a scientific society, or in fact, any other organization, a good start is half the battle. The founders, we will say for example, of an archaeological society must become acquainted with all the active collectors of pre-historic relics. They must, in turn, acquaint the collectors with the objects of their contemplated organization—they must explain the benefits to be derived from membership and the various other matters that interest the prospective member.

It is safe to say that the “WEST” has been the means by which more new societies have been given publicity—that necessary impetus to every successful mutual benefit organization, than any other publication in America. Turn through its pages and see the reports that indicate the prosperity of many scientific fraternities. Besides this there are several other important bodies whose reports used to appear in “WEST.” Now they are able to publish their own official organ.

The “WEST” was first official organ of American Curio & Collectors Society and “International Society of Archaeologists.” Both have a large number of members and are now doing work equal in importance to any other similar organization in America. It is needless to relate any more about its standing as a scientific and fraternal organization for all the readers of the “WEST” are familiar with it. The questions that promoters of many organizations which have been failures ask it—“Why did those societies and clubs prosper while ours went down after a short and desperate struggle?”

“There’s a Reason. The successful societies were organized with untiring men and women as officers who were thoroughly inspired by the work which they had to perform; the society demonstrated its value to its members and the world at large; last, but most important, it was given publicity by some periodical circulating among the kind of people to whom the cause of the society appealed.

The “WEST” has not only been the greatest friend to many of the amateur scientific organizations, but has been a powerful aid to the new dealers patronizing its advertising space. There are dozens of advertisements in its pages of dealers in stamps, coins and curios who depend mainly upon it as a medium through which to inform the public what they have for sale.

20,000 eager collectors look forward to its coming each month anxious to read the matter about their favorite hobby and to scan the advertising pages for bargains in what they collect.

We would like it to be known that Readers may have their photograph inserted in the WEST at the price of only 75 cents. When this is required, only good plain photographs should be sent us, after use the cuts will be returned postage free. As it is very agreeable for correspondents to be known by photograph, we hope that very good use will be made of this offer. The cut alone would cost you more and we are making you this offer at a very low rate.



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 as 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 returns 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.

Applications 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Dear Members:—Our proposed year book has been delayed by unavoidable circumstances but we hope to see it in the near future. I would like to impress upon you the fact that to complete a book of this kind is no little job and that there is a great expense attached to same. To see how much interest you all have in the welfare of the society, I am going to ask each and every member, old and new, to send in five (5) cents in stamps to partially pay for mailing expenses of same. You surely can afford this little sum, when you take into consideration that I have expended over \$100.00 in advertising this book, let alone what it is going to cost to publish it. Wake up, dear members and help your officers along, for they get no more out of the society than you and besides, have all the work to do. The Secretary will receive any donations you wish to make. Thanking you.

I am yours truly, T. H. Fabian.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Until further notice subscribers of the "WEST" may join for 10 cents silver. Canadian silver dimes accepted also. Foreign members can remit by International Reply Coupon. Please don't send stamps for we have to cash them at a discount. This reduction of dues is in compliance with the request of a great many collectors who think our present rate of 50 cents too high.

If same proves a success, 10 cents may become our permanent rate. All col-

lectors should join now, for this low rate may be recalled at any time. Those whose memberships have expired in C. U. and all other societies combined with it are cordially invited to renew at this low rate for we want to keep your names on our list. In renewing please give your membership number. Do it now before it is too late.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICES.

Until further notice address of 2204, W. Carl Stephens will be Clark Glen Farm, Elmira, N. Y. (would like to hear from all card members, can read to some extent, French, Spanish, and Esperanto, although not a graduate in either.

(Formerly) C. N. No. 2130, Mrs. M. W. Verboon, of Djokjakarta, Java, D. E. L. has made satisfactory settlement with Mr. Siebert of New York and is therefore placed in good standing as an ex-member of this Society and her name is accordingly removed from our "Fraud List".

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

No.'s 2258 to 2262, 2264 to 2269. Examine your cards, members. We want you to renew, but please don't renew unless you desire active membership.

RENEWALS. (Charter Members)

2. Geo. H. Rockhoven, Palmyra, N. Y., stamps, cigar bands, natural history specimens.

65. W. C. Jeffries, Box 2046, Bridgeport, Conn.

70. M. Ohlman, 19 E. 98 St., N. Y. City, N. Y.

NEW MEMBERS.

2388. L. D. Crocker, Box 3876, Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa, view post cards, stamp view side. Exchange stamps basis Gibbons.

2389. M. Edgar Trotard, Rue Chardon Legache 92, Paris XVI, France, English, French, post cards. Secretary 'Le Parisienne' Societe Cartophile Internationale. Membership is free. Membership card will be sent you for 50 centimes (10c). Please remit by International Reply Coupon. Please mention my name when writing. J. A. Carr, Jr., Secy.

