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PROMINENT PHILATELISTS.



Yours Truly,

John S. Bixby

JOHN STARR BIXBY was born June 3d, 1862, at Harristown, Macon county, Ill., his father being postmaster of that town at the time of this important event, and this may account for the "mania" that seized the subject of this sketch, later on in life. At present he is 5 feet 10 1-2 inches in height, weighs 140 pounds after eating a square meal and is neither light nor dark but what

you might call a "brune-blonde." He has lived within a radius of 25 miles of Decatur all his life, and for the last fifteen years in the city itself, which has a population of 17,000 and is one of THE railroad centres of the West, lines from eleven different directions centering at this point. It is situated in Macon county within twenty miles of the geographical centre of the great "Sucker" State. The first fifteen years of his life was passed in the school-room and he had entered the third year class of the Decatur High School, when he was offered a position in the office of H. W. Hill & Co., Dec. 1st., 1877. This he accepted, and has filled (more or less acceptably to the firm) to date. Hill & Co. are the manufacturers of the world renowned "Triangular" Hog Rings, a "jewel" which ornaments the rooting end of countless millions of (four-legged) swine. This firm had a printing office in connection with their manufactory for the exclusive printing of their own advertising matter—tons of which are scattered broadcast over the world and parts of New Jersey every spring. While loafing around the printing office, he has acquired the faculty of distinguishing between an em-quad and a Hoe (press) with ease and one hand tied behind him.

He first became interested in stamps about 1872, his first collection being mounted in an "album" at that time quite popular with the boys, viz: "Sherwood's Writing Speller," and this he has not been able to dispose of for $7,000 to this day. In 1874-6 he dealt in stamps in a small way but at the latter date his ardor gradually cooled until something over a year ago when he happened to see one of Bishop's advs. of the defunct *Philatelic Magazine* in "Lippincott's" when the "fever" broke out again with renewed "virulence," and has evidently come to stay this time.

Mr. Bixby served one term as secretary of the Illinois State Amateur Press Association, his service being so able and efficient that the Association—withered and died almost before the expiration of his term of office. Also one term as secretary of the Decatur Amateur Press Association (now extinct), and he was for a number of years the same officer for the Decatur Guard's Drum Corps. He was president of the B. A. D. Club of Decatur for two years, a club not so "bad" as its name might indicate, it being called B. A. D. for short meaning Barrett Amateur Dramatic; a club, which in the opinion of its members, possessed considerable histrionic ability about it, but which was never developed sufficiently for public presentation and for which the public should be ever grateful. In June of last year he managed to break into the American Philatelic Association, was numbered 256 by Secretary Bradt, and turned loose. At present he is one of the Committee of Organization of the "Dealers' Protective Association," and is a candidate for chairman of the Board of Trustees. (His cash price for votes made known upon personal application.)

April 22nd, 1886 he was married to Miss Grace King Lukens, of Decatur, and he is now the proud parent of a bouncing boy who will be one year old the day before the Fourth of July next. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, a mutual benefit secret society of the North-West.*

*N. B.—Politics and religion made known to "anxious inquirers" enclosing 2c stamp—"not for publication but as a guarantee of good faith."

Mr. Bixby informs us that his present private collection does not number over 10,000 specimens, nor does it contain "many priceless gems" calculated to make the advanced philatelist's mouth leak (i. e. "water"). Nor did he even own a "Brattleboro" or "find a dime" which he sold to a soulless corporation in Gotham, for $116. His foreign mail has never been siezed by the custom officials of this grand administration of reform—but in fact he is nothing but a common "every day young man," as the reader has no doubt discovered ere this.

How to Distinguish the Dies of the U. S. Envelopes.

BY JOHN K. TIFFANY.

PART II.

The 12c Reay has heavy numerals **1**, top pointed, and if a straight edge be laid from the end of the bottom stroke of the E of Postage to the upper point of the S of Cents, just touching each, about half of the width of this numeral will be visible to the left or right. The head is oval.

The 12 cent Plimpton has thin numerals with flat top, and a straight edge applied as described in Reay would nearly coincide with the left edge of the numeral. The head is nearly oval.

The 15 cent Reay has small side whiskers and the neck is nearly straight between its intersection with the chin and bust lines.

The 15 cents Plimpton has no whiskers and the neck is a curved line from the chin to the bust lines.

The 24 cent Reay shows the inside hooks of the net work with squared ends.

The 24 cents Plimpton shows the inside loops as points.

The 30 cents Reay has the back of the bust small, say 1mm. wide.

The 30 cents Plimpton has the back of the bust wide, say 2mm. wide.

The 90 cent Reay shows just the least projection into the oval of the upper points of the shield, the front or breast line of the bust is nearly horizontal about 1mm. from the bottom line where it joins the neck.

The 90 cent Plimpton shows the upper points of the shield projecting well into the oval and the breast line is about 3mm. from the bottom line where it joins the neck. These *tests* will I think serve to distinguish these dies readily.

The dies of the 2 cents head of Washington are simple. The October die is a poor copy of the design of the 3 cents preceding with value changed, in colored letters.

The next die has the inscription in small letters white on colored labels. Inside the border white lines of the frame are two waved lines above and two below these labels extending all around.

The next die is similar but has only one raised line above and below the labels.

It will be noticed that the War department stamps are cheaper now than they were ten years ago, but for this I can assign no reason, only that the market seems flooded with them at present.

On an average I think the department stamps have increased about 300 per cent., and while this is not as great an increase as is shown by some of the general issues, still it warns collectors to complete their sets while the stamps can be obtained at the present prices.

ALVAH DAVISON.

POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUED.

Of postage stamps issued last year there were of twos, 1,246,162,350; of ones, 432,286,300; of threes, 1,264,600; of fours, 13,438,950; of fives, 32,499,740; of sixes, 57,700; of tens, 19,176,520; of fifteens, 1,630,860; of thirties, 433,050; of nineties, 35,450; of special deliveries, 1,245,940, making a total of 1,748,231,460, representing a cash value of $33,898,750.

Of newspaper and periodical stamps issued there were of ones, 604,545; of twos, 490,405; of threes, 202,295; of fours, 328,275; of sixes, 206,800; of eights, 155,970; of tens, 369,928; of twelves, 146,545; of twenty-fours, 134,445; of thirty-sixes, 64,965; of forty-eights, 45,745; of sixties, 50,212; of seventy-twos, 29,840; of eighty-fours, 26,225; of ninety-sixes, 58,845, etc. The total number issued of all kinds was 3,031,595, representing a cash value of $1,364,413.80.

PRINTING AND PACKING POSTAL CARDS.

An entirely new machine has been invented for printing postal cards from the roll, and to turn them out in bundles of twenty-five. This machine prints the cards at the rate of three hundred a minute in the usual way, by means of a rotary press. A set of knives then cuts the cards off and drops them four abreast into little cells specially prepared for them. When twenty-five cards have dropped out a set of steel fingers turns the package over, twines a paper band about it, and pastes it together. The packages are caught in an endless belt of buckets, which carry them into an adjoining room, where they are received by girls, who place them in boxes ready for delivery. It is said that one man can look after two machines.

SOME weeks ago a number of very clever counterfeits were passed upon merchants of New Orleans, and they were so well executed that they were taken by the banks as genuine. The counterfeits were one dollar bills raised to fifties, the word "fifty" being cut from the old half dollar fractional currency. The party passing them was at last captured and proved to be an expert counterfeiter who had just served a term of eleven years in the penitentiary.

EDITORIAL.

DON'T recognize us? Well, we don't wonder. A new name, new address, and new form is enough to confuse any one but this is what once was THE YOUTH'S LEDGER. *We* were satisfied with the old form but we have had many requests from our subscribers to change to magazine form, and we have at last acceded to their request, as we know that this form will be more in conformity with the other papers of this class, and as it is wholly devoted to collectors we thought it best to change the name. Our change of address is caused by the removal of our business manager to Bloomfield, where he will hereafter devote his whole time to this paper and his own business. This place is just outside of New York city and we will continue as heretofore to give all the news from the great stamp centre of the country.

For convenience in binding we start this number with Volume IV. so that those desiring bound copies may have the volumes the same size.

Although many changes will be seen, the old proprietors are still at the wheel, and they will continue to give a paper free from bias and one devoted solely to the advancement and spread of the different branches of collecting.

MR. E. F. GAMBS sends us a lengthy letter regarding the custom charges on foreign stamps which a lack of space prevents our printing in full. We agree with him that it seems absurd to charge a duty on postage stamps when coins are admitted free, but the law is plain on the subject and the question is, what are you going to do about it?

WE are indebted to Mr. Aue for an unused specimen of the new U. S. 30 cent light brown. The stamp is greatly improved by its new coat and now really looks handsome. Its predecessor always reminded us of a funeral. The new 5 cent has also been issued. It is printed in dark blue and in point of beauty it ranks somewhat low in our estimation.

WE have thus far obtained the following double perforated stamps: 1c 1870 (pair), 2c red (pair), 1c 1888 (pair), 4c green, 5c Garfield (pair), 10c brown, 2c postage due (pair), 10c due.

BRO. HUBBARD has removed to more commodious quarters in Lake Villag, and will hereafter have his stove and press room all on the same floor. We understand he has refitted things up in fine style.

THE *Kentucky Stamp Magazine* is announced to appear April 1st, from Covington, Ky., with Crigler & Stephenson as publishers.

MR. I. W. RISDON recently became the father of a fine little girl. Proud of it, did you say? Well now we've been there ourself.

R. S. HARRIS & Co. whom we reported in our last number as about to retire from business have reconsidered it, and will continue as before.

NEW YORK NOTES.

MR. P. H. HILL, of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of New York, was at Bogert's auction and secured a number of good lots.

THE National Society have taken the matter of a "Philatelic Exchange" under consideration. A committee has been appointed who will report at the next meeting.

MESSRS. GUSTAV AUE & CO. have moved to Bloomfield, New Jersey, where they will go exclusively into the stamp business.

MR. C. B. CORWIN has re-entered the National Philatelic Society and can be seen at every stamp auction after this or that particular stamp, and he manages to secure a good many before he thinks of going home.

THE *American Journal of Philately* has changed its volume number, and starts as Volume I., Number 1, second series, with J. W. Scott, editor.

NOT caring to pay "plumber's prices" for engraving our cover, the Editor, who is somewhat of a penman, thought he would try his hand at it, and our cover is the result. While it is not perfection, I think it will compare favorably with those done by the profesh; and considering the hurry in which it was drawn it is a creditable piece of work.

THE colors of the 4c green United States and the 90c carmine have been changed. The special delivery stamp has also been changed, it being the same with the exception of the wording.

R. R. BOGERT & CO. held their fifth auction sale of postage stamps at Geo. A. Leavitt & Co.'s, on March 5th. The collection included a number of scarce and desirable stamps, and prices were fair. Among those present were R. R. Bogert, Wm. Seeligsburg, C. B. Corwin, A. Oakley Hobby, Jos. Rechert, P. H. Hill, of Nashville, Tenn., Henry Collin, Rev. W. H. Holman, and others. Following are a few of the best prices obtained:

U. S. POSTAGE:—U. S. Mail one cent, rose, used, $4; New York 5c black, without signature, $2.30; Providence 5c, $2; 1857 5c, showing projections at bottom, perforated, $1.70; another, showing projections at top and bottom, $1.30; a pair of the above, $1.50 each; a strip of three joined at top and bottom showing projections, used, $1.35 each.

FOREIGN POSTAGE:—Bolivia 1868 500c, 9 stars, $7.50; British Columbia 10c unused, $4.25; 50c unused, $1.65; British Guiana 1853 4c used, $2.05; Brazil 1844 180 used, $3.30; 1844 300 used, wide margin, $4.60; Canada 1857 7½d used, $2.50; Ceylon 1sh 9d green, unused, $3.10; Costa Rica 1883 20 on 4 reals, $3.00; New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d used, $3.50; another, used, $3.25; Portuguese Indies 1877 900 reis violet, with star and dash, $2.10; 1881 8t on 300 unused, $2; Spain 1850 10 reals used, $2.40; Trinidad 1851 6d blue on blue paper, cancelled, $2.55; 1sh brown on blue used, $2.60; 1854 1sh brown on white used, $2.60; 1858 6d blue, badly lithographed, used, $3.60; 6d gray used, $3.30; 1859 4d unperforated, used, $3.05; U. S. of Colombia 1859 20 used, $2; 1864 1 peso used, $2.30; Antioquia 1868 1 peso, $1.50.

THE Scott Stamp and Coin Co. intended to hold their eighty-fifth auction sale on the evening of March 14th, but owing to the recent storm, it was postponed until Monday evening, March 19th, when it was held at Bangs & Co.'s rooms, 739 Broadway. It consisted of a fine collection of postage stamps, the property of Mr. E. H. Sinsabaugh, of New York.

Among those present were E. B. Sterling, David Proskey, Henry L. Calman, H. Nelson Terrett, Hugo S. Mack, Wm. Seeligsburg, R. Wuesthoff and C. A. Burger.

The following are a few of the prices realized:

UNITED STATES POSTAGE:—1866 3c scarlet, $5.25; Periodical stamps, 12 dollar green, cancelled with punch, $6; 36 dollar red cancelled with punch, $11.25; 48 dollar brown cancelled with punch, 13.25; 60 dollar violet cancelled with punch, 18.00; Providence 1846 5 and 10c black, unsevered, 8.50; Carrier 1851 1c red horseman, cancelled, 6.10; Envelope stamps, 1857 4c blue and red on white, 5.60; 4c blue and red on buff, 5.80; War department 10c red on white, 12.00; 10c red on amber, 7.75.

FOREIGN POSTAGE:—Bolivia 1867 5c violet, 5.00; 1868 50c blue, 6.00; 1869, 9 stars, 500c black, 7.50; 1871, 11 stars, 500c black, 19.00; British Guiana 1850, ship on shield, the "Patimus" error, 4c blue used, 6.25; Dominican Republic 1r green, italic letters, 14.00; Roumania 1858 5pa black, 6.10; Two Sicilies 1860 Provisional Government, arms, ½ tornese blue used, 30.00; Savoy cross ½ tornese blue used, 7.00; U. S. of Colombia 1862 20c red used, 21.00; 50c green used, 5.25; Bolivar 1863 10c green used, 19.00. Entire envelope, New South Wales 1858, Sydney View, embossed on white, 6.00.

Gustav Aue

CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES.

Editor Ledger:—Why do the Hawaiian stamps have gum on as if they never had been used, and yet they are cancelled? W. S. B.

Some of these stamps are hard to obtain in used condition, so the cancellation mark is put on by the dealers or at the office where sold. The stamps are genuine.

Editor Ledger:—What is the face value of a local bearing the inscription, "Bayonne City Dispatch Post, 1 cent," white paper, coach and horses in center? D. K. B.

The face value of the stamp is one cent, but we can find no catalogue value for it.

Editor Ledger:—Are any of the department stamps reprints? Are locals marked "Trade Mark" of any philatelic value? D. S. D.

All of the department stamps were reprinted, but the reprints are without gum and have the word "specimen" printed on the face.

Editor Ledger:—Are the War department stamps offered by many dealers genuine or merely reprints from the original plates? C. O. H.

This is a question that none but those who obtain the stamps can answer.

Editor Ledger:—Are there two colors of six pence sterling with 12½ cents in corner? If so, what are they worth?

We know of but one color, green, worth 10 cents.

Editor Ledger:—What is the meaning of the letters in the corners of the stamps of Great Britain? J. J. S.

We believe the letters were meant to prevent "matching" portions of different stamps.

Editor Ledger:—I have a 10c prepaid parcel stamp of Piercy's Express. Has it any philatelic value, and how much? W. G. M.

There were three values of this stamp issued, 10c, 15c, and 25c, and although not mentioned by Scott, they are genuine locals, used for prepaying bundles instead of letters. We cannot give any value for them.

Editor Ledger:—The stamp "V. W." refers to in the March LEDGER is said to be an essay that was never adopted. The stamp was intended for use at New Orleans in the same manner that the Baton Rouge stamps were used. It is also said the stamp is not an essay, but a fictitious stamp gotten up by some enterprising dealer to foist upon collectors. GUSTAV AUE.

Editor Ledger:—In the March number is a notice about a United States envelope, and as you ask for explanation: The envelope is not on the schedule, as the issue of envelopes with the embossed head of Jackson, value 2c, ceased in September, 1883. It is given by Horner as No. 746. The envelope in question is quite common, being priced by Bogert at 20c. I know it exists as I have it in my collection. You also do not understand how it is possible to sell the 1857 issue unused below face. The reason probably is that as these stamps could no longer be used for postage after the war broke out, Scott probably had a number on hand which he may have bought cheap from some one who could not use them, and he was enabled to sell them below face as there was a comparatively small demand for United States stamps at that time. Your types make Mr. Tiffany say that the Jackson die C is the rare die. C. F. BISHOP, A. P. A. 164.

EXCHANGE NOTICES.

This column is for the use of subscribers. Exchanges must not exceed thirty words, and must be written on a separate piece of paper. No postal cards noticed. To secure insertion in following number they should be received not later than the 15th of current month.

