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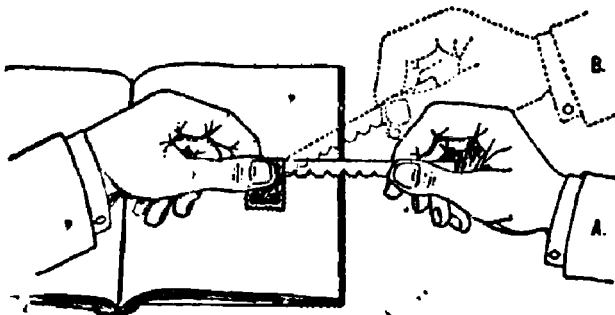
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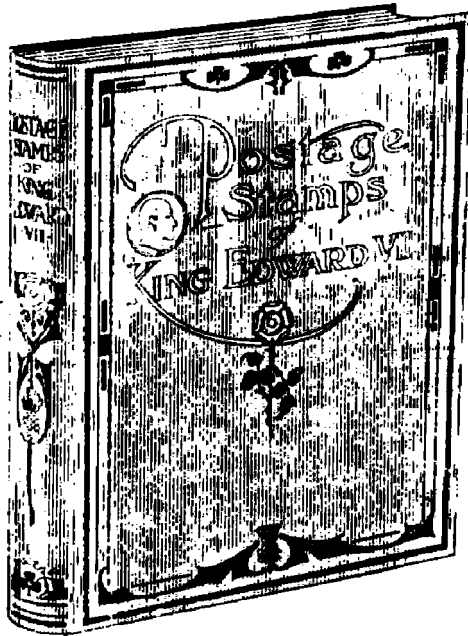
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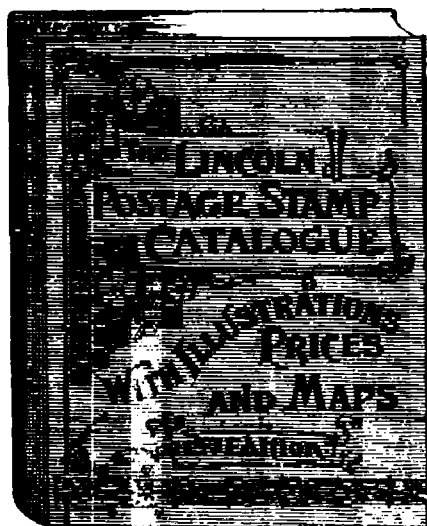
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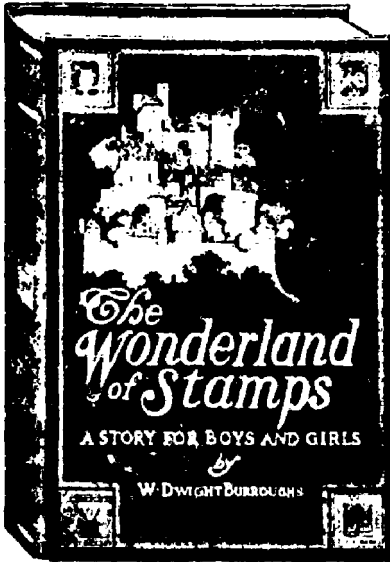
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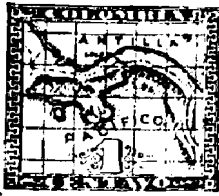
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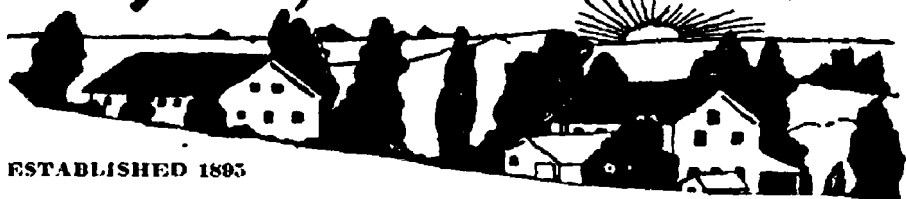
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## EDITORIAL CORNER.

Some of the best stamp collections of this country are said to be going over to the Vienna Philatelic Exhibition. That means their absence from the A. P. S. Exhibition in Chicago, for it will hardly be possible to show them at both, the dates being too close together. We can hardly say anything against the desire of the exhibitors to exhibit at an international stamp fair in preference to a local show. Yet we very much deplore the fact that any fine thing is being carried away at a time, when it might help to increase the success of the Chicago enterprise. Isn't there patriotism enough to keep some of our best things at home? For our consolation we might argue that, when the big fish are away, the smaller ones have better play, also, that there are many other good things in the U. S. besides the half dozen collections that are going

over to Austria. We don't like the idea tho of anyone going away, when his patriotism should prompt him to stay at home. It seems not absolutely impossible to reach Vienna early enough after the close of the A. P. S. Exhibition at Chicago. Leaving Chicago in the evening of August 26th stamps might arrive in Vienna before the end of September 5th, and making this special hurried trip would give the collections that make it special interest and attraction. The possibility of earning two gold medals in the short space of three weeks on both sides of the globe looks like something worth while.

News from the General Postoffice at Washington is so plentiful lately that we are induced to think that, either it is given more freely than formerly, or there is really something done at headquarters that is worth telling.

First of all there is the continued extension of the Postal Savings Banks System. Then there is the establishment of a new Central for the Postal Railway Service at Omaha, Nebraska. Then there is a substantial raise in the salary of the Rural Mail Carriers—of which, by the way, there are 41,562 at present in the United States. Then we hear of continued, and it seems, strenuous effort to establish a parcels post. In between, comes the news of the new contract for U. S. stamped envelopes for the next four years, with a saving of several thousand dollars. And finally there is more talk about establishing a one cent rate for domestic letters.

This latter proposition is opposed by the Chicago Federation of Labor on the ground that, before any reduction of letter rate be attempted, the postal clerks and letter carriers in cities should receive some attention for the betterment of their condition.

We believe the Federation of Labor is right in taking this position. There will be time enough for a reduction in letter rate, when other improvements have established and tried out to the full assurance of their value and permanency.

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## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

WILLIAM J. SEEVER of St. Louis, Mo., is better known perhaps to the Curio Collector of the world than any other dealer, his specialty being Archaeology and mainly the relics of the Indians and Mound Builders of the Mississippi Valley and writings pertaining thereto. For 40 years Mr. Seever has given his time to research in this line, has conducted much original field work, excavating the ancient habitations, cemeteries and mounds of the central west, the results being seen in the museums and cabinets of the world, both public and private. From 1890-93 he was engaged doing field work, forming the Missouri Archaeological exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair, where he had charge as state commissioner. This exhibit afterwards formed the nucleus of the fine collection of the Missouri Historical Society at St. Louis. During 1894-1900 he was secretary and curator of the society, placing the society's present museum and library on a permanent basis. It was at this time that the famous Tennessee Flints, 46 in number, the largest of which measures twenty-seven inches, were found by him and added to the Society's collection, these implements being conceded by all as being the most extraordinary in the world. To Mr. Seever also belongs the credit of organization to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase, resulting in the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904, he having conceived the idea, called the first meeting and

served as secretary and one of the organizers for three years previous to the opening of the fair.

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GEORGE J. RHEIN began to collect stamps in the year of 1907. In 1908 he had considerable trouble in the past in retaining suitable official organs, but now he has 2000 or over, containing cards of over fifty different countries. In the same year he also founded the present AMERICAN SOUVENIR CARD CLUB of which he is now Secretary and Treasurer. They have had considerable trouble in the past in retaining suitable official organs, but now they have the WEST to stay.

WARREN SPITLER sends a photograph of one of the strangest freaks of nature we have ever seen. This freak growth was found in the forest near Middlebrook, Va., by himself. It is almost a perfect representation of a large bird. The carving on it is very beautiful and will have to be seen to be appreciated. The carving is as if done by hand but human hands have never changed it from its natural growth. It is 12 inches in height and ten and one half inches from the tail to the head.

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### SOME ROYAL HOBBIES.

The king, as everybody knows, has a weakness for walking sticks, but another collection in His Majesty's possession will have a unique interest in the future.

This consists of relics gathered together from every war in which British soldiers have fought since the early days of Queen Victoria. The king has also a quaint assortment of the programs of every opera, play and concert which he has attended since he came to years of discretion. One would imagine this to be a bulky collection.

Queen Alexandra collects many things—lace, china, crystals and tiny objects made in precious and semi-precious stones; but her greatest treasure is a collection of books, most of which came to her by inheritance. When Princess of Wales she received the Mitchell bequest, that took the form of a choice collection of books valued at \$50,000.

And afterward the late Sir William Fraser bequeathed to Her Majesty a splendid collection of books, papers and pictures which dealt with the subject of women's dress during the last century. The queen has also a vast number of volumes of modern literature and is a fine amateur photographer.

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## THE A. P. S. CONVENTION.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Philatelic Society, to be held at Chicago, August 22 to 25, promises to eclipse all former records, both in attendance and in entertainment features, and will prove a fitting silver anniversary celebration for our premier stamp society.

The central location of Chicago and the many attractions it offers to the vacation seeker, added to the convention itself having proven a powerful drawing card, and philatelists, big and little, are planning to pour in from all parts of the country. Every member of the association is cordially invited to attend and is assured a royal good time.

The entertainment features are still in tentative form, but as nearly as possible the following schedule will be followed:

Monday, August 21, at 8 p. m., an informal reception will be tendered the delegates either at the convention headquarters or the Art Institute. This will afford an excellent opportunity for everyone to become acquainted.

Tuesday, August 22. The principle attraction will be the Moonlight Boat Trip on Lake Michigan. One of the large lake steamers will be chartered for the occasion. Music, singing and dancing will enliven the trip.

Wednesday, August 23. Chicago is well named the garden city, with its miles of boulevards and parks. An automobile ride occupying from two to three hours will take the delegates through all of our principle parks, winding up at the German Building in Jackson Park in time for lunch at 6 p. m.

Thursday, August 24, will probably be spent at Riverview Park. This is the largest amusement park in Chicago and one of the largest in the world, and all of the attractions usually found in amusement parks as well as scores of others will be found.

The above is merely a bare outline of a few principle attractions. There will be many little surprises and several other enjoyable affairs which, taken all together, will make the Chicago convention an epoch to date your philatelic experiences from. Don't miss it.

As convention headquarters, the magnificent new LaSalle has been secured and here the executive sessions of the convention will be held in the Red Room. This room is away up on the nineteenth floor, opposite the Roof Garden, and the cool breezes from the lake make it comfortable in any weather. All members were sent a rate card and other information which need not be repeated here.

### THE EXHIBITION.

One of the special features, and one sure to interest all philatelists, is the exhibition to be held at the Art Institute at the same time as the convention. This, by the way, is the second exhibition of any pretense ever held in the United States, and the promoters approached the task in fear and trembling. All their worries, however, were groundless, for the space allotted has already been more than filled up, every class and every section is well represented, and the success already attained has far exceeded the expectations of even the most optimistic. All, or nearly all, of the "big" collectors in this country and a few from Europe will be represented, among whom are such well known names as Messrs. Worthington and Pack. If all the exhibits so far entered can be placed, the stamps on exhibition will represent an actual cash value of over \$300,000. One frame showing the 100 rarest stamps will alone total \$100,000, an average of \$1,000 per stamp—real money.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Henry A. Fowler from 100 Washington St., to 89 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.

## OMISSION FROM YEAR BOOK.

Through an error of the printer of the Annual Year Book the name of P. M. Wolsieffer (No. 225) 1301 Fort Dearborn Building, Chicago, Ill., was omitted. All members kindly insert the same in proper place.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

I have before me complaint against the following members who now stand suspended from the S. P. A.:

- 343. W. E. Dunlap, 251 Sanchez St., San Francisco, Cal.
- 454. Henry J. Schmidt, 3015 Southport Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- 622. A. E. Jepp, Eugene, Ore.

I ask that all members having unsatisfactory dealings with these parties report the case to the secretary at once, with all evidense. There are others that will follow shortly unless their dealings follow the channel of justice more accurately in the future than heretofore.

Be sure and strike these names off your copy of th e Year Book.

Should there be further complaints kindly advise the secretary as we want to clean the S. P. A. of some evil timber that has glided in from time to time.

Hoping to hear from time to time, I am, Fraternally,  
 R. L. Doak, Sec'y.

## SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, July 31st, 1911.

133 books in circulation as per last month's report, value.....	\$2079.09
16 books received since, value.....	226.85
149 books, value.....	\$2305.94

38 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$195.04 or  
 37 per cent was sold..... 528.13

111 books in circulation.....\$1777.81

**INSURANCE FUND.**

Amount on hand as per last month's report.....\$173.22

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**DISBURSEMENTS.**

Harry U. Lindsay for loss of stamps.....\$4.00

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Total amount.....\$168.25

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

The beauties of philately are equally attractive to rich and poor. The wealthy can derive pleasure in the acquisition of the great rarities ranging in price from one to ten thousand each, but the poor can obtain stamps of great rarity though of uncatalogued value. Town cancelled stamps are very interesting and in some cases of great rarity, but at present of only nominal value. It would be a very interesting and valuable collection to obtain a complete set of the U. S. stamps representing every town in this country. It would, however, be more a matter of work than of collecting because it is only by accident that the town names come on our stamps, therefore a letter would have to be written to each postmaster asking him to cancel the reply with town instead of obliterating stamp. As there are fifty thousand post offices in the country this would represent a lot of work and in the case of bad tempered postmasters considerable diplomacy, but it could doubtless be accomplished, the cost would be about two thousand dollars; probably in a few years it would find a purchaser at double that amount. However, this is not a poor man's collection but there are other countries that would not cost as much. Canada would be much cheaper. Take the West India islands, there can only be a few hundred towns at the outside and stamps can be found used in cheap lots. A few dozen towns although interesting would not be valuable, but a complete set would give a year or two of pleasure in accumulating and would sell for a good price is at any time the owner desired to realize. Herein we have only referred to cancellations, but there is the ever present U. S. plate numbers which have a great future before them. Commence collecting these with the new issue and never let an opportunity slip to get the back numbers whenever possible. We know of one number purchased for a cent which the owner holds at twenty-five dollars.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

Dr. J. M. Brooks has written a little item which may be of interest to collectors who have had difficulty in determining U. S. on bluish paper. Dr. Brooks says:—"Place stamp, face down, on a sheet of white paper, when the blue shade will show up, if present. Try it with one of the ordinary paper, and notes the difference, when the shade might easily escape notice otherwise."



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152	1	Commercial Electric Supply Co.	No.8 1c Clinical Excerpts
			10 1 National Cloak & Suit Co.
BOSTON:			14 13 Chas. Broadway Rouss
2	1c	Youths Companion	80 1 California Perfume Co.
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272	7	Baird North & Co.	172 1 Odd Fellows Co.
CINCINNATI:			225 1 Review of Reviews Co.
35	1	Union Central Life Ins. Co.	231 1 Mutual Life Ins. Co.
41	1	Samuel Ach Co.	254 1 Tyrrell's Hygienic Institute
50	1	I. & S. Bing	257 1 Bellas Hess Co.
84	3	The Chas. Meis Shoe Co.	257 6 Bellas Hess Co.
93	1	J. M. Hanson Agency	301 1 Robert Orr
157	1	National Wholesale Liquor Ass'n.	346 1 Franklin Square Subscription Agency
241	1	Bankers Doings	401 2 Tobias Cloak & Suit Co.
225	1	The Carey Roofing Co.	512 1 Standard Mail Order Co.
259	39	Oskanp Nolting Co.	519 1 A. G. Splading & Bros.
261	1	F. L. Rowe	353 1 Cook's Tours
BALTIMORE:			594 1 Longmans Green Co.
1	1	Baltimore Bargain House	CHICAGO:
	3		30 1 Loftis Bros & Co.
	4		35 4 M. Philipsborn
	17		42 1 Hope Publishing Co.
36	1c	Maryland Casualty Co.	114 1 Selz Shoe Co.
96	7	Wm. J. C. Dulany	116 2 The Valve World
LOUISVILLE:			173 1 Moore & Evans
1	1	Peaslee Gaulbert Co.	206 1 Pumps and Supplies
5	1	Herndon Carter Co.	250 1 The Carter Times
11	3	Wood Stubbs & Co.	283 1 American Steel & Wire Co.
23	2	The Sutcliffe Co.	301 7 C. D. Peacock
70	2	B. F. Avery & Sons	375 1 The Merchants Paint Co.
75	1	The Louisville Herald	405 3&1 The Millinery Herald
CLEVELAND, OHIO:			466 1 Jones & Dreyer
1	1	The Sherwin Williams Co.	537 1 Northwestern Expanded Metal Co.
COLUMBUS, OHIO:			585 1 Mark G. Harris & Co.
2	9	C. Lilley & Co.	600 1 Baker Mfg Co.
5	1	Columbus Carriage & Harness Co.	616 6 Chas. Rubens & Co.
36	1	The Artura Photo Paper Co.	625 1 A. H. Hitchcock
43	1	Ohio Carriage Mfg Co.	674 1 Universal Portland Cement Co.
RACINE, WIS.:			ST. LOUIS:
1	1	J. I. Case Threshing Mch Co.	56 2 W. N. Mathews & Bro.
BUFFALO, N. Y.:			59 1 Missouri Tent & Awning Co.
80	1	The Hayes Bulletin	88 1 Hamilton Brown Shoe Co.
WICHITA, KANSAS:			110 1 August Gast Bank Note Co.
10	1	The Mentholatum Co.	