2390. E. M. Brown, Rock City Falls, N. Y., shells.

Charter members will hereafter be required to pay regular dues. Our former secretary has informed me that all are expected to pay.

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION OF THE PAN-AMERICAN SOUVENIR

CARD CLUB WITH THE COLLECTORS' UNION.

To whom it may concern:—Greeting. You are hereby notified that the Collectors Union has taken charge of the Pan-American Souvenir Card Club and all members of said club will henceforth become members of the Collectors Union. When possible, all membership numbers in P. A. S. C. C. will be allowed to remain the same in the Collectors Union. All those who now have P. A. S. C. C. application blanks and wish to become a member of the new organization may do so at the rate of dues given elsewhere in this report. Hereafter all applications on P. A. S. C. C. blanks will be honored the same as Collectors Union blanks and conditions. For further information read "Notice to P. A. S. C. C." members. Wishing the new "Brotherhood" success, I am, Yours truly,

James A. Carr Jr., Secretary C. U.

NOTICE TO P. A. S. C. C. MEMBERS

All memberships in said club up to No. 465 are not in good standing, with the following exceptions: No.'s 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 38, 69, 90, 102, 138, 195, 210, 243, 250, 378, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, and 465. All memberships from No. 465, up to No. 517, (which is the total membership in said club) are in good standing, and will be notified of the expiration of their memberships, as they run.

out, through our reports in the official organ.

New Members whose names have not been published yet are as follows:

476. Frank Prescott, 2821 Norwood Ave., St. Louis, Mo., desires members to send photo on card and state what they collect and he will reciprocate.
477. Frank Lippert, 4544 Wellington Place, Chicago, Ills.
478. Miss Artie Seaman, 241 Stark Ave., Portland, Oregon; corresponds in French and English.
479. Miss Mary Johnson, 1 West 54th St., New York, N. Y.; corresponds in Swedish and English.
480. Miss Augusta Perlot, 622 Northup St., Portland, Oregon; sends first. Corresponds in French and English.
481. Harry E. Campbell, Box 72, Skunk, Penna.; wants view cards of every college and preparatory school in U. S. A.
482. Virgil D. Augerman, 3524 Rokeby St., Chicago, Ills.; cards and stamps with foreign members.
483. Hugo H. Schroeder, Bettendorf, Iowa; good colored view cards and photo cards
484. Nelson T. Stover, 232 Cherry St., Findlay, Ohio; answers all card received same day.
485. Feliks Boklarz, Krakau, Jagiellouska 11, Galiz, Austria.
486. Alois Mokrisch, Ryne 37, Krakau, Galiz, Austria.
487. Resigned.
488. Frank X. Traeger, 2402 Artington Ave., Davenport, Iowa.
489. Arthur B. Morse, 3234 East 3rd St., Los Angeles, Calif.; good colored view cards only.
490. Lee Davis, Sidney, N. Y. Foreign only.
491. Walter S. Wilkins, Dehesa, Calif.
492. J. E. Autrey, Bcx 82, Holdenville, Okla.
493. Mrs. Ida J. Kinney, Box 213, Guilford, Conn.; foreign views only.
494. Mrs. L. Marshall, 510 19th St., Portland, Oregon.
495. Margaret Brown, 544 East West Morland St., Philadelphia, Penna; colored views only.
496. Richard S. Foster, 261 Gilbert St., Bridgeport, Conn.
497. A. E. French, Eminence, Mo., local view cards only.
498. Charles F. Farber, Box 101, Bettendorf, Iowa; stamp view side from foreign members.
499. Joseph Kniepp, Jr., Box 27, Bettendorf, Iowa; stamp view side from foreign members.
500. F. M. Levelsmier, 5842 Theodosia St., St. Louis, Mo.; foreign members only.
501. Dennis A. Browne, 814 Savies St, Portland, Oregon.
502. L. V. DeGroff, Box 81, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.
503. W. L. Bucke, (is already member of C. U.)
504. H. B. Dynes, 1508 Vigo St., Indianapolis, Ind.
505. Sam Richardson, 792 Thurman St., Portland, Oregon; good colored view cards.
506. M. W. Frierweiler, Aurora, Ill.; public buildings and places of note preferred.
507. Clarence B. McWain, 320 West 8th St., Flint, Mich.
508. Clement Royd, Upper Montclair, N. J., good colored view cards.
509. Max Clurcius, 728 Orchard St., Milwaukee, Wis.; good colored view

cards. Corresponds in English, French, German.

510. Geo. S. Chapman, 677 Mass. Ave., Arlington, Mass.; foreign only.
Stamp view side.

511. L. E. Kane, Box 131, Conrad, Mont., colored view cards.

512. E. B. Frost, Fairchance, Penna.; foreign only.

513. E. Ott, Postcommis, Trogen, Kt Appenzell, Switzerland; corresponds in English, German and French.

514. Fr. Buhrur, c-o Bornheim & Co., St. Gall, Switzerland.

515. A. Gonzenbach, Bleichester 1, St. Gall, Switzerland; corresponds in English, German and French.

516. Kurt Wagner, Interer Grahen No. 6, St. Gall, Switzerland.

517. Ernesto Gschwind, Rosenberstrasse 34, St. Gall, Switzerland; colored view cards, stamp view side. Corresponds in French, Spanish, German and English.

THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER.

The twelfth century knew, or thought it knew, much more than the twentieth century claims to know about the thirty pieces of silver paid to Judas. Godfrey of Viterbo appears to have introduced the legend into the literature of the West. According to him the coins were really of gold, and were made by Terah, and his son Abraham bought land with them. The Ishmaelites used them in the purchase of Joseph; they came into the hands of Pharaoh, and of the Queen of Sheba, who gave them to Solomon. Nebuchadnezzar carried them off, and brought them to his Sabaeen allies. The Magi brought them to Christ, and the Virgin lost them in the Egyptian desert. An Armenian astrologer got possession of them and returned them to Christ, at whose behest they were put in the Temple thus becoming available for the payment of Judas. The Legend given in Solomon of Basara's "Book of the Bee" (thirteenth century) connects the story with Abgarus, and both associate the coins with the "vesture without seam." In the fourteenth century, Ludolph of Suchem and John of Hildesheim gave wide currency to the story in somewhat different forms. Another version is represented by two fifteenth century MSS. in the British Museum. Many coins professing to come from the thirty pieces of silver were or are preserved in various sanctuaries. Of the ten or eleven of which the nature is known eight are Rhodian coins of the fourth century B. C. (e. g., those at S. Croce di Gerusalemme and at Enghein, and one formerly at Malta). The reason for the preponderance of the Rhodian coins lies in the fact that the Malta relic was previously in the castle at Rhodes, and was seen by every pilgrims who passed that way to the Holy Land. Similar Rhodian coins, being common then as now, would thus easily be regarded as belonging to the thirty pieces.

THE GUINEA AND ITS PARTS.

From 1662 to 1813 the guinea was gold currency in England. The earliest five guinea piece appeared in 1668. Some guineas, half guineas, etc., which were made of Guinea gold, had an elephant under the bust to denote the fact. The Elector guinea of George I., 1714; the rare pattern guinea of the same reign, 1727; and perhaps, Queen Anne's guinea, 1702 are worth buying. In George III.'s reign a gold coin of the value of one-third of a guinea was struck (1797-1813) and quarter guineas in 1718 and 1762. The spade guinea is a common coin having several dates; the half spade guinea is comparatively scarce. The latter guineas are worth if in good condition about five per cent more than their face value.

A Column for Kansas Collectors

By George J. Remsburg of Potter, Kansas

Mrs. R. W. Mathis of Parsons, has a collection of 800 pitchers of all kinds of ware from all parts of the world and some of them very old and valuable. Her collection is valued at more than \$5,000.

St. Benedict's college, at Atchison, has one of the finest museums and libraries in the state.

W. H. Sawin of Atchison, has a patent to a farm at Edinburg, Ind., dated 1824 and signed by President James Monroe.

The Kansas Historical society has received as a donation to its museum from Woodson McCoy, of Kansas City, the surveyor's transit used by his father, John C. McCoy, in laying out Kansas City in 1837-47. The instrument is about 100 years old.

Marcille Wallenstein of Atchison, is preparing a paper on the archaeology of Northeastern Kansas to be read before the Atchison High School. Young Wallenstein is a collector of Indian relics.

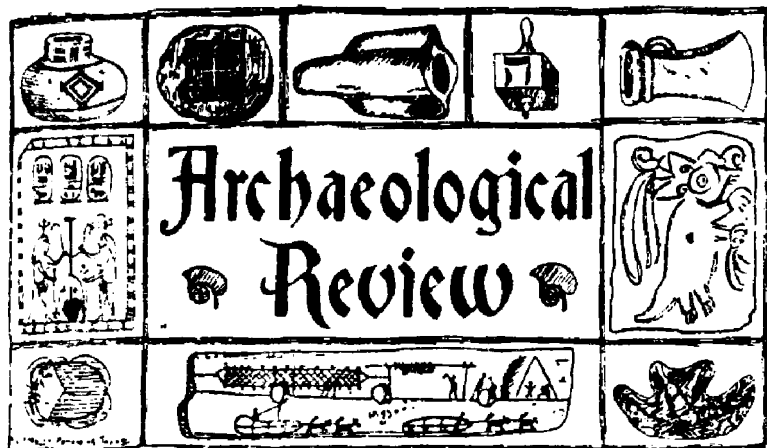
Dr. E. R. Tuttle of Salina, owns a White House chair that Abraham Lincoln sat in while president.