RARE departments for same. Wanted, Agriculture 10, 12, 24, 30; State 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90; Treasury 24; Justice 24, 30, 90; Post Office 10, 30; Due 50; any Executive. *L. E. Clark, Sturgeon Bay, Door county, Wis.*

A COPY of the American Philatelic Business Directory, 30 pages and cover, for every 20 foreign postal cards sent me no two alike. Wanted, sample copies of philatelic papers. Address with stamp, *William B. Whitney, Lock Box* 314, *Marlborough, N. Y.*

To exchange for stamp album (Imperial preferred), Japanese newspapers, envelopes and wrappers complete, with Japanese stamps, Manitoba and Ontario law stamps (high values), and philatelic papers. *H. N. German, Whitby, Ontario, Canada.*

INDIAN relics for United States stamps; perfect ancient stone pipe for best stamp album offered. Address, *Ada, Ohio, Lock Box* 59.

TWO 1887 silver dollars for a 12c 1870 unused United States adhesive with grill, and five for the 24c ditto. *Irving A. Brown*, 658 *Cedar avenue, Cleveland, O.*

TWO genuine unused Confederate stamps (the five and the ten cent blue) and Hubbard's Premium Coin Catalogue for the 48th edition of Scott & Co.'s catalogue. *W. G. McIntosh*, 513 *W. Morgan street, Raleigh, N. C.*

EXCHANGE desired with stamp collectors in all parts of the world. Send sheet and I will do the same. *J. L. Bellmer, Sedalia, Mo.*

A GENUINE original local catalogued at 10c for every two philatelic magazines having covers. Duplicates taken. A local catalogued at 5c for every philatelic magazine issued before 1887. *Gustav Aue, Bloomfield, N. J.*

STAMPS and philatelic papers for the following: No. 4 *Philatelic Journal of America*, No. 8, Vol. I. *Queen City Philatelist*, No. 20 *Stamp and Coin Gazette*, Nos. 3 and 4 of Vol. IV. *Philatelic Gazette. Jackson Kemper Garrett*, 521 *Columbia street, Burlington, Iowa. A P A* 247.

AN unsevered pair of Wells Fargo & Co.'s "Publisher's Paid Stamp" for any one of the following: Centennial envelope, 12c or 90c 1870, or any United States stamp catalogued at 10c or over. *A. Davison, Helmetta, N. J.*

15 DIFFERENT tin tags for every local or department stamp sent me, except the 1c and 3c unpaid. No less than three taken. *George L. Meserve, No.* 1 *Lindell St., Haverhill, Mass.*

A stamp paper for every United States stamp sent me not in my collection. *J. P. Sawyer*, 64 *Condon street, Providence, R. I.*

GOOD stamps and philatelic papers for stamps not in my collection of 3,000. Cannot use common stamps. *Wm. S. Bacon*, 170 *Dean street, Brooklyn, New York.*

WANTED, *Harper's Magazine* for the years 63 and 64. Good exchange given for the above Send list to *Wm. H. Bacon, W. Newton, Mass.*

15 foreign stamps for every V nickel. *J. J. Sinclair, Box* 340, *Newmarket, N. H.*

A VOL. of *Youth's Companion* and a book by Castlemon (paper cover) for a stamp album in good order, with or without stamps. *Oscar Solie, 508 North Spring ave., Sioux Falls, Dak.*

10c used envelope 1855, good condition for a 90c 1869. *Alfred Dawson, 14 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.*

3 VOLS. *Golden Days* for best offer of stamps not in my collection. Stamps for same. *Orrin S. Good, Box 745, Lock Haven, Pa.*

IRVING'S "Sketch Book" and "Knickerbocker History of New York," bound in half morocco, new, for "Report on Birds, Fishes and Reptiles of Massachusetts," 1837, published by the State. *R. M. Osborne, Lenox, Mass.*

500 foreign stamps for five arrow heads and one spear head, or same for four arrow heads and Indian knife, or for an Indian axe. *Chas. Worthen, 133 Water street, Haverhill, Mass.*

A philatelic paper for every clean postage stamp sent me not in my collection, unused specimens preferred. Stamps for same—send sheets. *A. B. Merrill, Box 638, Everett, Mass.*

STAMPS for stamps. Postmarks for stamps. Send sheets. *Granite State Stamp Co., Newmarket, N. H.*

400 varieties postage stamps (50 unused) for books; what offers; also have paper bound books and philatelic papers for books. *Howard Kennedy, Centre Bridge, Bucks co., Pa.*

800 rare tin and paper tags for best offer in U. S. Private Revenues. 10 V nickels without cents for best offer in departments. *Alfred Owre, 119 & 121 Q street So., Minneapolis, Minn.*

RARE Medicine stamps, fine minerals, and a stamp album for perfect Indian arrow heads. *Will C. Bliedung, 215 S. Adams street, Green Bay, Wis.*

SALE OF THE LINDERMAN COLLECTION.

The famous Linderman collection of United States coins was sold on February 29th, at Bangs & Co.'s rooms, 739 Broadway, New York.

It will be remembered that an attempt was made in June last to sell this collection, but the Government interfered, on the ground that some of the pieces were the property of the Government. The sale that took place included all of the lots catalogued June 28th except twelve and parts of three others. These it was necessary to withdraw before the sale could take place.

There were many buyers and the bidding was lively. The 1804 dollar only brought $470, and this specimen is the finest one known. Other dollars of this date have brought from $1,000 to $1,200.

Other coins brought the following prices: a lot of half-cent proofs between 1835 and 1852 sold at from $5 to $10.50. Two proofs from rusted dies of the 1827 quarter-dollar brought $81 and $88 respectively. A sharp proof of the 1838 dollar realized $82.50. A pair of "ring" cents of the 1850 issue sold for $95. A five and ten dollar gold piece of the Barber design sold for $85, and duplicate pairs of similar designs brought very nearly as much.

Among the miscellaneous medals were two bearing the portraits of Andrew Johnson and Cyrus W. Field. These sold at $5.50 each. A bronze Russian medal commemorative of the liberation of the serfs, and struck off in 1861, brought $42. The total sales amounted to neary $3,000.

THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Up to date of writing this we have heard nothing from Mr. Moorehead regarding the nominations called for in our last number. It is probable that they are coming slowly and that not enough have been made to warrant him in sending a list for publication. We do not wish to hurry the members, but if there are any who have not as yet forwarded their nominations we would request them to do so at the earliest moment. Send only the names of good men—those who will give their time and attention to getting the machinery of the Association in order should they be the chosen ones. There is good material to pick from, and we hope the right ones will be brought forward.

During the past month a draft of the laws for governing the Society when organized has been prepared, and it is now being examined by the different members of the committee, in order to perfect it as much as possible before submitting it at a meeting.

Following is a list of names sent in since the last list was published of members of the proposed *Archæological Society.*

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100 square cut postmarks for every 50 envs. square cut or 75 adhesive U. S. stamps excepting 1c and 2c present issue. *L. O. Wainwright, Waukegan, Ill.*

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Newmarket Advertiser, a twenty-four column weekly newspaper. While in the shoe store young Pinkham became interested in printing and in 1872 he purchased a Novelty press and outfit. These occupied all his spare time and having a natural taste for the art he soon became quite expert and the town having no printing office or paper he was led to start the *Advertiser* as stated. In 1874 he sold his interest in the printing office and started in the shoe business again, continuing until 1879, when he once more entered the printing business and became sole owner and publisher of the *Advertiser* which he has continued to the present time. From his beginning with a Novelty press he now has a large and well equipped office, containing four large presses, cutters etc., hundreds of fonts of type and employing several hands. His paper has been twice enlarged and it now compares favorably with any local paper in the country.

Mr. Pinkham is an old time philatelist, having become interested in collecting in 1869. He began to deal in stamps in 1872 and during that year published the *Stamp Collector's Monthly*, a small 4 page paper of which 12 numbers were issued. His collection of 3,000 varieties (which was considered above the average in those days) he sold together with his stock when he went into the printing business in 1873. Three years later, while in the shoe business, the old fever came back and he was soon head over ears in stamps again. He revived his stamp paper and issued five numbers but it not paying he gave it up. From 1877 to '79 he dealt extensively in stamps, both wholesale and retail and he was no doubt the largest dealer in New England outside of Boston. In the latter year his printing business requiring all his time he sold his stock and collection (about 5,000 varieties) to G. B. Calman.

In 1884 Mr. Pinkham began printing for the publishers several stamp and curiosity papers, and reading the proofs soon revived his interest in his old time recreation and two years later he was again in the ranks of stamp collectors, and if we are any judge he intends to stick to it this time. His present collection numbers about 3,000 varieties, all of which have been obtained by trading.

At present he is manager of the Granite State Stamp Co., whose ad. appears elsewhere in this issue. This company does a large importing business and with his experience it will no doubt soon be in the front rank of dealers.

In the printing business Mr. Pinkham makes a specialty of printing for stamp collectors and dealers, his intimate knowledge of stamps enabling him to do this class of work much better than the usual run of printers. For several years he has been printing various papers and magazines, and at one time had as many as seven. He printed the YOUTH'S LEDGER for over two years, and much of its success is due to the fine workmanship he put upon it. His job work has increased to such an ex-

tent that he will hereafter confine himself to that class of work for stamp dealers and others, and as all our work has come from his office we can vouch for it being done neatly and cheaply.

Mr. Pinkham is justice of the peace and in politics a republican, being a member of the republican town committee. He has been treasurer of his town for four years, but declined a reelection in 1887. He was librarian of the M. E. Sunday School for many years and secretary of the Webster Hall Literary Association. He is a past dictator of Rockingham lodge, Knights of Honor, and at present is worshipful master of Rising Star lodge, A. F. and A. M., having just been reelected a second time. He is leader of the fifes in the Newmarket fife and drum corps, and number 202 in A. P. A.

Mr. Pinkham has an excellent wife and two fine children, girls of four and eight years respectively. The writer spent a few days at his home last summer, and the hospitable reception given him is still green in memory, and if any others are in that vicinity he knows they will meet with a like welcome.

EARLY POSTAGE IN THE UNITED STATES.

This is a subject which to many may seem to have been exhausted, as many articles have been written regarding it, but believing that there are still interesting facts which can be brought forth the writer has penned these lines and trusts that they may be found of sufficient interest to be read. The date at which my first information begins is 1639. At this time letters arriving from beyond the sea were usually kept on board ship until the persons to whom they were addressed or some of their immediate family called for them. On the arrival of a ship it was usual for every family to send a member on board to secure their letters. After a certain time the letters uncalled for were taken by the Captain to a coffee house near the wharf and there they were spread on a table awaiting their owners. Parties from the outlaying settlements would call at the coffee house and carry away not only their own letters but all belonging to the people in their neighborhood, and these they would either deliver in person or leave at the house of the magistrate or some relative of the individual to whom the letter was addressed. From this there grew a custom of depositing at the coffee house letters written in the town and destined for places in the interior as well as letters brought from the country and directed to an inhabitant of the town. As the settlements grew it became usual to leave letters addressed to one of them at the inn most frequented by the inhabitants of the settlement. In this way for several years before there was a post office in the colonies, a rude but neighborly system of letter delivery sprung up, and long after post offices had been established this

system was mainly depended upon by the people for the carriage of letters for short distances. In 1639 Massachusetts established a postal system, the court issuing the following decree: "It is ordered that Richard Fairbanks, his house in Boston is the place appointed for all letters which are brought from beyond the sea or are to be sent thither, to be left with him; and he is to take care that they are to be delivered or sent according to the directions; and he is allowed for every letter a penny, and he must answer all miscarriages through his own neglect in this kind." In 1657 the colonial law in Virginia required every planter to provide a messenger to convey the dispatches as they arrived to the next plantation and so on, on pain of forfeiting a hogshead of tobacco. New York in 1672 established a monthly mail to Boston, and thirty years later it was changed to to run every two weeks. In 1683 William Penn issued an order for the establishment of a post office in Pennsylvania, and in New Hampshire the colony established a post office in 1693. In 1710 a general post office was established in London for all the British Dominions, it being under the direction of a postmaster general with offices at Edinburgh, Dublin, New York, and other places, the deputy post office general for the colonies had his residence in New York. From this time until 1737 when Benjamin Franklin was appointed postmaster of Philadelphia there was little improvement in the postal system. Franklin immediately after his appointment visited every post office in the country except Charlestown, S. C. In 1774 Franklin was removed by the British government, and in the following year the continental congress appointed him postmaster general with a salary of $1,000 per annum. Under his administration many improvements were made.

The question is often asked by collectors, how were letters carried before the introduction of postage stamps, and how were the payments made? In those days there was no law requiring the prepayment of letters as there is at present, so a large proportion of the letters were sent unpaid; when this was done it was usual to write or stamp the word "due" on the outside of the sheet, with the amount to be collected, and the postmaster would collect the amount when delivering the letter. Envelopes were not then used, the letters consisting usually of a single sheet of paper folded and addressed on the outside; the postage charges being according to the distance and the number of sheets in the letter. The law stated that one sheet was a single letter, two sheets a double letter, etc. One of the oldest letters the writer has is one consisting of a double sheet of paper, size 7½ x 12½ inches, which was sent from Richmond, Va., to Spotswood, New Jersey, in 1807; the postage on this was twenty cents, as shown by the figures written on the outside.

The illustration shows the hand stamp which also appears on it. To those knowing how rapidly the letters are handled in these days, the address on this will seem unique so I give it in full:



"To——Briten; the postmaster at New Brunswick hereby desired to forward this by the first opportunity and by the post; and the said post is directed to inquire of Mr. Moses Ayers where to find Mrs. Briten in Spotswood, Middlesex, New Jersey." Just think of having letters addressed in this way in these days of rapid communication! Two years before this, in 1805, the same party had written a letter and addressed it as follows:

"Mr. Moses Ayers; the postmaster at New Brunswick is hereby desired to forward this to Spotswood, Middlesex, by the first opportunity by the post, New Jersey." From writing the name of town, etc., in ink on the outside, hand stamps were gradually introduced by the postmasters; these were much the same as the post marks of the present day except that the amount of postage usually appeared at the bottom. The stamps were of all sizes, and although the circular form seemed to be the most popular, a few appeared oval shaped. The only requirement seemed to be that the name of the town, the month, and day of mailing should be given, the year being left out in every stamp which the writer has seen.



When letters were prepaid they were stamped with the word "paid;" one of the styles being shown in the illustration; while the amount appeared in a separate hand stamp of all sizes and shapes, the amount sometimes being Roman numeral, and again in figures. The illustrations given are from letters bearing date of 1845. When the postal rates were changed in 1851 hand stamps appeared with the amount and the word "paid" all in one. In Canada the same system seemed to be in vogue as a letter dated 1850 bears a circular stamp with the words "Dorchester N. B." and "Ma 21 1850" in the centre. Various other stamps of the same style appear on the letter showing the different offices through which it went. Other Canadian letters bear a stamp with the word "Canada."











Among the many old letters in my possession, none are more interesting to me than a few I have dated 1844. These bear two stamps, one on oval shape with the words "Forwarded by Hale and Co., New York," and the other an oblong with "Collect six cents for Hale & Co." These remind me of the early struggles of



the early struggles of my old friend Mr. James W. Hale, who is still living, in establishing his post in opposition to the U. S. Government, and the sacrifice he made of his fortune in proving to the public that letters could be carried at lower rates than those charged by the general government.

These old hand stamps are interesting to the philatelist, as showing him the crude methods in vogue before the introduction of that little piece of paper which has revolutionized the postal systems of the world.

ALVAH DAVISON.

CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES.

E. B. J.:—The 3 cent 1851 *brown* is considered an oddity, but it is quite common, as all vermilion inks are liable to change color. The 1869 issue appear with plain and embossed backs, the embossed are much the rarer. The 1870 10c first appeared in brown, while it is now chocolate color.

Ontario Stamp Co.:—The names of approval sheet agents published in this paper were all taken from letters of recent date; we cannot say whether they are still collecting.

L. A. G.:—A one cent Hawaii postal is priced by Durbin, unused, at 5 cents, the 2 cent at 10c. we cannot tell from your description which French postal is meant, as there are a number of varieties of the 15 cent.

R. K.:—The first stamp you mention is a government hand stamp, for which we can assign no date or value. The envelopes we cannot find calalogued; if you will forward one we will probably be able to place it.

E. R. N.:—The 1836 half dollar with milled edge is worth $1.50. The same date with lettered edge has no premium. Write J. M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

R. G. T.:—The one cent green, Young Ladd & Coffin perf. is priced at 15 cents on silk paper; the same unperf. is priced at 50 cents. The D. Jayne & Son perf. on silk paper is priced at $2; the same die cut, 25c.

A. B. M.:—There are so many different dates of Byam Carlton & Co.'s wrapper that we cannot give the price of yours without knowing the date. The set you mention are Austria telegraph stamps worth about 10c.

Editor Ledger:—Would department stamps surcharged "specimen" and then cancelled at a post office be worth as much as genuine used stamps? H. B.