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## PHILATELY IN A COUNTRY'S COMMERCE.

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Whilst philately has been discussed from nearly every exhaustible standpoint, there yet remains to be determined its status in the economics of a country. Granted that the pursuit of it is followed by the minority only, and that it is still considered a fad by a large section of the community, and a mania by the unreasoning public; there is also a section who, whilst they do not collect or understand philately in its true sense, yet recognize its educational factors. We can, for the time being dismiss stamps from an art point of view, and look at the position it takes in the commercial affairs of a country. It is certainly a unique one when the comparative insignificant value of a postage stamp as a commercial product is considered. For that matter, so is a banknote, but the latter has at all times during the existence of the bank that issues it, a fixed value. But a postage stamp stands on a different footing. Whilst its face value, as it is, issued from the post office is always the same, yet directly it passes out of the control of the issuing office, it becomes at once a commercial article, something that has an intrinsic value, guided mainly by supply and demand. That millions fail to recognize this, and in ignorance, destroy those that have a future value, does not lessen the fact of its commercial utility.

Looked at from another standpoint, we find that stamp-collecting gives employment to a large number of persons, how many does not matter, since our aim is to show the value of philately to the wealth and welfare of a country. Dealers and their employees all contribute their quota towards the revenue; so they would have done mostly likely if engaged in another sphere, but their contribution simply establishes the fact that stamps are a factor in commercial wealth. Where their collection has proved a very profitable source of income, the State gains thereby additional revenue. What we have to look at is that at the present day the value of all the stamps collected by private individuals, and held as stock by dealers, runs into millions of pounds sterling, and that is must be included in the commercial wealth of a country.

It may be asked: What about the status of philately in the moral welfare of a country? At first thought it would be difficult to gauge its position, but when looked at from an educational standpoint, the position becomes more defined. Were it included in the curriculum of a school, even in its simplest form, the general knowledge of the pupils would become of wider extent, and help to bring out their artistic and other science-leaning capabilities. We know that this has been recognized by several schoolmasters, who, although not collectors themselves, have used stamps as an aid towards teaching the students geography, international currency, and fine art. But it is not only the student that has gained in these directions through an acquaintance with stamps. Many a collector could tell us how valuable their hobby has been to them outside of its philatelic value. Even from an art point of view, a stamp has a position entirely its own. A painting or sculpture has a restricted position in the art of a country. Once they become part of the furnishing of a house or a museum they cease to become a contributor to the revenue, although an occasional one, in the case of the first. They play but a small part in the commercial affairs of a country, and whilst they may increase in value in a greater ratio than rare stamps, this increase is not always guided by the same circumstances. Thus, we have proved sufficient to entitle philately to be considered from a more solid standpoint as a contributor to a country's wealth than it has hitherto been.—  
**Australian Philatelist.**

Philately has reached such a wide range, that the word "Stamp Collector," no longer represents the meaning it did, say, forty years ago, when it was possible to show a collection embracing most of the stamps of all countries that had issued them. It is possible to do this to-day, but such a collection is a "rara avis" of the most pronounced kind, and it is doubtful if a second Mr. Ferrary—said to possess the finest and completest in the world—can be found. As stamp issuing countries increased, and also the number of issues, it became a necessity to confine attention to certain countries, and to specialize their stamps. This gradually necessitated a greater research in all matters pertaining to their production, and with it philatelic knowledge, ungrudgingly given to the collecting world by means of philatelic literature of all kinds, increased amazingly. In fact a collection of all that has been written on stamps is, as far as we know, not in the lands of anyone yet, the Earl of Crawford, who is known to have the best library on the subject, still advertising for missing matter. Many philatelic journals have come and gone, never to reappear again, and it is safe to say that the majority of collectors never even heard of their existence. Since a complete philatelic library is so difficult to obtain, a complete collection of stamps, with all their varieties, must be well-nigh impossible, if proofs, essays, color trials, etc., are to be considered an indispensable part of it. Thus, the average collector can easily see the Herculean task before him should he want to collect every country. And, as far as our knowledge goes of the average philatelist, he or she are inclined that way. If the state of the individual finance will stand it, by all means collect as many countries as possible; but this means, either the giving up of the best part of one's time to the study of stamps, so as to become an expert philatelist, or the possession of a collection of which the owner has but a superficial knowledge. The latter places him or her outside the scientific circle of philately. You must either be a "stamp collector" or a "specialist". In philately the first implies the average collector of stamps, the second a high grade in philately. To reach the top of the tree requires a thorough knowledge of all the stamps issued, and their varieties and history.

Our advice to the embryo philatelist is to confine attention to as few countries as possible, and to study everything about them. Even the collecting of stamps of one country, which are low in price, will bring with it a pleasurable study that will go far towards compensating him or her for the inability to collect as many as are desired. Whilst the works on stamps, complete as many of them are, will be of incalculable benefit to him, he must take no notice, even of the best, of the completeness of the investigations. The unexpected has often turned up, and amongst his stamps he may find a variety that has escaped the specialists, and which will give him a prominence in philately that he or she could not have obtained, if he had not specialized.—Australian Philatelist.

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The PHILATELIC STAMP NEWS for July 8th describes elaborately the two new stamps of Great Britain, which were issued on coronation day June 22d, and speaks of the high prices recently paid for the 5 cts. U. S. of 1847. One of the reasons given for these high prices is that several wealthy collectors are specializing in them and are buying them up singly, in pairs and in blocks wherever they appear. If this be done for purposes of study, there is no objection, but —!

# THE POSTAGE-STAMP PARLIAMENT.

By Fred J. Melville.

Last month there assembled at Birmingham, England, a group of stamp-collectors who have been sent thither to represent their philatelic societies from all parts of the British Isles. The congress, which is the third to be held aims at being a sort of Parliament of Stamp Collectors.

In all there are some eighty delegates representing English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh societies, and there is also represented the Philatelic Society of India. The present year is the first time the overseas Empire has been represented, but no doubt at succeeding conferences the numerous Australian, New Zealand, and perhaps the British Guiana, Philatelic Societies will appoint representatives.

The use of a Parliament of stamp-collectors- It cannot legislate, of course; but to some extent it can settle questions that affect the pursuit of Philately in general. This year, for instance, the attention of the delegates has been chiefly centred upon the problem of how to baffle the counterfeiter. For the forger is always with us, and although the scientific philatelist is too keen to be taken in by him, beginners, and sometimes Governments, are beguiled with counterfeits. The detection of forgeries is a matter for expert knowledge, the prevention of forging should concern the Governments, and does provide scope for the activities of the Philatelic Congress.

"Look out for Number One" is a rule which is acted upon by Governments no less than by individuals, and it is a matter of experience in this and in other countries that the Government is keen enough in the prosecution of forgers who imitate stamps to defraud the revenue, but where the criminal only seeks to impose on the collector, or upon a foreign Government, the authorities will rarely prosecute. It is doubtful, indeed, whether in some cases the Government has the power to prosecute when its own revenue is not concerned.

The philatelist, returning good for evil, is ever alert to the interest of Governments, and usually counterfeits which defraud the revenue escape the eyes and knowledge of the authorities until their attention is called to them by the student of stamps. In our own country counterfeiting is happily not common, but the great shilling green stamp fraud of 1872-3 completely escaped the cognisance of the authorities, and would have never been brought to light but for the leakage of some quantities of stamps off telegraph forms, which stamps, however, only reached the hands of philatelists twenty-eight years after the fraud had been perpetrated. It is almost inconceivable that one branch post office should be mulcted of many thousands of pounds, estimated at \$250 a day for a period extending over a year, without noticing, or discovering the cause of the deficiency.

The debate at this year's Congress on the forgery question shows promise of some substantial results. Individual cases of forgers, which have received the attention of a committee appointed last year, have been carefully collected, and a circular note is being despatched to the Governments concerned offering to place the collected evidence at their disposal. The details of such cases cannot, of course, be gone into here, but the committee points out in the circular to the various Governments that:

"Forgeries are manufactured on a large scale in various countries of

Europe, amongst which we can point to Belgium, France, Italy, Spain and Switzerland; and although it is true that the majority of these forgeries are made for the purpose of defrauding collectors, we would point out that many of them can also be used to the prejudice of the revenue and that the manufacture of these things, which are not required for any lawful purpose, is an industry which ought not to be permitted.

Another part of the work of this year's congress has been to consider the definitions drawn up by another committee of certain terms which are more or less loosely used by collectors. A third subject introduced was the nomenclature of colours, a subject too complex and considerable to be satisfactorily dealt with in the short time allowed. Finally there has been the social side of the gathering. Philately is a sort of freemasonry in its way, and wherever its adherents may travel, at home or abroad, their common hobby makes them very welcome to their fellow collectors. And in this respect the brethren at Birmingham were in no sense lacking, so that both from the business and social aspects the third congress has been a success.—English Paper.

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## NOTES FOR U. S. COLLECTORS.—By E. R. Aldrich.

Ten per cent is usually called a top notch figure for an investment, so figuring at this rates a block of four of the Louisiana Purchase commemoratives would be worth sixty-eight cents today, but an eastern firm as a special offer quotes the set on blocks as \$1.66.

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The only holidays regularly recognized by the postal department are New Years Day, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day (May 30), Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Occasionally other days are designated by special orders but these stand as holidays from year to year.

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In 1869 the post master general gave the following list as those entitled by law to the franking privilege: President of the U. S. and his secretary, Vice president, seven members of the Cabinet, seventy-four senators, two hundred forty-one Congressmen, five territorial delegates, Secretary of the Senate, Clerk of the House of Representatives, four assistants at State Department, Assistant Attorney General and his chief clerk, thirteen officials in Interior Department, seventeen officials in Navy Department, twenty-one officials in War Department, forty-two Treasury Department officials and nine in Postal Department, making a total of 440 at Washington, D. C., while scattered in different parts of the country were 4115 internal revenue officials and 27378 postmasters, which makes a total of 31933.

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The amount paid to postmasters for compensation for their services in 1900 was \$19,112,096.90; in 1901 \$19,949,514.79; in 1902 \$20,783,919.97; in 1903 \$21,631,724.04; in 1904 \$22,273,343.90; in 1905 \$22,743,342.03; in 1906 \$23,544,385.00; in 1907 \$24,575,696.10; in 1908 \$25,599,397.52; in 1909 \$26,569,892.83. While some years the per cent increase was but a little over two per cent, yet the average was nearly four per cent pr annum.

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Our friend, THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, 99 Nassau Str., New York, delights in telling of the high praise it receives from its readers, and indeed, we think, it deserves it. It is the richest paper in regard to original information about U. S. stamps. In No. 11 there is a letter from the Third Ass. P. M. G., Mr. James J. Britt, telling of the kinds of machines used in making the U. S. envelopes of 1907, requiring two original dies, one flat and one curved. These of course will slightly differ in details. Besides that, for some time, on account of rush work, electros had to be used which later were replaced by regular steel dies. Even the steel dies, designatd as "working dies", are sometimes retouched after they become worn. This accounts for the many variations in the envelope stamps. The P. G. takes pains to make its readers acquainted with all that concerns these variations. Volume 11 will begin in September, and then the magazine will appear as a semi-monthly publication. Price \$1.00 a year.

Peru is an old country. It was the seat of the old Inca empire, when Europeans first visited the western shores of the Atlantic. Yet it is a new country in the sense that it is sparsely inhabited and that its wonderful resources are only partially developed. Peruvian stamps are very interesting to collectors, but they can hardly be understood if one has not much knowledge of the conditions of the country. "PERU TO-DAY" is an illustrated monthly review, edited by John Vavasour Noel and published at Lima, Peru, \$1.25 a year, giving all sorts of information about the country and its conditions. We quote what it has to say about the present President of Peru, to wit;

"Augusto B. Leguia was born in Lambayeque, Peru, in 1863 and educated in Valparaiso. In his business career he was for years general manager of the "New York Life" in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador, and later organized and managed the "Sud America" Insurance Company, following this with the British Sugar Co., Ltd., the management of which he resigned to become Chief Executive of the Nation. In 1903 he was called to the Ministry of Finance in the Cabinet of Pres. Candamo, where during the years of his incumbency the Nation saw the revenue more than doubled and many reforms introduced, notably the economical collection of taxes by a private corporation. Since he became President of the Republic, September 24th, 1908, his fearless, intelligent and honest administration has inspired the fullest confidence at home and abroad. His great administrative gifts, his thorough knowledge of English and of modern financial and commercial policies, make him a remarkable man and would bring him into prominence in any country.

The following notes may be of interest, showing the rapid progress of Peru: There are at the present time 2,665 kilometers of railway lines in Peru, and 10,228 kilometers of telegraph lines. The school attendance has almost doubled in the last decade, and is still improving rapidly, both in elementary

and higher schools.

By the opening of the Panama Canal Peru will be brought vastly nearer to New York, and a new impetus is expected to be given to the further development of the country. This will, of course, have some influence on the postal development of the country, as well, and on the future issues of postage stamps. Hence collectors will do well to keep an eye on this country and to complete the collection of old issues before it will be too late. It will when the boom comes.

When the VEST POCKET PHILATELIST first came to us, we did not take it seriously, but the little thing is now in its fifth volume and looks as healthy as ever. It is, we dare say without hesitation, the best paper in the world. world--of its size, and even thus it is better than many a bigger one.

The NEW YORKER No. 6 shows a decided improvement in printing. We expect it to show other improvements in time and wish it success.

Of equal size with the last named are a Price List of Packets and various philatelic accessories by H. S. Powell and Co., Storm Lake, Iowa, a Retail Price List by the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. of St. Louis, Mo., Ohlman's AD-LETS, a pricelist of Bargains by M. Ohlman, New York, and a Price List of Antiquated Paper Money by Luther B. Tuthill South Creek, N. C.

A trifle smaller is the POST CARD Monthly, published by the "Round World Postal Club" of Dayton, Ohio, and THE STAMPS OF MARS by L. P. Miller. All these are worth looking over and each one contains something worth remembering.

W. S. Lincoln's "STAMPS" with a portrait of the newly crowned King George V. if of the same size. It enumerates and prices newly issued stamps. Mr. Lincoln sent us with it samples of the new one half and one penny stamps of Great Britain with the portrait of King George saying he will send them to my readers of THE WEST for cost and postage. The best way to do would be to send him 10 cents for the stamps and 4 trial numbers of "STAMPS." His address is: 2 Hollis Str., Oxford Str., London, England.

The POST CARD UNION OF CANADA DIRECTORY, Rougemont, Que., contains nothing but addresses of members and a few notes, but as post card collectors usually develop into stamp collectors sooner or later these addresses may be of value to stamp collectors as well.

Mr. Henry George of 935, 7th Str., Milwaukee, Wis., Publishes the "BEST AND POST CARD EXCHANGE." In it an attempt is made to start a history of philatelic publications that have appeared in Wisconsin and anybody having anything in this line that may help in the attempt is requested to correspond with L. G. Dorpat Wayside, Wis.

No. 1 of Vol. 22 of the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF AMERICA has just appeared. It is a large book of 112 pages and covers, lavishly illustrated and beautifully printed on glazed paper, first class in every respect. We shall mention but a few of its principal features. Mr. C. H. Mekeel treats the Early Issues of Mexico, C. L. Pack the Stamps of Uruguay, B. W. H. Pool the Postage Stamps of Liberia, C. B. Bostwick Jamaica Stamps Used in the Cayman Islands and the Cayman Islands' 1d on 4d Fiscal. There are illustrations of the new stamp vending Machines, and a portrait of the young King of Siam, who is also a stamp collector. The Review Editor of THE WEST will accept subscriptions to the P. J. of A., \$1.50 for the U. S. and \$2.00 for foreign countries. See address above. No sample copies.