L. S. Collins of the National Military Home, Kansas, has two copies of Leslie's Weekly, one published on May 20, 1865, and the other December 13, 1873. The cover on the former is a sketch of the sinking of the body of John Wilkes Booth in the middle of the Potomac, furnished by one of the two officers employed on that duty. In the magazine is also a full page photograph of the funeral service of President Lincoln, showing the removal of the coffin from the funeral train to the catafalque. There is also one of the reception of the remains at the court house and one showing thirty-six young ladies of the High School strewing the bier with garlands and immortelles. Each girl wears a black scarf. The other number was kept for a sketch of Santiago De Cuba after the massacre and showing the Spanish horsemen trampling the dead and dying victims in a trench.

John W. Baldwin's home at Sedalia, Mo., was recently destroyed by fire and with it a splendid collection of curios went up in smoke. It was one of the finest collections in the state and was valued at many thousands of dollars.

SPIRAL ARROWHEADS.

Several chalcedony arrowheads, which were found in New Jersey some time ago, are all of the rotary type, which gave to the arrow a twisting motion like that of a rifle ball. The arrowheads in question were chipped in a spiral shape and one of them makes a fifth of a turn in its length of two and a half inches. Dropped point down in water each one will perform a complete revolution in a space of about thirty inches.



EDITOR'S NOTICE.—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. Hartz Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

According to the Detroit Free-Press we are to be prepared for some astounding archeological discoveries which are to be made in Michigan this coming summer. Daniel Sopher, so the article states, has made a number of interesting finds of engraved copper plates, which he claims to have found in undisturbed mounds. One plate is claimed to have engravings of the "Birth of Adam", "Birth of Eve", "Driven out of the Garden of Eden", etc. This summer, Mr. Sopher, in company with other interested parties are intending to make extensive explorations. It will be remembered that a few years ago Mr. Sopher was brought before the public, through an article in a Detroit paper, in which he claimed to have found in Michigan a number of copper implements and copper plates covered with engravings representing events of Biblical times. Some of these copper curiosities were examined by expert archaeologists and declared to be fakes. Mr. Sopher expects now to prove that they were mistaken and that his finds were genuine. The results of the summer's work will be known later.

Bulletin No. 37, Bureau of Ethnology, "Antiquities of Central and South-eastern Missouri," by Prof. Gerard Fowke, is of exceeding interest to collectors living in the Mississippi Valley. It comprises 112 pages, illustrated with 19 plates, and 20 text illustrations. In this work the author describes the opening of a large number of mounds, principally in Boone and Howard counties and along the Gasconade and Osage rivers. Mr. Fowke has done a large amount of excavating, through the central part of the Eastern U. S. and thoroughly understands the work, and best of all, — knows how to write an account of his investigations, with full details and in a comprehensive and interesting matter. If you are at all interested in U. S. antiquities do not fail to get a copy of this book.

How many readers have ever read Prof. Moorehead's book, "Ft. Ancient, the Great Pre-historic Earthwork of Warren County, Ohio." I venture to say that not one half of the collectors in Ohio have ever read a complete account of this great earth work, the greatest work of Ancient Man in the U. S. In this book Prof. Moorehead gives an account of the purchase of Ft. Ancient by the State, and a full description of the earthwork with complete surveys. In his book he fully describes the Old Fort, The New Fort, The Great Gateway, The Isthmus, The Crescent Gateway, and The Middle Fort. During his survey, a large amount of excavating

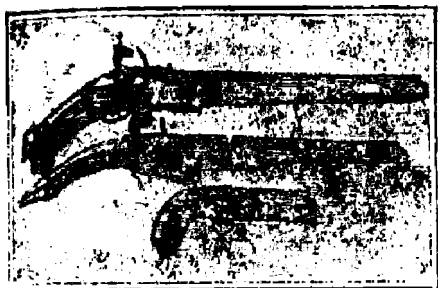
was done in and around Ft. Ancient, and a number of fine relics found. Also quite an amount of information is given on the burials of these ancient people. The book contains 164 pages and is illustrated by 41 plates. Every collector should procure and read a copy of this book which is the only complete work published on this subject. For prices address Prof. Warren K. Morehead, Andover, Mass.

Marked Tree, Ark., Jan. 19 — Racial distinctions in the state of Arkansas have made it impossible for the field committee of the academy of natural sciences of Philadelphia, to search the prehistoric mounds of Little River, north of Marked Tree. The report of the committee on its work during the year just closed has been made by Prof. Clarence J. Moore, who was in charge. The work consisted of opening the mounds on the St. Francis, Little White and Black Rivers where a vast number of skulls and relics were found. The work above Marked Tree was brought to a close on account of the hostility of the natives, who refused to permit the negro servants in the Philadelphia party to enter that section, establishing a "dead line."