Postage stamps are bits of paper issued to prepay postage. These reprints were *not* issued for that purpose and their receiving a cancellation mark at a post office does not change their character in the least. Should one of them carry a letter through, it would be an oddity, and as such command a price; otherwise it has no philatelic value except as a witness to the folly of our government officials.

THE historical painter, Julius Naue, of Munich, who is also an archæologist of merit, has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Tübingen for his work on the sepulchral mounds of Upper Bavaria.

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The above is the ticket we shall support at the next election for officers of the A. P. A. Our reasons for selecting this ticket will be given in a later issue.

JUST as we go to press Mr. W. W. Thomas writes us that he has taken steps toward suing us for libel for the articles published in Nos. 25, 26 and 27 of this paper! Good for you, Thomas; we didn't know you had spunk enough for that, but step right up and toe the mark, as we've got our gloves on.

Look out for our June number! Full account of the libel suit!!

NOW and then a queer customer presents himself at the stamp window of the post office at Atlanta, Ga. The other day an old negro, evidently in from the mountains, called at the window and in a voice of great earnestness inquired: "Got any poslig keerds for Griffin?" Yes, uncle. How many will you have?" asked the clerk. "A quart, boss," came a prompt answer. The clerk laughed, and informed the old darky that they were not selling "poslig keerds" by the quart this week and the negro left, apparently with some surprise that he could not be accommodated.

PERHAPS you have a friend who would like to see a copy of the LEDGER. Send us his name and address, and we will send him one. Then he may become a subscriber, and good will be done all around.

"TALK 'bout dem Gen'l Washin'ton body servants! I's licked Gen'l Washin'ton, gemmen—licked 'im!"

"Why, how's that, Uncle Dave?"

"On a pos'al stamp!" And the old man doubled over a hitching rack and fairly laughed a hole in the ground.—*Harper's Bazar.*

Tea Collection at Paris.—The *Journal Officiel* of June 22nd states that a collection of specimens of the different kinds of tea produced in China can now be inspected at the offices of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Paris.

D. GUMPER, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, claims that he has a silver dollar of 1804 (the long missing one of the only three known to have been coined) and asks $5,000 for it.

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"'Tis not in mortals to command success; But we'll do more—we'll deserve it."

SECRETARY BRADT has sent to all members copies of the new circular describing the benefits and advantages to be derived from membership in the A. P. A. The circular is well gotten up and will without doubt soon add many new names to the roll. It is just what has been needed for circulation among non-members.

ALTHOUGH we exercise the greatest care with our mailing list, copies of this paper occasionally get lost. Any of our subscribers who miss a number are requested to write us and a duplicate will be sent.

MR. A. E. ASHFIELD, of Rye, N. Y., is one of the old vets in the stamp line. He has been in the business for 11 years.

MR. H. E. DEATS, of Flemington, N. J., in addition to having a fine collection of stamps, also owns a collection of Indian relics worth about $200.

SINCE our last number was out the letters have been actually pouring in congratulating us on the new form and appearance of the paper. We cannot answer them all individually, but take this opportunity of returning our thanks for the hundreds of kind expressions sent us.

MR. E. J. STEBBINS, of Adrian, Mich., is forming a collection in duplicates of the autographs of all prominent philatelists. He obtains the names on small sheets of fine ledger paper, size 4 x 7. The idea is an excellent one, and if stamp photographs could accompany each autograph it would be a valuable and interesting collection.

IT has been suggested by Mr. H. E. Deats that we have a band of music at the next A. P. A. convention, if enough musical members are in attendance to form a band. It is requested that all members who play instruments and who propose to attend the convention, correspond with

Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J., in order to see if the idea can be carried out.

IN February, 1887, we advertised that we would publish monthly for a year a list of twenty approval sheet agents. As the year is up we have discontinued that column. During the twelve months we published 260 names of agents who had proven trustworthy while with us. Many dealers would have paid from one to three dollars for that list, while we furnish it for 25 cents.

THERE is a movement on foot in Brooklyn, N. Y., to form a philatelic society among the younger collectors, and all between the ages of 13 and 18 desirous of forming are requested to send their names to G. E. Richter, 264 Lorimer street, or Charles B. Hudson, 173 Devoe street. There are hundreds of collectors in Brooklyn, and we hope that many will take this opportunity of meeting together for mutual intercourse.

THE ballot for officers for the National Stamp Dealers' Protective Association resulted as follows: President, F. J. Mitchell; Vice-President, C. F. Rothfuchs; Secretary, C. J. Woodworth; Purchasing Secretary, Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.; Treasurer, R. R. Bogert; Trustees, John S. Bixby and S. B. Bradt. Another trustee should have been elected but no one having received a majority of votes cast, another ballot is necessary.

WE made a trip to New York recently, and after being shot up nine stories by a lightning elevator, we found ourselves in the eyre of Geo. H. Richmond. After keeping him from his work for about two hours, we called at R. R. Bogert's in the *Tribune* building. He was busily engaged with proofs of his books on the U. S. envelopes. The illustrations are full sized and show the back of the envelope with flap open. For the stamps he will illustrate only the outer part, *i. e.*, all but the inside circle with bust.

MANY advertisers think our rates are high because some of the papers charge a little less than we do. Up to last month our circulation had been 2,000 copies per month, but owing to the great increase in cost with book form we have made it 1,700 copies and this it will remain until it goes higher. The bulk of the papers charging 50 cents per inch have a circulation of 1,000 copies, and on this basis our rates should be 80 cents while they are but 65 cents; and this paper is thus far cheaper than those with lower rates. That our subscription list is as large if not larger than any similar paper our exchange column will prove, and the paper is not given away for a mere song, as we believe collectors will value a paper in accordance with the price paid for it. As publishers have the credit of being proverbial liars as regards circulation we tack an affidavit to ours in order that advertisers may know that they get the publicity paid for. Since this paper was started we have issued 58,680 copies, or an average of 1,956 per month.

NEW YORK NOTES.

MR. W. REPPEN, of Galveston, Texas, was in the city last month, and attended the meeting of the National Society.

MR. H. N. TERRETT exhibited quite a number of rare entire unused U. S. envelopes at the recent meeting of the National Society.

THE American Postage Stamp Exchange has been organized in this city. Mr. Krebs is President, Mr. A. M. Wright Secretary, and Mr. Krassa Treasurer, and Krebs Bros. & Co. proprietors.

MR. CASEY had an auction sale on the evenings of May 3rd and 4th, and Mr. Frossard had one on May 10th, which consisted of the G. W. Leslie collection.

MR. J. W. SCOTT attended a recent meeting of the National Society and read an interesting essay on inverted stamps. The essay will appear in the next number of the *American Journal of Philately*.

MR. R. WUESTHOFF exhibited a part of his splendid collection of unused foreign stamps. It is in one of Mekeel's improved albums, and very tastefully arranged. It contains many rarities.

A GOOD many old members of the National Society who resigned several years ago have come back and joined again. The last meeting, held on April 18th, was one of the best held this year.

ALTHOUGH Philadelphia has got ahead of New York with a branch of the Dresden Society, it has also got behind, by having two of its most prominent philatelists expelled from the National Society for nonpayment of dues.

R. R. BOGERT & Co. held their auction sale of stamps on the evening of April 16th last. Among those present were Jos. Rechert, R. R. Bogert, A. O. Hobby, H. Nelson Terrett, C. A. Burger, Rev. W. H. Holman, C. B. Corwin, W. Reppen, Henry Collin and others. The following are a few of the prices realized:

UNITED STATES.—D. M. Perl & Co. 6c black, Medicine rev. $3.60; Horseman carrier 1c black used $2.30; 1c red used $6.80; New York 5c black with signature, used, $2.55; 1857 5c red-brown unused, with projections at top and bottom, $5.15; Officially Sealed Post Obitum unused and a '79 used sold for $4.40; 1868 90c grilled used $2.40; Newspaper 1865 5c blue border $3.50; another, $3.10; U. S. Rev. 1871 issue $25 blue $3.10; $20 orange $3.55; cut envelopes—1870 90c on amber unused $2.30; 1875 30c on amber unused $2; 5c Garfield on blue unused $2.10; Newspaper stamt 1875 $1.92 used $2; $3 used $2.30; another damaged $2; $6 used $3.60; $9, $5.75; $12, $6.75; State department $20.00 unused $13.

FOREIGN.—Argentine Republic 1876 5c rouletted, used, $3.25; Japan 1874 4s rose with syllabic characters unused $2; Lubeck envelope ½sch with ins. on left side unused $2.75; Newfoundland 1857 2d vermilion unused $2.40; St. Pierre Miquelon 25 on 1fr unused $2; Tuscany 1853 9c violet used $6; British Guiana 1860 5 on 12 $1.70; Canada 1857 7½d used $4; another used $3.65; still another slightly damaged $1.50; 1855 10d used $3; collection of 1,000 var. of stamps including 200 U. S. sold for $3.

MR. JOSEPH HOLMES, JR. has disposed of his stamp business to Mr. Duncan S. Wylie, to whom he refers all his former patrons.

COLONIAL COINS.—VIRGINIA.

In giving the history of the colonial coins of the United States we take as next in order that of Virginia. This coinage was executed in the time of George III., a monarch who it will be remembered reigned over the English for sixty years, and the one who is most intimately connected with our history. The coinage was intended for circulation only in Virginia, and of the pieces struck there were two sizes, one being about the diameter of the English half-penny, while the other was somewhat smaller. The obverse presented the head of the King laureated with the legend "Georgius III. Rex." On the reverse appeared the arms of Great Britain and the dominions with "Virginia." and the date in which it was issued, "1773." These coins were finely executed and it is thought that the head was copied from the guinea of 1772, this being the finest specimen of engraving seen upon any coin during that reign.





THE ARCHÆLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The names for the proposed society still continue to come along, and the total now is a goodly number. Were it not for the backwardness of the members things would move much more rapidly than they do. In our March issue we called for nominations for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, librarian, and up to date about ten nominations have been received. The committee are doing all that can be done, but they can't make the members spend a cent for a postal with which to send their choice, nor can they do the nominating themselves.

This seeming lethargy is discouraging, to say the least, and we trust the members will wake up and not be so slow in coming forward, as it only delays matters unnecessarily.

We believe many of the members fail to nominate because they know of no suitable persons for the position; and the main reason for our asking for the nomination is in order that those who do know of good men will bring them forward that the others may know of them.

The prominent archæologists keep in the background, but we want them brought forward into the light.

The nominations that have been sent are as follows:

For President:—W. K. Moorehead,
Jos. Wigglesworth.
For Vice-Pres.— W. K. Moorehead,
Gustav Aue,
Jos. Wigglesworth.

For Secretary:—Jos. Wigglesworth,
W. K. Moorehead,
Gustav Aue,
H. E. Deats.

For Treasurer:—E. B. Cornwell,
E. B. Waite,
J. R. Nissley,
Ellis J. Smith,
Jos. Wigglesworth.

For Librarian:—Gustav Aue,
L. W. Stillwell,
Charles Bissett,
G. W. Duer.

The editor of this paper has been nominated for the first three positions, but he positively declines a nomination, as he believes that men with more time and better fitted for the position can easily be found.

The names placed in nominations so far, are nearly all dealers, while at least three of these offices should be filled by collectors. The president should be a man of undoubted executive ability, while the other officers should be chosen with a view of their fitness for the position.

Mr. Moorehead writes us that he has been very busy, and unable to answer all the letters sent him, but they will all be attended to as fast as possible.

Now that we have called attention to the subject again, we trust that each and every member will try to think of some good men for the positions, and forward them on a postal to Mr. Moorehead.

Remember this is not an election; it is simply nominating, and from the different candidates the officers will be chosen.

The following names have been sent in since our last issue:

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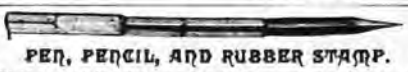
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gaged in the wholesale tobacco business at 296 Tenth avenue, and here he still remains.

He first became interested in stamps in 1875, and in all these years his interest has never flagged. He collects both foreign and United States, his collection being especially rich in the latter; also postage and revenues of all kinds, including beer and cigar stamps. His specialty is United States, British North America, and United States Locals on the original envelopes; of the latter he has many choice specimens.

His collections are mounted in three albums, two of them being Stanley Gibbons' "Imperial," and one a German album; but these he will discard as soon as his time will allow, as he intends hereafter to use Mekeel's improved, one of which he has, or blank sheets, as he believes the old style album is inadequate for the mounting of a fine collection.

His present collection numbers about 5,000 specimens and it is rapidly increasing, as all his spare time is devoted to exchanging. He has used the columns of the LEDGER considerably for this purpose and he thinks the large exchange column one of the chief attractions of the paper.

Last June Mr. Kuenstler came across a large sack of postage stamps in a "junk shop" and without knowing whether they were rare or common he purchased the lot, paying $7 for it, and if ever seven dollars was well spent that one was, as upon examining his purchase he found he had in reality struck a gold mine. Thousands of the stamps were done up in neat packages bearing different names showing that they had been gathered by different persons, and this is but another proof that the "Great German Swindle" *did* exist as we proved a year ago.

The bag was found to contain hundreds of stamps catalogued at $1.00 and over while of stamps ranging from one dollar down there were many thousands.

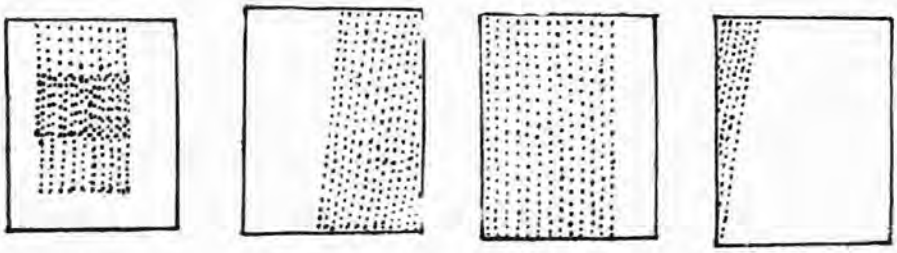
He has traded the greater part of his rarest, but when we visited him a few weeks ago we found that a very small hole had been made in his stock.

We first glanced over a case containing about fifty thousand 3c 1861 and 1868 mixed, and then a box of 2c brown 1872 containing about twenty thousand. These were followed by box after box of 1c, 2c, and 3c 1870 grilled, 6c carmine, then envelopes full of 7c, 12c, and 24c 1872.

The boxes and cases of stamps were all over the room, and we did little more than run our arm down to see the depth and occasionally pick out an oddity, a thing which our eyes never miss. In the corner of the room was a case three feet wide and two feet deep, and being told that it was "full" we made up our mind that the speaker referred to himself, but when the cover was lifted we wilted—for there was the face of the immortal George staring at us from a thousand photographs. This case

weighed seventy-five pounds gross, or sixty-five pounds net, and it was filled with 3c 1870–1872.*

Among such a lot there were of course hundreds of oddities and some of them being exceedingly rare, we give illustrations of four grilled stamps



1 cent 1868. 3 cent 1870. 10 cent 1870. 12 cent 1870.

found, the first one being a double grill, while the others are grilled from top to bottom across part of the stamp. Another oddity found was a 24c 1861 *green*, the natural color being lilac. We also struck a one cent document, second issue, with inverted medallion, this being priced by Sterling at $10.

Of revenue stamps he found about 200,000, mostly second and third issues, and the number of double perforation, etc., among them is legion. He has spent many weeks in sorting the stamps but they are still far from being sorted, as many of the boxes contain five and six varieties. One strange thing in connection with this find is that although there were at least 50,000 1869 issue in the lot, yet not a single specimen turned up with plain back; and this leads Mr. Kuenstler to think that the plain back issue is a myth, although we think he is mistaken.

He is a member of the A. P. A., and was one of the first to respond to the call, although in numbering he is branded 218. He has never attempted to sell his stamps, although he has had many offers for them. He is kept busy in tending to the building of two large flats now being erected, and into which he expects to move very shortly. He is a jolly good fellow, sociable, and one who makes you feel at home when calling on him. We have spent many hours at his place, but not nearly enough to enable us to look over all his stamps, as to do that thoroughly would require not less than a week. This account to some may seem like a fairy tale, but if any one doubts our statements by dropping in Mr. Kuenstler's some day they will find all, yea, and much more than we have described, as to give anything like a complete description would require our whole paper.

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*Mr. Kuenstler as yet not having had time to sort them. This box by the nearest calculation that can be made contains over 600,000 stamps.

The Collecting of Entire Stamped Envelopes.*

Although many have written upon this subject before, either in favor of or against the collecting of entire stamped envelopes, still I think there is much more to be added to the already lengthy discussion which it has brought forth.

As it has been generally acceded that postage stamps should be collected in the form they were issued, then why should it not be so in the case of stamped envelopes? Would you, if you possessed a fine specimen of an unperforated stamp, with wide margins, use the shears and trim it down? Well, I should think not, as you would be spoiling your specimen, and so it is with stamped envelopes, when they are entire they are often worth many times the value of a cut specimen.

At one time it was the universal fashion (so to call it) of cutting the stamp out of the envelope in its shape, whether diagonal or round. Several years afterwards the fashion changed to collecting them cut square, and now it is gradually dawning on the weak minds of those who collect cut specimens that it is better to collect the envelopes entire.