## WHAT AN ENGLISH SOCIETY DOES AT THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY FOR BEGINNERS.

The first meeting of the above named Society took place May 30th, at the Athletic Institute, Birmingham. The meeting was called for 7 o'clock, by which time over 20 members and visitors were present, and between 7 and 7:30 the number had increased to 32.

The first hour was devoted to exchange and sale, the company assembled being gathered together in pairs, strips, and blocks of four, all eagerly scanning the books and sheets of stamps, of which there was a plentiful supply. Business was decidedly brisk, and several substantial transactions took place, the purchases of one member alone totalling about \$35. We also saw a book of duplicates change hands at \$12.50, while a small collection of uncatalogued varieties and errors of printing sold for \$10. This Bourse innovation was indeed greatly appreciated, being a new feature in Birmingham, and extreme satisfaction was freely expressed.

At 8:10 Mr. Margoschis, the Organizer of the Society, opened the meeting. He welcomed the many visitors who, in spite of the prevailing glorious summer weather, had gathered together in such force as to clearly demonstrate that the time was ripe for establishing the Society in the heart of the city. He was pleased to see so many beginners in the room, and with encouragement he hoped that many among them would become great philatelists in the future. He mentioned the many junior societies already established in various parts of the country, and felt assured that the Philatelic Society for Beginners in Birmingham, being situated in a central and convenient home, would meet with success.

Mr. V. F. James, the local Hon. Sec. of the Society, then opened the display. Mr. James showed several interesting and instructive items from his collection, including a canvas bag which originally contained the Government despatches from India, addressed "To the Registrar of Her Majesty's Privy Council, Whitehall, London," and franked with no less than 56 (!!) 8 anna, rose, stamps and two 1 anna, brown; also another similar entire, with 32 of the 1 anna, brown, surcharged Service; a parcel despatch-card, bearing seven of the scarce Greenland local stamps, which, owing to the very limited service between Copenhagen (Denmark) and this colony, are extremely rare and difficult to obtain; a block of six unused one penny carmine-red triangular Cape, and a block of eight \$1.25 carmine Natal, these two eliciting much admiration; an entire envelope with the rare local stamp issued by Brown, of Nassau Street, New York. Mr. James explained that Brown, who was one of the earliest American stamp dealers, also conducted a local letter-delivery business, for which, in 1876, he issued his own stamp. Most of his rivals had the emblem of "hustle" pictured on their issues, such as flying eagles, locomotives, men striding over houses (D. O. Blood & Co.), etc., etc.; but Brown, to be different from any of the others, had engraved on his stamp a picture of a man pushing a wheelbarrow! signifying slow but sure. This drew much ridicule from the others, one of whom issued a caricature of Brown's stamp, with a picture of the Devil prodding the man with the wheelbarrow along, with his fork, and bearing the inscription "Three limbs to the Post Office." Both stamp and caricature were on the entire shown, very rare thus, the piece coming from the William Moser collection. A sheet, containing several early entires before the issue of stamps, all postmarked "FREE," and bearing the signatures of various of the nobility, members of Parliament, and dignitaries, who in those days were allowed to send their letters through the post free of charge, was also shown. Owing to considerable abuse, the Postal Authorities cancelled this privilege. Amongst those shown, two bore the signatures of Sir Robert Peel and Mr. W. E. Gladstone, and although strictly speaking not a philatelic exhibit, this particular display proved very interesting. Mr. James concluded with a sheet containing a number of minute varieties of the one penny mauve, Queen, including the bottom line variety, several with retouched side lines, one with the flaw under the letter "P" of penny, also an undoubtedly genuine copy of the one penny red, plate No. 70.

Mr. Margoschis passed round a number of stamps showing the differences in many common re-touched and re-engraved plates, and small varieties that were to be found among the common duplicates possessed by most juniors. Among



them were:—The re-engraved variety of Switzerland, 1900; the small and large figures of Denmark, 1882; the outer line issue, Cape, 1864; the thunderbolts of Russia; Argentine, 1890, new plates; Chili, 1901, re-cut die; German, final "E"; France, 1876 and 1877-90 issues; and Transvaal, wagon with shafts and pole.

At the conclusion of the display, Mr. Margoschis expressed his pleasure at seeing so many members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society present (among them the President, both Vice-Presidents, and several of the Committee), and he was glad to say that Councillor Hollick had come prepared with tickets for admission to the Philatelic Congress Exhibition.

Councillor Hollick, representing the B. P. S., on rising, said he was very pleased to be at the meeting, and he wished the Society every success. There was plenty of room in a large city like Birmingham for another society, and the B. P. S. did not look upon the Philatelic Society for Beginners as a rival; in fact all that he or his fellow members of the B. P. S. could do, either by giving papers or helping to solve any difficult question, would be done willingly.

He thought the members and visitors would like to see the stamps at the Congress Exhibition, and a ticket was distributed to all present. Mr. W. Pimm then gave particulars of some of the fine stamps that would be displayed there.

In thanking Councillor Hollick for attending the meeting and presenting the Exhibition tickets, Mr. Margoschis said he was pleased that the Philatelic Society for Beginners had the good wishes of the senior Birmingham Society. Councillor Hollick had mentioned that the B. P. S. did not look upon this "Beginners' Society" as a rival. Mr. Margoschis was glad of this remark, because it gave him the opportunity of explaining their aims, and justifying the formation of a second philatelic organization in Birmingham.

The Beginners' Society was formed for doing missionary work among junior collectors; for gathering together the hundreds of such collectors that must abound in a city like Birmingham, and who hitherto have been neglected; for stimulating enthusiasm among those, who, left to themselves, might in a few years entirely drift away from the fascinations of fair Philately; and for exercising its influence towards inducing outsiders to join the ranks. The Society had been fortunate in securing a most energetic and enthusiastic local Secretary, Mr. V. F. James, and Mr. Margoschis hoped that any visitors who would like to become members would consult him (Mr. James). He outlined the numerous advantages that would be afforded to its members, and in drawing attention to the books forming the library, he mentioned the various works of Mr. Fred J. Melville, a writer, to his mind, who had done more for the advancement of our hobby than any other man in the philatelic world. It would pay to work this in the cities of the U. S.

Before the meeting terminated, a ballot took place for a number of envelopes containing stamps, presented to the Society for distribution among its members and visitors. The numbers of prizes and blanks was equal, and the best prize, a packet of a few good stamps (cat. \$10) was drawn by Master Brown, a thoroughly enthusiastic youth who was most excited at his good fortune.

Correspondence regretting inability to attend was received from Messrs. T. W. Peck and F. T. Collier.

The Library, to which donations are respectfully solicited, was well patronized, most of the younger members being supplied with Catalogues and Hand-books.

The recent issues of France and Belgium will be displayed at the next meeting, pointing out for the benefit of the juniors the various scarce shades, etc., which can be often found amongst very common stamps, and a further lot of interesting minor varieties will be shown. The first hour of the meeting will be devoted to Exchanges, and all members should bring their duplicates.

The Publisher of the WEST would like to hear and see reports of any other local societies or clubs and reports of meetings held. It pays to help the young collector.

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767. Where can one find the prices for Postal Cards Wrappers and Envelopes? Senf and Bright & Son publish a separate part of their catalog treating the "Entires." Bartels' U. S. Envelope Catalog treats the entire envelopes of the United States. The latter is the most exhaustive treatment of the subject and up to date. See Review published elsewhere.

763. Where may one buy Philatelic Publications? There is no house anywhere that keeps a stock of everything, but most of the larger dealers will supply you with a good many things. The Morgenthau Co. in New York, for instance will sell you most catalogs. Victor Marsh, 389, Brixton Rd., London, will supply you with the publications of Moens and many other things not easily obtained. The British and the American Phil. Literature Societies will aid you in many ways. If in a letter to me you will state definitely what you want—not forgetting to enclose postage—I shall gladly help you to get it if obtainable.

769. What are the addresses of "The Hobbyist" and the "American Coin, Stamp and Post Card Collector"? The latter is A. M. Aurand, Jr. Beaver Springs, Pa., and the former is Winnipeg, Canada. Please mention "The West", when you write to them.

770. How may one find out the prices for stamps recently issued and not yet listed in the latest Catalog? Get Scott's and Gibbons Monthly Circulars and similar publications.

771. Who can give any particulars about the "Comercio" provisional stamps of Coro, Venezuela? Paul Kohl's Mitteilungen No. 16 illustrates one of these stamps—and that is the only account we remember of having seen of these stamps—but it also lacks particular and authentic information. It is supposed the stamps were used for a private commercial post in operation during the time of the Castro troubles.

772. Where may one obtain the best Chronicle of new issues of stamps? Ewen's Weekly Stamp News contains one of the best. Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News also contains a good one. It is hard to say the best. The better European papers, such as "Der Philatelist", "Nordisk Fil. Tidss.", "Stamp Lover", etc. are better in this respect than many of our American monthlies. The best way to get the best chronicle, it seems to us, would be to make it yourself by comparing all the journals named above. Scott's and Gibbons' Monthly Circulars might be included in the list.

773. Where may I buy the best packets of stamps? This is impossible for us to say, especially as we do not know what you mean by "the best packets". You will find that almost every dealer thinks HIS are the best. But what will please one collector will not satisfy every other one. Look over the advertisements in "The West" and try a few packets from those dealers who offer to pay your money back if you are not satisfied.

774. Would you advise a collector to get the New Issues of Stamps as they come out? Yes, if he has the money to do so, we would. But he should

not pay much over face value and should get them all unused. If he wants them used, he will do better to wait a while, until the used specimens become plentiful and cheaper than they are in the beginning. Rarities may be missed in this way, but if you will be in too great a hurry to get new stamps used you may have to pay more for them than they will be worth a few months later. With unused stamps this is different, if you can get them at face value plus 10 or 15 per cent for postage, commission and the like, for in this way you are apt to get the rarities at the same rate as the common stamps and as cheap as they can be bought at any time.

775. What publications about Stamps have appeared in Wisconsin? . Who has any numbers to sell?

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777. In what manner are the stamps used in affixing machines precanceled? We are not in possession of authentic information on this subject, but the only natural and possible way seems to be printing of the precancellation on the sheet of 400 imperforate stamps before it is cut into strips of which the coils are formed. As far as we know, the printing of stamps by means of a rotary press fed by larger paper coils has not yet been adopted. If it had, it would appear as easy thing to insert a cylinder with the cancellation. Of course there is a possibility of running stamp a coil as sold by the post office thru a small cylinder press to apply the cancellation, but we hardly think that this has been done. Still another possibility is an affixing machine to which a precanceling device is added. We should be glad if one of our readers would find out just how it is done and would let us know.

778. Is Scott's Catalog right in listing the stamps of Nicaragua, Nos. 1 to 12, in regard to designs A1., A2, and A3.? We think it is not. A1. is the design for the 2 cent, No. 1., No. 4. and No. 9., and is to be found with this value only, having "PORTE" on both sides of the stamp. A2. is the design for the 10 cent and is found with this value only. A3. is the exclusive design of the 25 cent. The 1 cent and the 5 cent have their own designs, each, which are neither A1., nor A2., nor A3. Each value has its own design thruout, whether imperforate, perforated, or rouletted. All the other values—with the exception of the 2 cent—have "CORREOS" at the left. No value has more than one design or type. Other catalogs seem to be wrong in this matter too, if we are right. Should we be in error, we should feel thankful to the person who would correct us. We think we are right, tho.

779. Who knows anything about Brink's Chicago City Express Co. and its stamps?

780. Is there a printed loose leaf album with extra scrap book leaves to hold clippings relating to the stamps on the opposite pages? We think not, but it a very easy matter for any book binder to put them in, and the publisher, if requested to do so, might easily furnish such an album. Extra blank leaves might be used for the purpose.

781. Which is preferable, a Blank Album or a Printed Album? For the beginner a printed album seems preferable, because it is a great help to him in arranging his stamps neatly. Individuality decides.

781. Mr. D. H. Graham, mail clerk, S. P. A. 544, of Grants Pass, Oregon, writes that he is interested in entire U. S. envelopes of the present issue and that he would like to hear of others who are.

782. Precancels. The same gentleman says he received word from the Precancel Monthly, Paris, Kentucky, that they expect to get out a priced

list soon. Mr. E. B. Hill of Mesa, Arizona, gives the information that F. L. Smith 40 Exchange Place, New York, has compiled a "Catalog of the Precanceled Postage Stamps of the U. S." and that it was published by Geo. F. Duck of Pittsburg Pa., in 1904. It may be had of Mr. Smith for 30 cents. About U. S. cash-permits we have been unable to learn anything new. If any of our readers are able to tell us all about them, we should be very glad to hear from them; even if they do not know "all about them", we would be glad to hear what they do know. By bringing together the bits that have been picked up here and there a good deal can be accomplished, and there is evidently some want of more information. If nothing more could be accomplished than a list of addresses of persons interested and desirous of corresponding in regard to these cash permits, this alone would be worth while and would mean a good step towards further advances in their study.

733. Machine Perforations. We have received a stamp with 3 large perforations a little above the middle of the stamp and 2 large perforations lower down, almost at the foot of the stamp, with a gap between sufficiently large for two holes. The stamp is on a letter from John V. Farwell Company, Chicago, canceled June 10th, 1911. Does this represent a new affixing machine, or has an old one been changed? The perforation is vertical. We have also noticed some stamps lately that have the appearance of having been affixed to the letter by a machine, but which have no perforations at all, all edges being smoothly cut. Who can tell what machine they come from?

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#### UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Commemorative Stamp.

Supplies of the special commemorative stamp which has been printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., to celebrate the inauguration of the Union Parliament of South Africa were despatched to Pretoria by the Union Castle Steamer sailing September 3rd.

They are large square stamps, the design for which was executed in South Africa and are of the face value of 2½d. They are somewhat similar to the current revenue stamps of the Transvaal and bear a portrait of King George V., contained in a medallion, while in each of the four corners are respectively to be found the arms and mottoes of Natal and Cape Colony and the shields of the late Transvaal and Orange Free State Republics. The stamps are inscribed with the word postage in English and Dutch and are printed in blue. They will be issued on the occasion of the Duke of Connaught's visit to South Africa in November of this year.—Post Card Echo.

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The King George Stamp.—It is estimated that to meet the demand for the new King George postage stamp 1,000,000 stamps will have to be printed every hour of the working day throughout a whole year.—P. S. C. B.

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Gets Stamp Worth \$500. Washington, D. C.—A postage stamp with a philatelic value of \$500 was received today by Postmaster General Hitchcock from the International Postal Union headquarters at Berne, Switzerland. The stamp bears the profile of the late King Edward VII. It was issued for the Straits Settlement, and has the highest face value of any postage stamp ever issued. It is printed in two colors—light orange and lilac. The stamp has been turned over to Stanley I. Slack, Curator of the Postal Museum, to be placed on exhibition.

## PHILATELY AS A TEACHER.—By Brick.

Not only is stamp collecting a profitable and interesting hobby, but it is also educating. The school-boy stamp collector generally knows his geography and history better than his non-philatelically inclined classmate, and why?

The answer is simple. It is of no need to state here that knowledge of geography is essential to interest in philately. A stamp collector generally knows the location of the many stamp issuing countries, comprising the entire civilized world. A collector sees maps when looking through his collection, such as the Map stamps of Venezuela; the 1898 2c stamp of Canada; on some of the stamps of Columbia and Panama, not stating many others.

A philatelist cannot help but learn a great deal of history through the medium of his hobby. He sees pictures of historic celebrities of all nations, of kings and emperors, presidents, generals, and other famous men who helped make history. A stamp picturing a great man generally gives his dates, and sometimes portrays him performing a historic deed, such as the Landing of Columbus on some 1893 U. S. stamps. We learn of the changes in governments in postage stamps. For instance, take the stamps of France. We read from its stamps that this nation was a republic when the 1849 issue was printed, and in 1853 its stamps show it to be an Empire. The following changes in French government are plainly shown by its stamps. We learn of the rise and fall of nations. We know the Confederate States existed in the early sixties, for they issued stamps. They no longer issue them for the government has fallen.

A stamp collector learns much more than only geography and history. His eyes become acute from the training they receive in detecting secret marks or minor varieties. They are trained to distinguish colors at a glance, and all the shades of individual colors. Such training of the eyes always becomes beneficial in outside life. The philatelist learns to distinguish different grades of paper, etc.