When King George is formally crowned, it is probable that in connection with the ceremonies attending the coronation there will be used an old manuscript copy of a part of the Bible in Latin, now preserved in the Cottonian library. This volume has been employed in the coronations of British sovereigns for a period going back three hundred years before the "Stone of Destiny" was brought from Scone to Westminster by Edward I. In other words, this use of the Bible in question dates back to the year 1000. It is a quarto of 217 leaves, containing the four gospels, and seems, from the style of the writing and the illuminations, which are extremely beautiful, to have been made about the end of the ninth century. It narrowly escaped destruction in the fire at Ashburnham House in 1731, of which event it bears evidence in its crumbled leaves and singed margins. It is said that the son of Edward the Elder, Athelstan the Glorious, who was king of the West Saxons from 925 to 940, owned this Bible and gave it to the church at Dover — Harper's Weekly.

The Special Feature Section of the St. Louis Republic for Sunday morning Feb. 12 1911, contains an article entitled, *Discovered—Works of the First Missourian Artist*. Rude pictures of men and beasts, strange pictographs of birds, trees and reptiles, pottery decorated with savage colorings and death masks of warriors and chieftains were found in various parts of the state by a recent scientific expedition. This article fits in well with Bulletin No. 37, mentioned in the beginning of this Dept., and a copy should be procured to go with the book.

LARGE PHOTO. — A photographic firm at Denver, Colo., recently produced the largest photograph in the world. It cost \$350, and was made for advertising purposes. The subject was a beautiful Kentucky thoroughbred horse, and the size of the photograph is seven by nine feet. It took a New York firm six months to manufacture one sheet of paper the necessary size on which the picture was printed. The photo is a sixteen times enlargement from the original negative, and the lens with which the negative was made cost \$500, while the enlarging lens cost \$1,000. The horse posed before the camera three hours and a half. — (Written by H. C. Ferris.)



American Society Antique Weapon Collectors

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Vice President—Dr. G. F. E. Wilharm

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421 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa

Board of Directors—Hon. Charles Kline, Dr. W. B. Cathcart, Dr. W. E. Linn, G. C. Chisler, G. M. Hunter.

The American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors held a meeting at their headquarters, 6322 Frankstown Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., Friday evening, March 31st, 1911. The following members were present:—Pres. O. J. Bierly presiding, Dr. G. F. Wilharm, G. M. Hunter, Harry S. Reel, G. C. Chisler, G. F. Brown and F. Martin.

New members elected were Thomas Tauber of McKeesport, Pa. Some interesting correspondence was read by the secretary and many photos of pistols were shown. The next meeting will be held Friday, May 26th, 1911.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. Brown, Secretary.

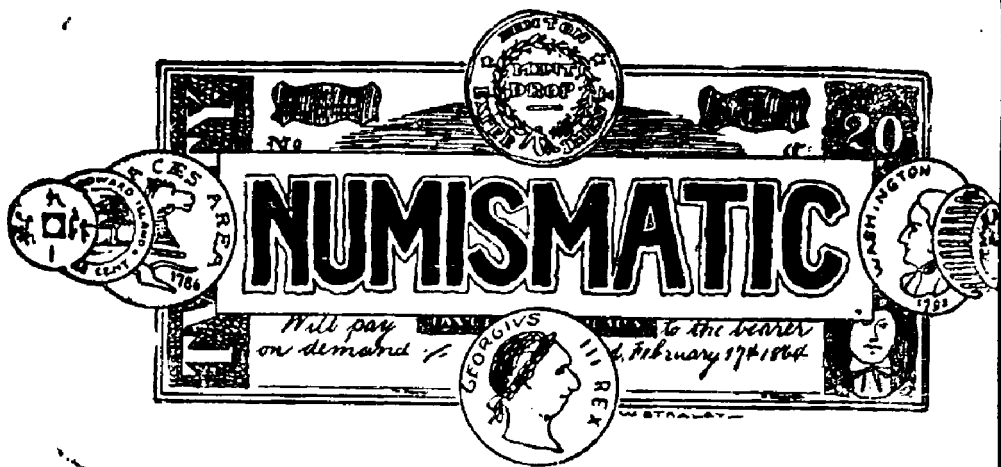
IMPORTANT PRICES REALIZED AT THE AUCTION SALE OF RARE COINS HELD BY B. MAX MEHL, Ft. Worth, Tex.

\$10.00 Gold 1801	\$21.00
\$10.00 1907 St. Gaudens First issue	30.00
\$10.00 Gold, 1907 St. Gaudens Second issue, only 500 coined, realized	150.00
1795 \$5.00 gold, First year of issue	25.50
1864 Gold dollar	25.00
1853 Moffat & Co, \$20.00 Gold, California	42.00
Carolina \$5.00 gold, (1831)	35.00
1836 Silver dollar, Proof	25.00
1794 Half dollar, First half dollar	3.50
1815 half dollar	4.50
1852 half dollar	3.50
1753 Cent, Very good	10.00
1799 Cent, the rarest cent, very fair to good	27.50
1804 Cent Very fine	30.00
1291 Cent, Very fine	5.75
1856 Eagle cent, Proof	9.85
1795 Half dime	5.00
1795 \$10.00 gold	32.50
1851 California \$50.00 gold, with stamped in edge	\$215.00

The sale consisted of over 1000 lots and realized more than \$2500.00.