I notice that several collectors have raised a point (?) by calling those who collect entire stamped envelopes as collectors as stationery, but how ridiculous this is they do not know. Certainly an entire specimen will always meet with a ready sale, as the purchaser should he prefer to cut the stamp out square can do so, and the collector who prefers it entire can keep it so, but such is not the case with cut specimens as they can only be sold to those who collect *cut* specimens.

Then again, all postal issues should really be collected in the shape and way they were used. This alone is the only correct way for these reasons.

Taking as an example the entire stamped envelopes.

In many cases the same die has been used on different kinds of paper bearing different watermarks, which would enable the collector to more readily determine the issue.

By keeping the envelope entire you are collecting it as it was issued by the Post Office Department, and as it was originally used and bought by the person using it, while if you collect cut specimens you only have a part of the envelope as it was issued, bought and used.

As to collecting "stationery," certainly if I was to choose between the entire and the cut specimens, I would prefer the entire, in as much as

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*We do not agree with the writer of this article. Collectors of *stamped envelopes* should by all means collect them as issued, but for *stamp* collectors the stamp itself should suffice, the question of future value being irrevelant.

The whole thing summed up is this: one is a *stamp* collector, and the other a collector of *stamped envelopes.—Ed.*

they are worth more *and it is but a question of time when the collecting of cut specimens will cease* and then they will be sold by those who collected them, and what will they realize on their investment? Nothing, and they will be lucky if they obtain one half of the cost, but such is not the case with entire envelopes, as they will increase in value as time speeds on, and those who collect them wiil never regret having done so.

But what is the real reason for this opposition to collecting entire stamped envelopes? Nothing more than that no convenient album or other thing for preserving them has as yet been found, but that should not hinder the collecting of them entire, for the reasons I have stated.

THE REPRINTS MUST GO.

EDITOR COLLECTOR'S LEDGER:

In your March number in answering to V. W. regarding his "20c New Orleans Post Office Paid," I will say, that about twenty or twenty-five years ago, in the prosperous days of S. Allen Taylor, in his list of packets was one very popular in the time, containing 50 varieties of Confederate *fac similes* for 25 cents. This stamp in question was one of the lot, and probably originated, like many others in the packet, in the active brain of S. Allen Taylor.

I will right here take occasion to "point a moral and adorn a tale," and parenthetically say, that in those early days of stamp collecting, where the best a collector could do was to get 50 varieties of the common stamps for 25 cents, or a fine mixture of continentals for $1.25 per 500; such dealers as S. Allen Taylor and C. C. Lyford with their Confederate *fac similes*, counterfeits, and other monstrosities; Stanley Gibbons & Co. with their 250 varieties American Locals (all American Locals are reprints)* for two and six pence, or 116 varieties of Hamburg Locals for one and six pence—I say such dealers filled an aching void in the breast of the untutored, uneducated stamp collector of that day, and seemed almost a necessity in furnishing the "padding" for our hollow-sided albums.

But in these days of Stamps, when the followers of Philately should be in the acme of delight; when the nations and peoples of the uttermost parts of the earth, from the center of the Dark Continent where rolls the Congo, to the lone sea girt isles of the mid Pacific; from Iceland to the Cape of Good Hope; from fair Cathay westward to the Golden Gate, all down and around the world, all hasten to fill their quota and yield tribute to our goddess. When governments seem to vie with governments, principalities with powers, and empires with small Central American repub-

*Our correspondent is in error, as some of the New York locals have never been reprinted. —*Editor.*

lics (and fail), in furnishing the pabulum upon which we feed and have become so strong, and not only this, but when they seem to rival in beauty and design, in number of values, varieties in color, and as if that was not enough surcharge, issue provisionals, errors, and even strike off issues for the special benefit of collectors—*i.e.*, speculators.

I say in these days, when so much is done for us; when the stamps fall to us, as fall the leaves in Vallambrosia's vale, it is no wonder that we soon forget the *fac similes* of S. A. T., the reprint American Locals of S. G. & Co., the Hamburg Locals, *et hoc genus omne*, and that the manufacturer of such kind of stuff finds his occupation gone, himself in illrepute, and that reputable dealers take them from their lists; now is it a wonder that in these latter days as one of these relics of our past weakness comes to the surface, handed down mayhap in some early collection, the astonished modern collector gazes on it much as a paleontologist would a petrefaction of the Devonian or Carboniferous Eras, and finally imagines he has struck a rarity, and not finding it catalogued considers that it must be unique.

Finally, one who has been a stamp collector for over twenty-five years, and has kept his eyes above the horizon and ears to the ground all this time, tells you, Mr. Editor, that philately is advancing with a great big A. Yours,

Q. K. QUEBOB M. D.

Member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Philatelists.

OUR TICKET.

For President, JOHN K. TIFFANY, St. Louis, Mo.
For Vice-President, E. B. STERLING, Trenton, N. J.
For Secretary, HENRY O. HARRIS, Doylestown, Pa.
For International Secretary, A. LOHMEYER, Baltimore, Md.
For Treasurer, H. B. SEAGRAVE, Ionia, Mich.

In the ticket we presented last month we made a serious error. Article IV., Section 2, of the constitution provides that the officers shall be chosen from different States, while in the ticket we printed two of the candidates were from New Jersey. In view of this error we are compelled to omit one of them.

Of the above names, three are already officers of the Association, and therefore need no description. Our candidate for vice-president is also so well known that any words of ours would be superfluous. He is a dealer in United States stamps, but is at the same time one of our most prominent collectors.

His name as an officer could but add increased renown to our association throughout the world.

Mr. A. Lohmeyer, our candidate for International Secretary, is a a native of Hanover, and is now in his 39th year. He is a member of two philatelic societies in this country and of two foreign societies. He has a large foreign correspondence and speaks French and German fluently. He has been interested in stamp collecting since 1860, and he would no doubt make an excellent officer for the society.

We have placed the names of two dealers on our ticket because we believe that dealers of the United States in recognition of their services to the association should be represented in the official board, and it will be a gross injustice to them as a class if they are excluded.

There has been considerable said of late in the papers derogatory to the dealers, some writers claiming that the A. P. A. is an association of of stamp *collectors*, but they evidently are laboring under a delusion, as we are not aware of its being the American Stamp Collectors' Association. It is the American Philatelic Association—an organization of persons interested in philately, or stamp collecting; and every dealer we know of is also a collector. From the tone of recently published articles it would appear as though the dealers were a class to be excluded, but it was not always thus. Of the organization committee of the A. P. A. two were collectors and one a dealer, and at the first meeting held, in New York, Sept. 13th, 1886, of the fourteen members present, eight were collectors and six were dealers, and so it has been ever since, whenever workers were wanted then the dealers could be found, and in goodly numbers.

There are now in the Association upwards of 150 dealers, and are these to be ignored?

In the early days of the order they were welcomed with open arms, and now that the Association has grown strong, mainly through their efforts'* are they to be peremptorily ordered to back seats?

We believe that the dealers have brought more members into the Association than the collectors, and in view of this the outcry raised against them is, to say the least, unjust. It is felt by them as a class, and if the attitude is not changed, we think that it will prove a serious detriment to the growth of the Association.

For these reasons, and in the name of justice and fair play, we submit our ticket, and ask the votes of the members for it, believing that proper respect should be shown to the dealers, who form such a large proportion of our Association.

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*225 new members have been recommended by dealers.

THE *Philatelic World* is now printed by Joseph Holmes, Jr.—a great change for the better. Mr. Bogert evidently found W. W. Thomas a hard case, and, like us, has no faith in his promises.

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A NEW paper entitled the *Stamp Collector* is announced to appear July 1st, from Ottawa, Ill.

The *Western Philatelist* has ceased publication. This paper will be greatly missed, as during its lifetime it was considered by many the leading philatelic paper. It has retired honorably, and nothing but regret at its short stay will follow it.

LAST September we furnished W. R. Frazer, of Altoona, with an electrotype, shortly after sending him a bill for same, the amount being one dollar. Since then we have written him at least *ten* times regarding payment, but have not had a single reply. Until lately we thought Mr. Frazer a much abused man, but any one who will dishonor such a petty obligation without even assigning a reason, is one unworthy of confidence. On publication of this we will send him a receipted bill for the amount due.

WE had hopes of publishing in this number the particulars of a libel suit which W. W. Thomas promised to institute against us, but alas! we have heard nothing of it. Why is this, Mr. Thomas? Is this threat, like your other sayings, to end in smoke? Brace right up and be as much of a man as a boy can be, and set your machine in motion.

THE duty imposed on foreign stamps is now being felt by the dealers, as a recent visit to New York disclosed the fact that the wholesalers were entirely out of continentals, and we believe the others throughout the country are in the same box, or if they can furnish them they want fifty per cent. more than the old price.

ON our last visit to New York we dropped into the office of Burger & Co., the well known stamp dealers on Nassau street, and was shown a beautiful proof of the $5,000 revenue. This one is printed in orange, green and black, and has the engraved imprint on both sides.

We took dinner in a neighboring restaurant with George H. Richmond, and enjoyed a long chat in regard to stamp matters. The Philatelic Press Directory is printed, and only awaits a few pages of copy before being finished. This one will have many improvements over last year's directory.

THE Pomeroy Philatelic Society has met with great success—so much, in fact, that they have limited their membership. The members of this society every two weeks form a pool and send to different foreign countries for stamps, the society paying the expenses. They have recently received lots from Hayti, Panama, and Uruguay, while others from Congo and Virgin Islands are due. In this way they get many stamps at less than face value, as our gold stands high in some of these countries.

IF the members of the A. P. A. who expect to attend the next convention will send us their names we will be happy to publish them in our July number. There may be many on the same line of travel who will go alone to the convention in the absence of information regarding other members, while the publication of this list will show who are going and where they are, and will enable those near each other or on the same line to correspond and make arrangements to travel together. We know from experience the value of a companion in traveling, even a short distance, while in a 500 or 1,000 mile stretch their value is increased tenfold.

Our July number will reach every member of the association, and an interval of over a month will be had in which to correspond. If you are only 25 or 30 miles from Boston send your name, as there may be others within a few miles of you. Some won't want to go alone, but if they can meet others they will be glad to attend. If you are going *send us your names at once* and it will then not be forgotten or overlooked. We are going to have a grand convention, and we want all the boys to "get there." Large parties will go from New York, some by rail and others by boat, and of these particulars will be given in a later issue. In sending names address the editor.

NEW YORK NOTES.

NEW YORK still leads all other cities in the A. P. A.—that is, in membership.

MR. W. C. STONE, of Springfield, Mass., Associate Editor of the *American Philatelist*, was in New York last month.

THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The little lecture administered last month has been productive of good, as some of the members have stirred themselves. We print some further nominations that have been made, and trust the members will consider them well.

As the time for holding an election is drawing near, the question arises, where shall the election be held? The committee have decided on either Philadelphia or New York, but there are doubts, owing to the wide separation of the members, whether enough can be got together to hold a meeting. It would be useless to do so if only four or five could attend, although the organization could be perfected better through a meeting than in any other way. In order to ascertain whether it is possible to hold a meeting it is requested that all who would attend at either Philadelphia or New York send a postal to Mr. Moorehead stating that fact, and giving the city they prefer the meeting to be held in. If only three or four will attend at Philadelphia and ten will attend at New York, the meeting will be held at the latter city; or *vice versa*. But if only three or four can attend at either city, a meeting will not be held, and the election will be held by mail.

We trust that all who can attend will advise Mr. Moorehead at once, as on the answers received will depend whether a meeting is held or not.

The names have come along steadily, and the number received has exceeded our expectations. That a good society will soon be formed is now assured, and if the members will comply promptly with our requests and do all the recruiting possible a few months will see the organization completed. Following are additional names sent in:

R. M. ORBORNE, Lenox, Mass.
C. R. VICKERY, Dwight, Ills.
WARREN PENWELL, Pana, Ills.
E. A. HORNBACK, National City, Cal.
W. S. WARD, Plantsville, Ct.
S. C. LUBITZ, 2915 Penn ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
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A. F. BERLIN, Allentown, Pa.
GEORGE MOORE, Cambridge, Neb.
G. L. FANCHER, W. Winsted, Conn.

EDITOR COLLECTOR'S LEDGER:

My ticket for officers of the Archæological Society is as follows:

For President, JOHN TWINING, Copenhagen, N. Y.
For Vice-President, J. L. W. HUNTINGTON, Norwich, Conn.
L. W. STILWELL, Deadwood, Dakota.
For Secretary, W. K. MOOREHEAD, Xenia, O.
For Treasurer, J. R. NISSLEY, Ada, O.
For Librarian, GUSTAV AUE, Bloomfield, N. J.

I believe that the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian, and especially the two first, should be filled by prominent dealers well known by collectors as honest and reliable men, while those of President and Vice-President should be given to men who not only collect but make a study of their collections.

That man is not a collector who does not know Messrs. Moorehead, Nissley and Aue by reputation, and I have yet to find the one who has anything against them in connection with their business. Messrs. Twining and Huntington are not as well known, and in fact I do not know as they have even handed their names in as members, but if they could be induced to accept these offices and were elected they would certainly be a credit to the Society. Mr. Twining has a collection of rare Indian relics, which have all been collected by himself, and for which he can take $4,000. In collecting them he has made a study from the carvings on the pipes of the belief, custom, etc., of each tribe and nation to which they belonged, and a lover of relics could nowhere spend an hour more pleasantly than among his treasures.

Mr. Huntington is the most reliable man with whom I have exchanged.

EDGAR J. KLOCK.

EDITOR LEDGER:

Nominations being in order, I send the name of Edward Mendelson, of this city, for Secretary. He is an earnest worker and would be an excellent representative of the West.

MAURICE V. SAMUELS, *San Francisco, Cal.*

Mr. Warren K. Moorehead will have his entire collection of relics, now numbering about 10,000 specimens, on exhibition at the Cincinnati Centennial, from July 4th to Oct. 27th. The relics will be exhibited in the Pioneer and Historical building, and Mr. Moorehead will attend to the display in person. He will be pleased to make the acquaintance of all interested in archæology who attend. There will be special excursion rates on all railroads.

Mr. R. W. Mercer, the well known archæologist of Cincinnati, Ohio, writes us that he will give an opinion free of charge an all stone or flint relics of doubtful parentage which are sent to him prepaid. The only condition he makes is that full particulars, from whom and whence they came, accompany the specimens. This information will be considered strictly confidential, and any one having any doubtful relics are advised to take advantage of this offer.

WILBUR W. THOMAS.

We regret to say that we are unable to furnish any news about the libel suit which Mr. Thomas has threatened to bring against us. Up to date of going to press we have not heard any thing from him except in a copy of his new publication, the *Philatelic Observer*, evidently the successor of the defunct *Collector's Journal*. In his four page sheet he endeavors to explain his connection with certain counterfeit locals, the history of which was published in numbers 25, 26, and 27 of the LEDGER. His explanation however is a miserable failure, in as much as I have abundant proof to corroborate the facts as published. I have already prepared charges against him and taken steps to effect his expulsion from the A. P. A., of which he is a member. For his benefit I will say that I am in my 20th year, and consequently older than he asserts in his "explanation;" but my age will in no way hinder me from telling the truth. He does not mention the amount of money he extorted from me under false pretenses, and although he says that in every case when he could do so he has refunded

money for such counterfeits where he had receipted payment for them, he refuses to refund what he has obtained from me fraudulently and under false pretenses. The amount which I claim he ought to refund is over $20, and that I have paid that to him I can prove. Should I be lucky enough to ever obtain the money, I will nevertheless go ahead and prove what I have asserted. What has already been published in numbers 25, 26, and 27 of the LEDGER is only a part of the rascality which W. W. Thomas is guilty of. I would prosecute him in the courts were it worth while to go to any further expense, as he is under age and even a judgment against him would be worthless, as he is not able to pay the debts he has already contracted.

Gustav Ane.

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Being thus prepared to fight his way he left his native land, in July, 1866, to seek his fortune in the New World, arriving in Baltimore on August 1st, 1866. Has he been successful? Has he found the fortune which he came to seek? Yes: he has met with moderate success, having been steadily employed in the mercantile business (with the exception of two months in twenty-two years). Fortune, as it is generally understood—wealth—he has not accumulated, but he is contented and happy in his own home, made cheerful by the never-resting hands of a good wife and lively by four children, two boys and two girls, from two to ten years of age.

Mr. Lohmeyer has followed the mercantile life from the foot of the ladder up, beginning in a wholesale notion house in 1866, where among other duties he had to open the store, attend to fires, etc., in fact do every thing except drawing a big salary.

But he was not satisfied to do this work any longer than he could help, and before long, assisted by his knowledge of the English language, he worked his way into the mysteries of the entry desk, which enabled him to soon find more profitable employment. He has been "driving the quill" ever since, and is now engaged as book-keeper and cashier in the wholesale book and stationery house of Wm. J. C. Dulany & Co., an old firm, well known in the book trade.

Having always been inclined towards home enjoyments, he has generally spent his leisure hours at home, devoting his time to various pastimes and studies, such as painting and drawing, music, etc. He stands above the average of amateur landscape painters. and his house is decorated with the products of his crayon and brush, from parlor and hall to the roof. He is also a fair performer on the piano.