He becomes acquainted with people of other nations by means of his stamp collection. He learns what language prevails in this or that country, by the inscriptions on its stamps. When one looks at the stamps of Hayti, or Liberia, he would at once know that the Black Race rules the land, for their stamps portray the colored presidents. Animals and scenery are pictured on many stamps. One knows the elephant inhabits Congo, for the Congo stamps portray him. Take the stamps of Tasmania for scenery. A collector will at once imagine this to be a beautiful country, because of the fine views of different parts of it on its stamps. Many other stamps of many other countries show similar scenes.

Commercial Geography is also learned from stamps. Take for instance the 2c U. S. stamp of the Omaha issue. It pictures cattle, with the wording, "Farming in the West." Thus the stamp collector sees at a glance where farming is done mostly in the U. S.

To sum up, a stamp collector learns geography, history, Zoology, commercial geography and much more. He trains his eye, and learns of much scenery and becomes acquainted with the world.

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Postage was known in China a century before the Christian era, said the Chinese Minister, speaking at the dinner of the Herts Philatelic Society at the Cafe Monico, London, last month.



Postmaster  
New York  
Mass  
London

Dear Sir We  
are leaving  
the stamp of  
our time;  
and you  
were with  
me

Jack,  
10 '06

# ACROSS THE POND

H. SPENCER

## FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON.

A considerable amount of correspondence in the London press and some questions in the House of Commons on June 28th have served to give expression to the public 'dissatisfaction' and 'disappointment' at the new postage stamps. There is a good deal of reason in the attacks upon them. They are poorly designed and poorly executed, and fail both in their endeavor to give a good likeness of the king and to give an artistic effect. It is odd and a little disconcerting that we, the pioneer nation in the use of postage stamps, should be so backward as we are in the quality of our issues. There is hardly one little South American Republic which does not put us to shame in the merit of its designs and the success of its printing. The new contractors who have taken over the engraving seem rather worse than the old. It is almost a pity that the Postmaster General, who has admitted his disappointment at the inferiority of the stamps, does not try the experiment of a fresh issue. The reason of their failure is not far to seek; but it does not lie, as some have imagined, in the deterioration of English engraving. No doubt photographic processes have thinned somewhat the ranks of English engravers; still engraving is by no means a lost art—Bank of England notes, and even more strikingly, the Scotch and Irish banks are evidence of that.

The failure of our stamp-printing lies simply in an inability on the part of the designers to understand the limitations which consideration of size place upon their work. You cannot cover a space considerably less than one square inch with a design embodying a portrait and lettering and dolphins and lions all crowded in together. The end as an artistic design must be subordinated to the means, and that is the reason why the earliest stamps of all—the famous "black pennies", with their fine head of Queen Victoria finely engraved, and their resolute avoidance of superfluous lettering and decoration are incomparably the finest stamps we have ever produced. We admit the necessity of changing black to red, but why do we continue to use a watery rose color when the French stamps of corresponding value are printed in an infinitely more pleasant brick red?

Mr. Mackennal, whose name has been associated with the design, can hardly be blamed, as he is not responsible either for the portrait or of the wretched engraving and printing. He has merely drawn the borders, which are the best part of the stamp. The mere fact that an eminent artist is approached to design the borders and that the portrait within these borders is engraved from a photograph suffices to show the spirit in which official

has approached the whole question.

But here the matter does not end. The King's head, inartistically cut off the trunk, is engraved in a manner wholly unsuitable for the printing process employed. The lines of the shading, especially in hair and beard, are much too coarse, so that after a few impressions they get clogged with ink and make the whole portrait appear smudge. At the same time the engraving is coarse, the design crowded and lacking in one quality, which should be the chief consideration in a postage stamp—clear legibility of the denomination. In this respect it is true, the Edwardian stamps were worse, since the value did not appear on them at all in figures.

The truncated head has long been abandoned by all other countries, the bust-portrait being substituted for it. In addition to all other objections there have already been complaints about the insufficient gumming of the backs of the new stamps, which, taken all in all, are the most unsatisfactory and un-serviceable issue to be found in any country at the present moment, although they have this advantage over their precursors, that the value is expressed in figures. It is a strange fact that no English stamps have ever approached in beauty the first issue of Queen Victoria's reign.

"The new stamps are poor in design and workmanship", said Sir Luke Fildes, R. A., on June 30th to a representative of this journal. "It is only a very precious gem that can carry off so heavy and elaborate a frame as theirs. If you took the head out of its perforated frame you could not tell that it was the King at all; the likeness is so bad. The penny stamp is a little better than the half-penny one, and the registered letter stamp, white in high relief, is quite passable.

"I don't like the brame. It is too heavy. By itself it is not so bad as conventional decorations go. But it does not suit the head. Somebody official, with no artistic sense, has been putting his finger in the pie. Perhaps Mr. Samuel had them made too cheaply."

I have received the following messages from leading British artists in reply to requests for their views:

Sir Hubert von Herkomer, R. A.—The new penny and halfpenny stamps are bad in every way—in design and more especially in the method of reproduction.

John Lavery, A. R. A.—The new stamps are very good and worthy of the designer.

The Hon. John Collier.—I do not like the new stamp, but Mr. Mackennal's design is receiving so much criticism that I do not wish to add to the amount.

Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, R. A.—I do not agree with all the objections made to the new stamp issue.

C. Napier Hemy, R. A.—I consider the new stamp badly designed, very ugly and inartistic.

Mr. Briton Riviere, R. A.—Stamp not satisfactory. Should prefer a simple profile instead of three-quarter.

Mr. Arnesby Brown, A. R. A.—Consider the stamps issued disappointing compared with the early issues of Victoria, penny and twopence, which both in color and design are fine.

Mr. Byam Shaw.—Dislike the stamp very much.

A member of the firm of Messrs. Harrison and Sons, the printers of the new issue, said on July 1st: "I maintain that the printing of the stamps is

very good, inasmuch as everything which appears in the design on the engraving plates is faithfully reproduced, and that the entire surface of each stamp is of an even, uniform color. We were not responsible for the engraving but I fully endorse the criticism that this was done in a manner really unsuitable for printing.

"The finer the design lines are on the engraving plate, the more likely they are to fill up and smudge in the printing process, and so fine are they in this case that it is very difficult to avoid smudging. Such care, however, is taken in the work, which is done under the supervision of Government inspectors as well as our own officials, that the general result is quite satisfactory, few of the stamps turned out being defective.

"Complaints of the stamps being insufficiently gummed are probably due to the fact that the gum is white in color, and not the usual yellow. This may give people the false impression that an inadequate amount of gum has been used."

To the many faults of the new stamps to which attention has already been drawn should be added the very important question of the colors used for the printing. The washed-out, watery, nondescript shades of poor ink only help to obliterate the design, which is lacking in the flat surfaces necessary to throw its essential features—the King's portrait and the figures indicating the value—into proper relief. In this respect the stamps at present in use in France may well serve as an example. They are perfect as regards the full, rich colors chosen for the various denominations, and the figures are cut clearly and boldly into the flat background. F. G. Melville, one of the leading philatelic experts in this country, has also delivered a slashing attack on the stamp experts point of view. Upon some details he is as hard as anyone; and the best he can do is to apologize for the portrait of the King. He points out that the portrait may have been successful enough in the original, but may have been scarcely suited to reproduction en epargne in the space of 8mm. by 11mm.

He reminds us that in the portrait of the late King the effect of hair was sacrificed to clearness in the die; here, however, the artist has represented and the engraver has endeavored to reproduce the effect of abundant hair and a bushy moustache and beard; and the innumerable fine lines by which the effect has been attained have resulted in plates which, except with the very slowest of printing, cannot fail to become clogged and produce blurred and indistinct impressions.

The explanation may perhaps be found in the general displacement of the old methods of engraving by photo-mechanical processes. The difficult art of engraving en epargne—with the lines of the design standing up, instead of being cut into the steel—must perhaps be accounted lost. For most purposes of general commerce and illustration photo-mechanical processes are as nearly perfect as could be desired; but the photo-mechanical methods are not fine enough for the printers of our stamps, who have to produce with absolute identity 5,000,000,000 stamps a year, possibly for many years in succession, all originating from one original master-die cut en epargne upon steel.

Considering the difficulties that beset postage-stamp portraiture, it might be thought that the game was scarcely worth the candle. Better a good emblematic device, you might suggest, than a likeness that can be pleasing only to those whose politics, in the National Anthem, we pray Heaven to confound,



and upon those knavish tricks we call down frustration. But there is a very practical side to the engraving of a human countenance on the dies. It makes the forgery of stamps very difficult, owing to the habit, unconsciously cultivated by everyone from youth up, of recognizing familiar faces and readily noticing peculiarities or faults in their expression. The counterfeiter has no difficulty in making his scroll or laurel garland denticular in effect with the original; but the reproduction of a portrait, without altering the effect by a line, is still a task which baffles the unscrupulous.

In discussing the suggestion that better colors should be given up in the stamps of higher value as yet unissued, Mr. Melville points out the limitations imposed by the fact that our stamp-makers are restricted to "fugitive" and "doubly-fugitive" inks. It is essential, from the Government's point of view, that the stamps having once been used should not admit of any cleaning by chemical or other means which would allow of their being used again. The "fugitive" and the "doubly-fugitive" inks and the "chalk-surfaced" paper used for our stamps are all directed against illicit cleaning.

By using "fugitive" ink, attempts to remove the usual cancelling inks are frustrated, inasmuch as the removal of the cancelling ink will ruin the stamp. By using "doubly-fugitive" ink, stamps cancelled by means of ordinary writing ink on documents, etc., are protected against cleaning. Stamps of the higher denominations, when available (as they are in our country) for both postage and revenue purposes, are printed in doubly-fugitive inks. And it is the fact that chemists have so far only succeeded in producing doubly-fugitive inks of three kinds—green, purple and black; and both the green and the purple are of such weak and washy shades as would not be any improvement on the coloring of the two low-value stamps just issued.

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### THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The postage stamps of the British Empire, almost without exception, have no indication imprinted upon them that the Dominions from which they are issued form part of the Empire. Many of the stamps do not have the King's head or the British Crown upon them. The Colonial stamps of several European nations clearly indicate to which nation they belong. The stamps of Madagascar, for instance, show that this island forms part of the "Republique Francaise"; the stamps of Java announce that Java is a Dutch colony; and, in the same way, stamps from Angola point out that this country is a Portuguese possession.

It would be a splendid innovation if the postage stamps of all British Colonies, Dependencies and Protectorates were to have impressed upon them the words "British Empire Postage." The idea is that all the postage stamps of the Empire might be of one design, the only difference being the names of the dominions from which they are issued and the amount. The stamps could be uniform in color throughout the Empire, the 1d stamp of the United Kingdom being of the same color as the 1d stamp of New Zealand or the 2c of Canada, and so on. The United Kingdom postage stamps should also bear the words "British Empire Postage", for at present they give no indication of the country of origin.—Foreign Paper.

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A well known advertising man has for his motto: "Be cheerful until 10 o'clock in the morning—the rest of the day will take care of itself."



## BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

It is reported that a new issue of stamps for the United States is about to be authorized. Dispatches from Washington to newspapers state that: "Utility, art and harmony," according to James J. Britt, will be combined in a new issue of postage stamps about to be authorized.

The head of Washington will be on the first six values of the series, and the head of Franklin will be on the last five. Arabic numerals will be on all the stamps and a separate color or shade for each denomination will prevent any confusion in the handling of mail matter by the postal clerks.

There is general dissatisfaction with the new English stamps, but the Post Office is taking steps to cancel the whole issue—one stamp at a time, provided it be affixed in the usual manner.

"Did you ever know," asked a post office official, "that there are only three persons in the United States who enjoy the privilege of receiving and sending letters without being obliged to use postage stamps? These three are the widows of former presidents—Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Benjamin Harrison and Mrs. James A. Garfield. By a Congressional enactment these three women enjoy this privilege, so if you have occasion at any time to communicate with any one of them you need not attach any postage stamp to the letter."

A new series of stamps was issued recently by the Bavarian Postoffice Department. It now turns out that there were a number of mistakes in the first output; for instance, the date 911 appeared on some 10-pfennig stamps, instead of 1911, while others had no date. The few obtainable examples have been snapped up by the stamp collectors at \$10 each.

Recent issues of Bolivia are interesting, the 1909 series is of course dearer than its predecessor of 1901, yet it should prove acceptable to the ever increasing army of collectors of South American stamps.

The collection of baseball pictures, such as are found in the well-known brands of cigarettes, has become very popular among the boys of today. Many varieties are in circulation, and as some are scarce and hard to get, naturally a premium is placed upon them. While in this there is no philatelic interest, it goes to demonstrate the collecting spirit that is acquired in childhood days.

The stamp business is getting down to a fine point. One of our most progressive New York dealers has engaged a letterer to mount specialized collections and artistically letter the notations, etc. A special clerk for hinging, a second assistant to hold the stamp while the third clerk hammers it in place, is next in order.

It is reported that the first Canadian coin to bear King George's head will be the one-cent piece, to be issued this month or next. Dies are not yet ready for the silver and gold coinage.

A "generalist" collects something of everything; a "specialist" collects everything of something.

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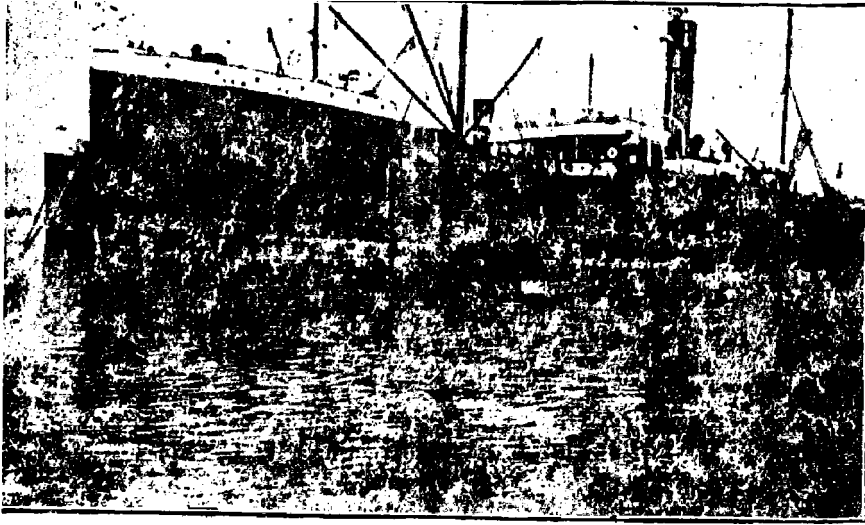
A good time to advertise is when people are not buying freely. It is then that they need the stimulus of attractive prices, well advertised.



of J. W. Prevost, Springfield, Mass., entire room papered with postage stamps.



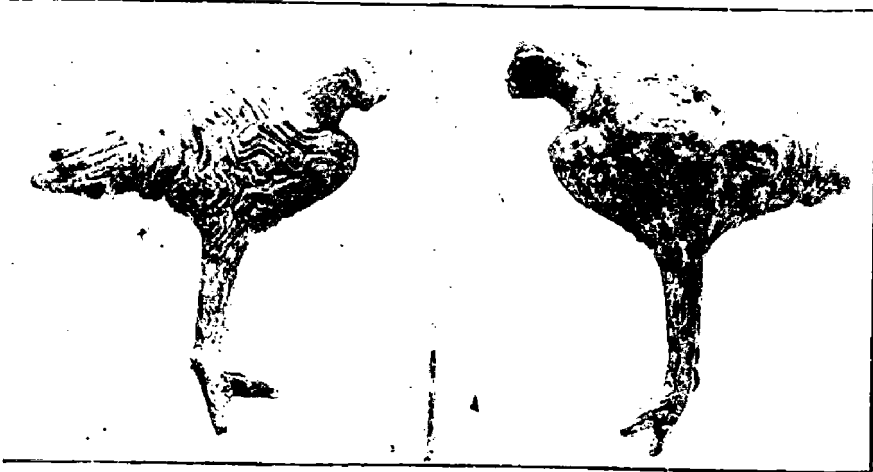
Old Nebraska Bill of E. S. Crawford, Sullivan, Ind.  
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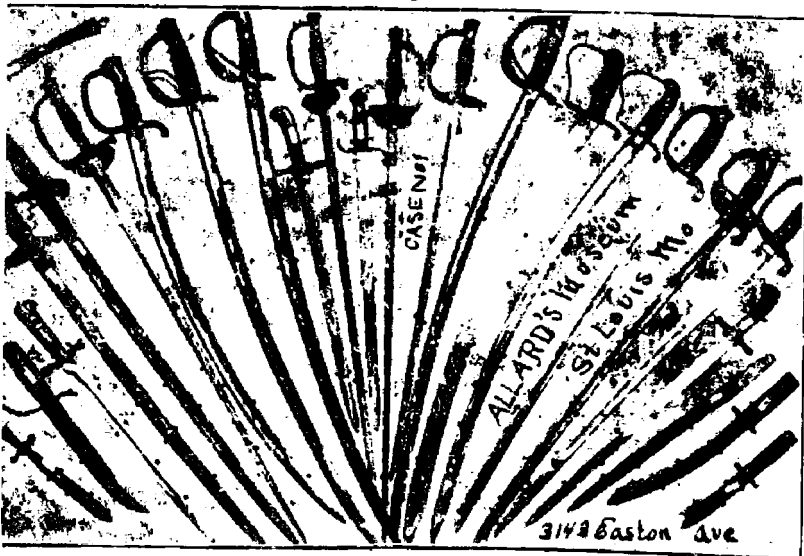


The El



Strange freak of Nature found by Warren Spitler, Middlebrook, Va.