Have any of our coin collecting friends got tired of their accumulations? At the present time there is a very great demand for very fine or very rare coins. We doubt if there is a single coin of this class which would not realize double the price it cost its owner if sold at either private sale or public auction.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

CALL AT Fink Curio Store 116 So. Ludlow St., Dayton, Ohio. Biggest and best.



Something about Medals

As far back as 1864 an interesting booklet was published in London, dealing about medal collecting and the following rules laid down, of what a gentleman should know about medals. The public or common people were not considered those days.—lack of coin I guess. The instructions are as follows:

1. Age of Medals.
2. The metals, whereof Medals are made.
3. The several heads and reverses that render Medals interesting or curious.
4. The different languages found on Medals
5. The best way of preserving medals.
6. The knowledge of ornaments and symbols.
7. Counterfeiting and how to discover the same.
8. The principles laid down to facilitate the knowledge of Medals.

Medals are quite ancient. The Greek and Romans issued medals in commemoration of wars, battles, statesmen, emperors, etc. The ancient Greek medals generally show a finer work than the Roman. Some are said positively to have existed at the time of Caesar 54 B. C. Here it is well to mention, that all these medals, whether issued for ceremonies, families or religion, etc. were generally issued in quantities and used as money. So not particularly rare, depending possibly a good deal on if they were issued in gold, silver or copper. This differs with medals of other countries which were issued only to honor a certain man or occurrence, but not as money. The Hebrews, Phoenicians, Arab, etc. had medals. The line between ancient or modern medals is very elastic, perhaps the modern medals may be reckoned from the fall of Constantinople about 1453, captured by the Turks. Toward the end of the Roman Empire, the medals deteriorate to such an extent that the name medals could hardly be applied, only inferior makeshifts.

A series of silver and copper medals of the Popes, beginning with Martin the Fifth, (1430) and to Alexander the Eighth, were known to be in existence and in possession of various noblemen, cardinals, etc. Already in those days by the enemies of the Holy See were medals made ridiculing the Church.

Gold, silver and copper is the main material used for medals, though some made from lead exist. Some, made out of copper, silvered over, are extremely rare. Gold as material always makes a medal valuable, still there are copper

medals which are more valuable than gold ones. In the ancient days medals were about 3 inches in diameter down to about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter (missilia). The head of a medal bore the head of a god, king, hero, etc., or any public monument. The reverse often remained plain, or bore some kind of description.

The Macedonian Kings medals are not inferior to the best Roman.

Some medals of the Gothic Kings come down to us having good reliefs, both in silver or copper.

Some of the ancient kings of France, time of Justinian, had medals. Goltzius, a great antiquarian, knew 200 medals of Greek cities. He had in 1618 printed in Antwerp 100 plates (engraved by himself), in 2 volumes of Goltzius' Greek History. Another most painstaking work on the Latin Colonies was written by a M. Vaillant.

Medals were classified in those days under kings, cities, consular, deities, etc. The reverse as time progressed, was embellished with many kinds of subjects. The knowledge of languages, the ancient as well as the modern, like German, French, Dutch, etc., are often necessary to make out a particular medal. Greek was quite extensively used, even after the subjugation by the Romans on their medals. Arabic medals form a separate division, also the ancient Spanish tongue requires study.

Under the head of the preservation of medals is said the following: The value of the medal is augmented by a certain varnish that a certain earth gives the metal and covers some with an azure, almost like that of turkey stone and others vermilion. The green rust on silver medals can be removed with lemon juice. Conditions had a good deal to do with medals, just like nowadays. Silver medals with edges indented are proofs of antiquity especially of the time of Consular medals.

Symbols and Ornaments had often their specific meaning. Diadems are older than crowns. The Phrygian bonnet can be found. A crown of ears of corn is the symbol of Ceres; some of flowers, Flora; some of vine leaves, Bacchus; a hat with two wings, Mercury; a globe, Master of the World; and many other symbols could be mentioned.

Experience is and was the only safe guard against counterfeits.

No much for the old books of 200 years ago. Modern medals of course show a more finished appearance and if you would like to secure some of the U. S. medals write to the Director of the U. S. Mint for a price list of medals issued by the U. S. Government. It will surprise you.—Hartman, Denver.

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Interesting Collection

Michael Zemaný, Jr.