Mr. Lohmeyer takes very little interest in politics, although he has been a citizen since 1871, and as such does his duty when called upon to cast his ballot. He tells us that he has at last succeeded in helping to elect a president, from which the reader may judge toward which side he leans.

He is, like all his ancestors, a German Lutheran, and a member of St. John's Church, where he has served two successive terms as a trustee, having recently declined a re-election.

He belongs to several endowment orders, and has provided in this way for his family in case he should be called away.

Mr. Lohmeyer is a member of several philatelic associations: A. P. A. 353, C. P. A. 35, Dutch P. A. Amsterdam 202, N. S. D. A. 17, and this naturally leads me to his interest in stamp collecting. He started his first collection in 1860 when about ten years of age, at a time when stamp

collecting was in its infancy. This collection consisted principally of old German stamps, which he gathered in his father's office and traded off with other boys without paying out a single *pfennig*, not even for an album —one of his composition books serving the purpose. He took great interest in it until he found that he could collect no more varieties, having never heard of stamp *dealers*, who were few in those days, and finally he lost all interest in it.

A period of twenty years intervened between his first and present collection, which now contains about 3,500 varieties, exclusively postage stamps, as he does not collect revenues of any kind. His interest was revived in this way: About four years ago he obtained by chance a few foreign stamps, and remembering his interest in them in his boyhood days, he started with the idea of collecting again for his son (now seven years old) in order to have it fairly on the way when he would be old enough to appreciate it. But, alas! before he realized the fact he was right in for it again, deeper than ever, the obstacles in his way twenty years ago having been removed by a score of dealers offering their wares in the columns of as many philatelic papers of more or less merit.

He soon opened correspondence with foreign dealers facilitated by his knowledge of three languages, buying and exchanging, and increasing his collection rapidly.

In 1886 he entered the ranks of stamp dealers, and his name is familiar to the many readers of the LEDGER. Adding constantly to his already long list of foreign correspondents, his facilities for obtaining stamps are second to none. He attends to his stamp business at night only, and his extensive correspondence keeps him busy from seven until twelve o'clock every night.

About two months ago he sold his property 933 Milton place and purchased the new and modern residence 922 North Gilmor street, where he may be found every night busy in his office making up sheets, putting up his well known Monumental City Packets, filling orders received during the day, and getting his mail ready for the midnight collection.

Mr. Editor and dear reader, have I encroached too much upon your valuable space and time? I ask your pardon, if I have. I will try to be shorter next time, and check my "quill" before it runs away with me again.

MERKUR.

NIAGARA FALLS IN 1889!

Our choice for holding the 1889 convention of the A. P. A. is Niagara Falls, N. Y. We think a much larger number of members can be gathered together here than farther west, as a good half of the membership of the association is in the Eastern States, while the States east of the Mississippi cover about four-fifths of the members. In view of this a situation more central than St. Louis is desired, as west of the Mississippi the distances are so magnificent that but few of the

members can be expected to attend from there, so outside of St. Louis itself the majority of visiting members must be looked for from the East.

To see the advantages of each as a central point, let us look at them with the adjoining States in which the members reside.

A radius of 600 miles from St. Louis will cover Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Iowa; while the same radius from Niagara Falls will cover Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, these States embracing about three-quarters of the membership.

The boys would be well treated at St. Louis, the home of the President, but as that is only about 200 miles from Chicago the members from there had a "whack" at the convention last year, so we think a new and more central location should be chosen, in order to give some other members a show.

Many of us Eastern fellows are willing to go three or four hundred miles to Niagara, but 1,100 miles to St. Louis is a little out of our reach.

The greatest point in favor of Niagara is the fact of its being a world renowned summer resort, and by holding the convention there the members will be able to greet each other, and at the same time have a chance to view one of the most magnificent and awe-inspiring spectacles on the face of the earth. Many would be led to attend simply to have a sight of the falls and its surrounding beauties, and instead of sweltering in a Southern city we would be fanned by the cooling breezes of the lakes.

Holding the convention at Niagara Falls would see many of our Canadian members in attendance, as a radius of 100 miles embraces Hamilton, Brantford, Toronto, Whitby, Port Hope, and many minor places.

We think it unfair to the members in the interior to have the convention seat alternate between the East and the West, so we have chosen a location which for attractiveness, geographical position, and general desirableness is unexcelled. *Vote for Niagara Falls!*

A. P. A. JOTTINGS.

For Pres't, JOHN K. TIFFANY, St. Louis, Mo. For Sec'y, HENRY O. HARRIS, Doylestown, Pa.
For V.-Prest, E. B. STERLING, Trenton, N. J. For Treasurer, H. B. SEAGRAVE, Ionia, Mich.

As the election draws near the interest in it increases, and although but few candidates are in the field these few have their firm supporters. Mr. A. Lohmeyer, who was our candidate for International Secretary, has declined to run, as he feels that his spare time is fully occupied with his stamp business. We have seen it stated that Mr. Harris has declined, but as we have seen nothing official we retain his name. The objection to Mr. Van Derlip as a candidate is a good one. It is not that a man must be a charter member to hold the office of vice-president, but it is against all sense of fairness to nominate a man for that office the moment he joins the Association. The honors should be given to those who labored to make the society what it now is, as the taking of a new member for an office would seem to indicate that the Association was lacking in material. If Mr. Van Derlip is elected we believe it will lead to the passage of a law debarring any one from office until they have been a member for a year or more, as such a law should have been made at the beginning. Would any party ever think of nominating a man for vice-president of the United States as soon as he became a citizen? The same rule applies in all bodies, and although no one could doubt the nominee's ability, the very fact of their being new should debar them from any office for a year at least.

The editor and business manager of this paper will attend the convention, and will be glad to cast the votes of any of the members unable to attend. A postal card authorizing either to act as your proxy is sufficient.

The new A. P. A. button is oblong shape, about ½ x ¾ inches. The design is Philatelia seated by a globe, the same as on the cover of the *Philatelic Journal of America*. It is of bronze, and is fastened in the buttonhole with the same back as the old style cuff buttons.

Our Denver brethren think that all members, irrespective of age, should be allowed to vote. We agree with them. If any person is old enough to appreciate the advantages of joining they surely know enough to vote intelligently.

Any of the Western members coming to the convention will probably travel to New York via the Pennsylvania Railroad, as that is probably the finest road in the country. In going to Boston from New York we would advise all who think anything of comfort to go by either the Fall River or Providence boat. We have made the same journey in August by rail and in the seven hours' ride the coal dust poured in incessantly, so much so that at the end we were taken as near kin to a nigger. The boats, which are floating palaces, leave New York in the evening, giving a delightful sail along Long Island Sound and putting the traveler in Boston early in the morning after a good night's rest. For those who want to walk we can vouch a good roadbed the entire way and many hospitable barns for lying in purposes.

The space allowed each exhibitor at Boston is twelve square feet, or a place 3x4 feet. Mr. H. E. Deats would like to make an exhibit, but if the *packages* containing his collections were laid on the space allowed they would more than cover it, while each package contains from one to three hundred sheets of stamps ranging in value from 50c to $100. It is like giving an elephant his liberty providing he can crawl through a knot hole. He however will carry along about $5,000 worth of his stamps, and although the public will not have a chance to see them, he no doubt will hold a levee at his hotel and "set 'em up" for the boys They are worth going a long way to see.

Judging from indications the next convention will eclipse all previous ones. The stamp exhibit will be a leading feature, while an auction sale has been spoken of. We are willing to donate five dollars' worth of stamps to see the auction scheme carried out, as we think it would prove of great interest, while the stamps would be carried away as mementoes of the third annual convention. An auctioneer could be appointed and all arrangements left with him.

Mr. H. E. Deats, representing the local exhibition committee for New Jersey has written all of the A. P. A. members in the State. C. G. Gallagher, Joseph Rechert and Alvah Davison are the only ones who have signified their intention of having exhibits.

Mr. E. B. Sterling thought the convention was to meet on the 7th of August and made arrangements so he could attend, but the date is the 13th, and he is now afraid he will be unable to go. This won't do, Sterling; the press representatives must be cared for, and no one can do it like yourself

CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES.

E. E. S.—Subscribers are allowed to insert exchanges once a month if there is room, if not it is left over. If the same exchange is to be inserted for two months it must be sent us twice as as we keep no record of them.

C. W. S.—The cards sent us are "penalty cards," and although they have no philatelic value at present we think attention will be given them in the future, as they are the legitimate successors of the department stamps.

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THE *Springfield Republican* possesses great interest for the collector since Mr. J. B. Smith started the philatelic column. Its resumé of current publications is excellent.

C. J. FUELSCHER and Wm. H. Menstedt have formed a partnership under the name of the American Philatelic Co., for the sale of postage stamps and philatelic supplies.

MESS. S B. BRADT and P. M. Wolsieffer are brightening the columns of the *Curiosity World* with their interesting notes. The former will soon issue *Philo's Monthly*. What's the matter with the cover, Bro. Hubbard?

THE last number of the *Mohawk Standard* gives Henry Hechler an awful raking over. The editor seems to know what he is talking about, and lays it on in a fearless manner.

MR. H. E. DEATS' collections of stamps are enough to make a fellow's mouth water; but he is a mighty fine fellow himself, and one withal that knows all about his stamps.

LAST year R. S. Harris & Co. made a contract for one column (13 inches) of our space for one year, and the contract being finished they write us as follows: "The LEDGER proved one of, if not *the* best advertising medium we have used." Their letter speaks volumes.

WE understand that W. C. Stone & Co., of Springfield, have given up the stamp business. Bro. Stone probably has his hands full in doing his share toward making the *American Philatelist* the power it has become in philatelic literature.

BRO. MEKEEL is spending the summer at Sherwood, N. Y. His voice will be heard at the convention in Boston, as he has not missed one yet.

A NOVEL scheme is advertised in our columns this month by Mr. H. A. Reuss. At one time this plan of "guessing" was very popular at fairs, etc.

A COPY of the *Badger State Philatelist* happened to stray into our hands last month, and under the head of "frauds," we noticed the name of F. C. Sawyer,

of Beauclerc, Fla. The publisher is evidently in error, as we have had extensive dealings with this party for the last three years, and we know him to be *strictly reliable*.

WE have received from the publishers a file of the *American Journal of Philately*, and much spare time has been spent in perusing the article on U. S. stamps by J. W. Scott. It is a finely printed magazine, replete with illustrations, and is in every sense worthy of the firm publishing it.

MR. EDGAR CHERRY, of Santa Rosa, Cal., has favored us with a box of specimens of petrified wood from Sonoma county. The specimens are very fine and to the student will be of much interest, as this class of wood is found in few sections of the country.

MR. H. E. DEATS, of Flemington, N. J., spent a couple of days with us last month. He brought about $4,000 worth of his stamps with him, that being all he could conveniently carry. He informed us that the project of having a band at the A. P. A. convention is found to be impracticable, as but two or three of the attending members have music enough in them to "toot a horn." A portrait and sketch of Mr. Deats will appear in our August number, to be followed by descriptions of his superb collections, including U. S. and foreign postage proofs and essays, U. S. postage, U. S. revenue proofs, coins, Indian relics, and philatelic literature.

THE Republican platform favors a reduction of letter postage to one cent per ounce.

THE new *Stamp Collector* from Ottawa, Ill., has appeared. The cover has a familiar look, it being the same as its Chicago predecessor. The platform of the new company is given, and it is one worthy of support. We extend our greetings to our E. C., and wish them a long and prosperous journey.

IN our last issue we requested the members of the A. P. A. who expected to attend the convention to forward us their names. The responses have been few, but this we take as an indication of a big attendance, as the members are all laying by their pennies to buy a ticket at least one way, trusting to good luck and good walking for the home journey. The following members will be in attendance:

JAS. B. SMITH, Springfield, Mass.
W. H. BODINE, Flemington, N. J.
J. V. B. VREELAND, Orange, N. J.
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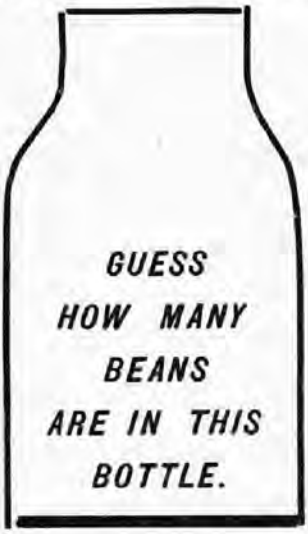
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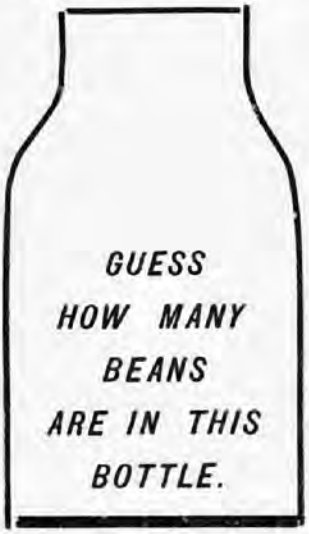
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PROMINENT PHILATELISTS.





H. EDWARD DEATS, whose handsome face we are enabled to present this month, is not one of the "older collectors," being only twenty years of age; but we venture the assertion that there are few collectors in this country who possess a larger fund of information regarding their stamps than he does.

He was born May 20th, 1870, and attended school only about four years, the major part of his education having been attained at home. He resides at Flemington Junction, two miles from the thriving town of Flemington, N. J., the latter being his post office address. His father whom he had the misfortune to lose last year, was a tiller of the soil, and his son is now attending to his large farming interests.

His house is one of those large roomy ones which can only be met with in the country. It stands back about four hundred feet from the road, and is approached through a high, noble row of hemlocks planted many years ago.

Mr. Deats began collecting in 1880, his first purchase being a six cent packet of continentals, and from this beginning he has formed a collection of which we believe there is not its equal in the country of the same kind. He does not confine himself to philately, but he is an ardent collector in other branches, including archæology, mineralogy and numismatics, in all of which he has spent considerable time and money.

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dict. He is thirty years of age, and one of the handsomest philatelists in New York city. At the time the A. P. A. convention will take place in Boston, he will be en route to the West on his wedding tour.

THE meeting of the National Society, on July 11th last, was one of the largest and most interesting which has yet been held, upwards of twenty-four members and about five visitors being in attendance.

MESSRS. CORWIN, Territt and H. L. Calman, have been chosen as delegates to represent the National Philatelical Society, branch of the A. P. A., at the annual convention in Boston, this month.

I should not be surprised to find more New Yorkers than Bostonians attending the convention at Boston. Already fifteen New York members have informed me they were going. Then there are about six from Staten Island and six more from Brooklyn who will also attend.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., will be the best place to hold the 1889 convention of the A. P. A.; we will bring it before the convention and we feel confident of success.

AN A. P. A. member, residing in St. Louis, writes me that Niagara Falls would give the A. P. A. members one benefit, at least, if it is chosen as the place for the '89 convention. It would allow any of the members who desire to navigate the whirlpool rapids, in either a barrel, boat, or any other conveyance they might choose, to do so. There is no fear of that, however, as "Stamp collecting is a harmless form of insanity," as one of the daily papers puts it.*

MR. C. A. BURGER recently sold out his entire interest in the firm of C. A. Burger & Co., which is comprised of his two brothers, Messrs. Arthur H. E. and Gustav A. Burger, who had entire charge and managed the stamp business while under the old name. They are still located at their old address, 59 Nassau street.

THE New York members will probably leave for Boston on the Fall River boat at 5.30 P. M., Sunday, August 12th. The National Society hold a meeting on August 1st to make definite arrangements, this being after we go to press, any one desiring to go with the crowd can learn the exact date by addressing the writer.

"How to get to Boston from New York," will most likely be troubling some of the A. P. A. members. The best route is by way of the Sound steamers. There are two good lines, the Fall River, and Providence lines. The Fall River is considered by many to be the best and finest. The boats leave New York as follows:

Fall River line leaves Pier 28 N. R. daily at 5.30 and 6.15 P. M. Sundays, 5.30.
Providence " " " 29 " " except Sundays at 5.30 P. M.

* Another great benefit the writer forgot is, that in case there were any "kickers" present, the sergeant-at-arms could take them out and drop them from the Suspension bridge. The fall of 200 feet would probably bring them around to business.—ED.

The boats go up Long Island Sound to Fall River and Providence, and the rest of the journey is made by rail.

MR. CORWIN, after three unsuccessful attempts, has found it impossible to carry his resolution, *that it is the opinion of the N. P. S., that no dealer whose sole occupation is the sale of stamps should be an officer of the A. P. A.* When the resolution was first introduced, it was *defeated* by a vote of seven to four, it was then slightly changed so as to read that no *elective office* should be filled by any dealer in stamps or stamped envelopes. When this was put to a vote it was also defeated, nine to three. At the June meeting, Mr. Corwin tried it again, this time to read, that *no person who derives his sole support from the purchase or sale of stamps should hold any elective office in the A. P. A.* When put to a vote, this was defeated by fifteen to two. The arguments against it were many and good ones. 1st. Every member of the A. P. A. should be entitled to equal rights and privileges. 2d. The dealers have made the association what it now is. 3d. There are about 250 dealers in the A. P. A., about one-half the membership. The majority which defeated the resolution every time it was brought up, consisted of fully two-thirds collectors.