Below are some Metal Tokens



Horns carved by Dr. T. S. Hunt. On top one is carved two cats in a field, a bull, frogs among cattail rushes, a chanticleer and an automobile. Hunt, and hunter shooting quail.

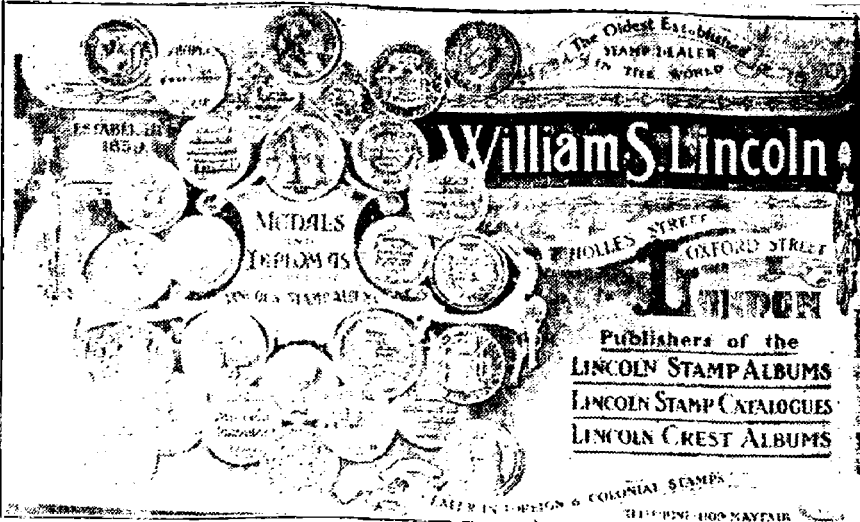




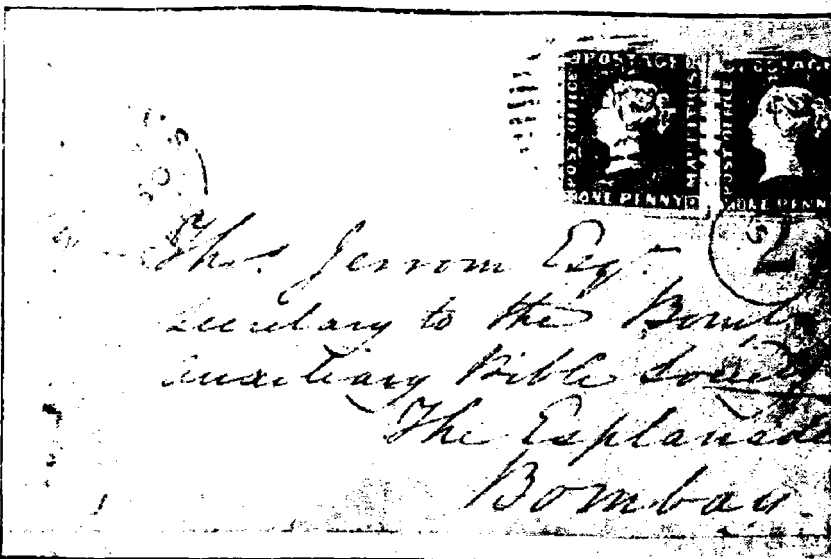
Chicago, Ill.



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... in grass.



Half tone taken from letter head of W. S. Lincoln, London, England.



Two of the World's Rarest Stamps, sold by a London Dealer.

Rare Flint Locks and Malay Krissis property of G. R. Moore, Relic Man, Janesville, Wis.

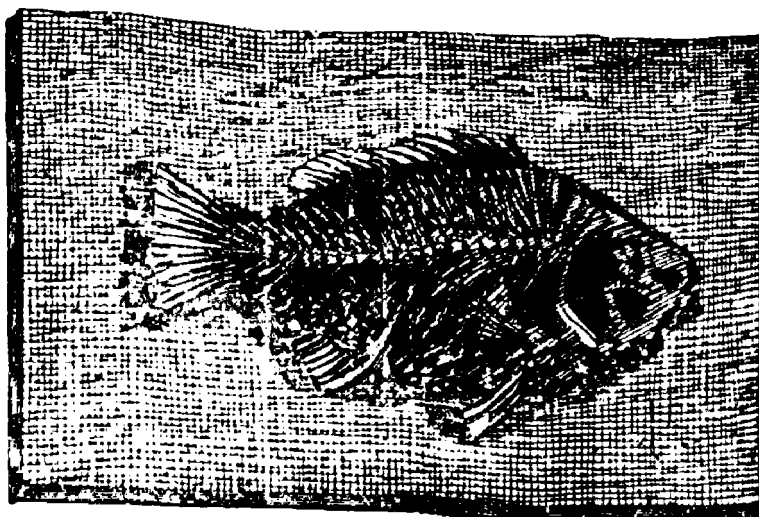
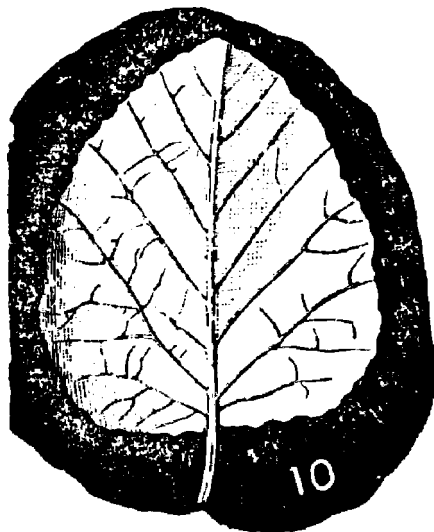




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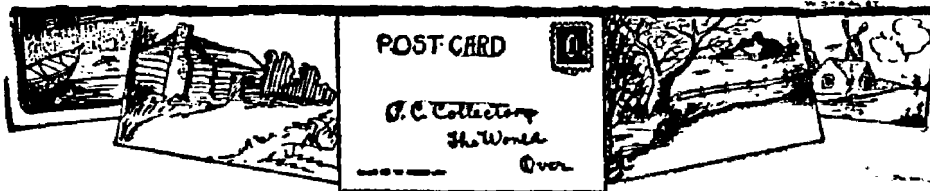
G. R. Rhein Secretary of the  
American Souvenir Card Club.



Priscacara Pealei. A fossil sun fish of the Tertiary Period, from the noted Fossil Fish Beds of Green River, Wyo., the most noted of the world. They are in the stock of L. W. Stilwell, Deadwood, S. D., for sale. See his ad in this issue.



# PHILOCARTY



(Publishers of post cards, albums, philocartle books and journals, and manufacturers of specialties for the post card collector are requested to send samples to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, Lk. Bx 8, Dallas, Pa., for description and comment in this magazine.)

## HALF HOURS WITH POST CARDS—II.

By Verna Weston Hanway.

There is a saying about some people of other times that they "buiilded better than they knew". Many a reader must have been forcibly reminded of this when reviewing his or her collection. It has been a number of years since the writer collected post cards, in the sense understodd by the habitual collector, that is, since she was a member of societies, and engaged in active exchanging. Yet there is seldom a mail in that does not contain post cards for her,—to paraphrase a bit, by post cards are our friends ever with us. And so the collection has grown and grown into the thousands, how many she cannot say;—it would be a task indeed to count them, and yet such attachments and memories are entwined about them that there are very few that could be spared or could pass unmissed.

Many have given up collecting after their collections reach large proportions, on the plea that their collections have become too difficult to care for. It is smalll wonder that they become discouraged when the only devices they use for preserving and arranging them are the albums on sale in any stationery shop. These albums are properly for the person with a small collection, one of a few hundred or a thousand or so. For the larger collections there are a number of excellent methods, many of which have been and are being advertised in this magazine; the Post-a-file has first place with the writer, but the post card "Holders" are equally excellent, and there are numerous others. In large collections the displaying has ceased to be the principal object; the proper storing and classifying so that the cards are compact, easily rearranged and the subjects classified with an alphabetical arrangement is the prime consideration. We should have fewer neglected collections if some method of arrangement were adhered to.

A good method where the collector is not quite ready to select some device

is to procure a number of large shoe boxes made of heavy card board, and reinforced at the corners. Hinge the cover on at the back or one of the sides with passepartout. Slit one of the sides down at each of the corners so that it can swing down (but do not detach), bind the under side of this with passepartout, also all the other corners neatly to prevent breaking and enhance the appearance. Buy, or cut out, some cards about the size of a post card but taller. On these neatly letter the names of states, countries, subjects, classes, et cetera. Stand your cards on end in this box, placing one of these cards in front of each new classification. Thus you have a very compact arrangement, a simple filing device. The method need not be a mere makeshift if care and neatness are used. Where boxes of thick, glossy white cardboard are selected, the binding carefully done with an attractive color of passepartout, crimson, brown, blue or black, and the filing cards of good cardboard and neatly lettered, the arrangement can be made very attractive. The boxes can be made still stronger by pasting strips of binders' linen in the places where the strain comes, inside the box, or the entire inside of the box can be lined with parchment or binders' cloth. The result obtained depends on your own taste in ingenuity.

One box will hold a thousand cards or more,—ten of the boxes would hold the largest collection that the collector is liable to have. It would be far better to place your cards in a box merely, without arranging it suitably as described, than to have your cards become soiled, lost, and in utter confusion. But fix your boxes neatly, and appropriately, and see how pleased you will be with the result, and how much your friends will admire it.

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## A CORNER FOR CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS.

By George Freethy.

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On March 4th a three dollar gold piece which was minted in San Francisco in 1870 was sold to S. H. Chapan of Philadelphia, for \$1,450. The coin is a duplicate of the one under the San Francisco mint at 5th and Mission Sts., and is the only one in existence.

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In Santa Barbara stood the original mint of California. The Indians came over about once a year with poncho, put up in small bags. This article was exchanged for a specie of money. This money consisted of pieces of shells, rounded with a hole in the middle. The worth of a rial was put on a string, which was passed from the end of the middle finger to the wrist. Eight strings passed as a silver dollar.

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The Popular Fad. The postal card craze has apparently come to stay. I know quite a number of young folk whose knowledge of stil life and city life in both hemispheres has been greatly enlarged by exchanging picture cards and then classifying them for permanent reference. If the cards are home-made, this fad becomes doubly interesting and profitable. Those who have not yet tried this kind of printing work will start right if they purchase a packet of Lunney's postal cards, on which beautiful effects can be secured. It will be found that mang ordinary photographs can be cut down to fit nicely on a postal card and negatives spoiled for other work can often be utilized to fine effect. Try this on your vacation this summer.



# 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 Gladwin, Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this department.—Forest Gaines.

Seventy-five million tons of pure silica is declared by experts to be contained in a deposit near Buckeye, Wash., 15 miles north of Spokane, discovered by George H. Savage, M. E., of Chicago, who is organizing a corporation of local capitalists to establish a glass manufacturing plant, employing 300 skilled workmen, in the outskirts of Spokane.

Mr. Savage and his associates have acquired ownership of 17 acres of land which embrace the mine, following an investigation and laboratory tests by John Pierce of Ottawa, Ill., and other experts, whose reports say the silica is the highest grade they have yet examined and that the deposit probably is the largest and most wonderful on the American continent.

The discovery of the deposit was quite by accident," said Mr. Savage. "After traveling several months through various parts of eastern Washington and Oregon, the northern part of Idaho and western Montana in search of material for making glass, and finding nothing suitable, I returned to Spokane and was ready to abandon the work when I visited the exhibit rooms of the chamber of commerce, where I found a sample of silica in the mineral cabinet.

"The label was torn off the sample and there was no way to ascertain where it was obtained. Finally, after a long search and hunting up a former caretaker in the employ of the commercial organization, I learned it was picked up in the northern part of Spokane county. J. S. Gillespie, corresponding secretary, recalled having heard someone say it was found about 15 miles north of this city. I did not lose any time in striking out, and after searching several days I located the deposit, which is a veritable mountain and immediately closed a deal to purchase the land.

The rare metal lithium is obtained from lepidolite, which occurs in large deposits in the southern part of California, and also from spodumene, found extensively in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Another important but not very abundant mineral which contains lithium is amblygonite, a lithium aluminum phosphate. Lithium is the lightest known metal, and is chiefly used as a medicine and in the manufacture of the various brands of lithia water, well known on the market.

## THE POMO'S BASKETS AND THEIR MAKERS.

By Capt. W. L. White.

Editors Note: The author of this and many other articles to follow is well known all over U. S., Europe, etc., as a sailor, naturalist, traveler, nature writer and as the ocean hunter. Few men have had so many strange experiences as Capt. White. He will write of the wonders of the great deep, as well as relic and curio articles. These will be illustrated by rare original photos.

(Continued from last issue.)

The fish are cured whole, just as taken from the water. For as an old Indian said to me once "why clean fish, some years he no come in creek, Indian no get any fish, save all fish this time. Mawbe no fish he come not next year"! This is the red man's one unfailing rule, to always lay up something for the lean years. Long before the white man came they learned to their sorrow what a winter without food meant. It wiped out whole 'clans' or "little tribes" as they were called. Old Indians have told me of the times when bird or beast were not to be had. Snow covered the mountains, the bark and roots seemed frozen, "we no find anything to eat, old man he die, old squaw she die, papoose die too, all die, whole tribe he die many place," after a few lessons learned this way the Indians started to "lay up" supplies of food of one sort or another, enough to tide them over the winter. In the fall the squaws spent months in gathering the "Pinion", pine nuts and buckeyes, (these were pounded up with grasshoppers, etc., in the immense stone bowls with heavy pestles many of which are still in use, some so old that there is a hole worn out of the bottom, "patched" by setting the bowl on a flat rock). Many seeds of weeds were saved, the wild oats being most used, while roots and different kinds of bark were regular standbys. The above were taken to the wickiups and stored away in baskets, the larger baskets being covered with skins of deer, bears, etc., the smaller baskets were sometimes covered with thin cakes of mud. When the white man came the Indians added his corn to their stores. Sometimes they would find great baskets of corn hidden away in caves or hollows, always carefully covered up and small drains or ditches leading away from them to keep the water out. Lake Co., California, being walled in by many ranges of high mountains is and was in days of old a little world by itself. As yet no "rail-road disturbs its solitude". Here roamed many tribes, only a few scattered remnants now remain. Thousands of Indians died about the time of the Gold rush from smallpox. The Indians claim that it was sent up to them as a present by another tribe that lived along the sea coast. Who knows but what it is the truth. However these Indians have so many queer 'folk tales', legends and 'tribal stories' that one never knows what is fiction or facts.

Clear Lake is very odd in form, containing Upper Lake, East Laks and Lower Lake. Of course it is all one lake but the jutting out points of land causes it to appear as different bodies of water. Near the center of the lake on the south shore stands an old Mount Knockti, in the Indian tongue it means "Dead Horse", and upon the western slope of the mountain there appears to this day the mighty outline of a horse laying with feet pointing up the mountain side. The outlines are nearly a mile long by one half mile wide. The owner of the land now has a fine grove of English walnuts on the ribs of the horse. It is in winter, after a heavy fall of snow that the horse stands out from the side of the mountain very plainly, seen from the lake by moonlight it is just grand.

(To be continued.)

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## WITH OUR MEMBERS.