Readers have read so many descriptions of different collections in the WEST that I thought I would tell of my collection—or part of it. To begin with, I have an old book printed in 1514, the cover is of parchment, well preserved for its age. It has a picture on the cover, stamped in evidently, of a king? as above his head is a coat of arms with a double eagle facing right, and left; on top is a crown, in the right hand he holds a sword over the right shoulder. There is an inscription in Latin on the bottom, which I can not very well make out, as it is worn pretty smooth. The title on 1st page is *M. T. Ciceronis, Librorum Philosophicorum Volumen I. Post Naguelanam & Victorianam correctionem, emendatum. Ioan Svimio. Academicae quaestiones. Editionis primae, liber quartus, qui Lucullus inscribitur. Editionis secundae liber primus De finibus bonorum & malorum. Tusculanae quaestiones. Indice rerum verborumqz insigniorum adiecto Cum gratia & privilegio Casareo ad annos octo. MDLXXIII.*

At the back is the inscription: *Impressum Argentorati, Apud Iosiam Rihelium Anno. MDLXXIII.* Someone that owned the book in 1697 (the date is July 1st) has put their name in it, but I cannot make the name out as it is in the old handwriting, although it is very plain. The book is printed with Italic letters and the reading all through is Latin and is perfect. Can any reader give me any information about it?

My next is a collection of Military buttons, U. S. and Spanish which I happened to pick up while in Manila (1889-1901) and in Havana, Cuba (1902-1903) there are about 35 different ones. One from Cuba has a single star which has seen service in the Cuban Army, it is quite old. Also have a few cross guns.

Next are some old bronze nails which I took from a wooden bridge in Moro Castle, at Cabanas Havana, Cuba. The Castle was buildings from 1589 to 1597, so they must be pretty old. I was told that one O'Reilly, helped to build this Castle. When finished they put him to death so he would not give away the plans. I have no authority for this, I only heard it; although on the light dome on the Castle is the word O'Reilly, 1848 (2).

While in Manila I picked up a paper, a double sheet. I was told it was the Constitution for the Philipino Republic. I cannot read it as it is written in the Tagalog language. It has the seal of the "Gobierno Dictatoriae Filipinae" the rising sun, with three mountain tops and single star, signed by Aguinaldo at Cavite, in June 1898.

Now we come to Old Fort Niagara, N. Y. I have the keys to the old Block Houses, they are finished very nicely, but unlike the present day key—there are two of them in a perfect state and two are very rusty. They are the keys to the South West Block House and North East Block House. At present there are padlocks on the doors. These Block Houses were built prior to 1767, the exact date I do not know; also an old flint lock pistol the flint and powder pan dated 1759, a few round lead bullets cast that were picked up around the Fort, some arrow heads, a pair of old pincers and a wrench which saw service in the War of 1812. Also a few shot from the same time which are round, and about one inch in diameter.

There is a shutter on one of the buildings which contains about 50 or 60 big 1 cent pices. They used them instead of burrs on the end of rivets. It is in an out-of-the-way place where no one would look for such things. Mr. Peter A. Porter, the author of "A Brief History of Old Fort Niagara, does not say anything of this, although he describes the Fort pretty well. The fort dates from about 1651. I will help anyone interested as much as I can.

Communication

Westgate, Iowa, March 27, 1911.

To WEST Readers:—

I have been studying for some time past, a certain form of a mound which is found upon one farm in the vicinity of this town.

These mounds vary in size from ten to thirty feet in diameter and from one and one half to three feet in height. They are nearly all very perfect, resembling a portion of a sphere. They are all in the open. I know of only one made in the forest and this one is a small oval one. I remember, perhaps ten years ago when I was but a small boy, of asking what these were and was told that they were "Badger mounds". At one time I showed them to a Westerner, referring to them as "Badger mounds" but he said they were not made by a badger, if they were, there would be a hollow to show where the hole had been; and so this gave more room for my favorite theory, That they were Indian mounds. I recently made inquiries about them from one who came to this county in the early 50's and was told that as early as this person could remember them, they were more nearly perfect than they now are, and were covered with a rank growth of weeds. To me it seems that this statement indicates much. The difference in vegetation from the surrounding vegetation, would show, it would seem, that the earth in the mound had been disturbed. The regularity of its formation would indicate that it had not been formed by any animal and lastly, the early date at which it must have been made would point out that it was not made by the hand of a white man. Thus, my theory and conclusion—It must have been the Red man.

Once several years ago, I determined to dig into one of these mounds and find out for myself what was in them and so, accordingly, set out with my spade, making a vigorous attack upon one of the smallest of the mounds. I dug a hole in its center, perhaps two or three feet square and perhaps three feet deep. It being rather wet weather and the ground rather low the water flowed up from the bottom and I was forced to abandon my project. It was my first and last attempt but I found that the earth had been disturbed, for two reasons: 1. There were little black shining particles resembling bits of patent leather, but upon close examination proved to be particles of leaves, and 2. Down near the bottom of my excavation I found a piece of the claw of some animal. It was about an inch long and with slight curvature indicating that it was originally much longer. One end of the claw showed where it had been broken and the other appeared to have been ground off at a slant, the whole being yellow with age. I being much younger at that time than now, was easily discouraged and having them brought to my attention more recently, resolved to write the WEST. Can anyone tell me what they are?