PUBLISHERS of philatelic papers are kindly requested to send copies of their publications for the library of the National Philatelical Society of New York to their address, at the Manhattan Café, 156 Second avenue, New York city.

MEMBERS of the A. P. A. who cannot attend the convention which is to be held in Boston this month and who desire to be represented by proxy will find good representatives in Messrs. Davison and Aue, who will be present at the convention.

MR. C. H. MEKEEL stopped in New York on his way to Sherwood, N. Y., where he is at present. He visited several of New York's prominent collectors and dealers during his short stay. GUSTAV AUE.

THE July number of the *American Journal of Philately* throws a bomb into the ranks of James Chalmers supporters by declaring for Pearson Hill. Their action at this hot season is to be regretted, as it is likely to open the discussion with renewed vigor: Mr. Chalmers' heaviest gun, the *Western Philatelist*, will be heard from no more, but the gunner is directing another muzzle, and he may speak through that. Meanwhile Mr. Patrick Chalmers' publication, "Letter to the Dundee Club," takes up Mr. Hill's arguments and answers them like a gentleman, his cause all the time moving merrily on, gaining new supporters wherever his pamphlets are read.

THE Brooklyn Philatelic Club has adjourned for the summer season, and will meet again in the fall.

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THE city of Washington has been put forward by the *National Philatelist* as the place for the 1889 convention of the A. P. A. We don't favor it, as it is too far south, and then you know many of us may be compelled to go there in the near future, in response to the demands of our constituents!

GEORGE H. RICHMOND'S American Press Directory for 1888, is out. This one contains 58 pages within its covers. A new and valuable feature compiled by Gustav Aue is a complete list of all American philatelic papers which have suspended publication, also a list of many of the foreign papers. Bro. Richmond is to be congratulated on the appearance and scope of this work.

Editor COLLECTOR'S LEDGER:

I saw in last number of LEDGER the statement that S. Allan Taylor was at his old stand. On investigation I find you are mistaken. His office is not open and other occupants of the building say that he has not been there since his arrest. It is true, however, that he lately returned to Boston and gave himself up and languished in jail for a time. Present whereabouts uncertain.

CHAS. E. HUTCHINSON.

Our statement was based on having seen letters from him written in June from his old address at 24 Congress street. Letters sent to that address in June were answered.

ABOUT September 15th a new philatelic paper will appear from Newtonville, Mass., with C. E. Hutchinson as editor. It will be published by a number of collectors who start with the full expectation of losing more than they make. They will not be disappointed.

MR. R. W. MANIER is conducting a collectors' department in the *Youth's Journal* of Binghamton, N. Y.

THE Senate Post Office Committee has been instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing an article known as the postal tablet, or private postal card, weight not exceeding one-half ounce, to pass through the mails at a one cent postage rate.

A SHORT time ago, Mr. H. E. Deats conceived the idea of having a band of music at the convention at Boston, providing enough members could be found to take the requisite parts. He first got the approval of President Tiffany, and then asked for volunteers, but unfortunately not enough members who play instruments will be in attendance, so the project was dropped. In the August number of the *Stamp*, a writer styling himself C. Elmer Roe, in a two-page article, attempts to ridicule the projector, the musicians, and the convention that would allow a band of music to play in their midst. According to him, the greatest conventions held in the country—those of the great political parties—at which are gathered the intellectual lights of the land, are simply "children's meetings," as a band is considered indispensable.

There is considerable said throughout this article regarding children and child's play, but the writer shows himself the veriest child of them all by writing the largest amount of *simon pure nonsense* that we have had to read in a long while, and our only wonder is that the editors of the *Stamp* would allow such useless trash to appear in their columns. On one point only do we agree with the writer, and that is where he proposes to exclude "*children*" of all ages. Were this done we would not be inflicted with such articles as this one.

THE editor has the following cabinet pictures in his album: H. E. Deats, Henry Clotz, F. H. Pinkham, C. H. Mekeel, Jno. M. Hubbard, Gustav Aüe, W. G. Whilden, S. B. Bradt, Wm. B. Whitney, and stamp photos of Jno. S. Bixby, E. F. Gambs, W. C. Stone, C. T. Tatman, H. A. Malin, Jas. C. Jay, H. E. Deats, and H. Mathers. He would be pleased to exchange stamp photos with any collector.

MR. GEO. H. RICHMOND has been stopping at his old home at Northfield, Vt., owing to his wife's illness.

MR. W. K. MOOREHEAD writes us from the Cincinnati Centennial that the exposition is visited by many thousands daily. His time is fully occupied in showing the curious people the difference between an Indian scraper and a tomahawk. He will be in New York in time for the organization meeting of the Archæological society on August 18th.

MR. EDGAR TATE, of New York city, has an American cent of 1783, believed to be the only one now in existence.

MR. S. B. BRADT is in the field with *Philo's Monthly*. It consists of eight pages, and although designed primarily to advertise his business, it contains much news of value to philatelists.

THE Philatelic Press Association will probably be formed in Boston, this month. A large number of the publishers of philatelic publications will no doubt attend the A. P. A. convention.

THE *Eastern Philatelist* for July, comes out in a new and enlarged form, and with W. H. Goodrich as editor and publisher. This paper has started well, and we hope to see it live and thrive.

THE publishers of the *Mohawk Standard* have decided on a change of name, so it will hereafter be called the *Collectors' Standard*.

THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Everything is now in readiness for the organization meeting, which will be held in New York, on August 18th, at the Astor House, corner of Broadway and Vesey street, at 9.30 A. M. Members attending will please call at the clerk's counter and inquire for the chairman of the committee, Mr. W K. Moorehead, and they will be shown to his room, wherein the meeting will be held. This place has been chosen as the best and most central for out of town members, and it is earnestly requested that all who can will attend.

A printed list of the nominees eligible to office has been sent to each of the members, and from these they are requested to make their choice for the officers, writing them in the spaces provided at the bottom of the blank. This should be enclosed with a silver dime in the addressed envelope accompanying each list and be mailed.

The dime is to defray the organization expenses in order that the society may start free of debt.

With each list is also a proxy blank, these being for the use of those unable to attend in person, and the committee earnestly request that all not able to be present will send their proxy to one who will attend as a full vote on all questions is desired.

We give a list of some of those who will attend, and any one wishing it may send his proxy with his vote for officers and it will be handed to the proper party.

The organization committee will be present at the meeting, where the votes will be opened and counted by them and the result announced.

Send your vote as early as possible in order that it may not be forgotten, as we would have every one vote early—but only once.

The following members will be in attendance at the meeting :

GUSTAV AUE, Bloomfield, N. J.
WM. H. AUE, " "
H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.
CHAS. A. PERKINS, Wakefield, Mass.
W. K. MOOREHEAD, Box 577, Cincinnati, O.
JOS. WIGGLESWORTH, Wilmington, Del.
ALVAH DAVISON, Helmetta, N. J.
E. J. SHERIDAN, 22 St. Felix st., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Our Ticket for Officers.

For President: A. F. BERLIN, Allentown, Penn.
For Vice-President: D. G. MCARTHUR, M. D., La Crosse, Wis.
For Secretary: W. K. MOOREHEAD, Xenia, O.
For Treasurer: E. J. SHERIDAN, Brooklyn, N. Y.
For Librarian: CHAS. R. PERKINS, Wakefield, Mass.

We have spent much time in corresponding with collectors in order to get a good ticket which would be worthy of the support of all the members. After much trouble we have obtained it, and it is with much pleasure that we now offer it for their approval. A large majority of the nominations made are of dealers, but in an association composed mostly of collectors, they by all means should hold the majority of the offices. Mr. A. F. Berlin is widely known in archæological circles, being an earnest student possessing a large and valuable collection, and he is a man who has written considerable regarding the science. His election to the presidency would, we believe assure the success of the association.

Dr. McArthur is a man who has a warm place in his heart for the success and one who will do his utmost for the advancement of the cause.

Of Mr. Moorehead it is unnecessary to speak, as he is too well known to need any description.

Mr. E. J. Sheridan combines relics with civil engineering, and we can vouch for the safety of the funds in his hands.

Mr. Charles A. Perkins is an enthusiastic collector of the old Bay State. His collection of arrow heads mounted, as shown by photographs, is something superb. The library in his care would be in good hands.

We submit the above ticket and can wish the association nothing better than to see it elected.

HO! FOR BOSTON.

For Pres't, JOHN K. TIFFANY, St. Louis, Mo. For Sec'y, HENRY O. HARRIS, Doylestown, Pa.
For V.-Pres't, E. B. STERLING, Trenton, N. J. For Treasurer, H. B. SEAGRAVE, Ionia, Mich.

We have had many words of praise for the ticket at the head of the column. Mr. E. B. Sterling, our candidate for Vice-President, has probably given as much if not more time to the study of stamps than any man living. He is an indefatigable collector, and his magnificent works are the result of his labors. His catalogues are known the world over, and ignorant indeed would we have been without them. He is one of the early promoters of the A. P. A., and in honoring him with the vice-presidency the association would be honoring itself.

"Bluebeard" has decided to defer his Colorado trip in order to be present at the convention. His voice will therefore be heard among the wise men on the 13th, 14th, and 15th.

The Philatelic Press will be better represented at the coming convention than any previous one. Messrs. Davison and Aue will represent the COLLECTOR'S LEDGER, Jno. M. Hubbard the *Curiosity World*, C. H. Mekeel the *Philatelic Journal of America*, H. L. Calman the *American Journal*

of Philately, W. A. MacCalla the *Quaker City Philatelist*, R. C. H. Brock and W. C. Stone the *American Philatelist*, W. H. Goodrich the *Eastern Philatelist*, and Jas. B. Smith the *Springfield Republican*. What an array of talent!

We get it from a source not strictly reliable that the members of the National Society, some twenty in number, will storm Boston on the 13th with the Jolly Rechert at their head, in high hats, silver tipped canes and A. P. A. buttons in their coats. Our correspondent writes that the edict has gone forth, and as a result shelves are being overhauled and garrets ransacked in search of the conventional beaver.

We believe the board of trustees should be composed solely of collectors, and our reason is this: Nearly all the complaints the trustees have to handle are against dealers, and as all dealers have more or less correspondence among each other there is likely to be a "rub" between friendship and official duty during some of the investigations. If only collectors were trustees it would obviate this difficulty. Again, one of the great hindrances against weeding out the frauds is, we think, the large amount of "red tape" which must be gone through in order to make a charge against any one. Many of the members prefer to say nothing rather than go through the ordeal required.

Niagara Falls in '89! This is the cry that has been taken up by many of the members and we hope to see it re-echoed by the entire association before the month is out. One of the greatest points in its favor is that exceedingly low excursion rates can be obtained from any point, as the amount of travel there is so great. Thus members at a distance of 500 miles could reach Niagara for the same fare as they would pay to get 300 miles in any other direction. *Vote for Niagara Falls!*

We understand that the Staten Island members have resolved that each shall wear a tag containing their name and address while in Boston. This is done that none of them may become lost while viewing the town, and then there is a fear of sunstroke, you know! A later report says they have laid in ten cases of Munn's Piper "See" to cool them on the way. The Staten Island is a good society and is composed of a fine set of men. The St. Louis and Chicago societies have not yet announced their coming, but they will probably arrive in a train composed of Pullman vestibule cars.

It is commonly reported that the Boston hotels on hearing that the A. P. A. convention meet there in August, raised the price of baked beans fifty per cent. for that month. They evidently fear a famine and take this method of preventing it. We don't think they will accomplish their purpose as the "boys" have long purses.

The convention this year will far excel all previous ones, as there will be between fifty and one hundred members present. We give only a partial list of those who will attend.

JAS. B. SMITH, Springfield, Mass.
W. H. BODINE, Flemington, N. J.
J. V. B. VREELAND, Orange, N. J.
F. H. PINKHAM, Newmarket, N. H.
H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.
W. C. STONE, Springfield, Mass.
GUSTAV AUE, Bloomfield, N. J.
L. E. CURTIS, Freeport, Me.
JOS. RECHERT, Hoboken, N. J.
ALVAH DAVISON, Helmetta, N. J.
W. A. ACKERMAN, Marengo, Iowa.
GEO. H. RICHMOND, New York.
W. A. MACCALLA, Box 1153, Philadelphia, Pa.
G. R. LUMSDEN, Norwich, Conn.
C. E. HUTCHINSON, Newtonville, Mass.
W. H. BACON, West Newton, Mass.
W. H. GOODRICH, Fitchburg, Mass.
R. R. BOGERT, New York.
C. B. CORWIN, New York.
H. L. CALMAN, New York.
HENRY CLOTZ, New York.
C. E. BIRD, New York.
GUSTAV A. BURGER, New York.
JOHN K. TIFFANY, St. Louis, Mo.
C. H. MEKEEL, St. Louis, Mo.
E. B. STERLING, Trenton, N. J.
H. N. TERRETT, Woodside, N. Y.

THE EXCELSIOR CENT.

These pieces are generally called "The New York Excelsior Cents," although there is nothing about them that would indicate the denomination "cent."

They are a noteworthy and somewhat extensive series of coins, all the different varieties it is believed having not yet been discovered. The reverses on several of the varieties closely resemble the reverse of one of the varieties of the New Jersey Confederatios.

The varieties I have heard of or seen are four in number.



The first, of which an illustration is given, has on its *obverse:* Arms of the State of New York. Center, an oval shield, upon which is shown the sun rising from behind some hills and the sea in the background; left, Liberty with staff and cap; right, Justice with sword and scales; upon the top of the shield a hemisphere supporting an eagle, outspread wings, facing left: at bottom "EXCELSIOR." Serrated border, plain edge.



Reverse: An Indian in center holding a tomahawk in his right hand and a bow in his left; at his back a quiver full of arrows. Legend: "LIBER NATUS LIBERTATEM DEFENDO." Border serrated. Plain edge.

The second variety, has *Obverse:* same as in first variety.

Reverse: An Indian standing besides an altar or pedestal, right foot on a crown, arrow in his right hand and bow in his left; quiver of arrows at his back.

Legend: "INIMICA TYRANNIS-AMERICA," serrated border, plain edge. This reverse is the same as on the reverse of one of the 1785 varieties of the New Jersey Confederatio cent.

The third variety of the New York Excelsior cent has

Obverse: same as first variety except the eagle faces to the right.

Reverse: same as reverse of second variety.

The fourth variety has *Obverse:* same as the third variety, eagle facing right.

Reverse: Large eagle displaying an American shield on its breast, right talon a bundle of arrows, left talon an olive branch, about the head of the eagle are thirteen stars. Legend: "* E * PLURIBUS UNUM * *1787." Serrated border. Plain edge.

Of the four varieties above named, the first is considered the rarest, but one specimen I believe being known to exist, and this is worth about $100. The fourth variety comes next in rarity, only two specimens being known to me to be in existence; they are worth about $50 each, according to their condition. The other two varieties are also very rare and are worth from $25 to $50 for a fine specimen.

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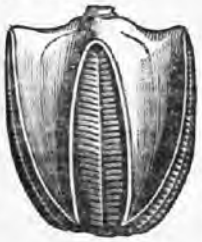


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H. EDWARD DEATS, whose handsome face we are enabled to present this month, is not one of the "older collectors," being only twenty years of age; but we venture the assertion that there are few collectors in this country who possess a larger fund of information regarding their stamps than he does.

He was born May 20th, 1870, and attended school only about four years, the major part of his education having been attained at home. He resides at Flemington Junction, two miles from the thriving town of Flemington, N. J., the latter being his post office address. His father whom he had the misfortune to lose last year, was a tiller of the soil, and his son is now attending to his large farming interests.

His house is one of those large roomy ones which can only be met with in the country. It stands back about four hundred feet from the road, and is approached through a high, noble row of hemlocks planted many years ago.

Mr. Deats began collecting in 1880, his first purchase being a six cent packet of continentals, and from this beginning he has formed a collection of which we believe there is not its equal in the country of the same kind. He does not confine himself to philately, but he is an ardent collector in other branches, including archæology, mineralogy and numismatics, in all of which he has spent considerable time and money.

At a short distance from the house he has his office, and here, piled on racks and shelves are volumes of every collector's paper issued in this country, and many foreign ones, to all of which he subscribes. As soon as volumes are complete they are sent to Trenton to be bound.

Although a collector in different branches, he does not collect simply to get together a large number of specimens. The visitor can pick up any of the multitude of objects and he is instantly informed of its name, origin, etc.

On entering the sitting room of his house, the first thing which attracts the eye is a large frame over the mantle, containing proofs of all the United States postage, including department and periodical stamps. In the dining room, in a case made especially for them, on shelves, are hundreds of curios gathered from all quarters of the globe. Here also are many beautiful specimens of minerals, each in a little box and attractively displayed. In the drawers of this case are kept the larger implements, such as war clubs, pestles, hammer stones, etc., of which he possesses a large collection.