1087. Arthur Soderstrum, 2944 E. 28th St., Kansas City, Mo., will leave Aug. 1 for an extended tour through Colorado and Yellowstone Park. All arrangements for cards must be made by above date.

2096. Hadrazky Victor, Bucharest, Roumania, will be traveling until October, and unable to exchange until then.

2099. Gyongyos Bela is spending a couple of months in Tolna, Tolna om, Hungary, at which place address him.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

The following have received one or more points during the past month. A point is allowed for each new member secured:

2108. Mrs. L. S. Hubbard	1	2110. Albert L. Amos	1
2138. Roger C. Howell	1		

## 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 September 1. Please renew at once or send resignation.

1180, 1848, 1857, 2038, 2041.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1990. Harry Wynne, 11' Queen St., Wrexham, N. Wales, England, (desires cor. in French only)

## RENEWALS.

500. Andre Perlet, 50 Rue Molitor, Paris XVI, France.  
1087. Arthur Soderstrum, 2944 E. 28th St., Kansas City, Mo.  
1476. Miss Cornelia I. Dunn, Box 74, Walden, N. Y.

## NEW MEMBERS.

2136. S. Earl McClain, R. 1, Irondale, Ohio. (colored views, scenery)  
2137. John F. Sheridan, 417 E. 151 St., New York, N. Y.  
2138. Roger C. Howell, 319 S. Kenosha Ave., Tulsa, Okla. (prefers views of theatres and foreign colored, stamp view side)  
2139. Miss E. L. Lyon, 116 Sumner Ave., Central Falls, R. I.  
2140. Alfred Boyle. Prosser, Washington. (colored views only)  
2141. Paul L. Burkhard, 1328 Elm Ave., Long Beach, Calif.  
2142. H. O. Woodard, Waterford, Pa.  
2143. Leo Mathews, 321 Kenosha Ave., Tulsa, Okla. (prefers public

buildings, parks; no comics)

2144. Frank Lohmer, 212 W. Willard St., Stillwater, Minn. (foreign colored views only; cor. English, German, French, Spanish, Esp.)

2145. Hein. Rubartsch, Frankenstein, Schlesien, Germany.

2146. Kurt Meissner, Frankenstein, Schlesien, Germany.

2147. George Story Chapman, Box 83, Arlington, Mass. (sends first)

2148. Roy Shepherd, 8014 Linwood Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. (colored views)

2149. Loren Meek, Greensburg, Ind. (colored views only)

2150. W. E. Damon, M. D., 813 John St., Portsmouth, Ohio. (views only; cor. Eng., Esp.)

2151. Adolph Hillstad, Route 1, Cumberland, Wis. (colored views; no comics)

2153. Leon Cooper, 1606 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio. (prefers views)

2153. Arthur Barger, 215 Waverly St., So. Farmingham, Mass.

### THE CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.



The 90th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, July 7th, Vice President F. Elmo Simpson presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Vercouter, Holmes, Williams, Ripstra, Green, Verkler, Scully, Von den Berghen, Carey, V. M. Brand, Brenner, Simpson and Leon.

The Committee on Medallion Production reported that they had received the Aviation medals, and a copy was presented to each member present. It was moved and carried that medals be given to members who had joined the Society up to and including this meeting, and that a copy also be presented to the Artist, Mr. Carl Schreiber. On motion the price was made \$2.00 for the bronze and \$3.50 for the silver, and only struck in silver for those who subscribe for them prior to August 10th. The Secretary was instructed to notify members of this fact.

Mr. F. J. Loer resigned as chairman of the Entertainment and Program committee and Ben G. Green was appointed in his stead. Mr. John M. McClun was elected to membership.

Under exhibitions Mr. Vercouter showed a large number of early French gold pieces; and Mr. Brenner his set of Leshner Referendum money.

Magazines received since last report are Philatelic West, Spink's Circular, Mehl's Monthly, Collector's Monthly and the Numismatist, all for June. Auction catalogs from Henry Chapman, Elder, Green, St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. and Schulman; catalogs with fixed prices from Raymond and Steigerwalt; and a priced catalog from Low.

Adjourned to meet August 4th, 1911.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

At auction sales in London autograph letters continue to sell at extravagant prices. It seems to be due to the fact that our American multi-millionaires have turned their attention that way, and they compete with each other for any good item. When they turn away to some other fad prices will drop back to reasonable levels. At present the activity in the auction field of these ignorant rich buyers is very disturbing to the market. It does not fix values in any respect. Outside of the auction room you could not sell the items to these men at one-quarter the price they pay there.

## JOLLY JOKERS CARD CLUB IS MAKING ROMANCE.

"Is romance dead? Well, I should say not. Many romances spring from the interchange of favors by the Jolly Jokers," said Miss Marie Purtell, one of the national vice-presidents of that organization recently.

The Jolly Jokers started their national convention in the Library Park hotel. They took a trip to Bois Blanc in the morning. A moonlight excursion to Sugar Island took up the evening. About a score of delegates made the trip accompanied by many of their friends.

That romance was not dead and was in fact, very much alive, among the Jolly Jokers, at least, was the opinion of practically all the delegates. They told stories of more than one couple united by interchange of postal cards, stamps and banners. "It gives them so much more room for choice, when they are corresponding with people all over the world. If they had to depend on their own town they might not find a sympathetic soul, or a heart that beat in unison with theirs, but when they can form acquaintanceships in every state and every country for the price of a postal card, there is no reason why they should not find some one to make them happy," declared one of the delegates.

"We know of one girl that was very frivolous and worldly until she joined the Jolly Jokers and started corresponding with a missionary in Siam. The missionary was a Jolly Joker in order to get letters from the United States, as he had few friends or relatives to write him. Why, from the instant this girl exchanged her first postal card with the missionary you could notice the change in her. She went to church regularly and started learning how to make her own frocks and to cook rice in 57 different ways. It took about a year for this romance to end in wedded bliss.

"And it was so romantic the way it came out. This missionary obtained a leave of absence. He came to the girl's home town one Sunday before service. He introduced himself to the minister, and the minister asked him to say a few words from the pulpit. He agreed on condition that his name be not given out.

That girl heard him, and she had a feeling that this was her missionary. She went right up to him after service and asked if it wasn't. He admitted it and asked permission to walk home with her. She is now in the missionary field, wedded to her missionary Jolly Joker."

Such an incident is nothing unusual among the Jolly Jokers, they say. "Of course, lots of Jolly Jokers marry people that don't belong to the organization," explained Miss Purtell. "Marriage is not part of our aim. When such romances develop it is merely incidental and has nothing to do with the purpose of the club."—Detroit Free Press, sent by Herman W. Boers.

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Statistics show that one million people are employed in Germany in the manufacture of post cards. Japan deserves mention as the keen artistic sense of her people affords a great advantage in building up this great enterprise. France has the biggest sale of cards which reproduce woman in all her dazzling beauty and infinite grace. England has long been producing many of the high grade cards. One well known English publisher is turning out six million cards a week for progressive dealers in all parts of the world. America is now swinging into line. A couple of firms have recently incorporated to exploit their special makes, putting thousands into machinery to print post cards.

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## PAY TOP PRICES FOR AUTOGRAPHS OF THE FAMOUS.

### Michael Shea Buys Criminal Courts Waste Paper Seeking for Noted Names.

When it comes to the collection of autographs and original manuscripts, the great Mr. Michael Shea, address unknown, lays it over all of the late attendants at the Hol sale like a crisp bill from a new Congressman's pay does over a greasy counterfeit imported in a can from South Italy. Mr. Shea attended the first autograph auction held at the Criminal Court Building this morning and bought 6 tons of original manuscript.

There was more method in the collector's madness than any of the competitors suspected when they responded to an advertisement saying that all of the waste paper of the building would be sold at an auction. Thirteen of them came to bid when J. H. Mayers began the strongest hammer work seen in the building since Jerome quit talking about his enemies.

The auctioneer's hammer fell and it was announced that a patent reversible hay press had compressed all of the documents into neat packages of 60 pounds each and bids were asked.

The bids ran along from 8 to 13 cents a pound.

"Tut, tut, gentlemen," said Mayers, "I can not entertain a bid for less than 20 cents a hundred pounds.

"That's all we can get for it ourselves" said 12 of the 13 in chorus, and they ran away from there.

But Shea winked the other eye and remained on the burning deck.

"As there ain't any other bidders left, I guess I get the stuff at the slipshod—I mean the upset price," he said.

Then he fished up 8 good dollars as an earnest that he would come through with the full \$24 required for the deal and took title to his purchase. Then the chorus began to ask why in blazes Shea had given 20 cents a hundred pounds for a lot of junk for which he could only get the same sum on a resale.

Shea just laughed.

"I guess I can get some fancy figures for some of this junk," he said. "There are the autographs of some mighty distinguished folk in that lot. There's Charlie Morse, for instance, some of his first edition stuff is included. Big Tim Sullivan's handwrite must be in the lot. The Milk Trust has a dozen or so guys represented on some of the cast off paper. There is a lot of stuff running from Harry Thaw's trial on down to the recent troubles of Dan

O'Reilly, and there may be a hitherto unpublished picture of Evelyn Thaw in the bunch.

"I am speculating upon the value that attaches to the handwriting of the rich, the great, the noted and the notorious."

It is probable that Shea will make good on his speculation.—N. Y. World clipping sent by Michael Zemany, Jr.

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### SOME ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTES.—By Samuel P. Hughes.

According to newspaper reports Professor Hewitt of the St. Louis Archaeological Society is spending the summer with a party of scientific students in Honduras. Professor Hewitt has spent several seasons in making explorations along the El Rito de Los Frijoles in Arizona and is one of the greatest living authorities on the ancient Cliff Dwellers. Hon. John B. Raper of the District court of Nebraska spent last season with Prof. Hewitt in workings along the canons of Arizona. Prof. Hewitt and party have made numerous discoveries this year in Honduras that sheds much light on the early inhabitants of that country. The pyramids and temples explored this year surpass anything so far ever known to exist in America, and as they are superior to the ancient ruins of the Nile, many scientists are trying to place the relationship these ancient temple builders had with the better known inhabitants of Egypt.

The written language of the ancient Mayos of Honduras is one of the most intricate that science has ever attempted to translate. Many eminent scholars have been working for years to find some key by which the ancient inscriptions might be translated, but so far little progress has been made. It will be remembered that it was only by the aid of a Greek tablet that the key to the inscriptions on Egyptian temples was translated. Scientists had spent several centuries in an attempt to decipher this long forgotten language and it is hoped some such solution may yet be found by which the written signs of the language of the Mayos may be translated.

Robert F. Gilder whose photo was printed on the cover page of a recent issue of the WEST has the honor of discovering the long lost grave of Logan Fontanelle, once famous chief of the Omahas. Many members of the Nebraska Historical Society have searched for years to discover its exact location and it was only through Mr. Gilder's persistent search of several years, that he finally located the exact spot where this famous chief lies buried. There is a movement on foot to mark the grave by placing a suitable granite stone at the head, so that future generations may know of the home and burial of this well known chief.

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### ONLY 6,000 WORDS IN BIBLE.

New Haven, Conn.—In connection with the Bible tercentenary celebrated throughout the English speaking world Prof. Albert T. Cook of Yale has made an interesting computation showing that in spite of the influence of the Bible upon literature the number of words which appear in it falls far below the number of words used by Milton or Shakespeare.

In the authorized version, according to Professor Cook, use is made of only about 6,000 words, whereas Milton found it necessary to draw upon about 13,000 and Shakespeare something like 21,000.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

Dear Members:—I have been appointed Chief of Esperanto Department and would like to co-operate with all C. U. members using the Esperanto language, or that are interested in it in order to make the department interesting to all concerned. Esperantists please let me hear from each and every one of you with suggestions or friendly hints as it will require your assistance to make this department a success.

Fraternally yours,

John L. Rutherford, Ross, Iowa, U. S. A.

## RECORD OF HONOR.

Members numbers who have secured new members will be inserted in this column. Three new members entitles you to one year's membership free. Dues 10c per year. Renewals at same rate. This plan is original with us and for a little work on your part it means perpetual membership in the Union for you. A proposition worth considering. No. 3 has secured 25 members. and No. 8 has secured 16 members. 82, 316, 497, 2270 and 3025 have each secured two members. 65, 450, 482, 2204, 2272, 2355, 2392, 2395 and 3008 have each secured one member.

## RENEWALS.

- 497. A. E. French, Eminence, Mo., stamps, view cards, local preferred.
- 38. W. J. Donnally, 4049 North 6th St., Philadelphia, Pa. (post cards)
- 2204. W. Carl Stephens, Clark Glenn Farm, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 52-A, Elmira, N. Y.
- 151. Geo. D. Pettit, Lyndonville, N. Y., (For cards from foreign members will give two for one. U. S. members send colored views of churches only.



Common foreign stamps for same of U. S. Letters exchanged.)

#### EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

Nos. 2327 to 2353. P. A. S. C. C. 243, 250, 478, 479, 480, 481, 483, 484, 488.

#### EXPELLED.

2338. Paul Vincent, Gen. Del., Cairo, Egypt, on complaint of 2170, John F. Thompson.

1. W. W. Barclay, 2977 Roxbury Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., on complaint of 2216, W. W. Bliss.

#### MEMBERSHIP NOTICES.

2171. Arthur Soderstrum, 2944 E. 28th St., Kansa City, Mo., has left for an extended tour through Colorado and Yellowstone National Park and will be unable to answer cards until his return.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

3026. Miss A. Schneider, 3702 3rd Ave., Bronx, N. Y. City. (Postcards)

3027. Miss M. Lennon, 316 E. 143rd St., Bronx, N. Y. City. (Postcards)

3028. Frank Lohmen, 212 West Willard St., Stillwater, Minn. (Foreign colored view cards only. Mgr. Reliable Stamp Co.)

3029. Otto Pelikan, 2646 Millard Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Stamps, coins, curios, shells, Indian relics, etc.)

3030. Vera A. Adams, 357 So. 5th St., East Salt Lake City, Utah. (Postcards.)

3031. Walter L. Porter, 19 Woodland Ave., Beverly, Mass. (Stamps. Specializes in British and British Colonial.)

3032. Roland A. Bryant, 7 Atlantic St., Winthrop, Mass. (Stamps, postcards, and articles of general interest.)

3033. A. E. Stilwell, Rougemont, P. Q. Canada, Secretary Post Card Union of Canada, dues 10 cents.

3034. Miss Clara Smith, 701 So. Lawrence St., Tacoma, Wash.

3035. Paul L. Burkhard, 1328 Elm Ave., Long Beach, Calif. (Stamps, coins, curios.)

3036. H. H. Williamson, Floreffe, Penna. (Foreign cards only, stamp view side, by the dozen preferred. Stamps.)

3037. M. Mayer, 582 Westchester Ave., New York City, N. Y. (Stamps. Prefers to exchange for stamps of Jamaica.)

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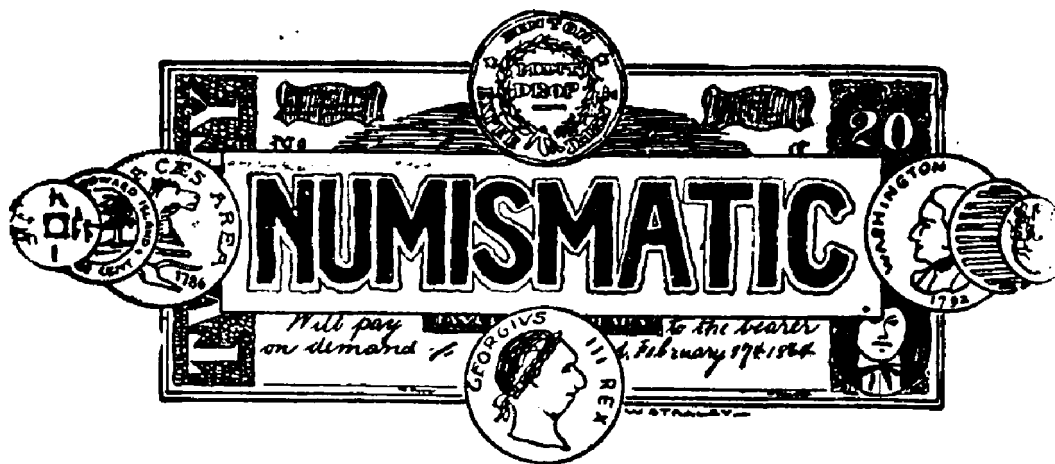
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#### A MINNESOTA SOCIETY.