John McSweeney, Jr.

The archaeologists have been "playing smash" with history during the last few years. The discovery of the remains of an ancient civilization of the highest character in Central America has now been followed by the discovery in Crete of relics of an advanced civilization that existed before the primitive people who have always been supposed to be the original inhabitants of that region. This discovery disproves the historic theory that the people of Southern Europe were savages until the "blonde easts" of the north came down and overwhelmed them. These people existed in the neolithic and paleolithic times. While the archaeologists in Europe have been re-writing the ancient history of the world, out here in Nebraska Giljer has proved beyond contradiction that a race inhabited these plains thousands of years before the Indians came. Ever see his Nebr. man.

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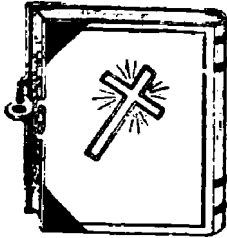
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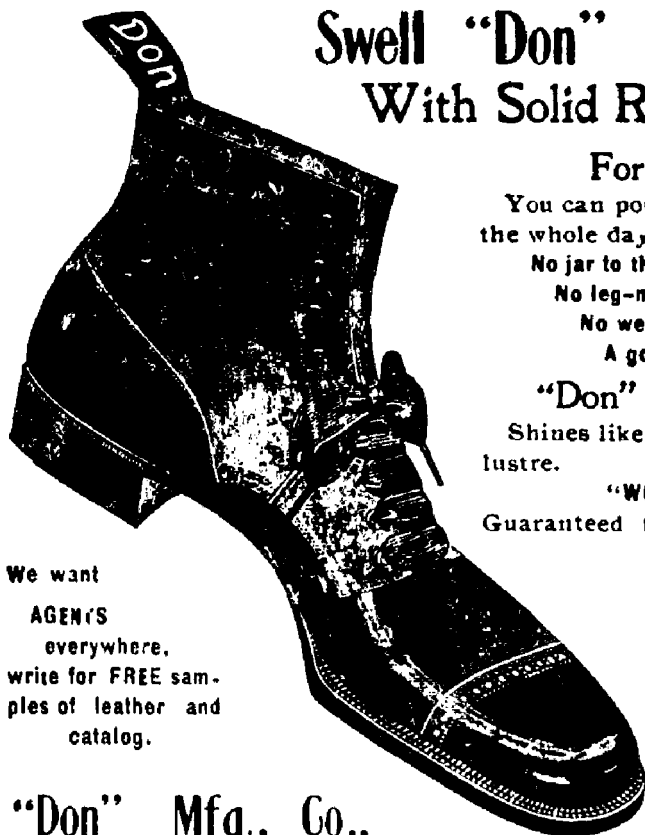
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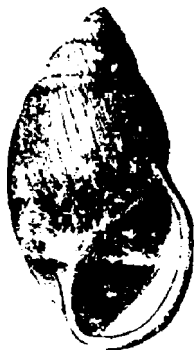
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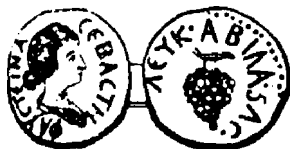
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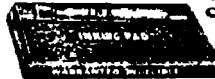
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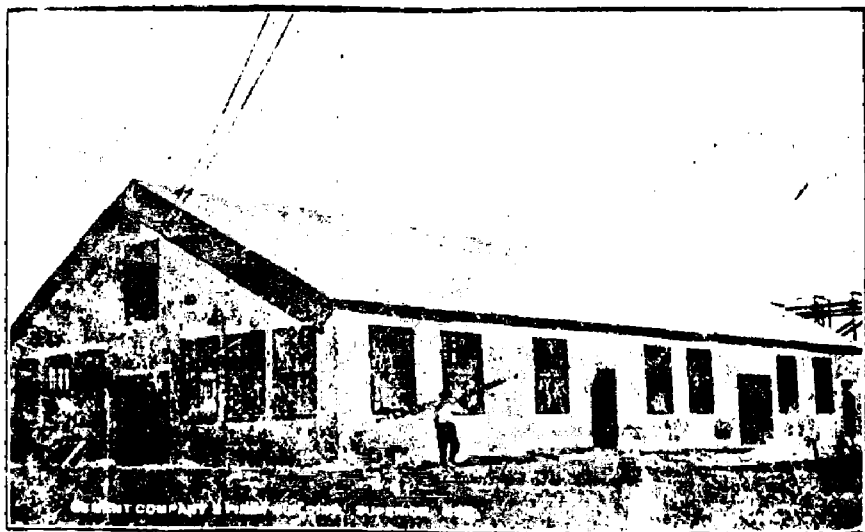
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