In another case are volumes of papers, dating many years back, while a second case contains State reports and large books on the different sciences.

In his sleeping apartment we find Indian bows, spears and paddles stacked in one corner, while the walls are decorated with frames containing confederate bills, fractional currency, relics of battle flags, and other objects of interest to the collector.

From a case here he brought out enough confederate promises to pay to keep a man in clover a life time were the promises of any value, and so the procession moved on, every room seeming to add to the large number of interesting objects gathered together by this indefatigable collector, but as space shortens we will leave for another issue a more detailed account of his collections, including his $7,000 purchase of stamps and coins.

Mr. Deats is a member of the A. P. A., C. P. A., Agassiz Association, the proposed archæological society, the National Philatelical, I. P. V. of Dresden, the Netherland Philatelic and the Eastern Amateur Press Association.

MERCHANTS' LINE TELEGRAPH.



While on a recent visit to the city of Providence, R. I., Mr. Gustav A. Burger unearthed some rare and heretofore unknown stamps, and learning of it, I called on him at his office, 59 Nassau street, New York, where I had the pleasure of examining the stamps and obtaining as much of their history as possible.

The stamps were discovered among a lot of old letters in a large business house in Providence, which has been in existence for over forty years. The design on the stamp, an illustration of which we give, closely resembles the design of the Merchants' Line Telegraph stamp, which is known to exist, except in the address. This in the stamp which is known to collectors, is "29 Wall street, New York," while in the stamps Mr. Burger has discovered, it is "23 Canal street, Providence, R. I." The newly discovered stamps are of three varities; black impression on red glazed surface paper; black, on amber yellow glazed surface paper, and black on green glazed surface paper; they are all on the original envelope of the telegraph company, and are attached to the flap on the back of the envelope. On one the gum can be seen on a loose corner, it being a brownish gum arabic.

These stamps were issued and used during the year 1850, as that date appears on the face of the envelopes, and I believe they were issued at that time. Mr. Burger discovered a few of the red variety, and but one each of the green and amber. Their value cannot be correctly determined, but their scarcity is certain to make them extremely valuable. The red "New York" variety is catalogued at $10. Mr. Burger values his specimens as follows: the red variety at $25; the green at $75 and the amber at $75.

Mr. Arthur H. E. Burger, a brother of Gustav A. Burger, showed me a number of rare stamps including a $200 United States revenue, a genuine Ionian Isle stamp, on original letter; the "Revolutionary Stamp Act" stamp, and a fine collection of United States revenues. Also the wonderful "What is It?" a mummy, said to be 1,000 years old, and probably discovered in the jungles of Africa.

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NEW YORK NOTES.

LET every A. P. A. member be supplied with a button, whether he is going to the convention or not.

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THE meeting of the National Society, on July 11th last, was one of the largest and most interesting which has yet been held, upwards of twenty-four members and about five visitors being in attendance.

MESSRS. CORWIN, Territt and H. L. Calman, have been chosen as delegates to represent the National Philatelical Society, branch of the A. P. A., at the annual convention in Boston, this month.

I should not be surprised to find more New Yorkers than Bostonians attending the convention at Boston. Already fifteen New York members have informed me they were going. Then there are about six from Staten Island and six more from Brooklyn who will also attend.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., will be the best place to hold the 1889 convention of the A. P. A.; we will bring it before the convention and we feel confident of success.

AN A. P. A. member, residing in St. Louis, writes me that Niagara Falls would give the A. P. A. members one benefit, at least, if it is chosen as the place for the '89 convention. It would allow any of the members who desire to navigate the whirlpool rapids, in either a barrel, boat, or any other conveyance they might choose, to do so. There is no fear of that, however, as "Stamp collecting is a harmless form of insanity," as one of the daily papers puts it.*

MR. C. A. BURGER recently sold out his entire interest in the firm of C. A. Burger & Co., which is comprised of his two brothers, Messrs. Arthur H. E. and Gustav A. Burger, who had entire charge and managed the stamp business while under the old name. They are still located at their old address, 59 Nassau street.

THE New York members will probably leave for Boston on the Fall River boat at 5.30 P. M., Sunday, August 12th. The National Society hold a meeting on August 1st to make definite arrangements, this being after we go to press, any one desiring to go with the crowd can learn the exact date by addressing the writer.

"How to get to Boston from New York," will most likely be troubling some of the A. P. A. members. The best route is by way of the Sound steamers. There are two good lines, the Fall River, and Providence lines. The Fall River is considered by many to be the best and finest. The boats leave New York as follows:

Fall River line leaves Pier 28 N. R. daily at 5.30 and 6.15 P. M. Sundays, 5.30.
Providence " " " 29 " " except Sundays at 5.30 P. M.

* Another great benefit the writer forgot is, that in case there were any "kickers" present, the sergeant-at-arms could take them out and drop them from the Suspension bridge. The fall of 200 feet would probably bring them around to business.—ED.

The boats go up Long Island Sound to Fall River and Providence, and the rest of the journey is made by rail.

MR. CORWIN, after three unsuccessful attempts, has found it impossible to carry his resolution, *that it is the opinion of the N. P. S., that no dealer whose sole occupation is the sale of stamps should be an officer of the A. P. A.* When the resolution was first introduced, it was *defeated* by a vote of seven to four, it was then slightly changed so as to read that no *elective office* should be filled by any dealer in stamps or stamped envelopes. When this was put to a vote it was also defeated, nine to three. At the June meeting, Mr. Corwin tried it again, this time to read, that *no person who derives his sole support from the purchase or sale of stamps should hold any elective office in the A. P. A.* When put to a vote, this was defeated by fifteen to two. The arguments against it were many and good ones. 1st. Every member of the A. P. A. should be entitled to equal rights and privileges. 2d. The dealers have made the association what it now is. 3d. There are about 250 dealers in the A. P. A., about one-half the membership. The majority which defeated the resolution every time it was brought up, consisted of fully two-thirds collectors.

PUBLISHERS of philatelic papers are kindly requested to send copies of their publications for the library of the National Philatelical Society of New York to their address, at the Manhattan Café, 156 Second avenue, New York city.

MEMBERS of the A. P. A. who cannot attend the convention which is to be held in Boston this month and who desire to be represented by proxy will find good representatives in Messrs. Davison and Aue, who will be present at the convention.

MR. C. H. MEKEEL stopped in New York on his way to Sherwood, N. Y., where he is at present. He visited several of New York's prominent collectors and dealers during his short stay. GUSTAV AUE.

THE July number of the *American Journal of Philately* throws a bomb into the ranks of James Chalmers supporters by declaring for Pearson Hill. Their action at this hot season is to be regretted, as it is likely to open the discussion with renewed vigor: Mr. Chalmers' heaviest gun, the *Western Philatelist*, will be heard from no more, but the gunner is directing another muzzle, and he may speak through that. Meanwhile Mr. Patrick Chalmers' publication, "Letter to the Dundee Club," takes up Mr. Hill's arguments and answers them like a gentleman, his cause all the time moving merrily on, gaining new supporters wherever his pamphlets are read.

THE Brooklyn Philatelic Club has adjourned for the summer season, and will meet again in the fall.

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At the time we made our offer the association was involved in the "official organ muddle," and things were looking somewhat dark for its future prosperity. By our action we hoped to restore a little confidence by showing that some of the members were looking to the growth of the society rather than at the internal troubles, and we are not without hope that our action helped to bring about the desired result.

These subscriptions having expired we now ask for their renewal, feeling sure that we will give full value for the money during the coming year. During the past thirteen months we have published the portraits of thirteen prominent collectors and dealers, also many illustrated articles for which the cuts are always made expressly for our use. In news we believe we give the latest and most authentic, as our correspondents are in the right places to obtain it.

The editor and business manager will attend the convention at Boston, and our September number will contain every thing of interest that transpires, not only the proceedings, but notes, observations, etc., of things in general.

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worth the price to any one desirous of being informed regarding things philatelic, and in this we think you will agree with us. It should also be borne in mind that all A. P. A. members renewing, will receive the premium described on third page of cover. And last but not least, we *request* that you will remit in postal notes, as we get so many stamps that it is difficult to dispose of them, and when sold they realize but eighty-five per cent. of their face value.

Shall we not have your support for the coming year?

A SHORT time ago, Mr. H. E. Deats conceived the idea of having a band of music at the convention at Boston, providing enough members could be found to take the requisite parts. He first got the approval of President Tiffany, and then asked for volunteers, but unfortunately not enough members who play instruments will be in attendance, so the project was dropped. In the August number of the *Stamp*, a writer styling himself C. Elmer Roe, in a two-page article, attempts to ridicule the projector, the musicians, and the convention that would allow a band of music to play in their midst. According to him, the greatest conventions held in the country—those of the great political parties—at which are gathered the intellectual lights of the land, are simply "children's meetings," as a band is considered indispensable.

There is considerable said throughout this article regarding children and child's play, but the writer shows himself the veriest child of them all by writing the largest amount of *simon pure nonsense* that we have had to read in a long while, and our only wonder is that the editors of the *Stamp* would allow such useless trash to appear in their columns. On one point only do we agree with the writer, and that is where he proposes to exclude "*children*" of all ages. Were this done we would not be inflicted with such articles as this one.

THE editor has the following cabinet pictures in his album: H. E. Deats, Henry Clotz, F. H. Pinkham, C. H. Mekeel, Jno. M. Hubbard, Gustav Aue, W. G. Whilden, S. B. Bradt, Wm. B. Whitney, and stamp photos of Jno. S. Bixby, E. F. Gambs, W. C. Stone, C. T. Tatman, H. A. Malin, Jas. C. Jay, H. E. Deats, and H. Mathers. He would be pleased to exchange stamp photos with any collector.

MR. GEO. H. RICHMOND has been stopping at his old home at Northfield, Vt., owing to his wife's illness.

MR. W. K. MOOREHEAD writes us from the Cincinnati Centennial that the exposition is visited by many thousands daily. His time is fully occupied in showing the curious people the difference between an Indian scraper and a tomahawk. He will be in New York in time for the organization meeting of the Archæological society on August 18th.

MR. S. B. BRADT is in the field with *Philo's Monthly*. It consists of eight pages, and although designed primarily to advertise his business, it contains much news of value to philatelists.

THE Philatelic Press Association will probably be formed in Boston, this month. A large number of the publishers of philatelic publications will no doubt attend the A. P. A. convention.

THE *Eastern Philatelist* for July, comes out in a new and enlarged form, and with W. H. Goodrich as editor and publisher. This paper has started well, and we hope to see it live and thrive.

THE publishers of the *Mohawk Standard* have decided on a change of name, so it will hereafter be called the *Collectors' Standard*.

THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Everything is now in readiness for the organization meeting, which will be held in New York, on August 18th, at the Astor House, corner of Broadway and Vesey street, at 9.30 A. M. Members attending will please call at the clerk's counter and inquire for the chairman of the committee, Mr. W K. Moorehead, and they will be shown to his room, wherein the meeting will be held. This place has been chosen as the best and most central for out of town members, and it is earnestly requested that all who can will attend.

A printed list of the nominees eligible to office has been sent to each of the members, and from these they are requested to make their choice for the officers, writing them in the spaces provided at the bottom of the blank. This should be enclosed with a silver dime in the addressed envelope accompanying each list and be mailed.

The dime is to defray the organization expenses in order that the society may start free of debt.

With each list is also a proxy blank, these being for the use of those unable to attend in person, and the committee earnestly request that all not able to be present will send their proxy to one who will attend as a full vote on all questions is desired.

We give a list of some of those who will attend, and any one wishing it may send his proxy with his vote for officers and it will be handed to the proper party.

The organization committee will be present at the meeting, where the votes will be opened and counted by them and the result announced.

Send your vote as early as possible in order that it may not be forgotten, as we would have every one vote early—but only once.

The following members will be in attendance at the meeting :

GUSTAV AUE, Bloomfield, N. J.
WM. H. AUE, " "
H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.
CHAS. A. PERKINS, Wakefield, Mass.
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Our Ticket for Officers.

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For Vice-President : D. G. MCARTHUR, M. D., La Crosse, Wis.
For Secretary : W. K. MOOREHEAD, Xenia, O.
For Treasurer : E. J. SHERIDAN, Brooklyn, N. Y.
For Librarian : CHAS. R. PERKINS, Wakefield, Mass.

We have spent much time in corresponding with collectors in order to get a good ticket which would be worthy of the support of all the members. After much trouble we have obtained it, and it is with much pleasure that we now offer it for their approval. A large majority of the nominations made are of dealers, but in an association composed mostly of collectors, they by all means should hold the majority of the offices. Mr. A. F. Berlin is widely known in archæological circles, being an earnest student possessing a large and valuable collection, and he is a man who has written considerable regarding the science. His election to the presidency would, we believe assure the success of the association.

Dr. McArthur is a man who has a warm place in his heart for the success and one who will do his utmost for the advancement of the cause.

Of Mr. Moorehead it is unnecessary to speak, as he is too well known to need any description.

Mr. E. J. Sheridan combines relics with civil engineering, and we can vouch for the safety of the funds in his hands.

Mr. Charles A. Perkins is an enthusiastic collector of the old Bay State. His collection of arrow heads mounted, as shown by photographs, is something superb. The library in his care would be in good hands.

We submit the above ticket and can wish the association nothing better than to see it elected.

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For V.-Pres't, E. B. STERLING, Trenton, N. J. For Treasurer, H. B. SEAGRAVE, Ionia, Mich.

We have had many words of praise for the ticket at the head of the column. Mr. E. B. Sterling, our candidate for Vice-President, has probably given as much if not more time to the study of stamps than any man living. He is an indefatigable collector, and his magnificent works are the result of his labors. His catalogues are known the world over, and ignorant indeed would we have been without them. He is one of the early promoters of the A. P. A., and in honoring him with the vice-presidency the association would be honoring itself.

"Bluebeard" has decided to defer his Colorado trip in order to be present at the convention. His voice will therefore be heard among the wise men on the 13th, 14th, and 15th.

The Philatelic Press will be better represented at the coming convention than any previous one. Messrs. Davison and Aue will represent the COLLECTOR'S LEDGER, Jno. M. Hubbard the *Curiosity World*, C. H. Mekeel the *Philatelic Journal of America*, H. L. Calman the *American Journal*

of Philately, W. A. MacCalla the *Quaker City Philatelist*, R. C. H. Brock and W. C. Stone the *American Philatelist*, W. H. Goodrich the *Eastern Philatelist*, and Jas. B. Smith the *Springfield Republican*. What an array of talent!

We get it from a source not strictly reliable that the members of the National Society, some twenty in number, will storm Boston on the 13th with the Jolly Rechert at their head, in high hats, silver tipped canes and A. P. A. buttons in their coats. Our correspondent writes that the edict has gone forth, and as a result shelves are being overhauled and garrets ransacked in search of the conventional beaver.

We believe the board of trustees should be composed solely of collectors, and our reason is this: Nearly all the complaints the trustees have to handle are against dealers, and as all dealers have more or less correspondence among each other there is likely to be a "rub" between friendship and official duty during some of the investigations. If only collectors were trustees it would obviate this difficulty. Again, one of the great hindrances against weeding out the frauds is, we think, the large amount of "red tape" which must be gone through in order to make a charge against any one. Many of the members prefer to say nothing rather than go through the ordeal required.

Niagara Falls in '89! This is the cry that has been taken up by many of the members and we hope to see it re-echoed by the entire association before the month is out. One of the greatest points in its favor is that exceedingly low excursion rates can be obtained from any point, as the amount of travel there is so great. Thus members at a distance of 500 miles could reach Niagara for the same fare as they would pay to get 300 miles in any other direction. *Vote for Niagara Falls!*

We understand that the Staten Island members have resolved that each shall wear a tag containing their name and address while in Boston. This is done that none of them may become lost while viewing the town, and then there is a fear of sunstroke, you know! A later report says they have laid in ten cases of Munn's Piper "Sec" to cool them on the way. The Staten Island is a good society and is composed of a fine set of men. The St. Louis and Chicago societies have not yet announced their coming, but they will probably arrive in a train composed of Pullman vestibule cars.

It is commonly reported that the Boston hotels on hearing that the A. P. A. convention meet there in August, raised the price of baked beans fifty per cent. for that month. They evidently fear a famine and take this method of preventing it. We don't think they will accomplish their purpose as the "boys" have long purses.

The convention this year will far excel all previous ones, as there will be between fifty and one hundred members present. We give only a partial list of those who will attend.

JAS. B. SMITH, Springfield, Mass.
W. H. BODINE, Flemington, N. J.
J. V. B. VREELAND, Orange, N. J.
F. H. PINKHAM, Newmarket, N. H.
H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.
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C. E. BIRD, New York.
GUSTAV A. BURGER, New York.
JOHN K. TIFFANY, St. Louis, Mo.
C. H. MEKEEL, St. Louis, Mo.
E. B. STERLING, Trenton, N. J.
H. N. TERRETT, Woodside, N. Y.

THE EXCELSIOR CENT.

These pieces are generally called "The New York Excelsior Cents," although there is nothing about them that would indicate the denomination "cent."