Several years ago Minnesota had a successful state organization but with the passing of time several of the leading members dropped the hobby of collecting and others removed from the state. Its official organ went the way of most stamp papers and the few members left let the organization vanish, but a new attempt is being made to start a state society in the North Star State and collectors living in the state are invited to correspond with Cleveland Budlie, Box 303, East Grand Forks, Minn., who is acting as secretary of the new organization. It is probable that E. R. Aldrich, who was president of the first organization will also head this new society.

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There the 119,000,000 old copper pennies somewhere. Nobody knows what has become of them, except once in a while a specimen turns up in change.



## CANADIAN COINS AND TOKENS.—By Dunham.

(Continued from last issue.)

**Bridge Tokens.** Three wooden bridges were built to connect islands in the St. Lawrence river with the mainland. The Bout de l'Isle, Lachenaie and Repentigny bridges were completed in 1807 but in the spring were unfortunately carried away by the ice. Smoking was strictly prohibited on the bridges on account of dangerous fires being started. Horses were not permitted to go faster than a walk, the owner fearing that the vibration produced would injure the stability of the bridges. The crossing is now made by a horse-boat. The bridge tokens occur in four varieties of reverse. Caleche, 2 wheeled cart, price 2s. 6d.; Charrette, 2s. 3d.; Personne, 6d.; Cheval, horse or mule, 10d. They are valued at from 2£ to 3£ each variety. It is stated upon good authority that the reason the Lachenaie Bridge tokens are clipped was so that the guard, being unable to read could distinguish the different varieties.

Nova Scotia was furnished from England with pennies and half pennies, bearing the portrait of the King until 1832 and after 1840 that of Queen Victoria.

New Brunswick was supplied from the same source in 1843 with pennies and half pennies. In 1861 Queen Victoria issued 20 cents, 10 cents, 5 cents and one cent pieces.

Prince Edwards Island evidently issued its token penny in 1855-6 as the reverse bears the following inscription "Self Government and Free Trade." In 1871 the home government sent over two million one cent pieces bearing the portrait of the Queen.

New Foundland issued the only official coin in gold, a \$2 piece from 1865 to 1890. The 50 cent, 20 cent, 10 cent, 5 cent and 1 cent were issued by the British mint from 1870 to 1888.

Wellington's portrait is found on about twenty varieties of pennies and half penny tokens, commemorating his glorious victories, some undated, others dated 1805-12-13.

Ships Colonies and Commerce tokens are numerous and very crude, some extremely rare bringing over 1£ each.

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## OLD TIME RIFLES AND RIFLE MAKERS.—Sent by Johnston.

(Continued from last issue.)

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Next came a Henry of the year 1866, and so we went from one old gun or pistol to another until, finally, the name of the celebrated Carlisle of Shippenburg, Pa., was mentioned, and then he looked up and said: "My father learned his trade of Carlisle and moved up to Cumberland County, where he opened his shop. I was born there in 1836 and began working at the bench when I was fourteen years old. I was so small at that time that they built a little platform for me to stand on. We used to work harder fifty years ago than we do now—twelve, fourteen and sixteen hours were nothing unusual as a day's work. The popular opinion is that in those days one man made and finished a rifle from one end to the other, but that is a mistake; of course, the gunsmith who employed no help did so, and no man was considered capable who could not do so in a pinch, but whenever a rifemaker had enough business to warrant his employing two or three hands, as my father did, there was a specialization of work, just as there is today. One man would devote his attention to rifing barrels and fitting breech plugs, another might be particularly handy about working patch boxes and ornaments out of brass, and some men were more skillful than others in laying out stocks and fitting in the actions.

"We had few lockmakers in this country, and most of the gunlocks used were imported, for at that time in England, lockmaking was a distinct trade. The most popular makers were Golcher, Moore and Manton.

"A great many of the set triggers were made in special shops. There was a man by the name of Fehr, at Filetown, near Nazareth, Pa., who had a great reputation in his time, but now all of the old set-trigger makers are dead.

"Barrel making was also a special trade of considerable importance, and rifle barrels in the rough were a part of all hardware men's stocks. We used to get our best barrels from a stretch of country that ran from Dauphin County down to Philadelphia. All through those hills, wherever there was sufficient power to work a trip-hammer and a grindstone, you would find the shops of the barrel-makers. Prominent among these workers were the Pennypackers, but they are all dead, and of all the men who understood this art when I was a boy only one is living. He came from a family of barrel-makers and has a little shop up in the mountains, where he forges out barrels just as father did one hundred years ago. When he dies the art will be at an end. Of course, very good barrels are now drawn by machinery, but in the old way, under the hammer, the metal was worked over and over until all the impurities and specks and grays were removed, and it became tough and smooth and rifled beautifully. Barrels were ground to an octagon on an ordinary grindstone, and a good workman would do this as accurately as a modern planing machine.

"When I was about fifteen years old a jeweler from Baltimore passed through our town and displayed a little pocket pistol of what was afterward known as the Ethan Allen pattern. I borrowed it long enough to get its dimensions and then worked night and day until I had made one. The young bucks were all greatly taken with it, and I started in business by making twenty-five of these pistols, that were purchased for \$6 each as rapidly as I could finish them.

(To be continued.)

# ST. LOUIS STAMP COLLECTORS' SOCIETY.



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The 162nd meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society was held at Mr. Cornwall's office June 6, 1911. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 p. m. by the President, the following members being present: Chase, Bain, Schoemann, Cornwall, Mann, Boisselier, Meyers, Marston, Reude, Schellhorn and Hosmer.

The minutes of the meeting of May 6th, 1911, were read and approved. Secretary read several communications which were referred. The resignation of Messrs. Haintz, Hopkins, Lifka, C. E. Hussman, P. H. Ward, C. H. Deitering were read and made over for future action.

The Secretary was directed to write the family of our late member, Mr. J. A. Francisco, recently deceased in regard to the disposal of such stamps as he might have left. The auctioneer then disposed of a number of stamps at auction, left over from the last meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:55 p. m. Next meeting June 20, 1911.

A. P. Hosmer, Secretary.

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The 163rd meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society was held at Mr. Cornwall's office, June 20, 1911.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. by the President, the following members being present: Messrs. Mann, Bain, Anschuetz, Marston, Sis-sonson, Schoemann, Eilers, Chase, Hosmer, and Mr. Davis of Indianapolis, as visitor.

The minutes of the meeting of June 6 were read, and approved.

The Secretary then read several communications which were referred as usual.

The various resignations of mmebers was again laid over until a future meeting, for action at that time.

The matter of securing Society pins was then discussed, but as we have had no communication from the makers in Rochester, this matter was also laid over until a future meeting.

A number of lots of stamps were then sold at auction by the auctioneer.

Mr. Davis of Indianapolis was then called on for a few remarks by the president, Mr. Bain, and spoke at some length in regard to stamp collecting in Indianapolis.

The next regular meeting occurring on July 4, it was decided that the next meeting should be held on July 18.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m.

A. P. Hosmer, Secretary.

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Being desirous of advancing the WEST to a higher standard of excellence as a collectors paper, we invite suggestions for its improvement. Criticisms will be welcomed as well as commendation. A post card idea may help us.

## THE GILDER LOESS MAN.

"Scientific 'Inaccuracies' in Reports Against Probability of Geological Antiquity of Remains of Nebraska Loess Man Considered by Its Discoverer," is the title of a popular article in the May-June issue of *Records of the Past*, one of the leading scientific journals of America. As the discoverer of the celebrated Loess Man is Robert F. Gilder of Omaha, an added interest centers in the article for readers of the mid-west, where his scientific investigations have been pursued with results which seldom fall to the workers in scientific fields. The article is a dispassionate criticism of the report of the assistant curator of anthropology in the United States National museum at Washington who came to Nebraska several years ago, made examination of the bones of the primitive type of men found by Mr. Gilder beneath the surface of a hill of unremoved loess, three miles north of Florence, and returning to the national capital published nearly forty pages of a report in which he opined the remains were not geologically old, that the deposit was a burial and therefore could not be considered geologically old.

After waiting three years, during which he continued his geological and anthropological labors without abatement, becoming thoroughly familiar with the loess in this part of Nebraska, Mr. Gilder has replied to the government publication with a remarkable arrangement of fact, directly attacking the adverse report and clearing up certain questions of geological antiquity in a forcible manner, backed up by a vast amount of personal research conducted in this neighborhood. No one reading Mr. Gilder's article can doubt for a moment but that he is in thorough accord with the claims of Prof. Erwin H. Barbour and Dr. George E. Condra of the University of Nebraska of the geological antiquity of Loess Man. His paper has the ring of sincerity. It contains no deductions, is a plain statement of fact and adds accurate information to the sciences of geology and anthropology in Nebraska.

On receiving the government report on his Nebraska find Mr. Gilder at once saw it contained many statements not strictly in accord with fact. These misstatements he has pointed out and sought to correct. He has gone at his work just as any other conscientious newspaper man would proceed to gather all the details of an "assignment," has gotten them together and has written his "story" from his facts, just as he would write a story for the *World-Herald* on any subject. He has placed his article in a popular periodical and thus asks the public to form its own judgment as to the accuracy of his observation.—*Omaha World-Herald*.

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Secretary C. S. Paine of the Nebr., historical society, has received from E. Peters of Guide Rock, Nebr., a broad ax and a frow which were used in building the first house in the Republican river valley in this state. Mr. Peters, who was the first sheriff of Webster county, used the tools himself, and has had them in his possession ever since. The frow, which was used in splitting shingles, was a home-made instrument, and both it and the broad ax appear to have seen much service. The historical society has also received a walnut post, which is all that is left of the fence that surrounded the McCandles ranch at what was known as Guide Rock station on the old Oregon trail. It was at this ranch that Wild Bill killed several members of the McCandles gang during September 1861. This post is all that remains of the property that was on the ranch in the old days, with the exception of the rocks in the well.—*Lincoln, Nebr., News*.

# A COLUMN FOR KANSAS COLLECTORS

By George J. Remsburg of Potter, Kansas

Daniel Haner of Herington, is the owner of a brass whistle that was once the property of Abraham Lincoln and was used by him while boating on the Ohio river and as a surveyor in Illinois. Lincoln gave the whistle to Mr. Haner's father.

Wm. Heeren of Salina has a Bible 428 years old. It was originally purchased by his great grandfather in London and has been in the family over 100 years. Previous to that it had been in the family of Baron Von Keinach. It was printed in Neuremberg, Bavaria, by Anton Koburger, just 28 years after Gutenberg printed his Latin Bible, which was in 1455.

Prof. H. T. Martin of the paleontological department of Kansas University has gone to Sterling, Colo., to work in the fossil fields of that section in search of mammal specimens of the miocene period.

In making excavations for paving the main street of McPherson recently the workmen unearthed several relics of the early days in Kansas, among them a picket pin of the kind used by cow-boys in picketing out their ponies, an old army bayonet, cartridges and a copper bullet mold. These relics are of the earliest types used in the army.

Mrs. Robert Hyde of Atchison, has a "grandfather's clock" 200 years old. It was sent to Mrs. Hyde by relatives in England.

Prof. R. D. Lindsey of Kansas University, in company with four students, are making a biological survey of Kansas. They travel by wagon and are making an extensive survey. The specimens obtained will go to the University museum.

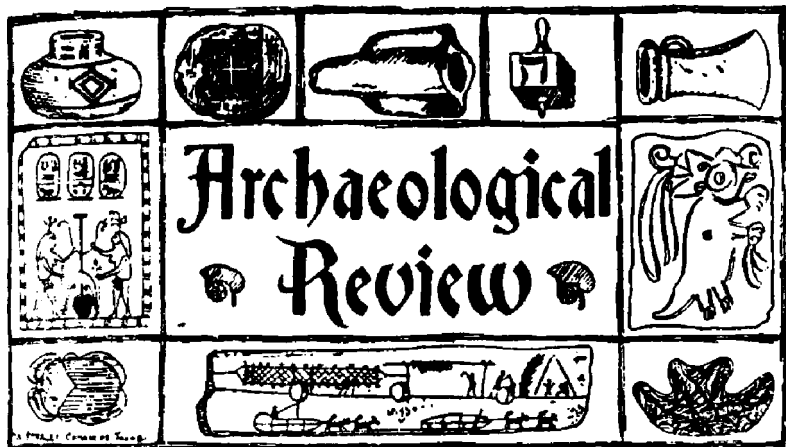
George A. Orr of Lawrence owns a book that has been in the family since 1741. It has a long title, containing subjects of 20 sermons of an old Scotch Presbyterian preacher. It also contains an account of the coronation of Charles II.

Charles Veatch of Kansas City, is the proud possessor of what has been pronounced the best collection of Shakespearian books and relics in the West.

The Daughters of the American Revolution at Wichita, are arranging to fit up a museum building in that city, and have made application to the war department for some relics from the battleship Maine.

Matt Still of Atchison has a history of the Roman Empire printed in 1571 by Zacharius Muentzer, translated from the Latin of Titus Linius. He also has the gospel of John the Apostle, printed in 1587 and a Bible printed at Cologne by Arnolum Quentel in 1607. The oldest book he has, however, is the new testament printed by John Quentel, an ancestor of the foregoing, in 1561.

Samuel Connor of Atchison has a bible printed in 1739 an ddedicated to the Duke of Saxony. He also has an old history of the Waldensenses and a complete history of Julius Caesar, written in Latin in 1765.



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

No. 3 of Vol. 2 of the Archaeological Bulletin is at hand. The Bulletin is making rapid strides toward the front and will soon be recognized as one of the leading scientific publications of the U. S. This issue contains some very interesting articles among which I may mention the following.

Footsteps of Vanished Races, Part I, by Samuel P. Hughes of Howe, Nebraska. Mr. Hughes is one of Nebraska's well known investigators, and has written a very instructive article.

An Ancient Texas Village Site and Its Relics, by Dr. Jack Shipley, is an excellent description of an old village site in Texas.

The Dunagan Mound, by W. L. Griffin, Somerset, Ky., and Implements of Bone, by E. R. Steinbruck of Mandan, N. Dak., while short, are of extreme interest to the student.

Recent Examinations in Salt Creek Valley in Eastern Kansas, by Geo. J. Remsburg, is written in the author's usual pleasing and descriptive style.

Archaeology of Sussex County, New Jersey, by Paul S. Tooker, Westfield, N. J., is something new and deserves more space for review than I am able to give it in this issue.

The Kitchen Middens: A Day Afield, by John S. Abercrombie, Rushville, Ind., is a very good article on this subject. It describes the day's outing on Walton's Island, Columbia Co., Georgia, and their discoveries and explorations of the shell heaps on the island.

The Archaeology of Monocacy Valley, Part 2, by E. Ralston, Goldsborough, is the second part of a series of writings and covers the relics included among the Ground stone, Hammer stones, Celts and Axes, Grooved stone Axes and Mortars and Pestles.

Forest Gaines, Glendive, Mont., has a short and interesting article on Recent Archaeological Finds in Minnesota. This with the Review Department and Society's report and advertisements, make up this number. The Bulletin is issued at ten cents per copy or forty cents per year of four numbers. Free to members of the International Society Archaeologists, and here I wish to add that the society is growing very rapidly. It now has enrolled nearly three hundred and fifty members and is doing some noble work. If you are not a member, why not? It only costs fifty cents a year in the U. S. and colonies, Canada

and Mexico, and the benefits are worth more than ten times the cost. For further particulars, address the Secretary-Treasurer, Allen Jesse Reynolds, College Corner, Ohio.

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Leo Frobenius, the explorer, thinks he has discovered the lost continent of Atlantis in Africa. Frobenius bases his claim principally on the discovery of some ancient bronze tablets in the northwest section of Africa, close to the equator. He declares that his proof is absolute and that Atlantis was not an island, as fabled, but was part of the mainland. Scientists here (Berlin, Ger.) will not accept his proof as absolute until they have an opportunity to examine it.

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### NUMISMATIC SPARKS.

The 1852 U. S. half-cent, the restrike with large berries is the rarest and most valuable half-cent known. There are only four in existence.

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All the U. S. gold eagles previous to and including 1804 bring good premiums. The 1838 and 1839 are quite rare in fine condition, but after these dates little premium is offered unless the pieces are in proof condition. The rarest eagle is the 1798, with an auction record of \$150.00.

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The reason the 1822 half-eagle is the rarest and most expensive U. S. gold coin is because there are only two Numismatists possessing the prize, while several million collectors still want it to fill out their set of \$5.00 pieces.

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It is predicted that in the near future, when safe exhibition rooms are provided for coins, that prices will approach, possibly exceed the value of rare paintings.

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Why does the U. S. make so little coining copper money? We understand she has not made a half-cent since 1857.

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Forty years ago I scratched my name on a silver dollar and placed it in circulation, but have never seen it since.

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Why is a silver dollar like beer and ale? Because beer and ale make half and half and half and half make a silver dollar.

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What is the difference between a 25c silver piece and a horse? None, they both have a head and a tail.

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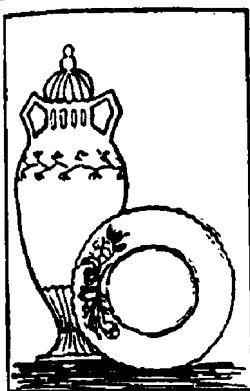
Doctor—Say, Willie, you are not looking any better this morning, did your mother give the powder as I directed, just what a 10c piece would hold?

Willie—Yes, doctor, she did. But she did not have the dime, so she used ten pennies.

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Excited old lady to wealthy numismatist—"I notice by the newspaper that you paid \$3600.00 for a silver dollar of the year 1804. Now I have in my possession an 1804 silver half-dollar that I will sell you for \$1800.00. I have been offered much more, but I need the money very badly just now to pay off a mortgage on our automobile.





# ODDS ↓ AND ↑ ENDS



In the course of several years the writer has discovered men who have found their chief delight in collecting articles which, to the ordinary mind, are of absolutely no account. One such produces with pride a large album of cigar-bands tastefully aranged and labelled with the date and place of each acquisition. Another has developed a craze for motor accidents, and possesses a small library of newspaper cutting books, in which he has pasted the accounts of every such accident that he has discovered in his daily reading. These he reads constantly and so well posted is he in this somewhat gruesome subject that he can quote with remarkable accuracy the character, date and place of many fatalities to motorists and the causes which led thereto.

A neighbor of the writer's recently deceased, had an even more morbid hobby. For something like half a century, during which time he was the chief tradesman of the village, he had regularly got himself elected foreman of every Coroner's jury summoned in the district. It mattered not whether or no he was summoned to serve, he went, and so well known was his curious taste known in the locality, thta invariably he was chosen to fill the coveted post. Throughout all this time he kept a careful record of the inquests and verdicts, supplementing the published accounts with comments of his own.

There is a member of the Birmingham City Council who has for many years past made it a point of honor not to be absent (except through illness) from any committee meeting to which he may be summoned. And as he is a popular man, and serves upon a large number of departmental committees and sub-committees, it necessarily follows that the adoption of this hobby involves him in considerable expense and personal discomfort. He has broken his holidays and crossed land and sea many times in order to maintain his unique record.

There are quite a number of enthusiasts associated with the two great national sports whose interest in the doings of the partiular club they favor is so great that they follow the players from place to place throughout the season, never missing a match, and following every stroke or kick. One such hobbyist has attached himself like a limpet to a certain college player, and has so specialized in his subject that he can reel off his hero's batting and pitching records in practically every match for years past.



## REPORT ON SMALL ARMS USED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM EARLIEST TIMES TO 1903.

Flintlock musketroon, calibre .75, enlarged at muzzle to 1.05, used by cavalry or dragoone, brass mouldings, marked U. S., on barrel, barrel keyed to stock, no date.

English "Brown Bess" .75 calibre, flintlock bayonet 1690 to 1840. On lock plate "Tower" and "G. R." is marked, barrel keyed to stock, brass mountings. Nearly all the fighting of the Revolution was done with this arm.

English smoothbore, muzzle-loading flintlock musket, calibre .75, Model 1747, marked "King's Own Regiment" on barrel, no bands around barrel, on lockplate "Jordan 1747" and U. S. also G. R. under crown.

Flintlock musket, French, calibre .72, Model 1763, marked U. S. on barrel and lockplate, barrel fastened to stock by three iron bands, iron mountings, swivel loops for gunslung with bend for lug "M 1763 on tang, on lock plate "U. S." and "H. R." under crown, also "Manf. Royals de St. Etienne". This is apparently the arm which served as a model for the first muskets made for the United States which were made by Eli Whitney in 1798 or 1799.

Flintlock musket "Queen's Arm" used by Minute Men of the Revolution 1776, calibre .81. Brass butt plate and guard, no bands.

Old Springfield muzzle loading musket, marked on barrel U. S. over N. C.

Old Springfield muzzle loading musket, marked on barrel U. S. over V.

Springfield smoothbore flintlock musket calibre .70, Model 1818, magazine primer.

Blunderbusses iron, also brass barrels, cylindrical also bell mouthed, with swivels for use as wall pieces.

Springfield, smoothbore musket, calibre .69, model 1842, first U. S. percussion musket used in Mexican war, bayonet has clasp.

Harper's Ferry sharpshooter's rifle, calibre .75, 1847, used on tripod, peep sight on hammer, globe sight on barrel.

Short rifle, Harper's Ferry, calibre .535, Mfg. 1848, browned barrel, patch box in stock.

Springfield smoothbore musket, calibre .69, altered from flintlock to percussion in 1852.

Springfield smoothbore musketoone calibre .69, 1851. Brass butt plate, guard and bands, ramrod on swivel to prevent its loss on horseback, swivel bar.

Pistol carbine, smoothbore, calibre .547, 1851, detachable stock, brass butt

plate, guard and band, and swivel ramrod.

Harper's Ferry Rifle, calibre .50, Model 1855, browned. The gun was made for Secy. of War, John B. Floyd, and used exclusively by him in target practice.

Springfield musket calibre .58, 1859. Two leaf sights 300 to 700 yards, percussion cap and Maynard primer.

Short rifle, Harper's Ferry, calibre .58, 1859. Browned barrel. Maynard primer, saber bayonet, patch box in stock.

Springfield rifle musket, calibre .58, model 1861. This is the arm made in great numbers, for use in Civil War.

U. S. Springfield musket rifle and cadet rifle, 1864. Percussion lock.

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### PISTOLS.

Revolving pistol "Pepper box" percussion, also self cocking.

Remington B. L. rifled calibre .50, metallic cartridge.

Derringer (U. S. Navy) calibre .54, smoothbore, 1847.

Army smoothbore flintlock 1836, calibre .535, made by R. Johnson, Middletown, Conn.

Army smoothbore flintlock, 1841, calibre .545, made by R. Johnson, Middletown, Conn.

Army smoothbore percussion, 1844, calibre .547, altered from flintlock, made by R. Johnson, Middletown, Conn.

Army smoothbore percussion, calibre .525, made by A. H. Waters & Co., Millbury, Mass.

"Springfield" smoothbore, percussion, 1842, U. S. Model No. 4, calibre .545.

Army smoothbore percussion, 1851, calibre .55, Model 1842, made by H. Aston & Co., Middletown, Conn.

Springfield (rifled Model 1855) calibre .58, Maynard primer, fitted for detachable stock.

Springfield, breech-loading (rifled) Model 1868, calibre .50, experimental.

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### MUSKETS, ETC.

Hall's breech-loading flintlock rifle musket, calibre .512 181, also another same system, Model 1832, calibre .535.

Hall's carbine, same system, percussion lock, calibre .642, ramrod bayonet.

Hall's rifle, percussion, calibre .54.

Sharp's carbine, calibre .52, paper cartridge.

Flint musket, Pattern 1840, calibre not given in Ordnance Manual 1850.

Flint musket, Pattern 1822; these muskets afterwards altered to percussion locks.

Cavalry musketoön; Artillery musketoön; Sappers musketoön; also percussion pistol, Ordnance Manual 1850, calibres not stated.

Rifle Musket, 1855.

Rifle Musket, 1842.

Cadet Musket, 1858.

The Rifle, 1855.

The Rifle, 1842, reamed out to .58 inch.

The Pistol Carbine, Model 1855.

Springfield Rifle, calibre .45 (Officers Model)

Springfield Rifle, calibre .50.

Merrill musketoön, Latrobe and Thomas, "rebel", calibre .54, altered from

Harper's Ferry rifle, manfd. 1849.

Symme's breech-loading carbine, calibre .54. Invented by Lt. J. C. Symmes, Ord. Dept.

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### REVOLVERS.

Schofield-Smith & Wesson, calibre .45. United States service pattern.

Colt's calibre .45, United States service pattern.

New Colt's double action revolver, calibre .38, with simultaneous ejector.

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### MAGAZINE ARMS.

Spencer carbine, old model, calibre .52, introduced 1860; 94156 purchased used in Civil War, 1st Mag. gun used in actual War.

Spencer repeating Rifle, calibre .50, altered from carbine.

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### RIFLES AND CARBINES.

Sharp's Rifle, calibre .58, paper cartridge, Maynard primer, breech-block inclined to axis of barrel.

Lindners breech loading rifle carbine, calibre .57 1854; 892 purchased by U. S. for use in Civil War.

Starr's carbine, calibre .54; 25,603 purchased, used in Civil War, breech loader.

Cosmopolitan rifle carbine, calibre .50; 9,342 purchased, used in Civil War, breech-loader.

Smith carbine, calibre .52; 30,062 purchased, used in Civil War, breech-loader.

Gallagher rifle carbine, calibre .51; 27728 purchased, used in Civil War, breech-loader.

Gibbs breech loading rifle carbine, calibre .53, 1854; 1052 purchased, used in Civil War.

Joslyn b. l., carbine rifle, calibre .54; 11261 purchased, used in Civil War.

Merril b. l. rifle carbine, calibre .54, 1863; 14495 purchased, used in Civil War.

Lee, calibre .45, Sharps, calibre .50, Spencer calibre .50, Remington calibre .50, Ward-Burton calibre .50.

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### CARBINES.

Springfield calibre .45, Springfield calibre .50, Sharps calibre .50, Spencer calibre .50, Remington calibre .50, Ward-Burton calibre .50.

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### REVOLVERS.

Colt's calibre .44, Colt's calibre .45, Smithh-Wesson Cal. .44.

Springfield Rifle, model 1873, calibre .45. The rod bayonet used on Model 1888.

Springfield carbine, rifled, Model 1873, calibre .45.

U. S. Magazine Rifle and Carbine, Model 1896, calibre .30, Knife bayonet.

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A lady who was collecting autographs once wrote to Lincoln for a sentiment and his autograph, and she got in reply a note that ran: "Dear Madam: When you ask from a stranger that which is of interest only to yourself, always inclose a stamp. There's your sentiment, and here's your autograph. A. Lincoln."

## THE INVENTION OF COINAGE.—Sent by Herman W. Boers.

It is to Lydia that Europe owes the invention of coinage. In all times and in all countries the privilege of coining has been allowed the sovereign. Croesus of Lydia was the first monarch to introduce a bi-metallic system of coinage—gold and silver in the proportion of about three to four. This was some time between 560 and 546 B. C. Darius of Persia is said to have later adopted this idea also.

At a very early age the ancients found it necessary to discover some definite medium of exchange to take the place of the inconvenient method of bartering—the primitive means of carrying on trade. Metal was chosen, doubtless by reason of its durability, and in the case of gold and silver by reason of their intrinsic value. Silver and brass were first used, particularly in Greece, from a lack of sufficient gold. Later, however, this deficiency was overcome in a manner to be described further on.

The less liable a metal is to change in value the better it is suited for a standard.

The first method of using precious metal as a medium of exchange was impracticable and inconvenient. It was simply weighed and exchanged in full for commodities of various sorts. Soon, as commercial transactions increased and became more complicated it was found necessary to divide the mass into units of various weights, which took the form of rough coins. To this day there is one surviving relic (in name only) of this first system of payment by weight. It is the word "pound." This division proved unsatisfactory also, since no two merchants were likely to have split their store of silver into pieces of equal weight. Their units could not be taken as a standard, since a piece of weighed metal become a coin only when it is stamped by the State, and is thus guaranteed to have its professed weight and purity.

The Greeks first issued real coin some time during the seventh century B. C. By the fourth century the entire civilized world used money. It is supposed that the priests played an important part in the introduction of money, for it is highly characteristic of them that their coins were from the start marked by religious association. So ancient coins in a great measure confirmed history, and have been, and in the years of discovery yet to come will doubtless continue to be of the greatest help to historians.

(To be continued.)

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We have just received from W. S. Lincoln, the oldest stamp dealer in the world, the ½d and 1d stamps of King George V. which have just been issued. They are very interesting as this is the first time that numerals of value have been used on the British stamps. Also they bear a picture of a dolphin and a lion. If any reader sends him 2 cents for the 1d or 1 cent for the ½d plus 2 cents to cover cost of postage he will be pleased to send them specimens. He also sent a special series of Coronation post cards he has had done. He will send a sample set price 38c by post 42c. They are the best views of the coronation and parade we have seen. See his ads. Visitors to London are invited to inspect his magnificent stock of carefully chosen postcards of every important building or object of interest in London. Is near Hyde Park and Oxford Circus. It will pay you to call and see him.

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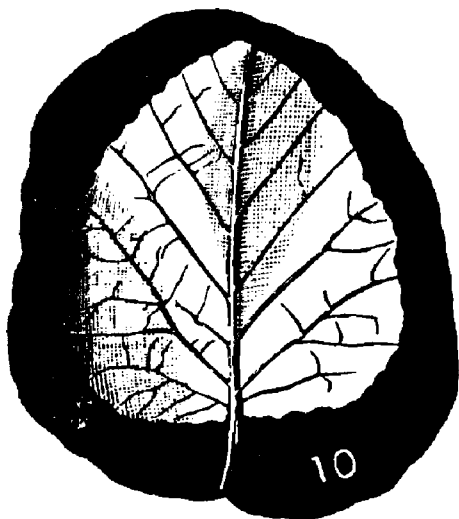
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1875 20c silver O P or S mint	.45
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1837 Turtle Mule cent.	.15
1837 March's N.H.	.10
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1898 Spang's "Stone Age" priced	.40

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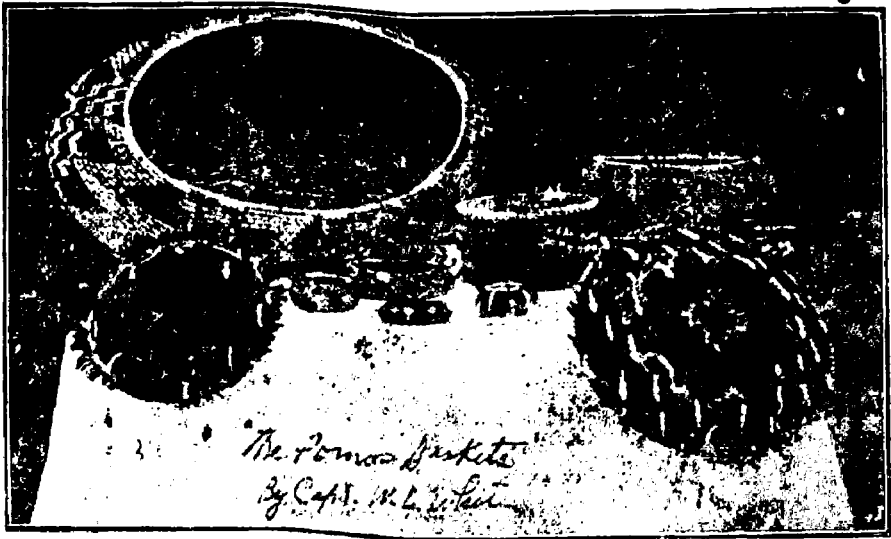
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No. 75—Inch....	3	3 1/2	4	4 1/2	5	5 1/2	6	7	8	9	10
Price Each.....	\$2.50	3.00	3.75	4.50	5.00	5.50	6.00	7.50	9.50	11.00	12.00

## NO. 76—3 STICK

No. 76—Inch.....	3/8	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 3/4	2	2 1/2		
Price Each.....	\$3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.50	4.00		
No. 76—Inch.....	3	3 1/2	4	4 1/2	5	5 1/2	6	7	
Price Each.....	\$4.50	5.00	5.50	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.50	9.00	

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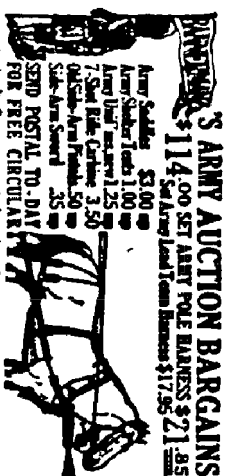


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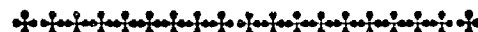
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