They are a noteworthy and somewhat extensive series of coins, all the different varieties it is believed having not yet been discovered. The reverses on several of the varieties closely resemble the reverse of one of the varieties of the New Jersey Confederatios.

The varieties I have heard of or seen are four in number.



The first, of which an illustration is given, has on its *obverse:* Arms of the State of New York. Center, an oval shield, upon which is shown the sun rising from behind some hills and the sea in the background; left, Liberty with staff and cap; right, Justice with sword and scales; upon the top of the shield a hemisphere supporting an eagle, outspread wings, facing left: at bottom "EXCELSIOR." Serrated border, plain edge.



Reverse: An Indian in center holding a tomahawk in his right hand and a bow in his left; at his back a quiver full of arrows. Legend: "LIBER NATUS LIBERTATEM DEFENDO." Border serrated. Plain edge.

The second variety, has *Obverse:* same as in first variety.

Reverse: An Indian standing besides an altar or pedestal, right foot on a crown, arrow in his right hand and bow in his left; quiver of arrows at his back.

Legend: "INIMICA TYRANNIS-AMERICA," serrated border, plain edge. This reverse is the same as on the reverse of one of the 1785 varieties of the New Jersey Confederatio cent.

The third variety of the New York Excelsior cent has

Obverse: same as first variety except the eagle faces to the right.

Reverse: same as reverse of second variety.

The fourth variety has *Obverse:* same as the third variety, eagle facing right.

Reverse: Large eagle displaying an American shield on its breast, right talon a bundle of arrows, left talon an olive branch, about the head of the eagle are thirteen stars. Legend: "* E * PLURIBUS UNUM * *1787." Serrated border. Plain edge.

Of the four varieties above named, the first is considered the rarest, but one specimen I believe being known to exist, and this is worth about $100. The fourth variety comes next in rarity, only two specimens being known to me to be in existence; they are worth about $50 each, according to their condition. The other two varieties are also very rare and are worth from $25 to $50 for a fine specimen.

The dies for these coins are believed to have been made by Thomas Wyon, of Birmingham, England, and were originally intended as patterns for coins for New York State, to be adopted for the coinage of the United States Mint. All the Excelsiors coined are believed to have been struck at Birmingham, England, as far as can be ascertained.

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PROMINENT PHILATELISTS.



WILLIAM H. NIENSTEDT.

We take pleasure in presenting this month the portrait of William H. Nienstedt, of St. Louis, Mo. He first saw the light of day in that city, August 31st, 1865, and consequently is twenty-three years of age.

After graduating from the Washington University, he entered the drug business, and in 1885, graduated, together with C. J. Fuelscher, from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Several years ago he made an extended tour of Europe, and it was then, after seeing some of the large stamp dealers, that he took to collecting, and has since increased his collection to its present enormous proportions. His collection is the finest in the West, with the exception of that owned by Mr. Tiffany, and while many collections may exceed his in number, his far excels them all in fine specimens and rarities. Among those worthy of mention, are the 2c and 5c Baton Rouge, the finest specimens known to exist; the Mobile, Memphis, Petersburg, New Orleans, etc., all different varieties, used and on original envelopes. Among the United States stamps in his collection will be found complete sets of all issues, including complete sets of department and periodical stamps, all in fine condition; but the most admirable part of his collection is his magnificent and unexcelled collection of United States envelopes, which contains the rarest dies, sizes, watermarks, knives, etc.

After resigning his position in a leading St. Louis pharmacy, he entered into partnership with Mr. C. J. Fuelscher, and on the first of July last, the American Philatelic Co. was formed, to conduct the stamp business on a large scale, and have located themselves at the north-west corner of Third and Pine streets, St. Louis, Mo., where they have an office. Visitors to St. Louis will be cordially welcomed should they conclude to call on them. Mr. Nienstedt is unmarried, and a great favorite among the fair sex. He is a member of the A. P. A., and will, no doubt, in the near future prove to be one of its most energetic supporters.

NOTED COLLECTIONS.—No. 2, H. E. Deats.

On January 20th last, one of the largest lots of stamps ever sold to a private individual in this country was purchased by Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J., from the well known dealer, E. B. Sterling. The price paid was $7,000; and although this may seem a large sum, yet the stamps at Sterling's prices amounted to over $10,000.

Being desirous of seeing what I knew must be a magnificent collection, I took occasion to visit Mr. Deats a short time ago, and enjoyed his hospitality for a couple of days.

His collections are mounted on blank sheets of heavy ledger paper, 8x11½ inches, each having a double rule border about half an inch from the edge. His stamps at present fill 1,100 of these sheets, which when placed one on top of the other will make a bundle two feet in height; but the different collections are kept separate, so they are more convenient to handle.

I first glanced over the United States postage proofs and essays, of which he has 1,450; and although I at one time thought little of proofs, after seeing this collection I was compelled to admit that in all my life, I

had never seen such beautiful specimens of the engraver's art as were here presented; not only were the proofs of the complete stamps shown, but scores of proofs of the medallions, borders, labels, etc., of the stamps; and then the essays, what a sight they presented for the philatelist! Dozens of designs which were submitted and which many collectors have never seen, some of them master pieces of engraving and others not fit for the stopper of a beer bottle. Here was a set of entire envelopes, the stamps on them being black impressions of the 1851 and 1870 issue of adhesives; but the ones among these which particularly caught my eye were the "hub" proofs, of which there were a goodly number. The total value of the postage proofs is $2,200.

From this display I ran through the proofs of document, match, medicine, tobacco and liquor stamps, numbering in all 3,385; and of these I almost despair of giving a description, as their number seems to be legion. I noticed no less than *seven* of the $5,000 revenue proofs, worth $100 each, six of them being printed in three colors and one in blue. The second and third issue of documents were shown up to $50 each printed in eleven different colors! Of the $200 revenue proof on paper he has seven, these being worth $25 each; also a proof on cardboard of the same stamp, this being the only known specimen printed in that way.

In tobacco and liquor proofs Mr. Deats has everything—not only the proofs of the stamps, but of every variety and style of license issued for the sale of these commodities. He has a beautiful set of essays of tobacco stamps, the central design being a tobacco plant.

His medicine stamps are mounted the same as the documents, one stamp to a sheet, first, old paper, then silk, pink, and watermark paper, and arranged by Sterling's catalogue.

Mr. Deats' medicine proofs number 1,350, many of them being in unsevered pairs. Nearly all the undelivered dies are represented, and one one of them, the D. M. Richardson 3c printed in black is the only proof of that die known to exist.

After these, I looked over the foreign postage and revenue proofs and trial colors, these numbering 2,750, and many of them being in entire sheets of one hundred each.

One lot of 1,670 of the trial colors he had just received from one of Casey's sales, paying $150 for them. They were Canadian and South American postage proofs, some of them being in over one hundred shades of color!

The total paid for the proofs was $6,000.

For the document stamps, one sheet is given for each stamp, the first line being those perforated, the next, part perforated, and then unperforated; all the shades of color and varieties following on the lines. Here I noticed two of the $20 Probate of Will catalogued at $15 each.

In revenues I also saw three hundred varieties of license stamps, and

many cotton tax stamps of brass, the latter being unmounted, as an album has not yet been designed for them.

He has all of the Canada bill stamps but six, including many shades of color, surcharges, etc.

His collection of postage stamps numbers 4,000 varieties, this consisting of North, South, and Central American, these being the only countries he collects.

The totals of Mr. Deats' stamp collections are as follows:

United States proofs and essays	1,450
Foreign postage and revenue proofs	1,100
United States document proofs	650
" " match "	800
" " medicine "	1,350
" " playing card "	90
" " proprietary "	130
" " revenue essays	150
" " tobacco and liquor proofs	215
Foreign trial colors	1,650
U. S. postage, adhesives, envelopes and revenues of all kinds	1,500
North, South and Central American and West Indies postage	1,500
Other foreign	1,000
Total	11,585

Of paper money he has alone 3,500 varieties, including Confederate, Colonial, Continental and fractional currency; and his collection of illustrated war envelopes numbers about the same, many of these, however, being duplicates.

Of coins he has a complete set of the United States silver dollars with the exception of the 1804, 1836, and 1838. The halves, quarters, and minor coins are well represented, and everything is in fine condition.

Mr. Deats' library of philatelic and other papers contains over 4,000 different pieces, including catalogues, books, pamphlets, etc.; of these, 70 volumes are bound. His duplicate papers number about 10,000. He has all of the standard works on collecting subjects, and rare indeed is the book or paper not in his library.

Of archæological specimens, prehistoric stones and bone implements he has 1,500; among which I particularly noticed two very large war clubs, a blow from either of which would kill an ox. He also has a large number of South Sea Island curios, purchased from the Boban collection, sold by Frossard in October, 1887, among these being a dress worn by a South Sea Island woman. In addition to these he has a considerable number of curios, antiquities, etc., which were accumulated by him during a number of years. His collection of minerals is displayed in a large case in the dining room, each being set in a small box. These were purchased, I believe, from Dr. Foote, of Philadelphia.

In such a short article as this it is exceedingly difficult to give anything like a good description of such large collections, but I have tried to give a general idea of his possessions, while the remainder will have to be supplied by the imagination. The writer spent about fifteen hours in looking over the various collections, and even in this time they were simply glanced at, as to have done more would have required many days, which, unfortunately, I could not spare at that time.

Mr. Deats is an enthusiast regarding his collections, and he is always happy to show them to his brother collectors; and all who have a chance to see them I know will agree with me that time was never more profitably or pleasantly spent than when looking them over.

ALVAH DAVISON.

THE A. P. A. CONVENTION.

Composed on the occasion of the Third Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association, held in Boston, August 13, 14 and 15, 1888.

BY "MAURICE MISTLETOE."

The convention of the A. P. A.,
Tried every one to please;
And, oh! it was a gala day,
For all its devotees.
From far and near the members came,
Of Stamp and Philatelic fame,
With "A. P. A." tacked to their name—
A sight one rarely sees.

August 13 was the date,
At Elk's Hall, Hayward Place,
And there the boys did congregate—
Each with a smiling face.
"Blue Beard" Sterling was surely there;
Handsome Terrett dressed with care;
And Tiffany forsook his lair,
And came to wield the mace.

And H. E. Deats, whose coat tails swelled
With his collection rare;
And when the "Stamp Display" was held,
He made the fellows stare.
The mighty Calman held his own;
With Corwin, New York's great cyclone;
And Messrs. Aue and Davison
Of LEDGER fame were there.

The genial Bogert, the Scott Stamp Co.;
And Jolly Rechert too;
And Mekeel—Haviland, you know;
And Pinkham tried and true.
Holton was there, the busy bee,
From whom all counterfeiters flee;
Dejonge and Schumann in their glee
Forgot to tap the dew.*

Among those present were two Kings,
From Granite and Bay State;
And S. B. Bradt of Grand Crossings,
Near Gitchegumee Lake.
S. Allan Taylor of counterfeit fame;
Hanaford from Portland, Maine,
And Van der Williger weighed the same
Were also on the slate.

To Perry, who did his level best,
With Staten Island's votes,
To bring the next convention West—
To him all honor dotes.
"Republican" Smith came on to see
What sort of convention it would be;
And Goodrich, Jewett and Emory
Left Fitchburg to take notes.

Stone and MacCalla, who help grind
The organ of the boys—
The *American Philatelist*,
Which makes no little noise.
"Exchange" Clotz showed up well;
Richmond and Van Derlip we tell;
And Sparr and Hubbard came to swell
The meet, with hopes and joys.

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Speeches were made 'mid loud applause,
And talked of by the Press;
And then there came—after a pause—
The President's address.
And one and all, they thought it grand;
And each one shook the other's hand,
And said they'd had the best time—and
Declared it a success!

* Twelve cases Munn's Piper Sec.

Report of the Convention.

President Tiffany called the convention to order on Monday, August 13, at 10.30 A. M. After the roll call it was ascertained that 327 members were represented, either in person or by proxy. The president appointed Messrs. Sterling, Clotz and Mekeel a committee on credentials. On motion, it was decided to admit the public to all conventions of the society. On motion, the Literary Board were authorized to procure a stenographer. Adjournment until 3 p. m.

3.15 p. m.: Committee on credentials report favorably on 289 proxies, and unfavorably on one; on motion, it was decided to admit the one in question. The president appointed standing committees. The election of new officers was then announced, and Messrs. Tiffany, Van Derlip, Bradford, Seagrave and Rechert were declared elected to their respective offices. Reports of officers were then read and submitted, and were adopted or referred to committees. Adjournment until 10 a. m., Tuesday, August 14.

Tuesday, August 14, 10.40 a. m.: Vice-President Bogert in the chair; President Tiffany delivered his annual address, which occupied over an hour. On motion of Mr. Corwin, the convention thanked the president for his able address. Reports of other officers were then read and adopted, among them the treasurer's report, which showed a surplus of $304.84 in the treasury. Standing committees report, which were either accepted or referred to the committee on constitution and by-laws. Moved that a committee of three be appointed, to consider the advisability of compiling a catalogue of philatelic articles. President appointed Messrs. Aue, Stone and Scott as such committee. A new office, a fourth purchasing agent, was created. Adjournment until 2.30 p. m.

2.30 p. m.: Several amendments to the constitution and by-laws were proposed and adopted. A motion to allow members under seventeen years of age to vote was lost. On motion of Mr. Rechert, the International Philatelic Verein of Dresden, was elected a corresponding society. On motion of Mr. Bogert, seconded by Mr. Aue, it was resolved that the collection of reprints be discouraged, except those issued by governments and accepted for postage. Mr. MacCalla moved that a committee be appointed to investigate the Chalmers-Hill controversy. On motion of Mr. Aue it was laid on the table. It was moved and seconded that the constitution be printed in the English, German and French languages, at a cost not to exceed $25. Another new office, Superintendent of Literary Exchange, was created. It was moved and seconded to proceed to an election of the next place of convention. St. Louis, Niagara Falls and Washington were nominated. A vote was taken with the following result: St. Louis, 208; Niagara Falls, 132; Washington, 4; Philadelphia, 1. It was moved and seconded that the convention take place in St. Louis, beginning on Monday of Fair Week, in October, 1889. The convention then went into secret session, and after investigating several charges, expelled James C. Jay, for conduct unbecoming a member. Adjournment until Wednesday, August 15, 10 a. m.

Wednesday, August 15, 10 a. m.: Committee on constitution and by-laws report, and a number of amendments to the constitution and by-laws were adopted. Committee on the compilation of a catalogue of philatelic articles report, that they consider the subject advisable and feasable, and recommend that a committee be appointed to submit a plan, and report in a future issue of the *American Philatelist*. Report accepted. President appoints the same committee. It was moved to tender a vote of thanks to all the officers of the association, and to Mr. Holton for his arduous labors in our behalf. It was also moved that the counterfeit detector be authorized to stamp the word "counterfeit" in indelible ink on all such stamps he can lay his hands on. On motion, the convention adjourned *sine die*.

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A CARD.

With this issue the LEDGER is under a new management. The writer started the paper in 1885, carrying it on successfully until March, 1887, when signs of failing health manifesting themselves he sold a half interest to Mr. Gustav Aue, since which time it has been carried on by the two under the name of THE LEDGER COMPANY. After disposing of a half interest I supposed I could rest and recuperate, but I find my evening hours are as busy as ever, and the rest sought for has not come; and nature's laws being inexorable, I decided after mature deliberation to dispose of my entire interest; for, much as I am interested in the work, there are others whose claims on me are stronger.

For this reason I have retired from the editorship, but I will continue to take great interest in the paper's progress, as through it I have made many warm friends; and, although not actively connected with it, I shall occasionally be heard from.

For Mr. Aue I ask that the liberal co-operation and support which has been given to me and the Company in the past, as I know he will do his utmost to keep the paper up to the high standard gained for it by its three years of success.

It is with many regrets that the pen is laid aside which has controlled these columns for a length of time which few collectors' papers survive; but in the dim and distant future, when the white dove of rosy health shall have again perched upon the writer's brow, then and only then may he again take up the pen and enter the field which, though liberally sprinkled with thorns and briers, yet is one in which the odor of roses causes all minor plants to be overlooked; and, until then, I am,

Very truly yours, ALVAH DAVISON.

PUBLISHERS hereafter will please send *two* copies of their publications to THE LEDGER Co., Bloomfield, N. J., instead of one as heretofore, and receive two of the LEDGER in return.

An error crept, quite unforeseen, into the sketch of Mr. H. E. Deats, in last month's LEDGER—instead of twenty years, it should have been eighteen.

With this issue, the business management of the LEDGER will be in the hands of William H. Ane, who has considerably aided his brother, while business manager, in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sterling were in Boston while the convention was taking place. They left on an extended tour of the West, and will not return until the middle of September.

Mr. Fred R. Stearns, of Wakefield, Mass., called on us in Boston, and talked over the prospects of the Archæological Society.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. C. T. Tatman, of Worcester, Mass., while in Boston. Mr. Tatman is well known to the readers of the LEDGER as one of the foremost coin collectors, and has contributed several coin articles to the columns of this paper in the past.

In company with Mr. Davison and Mr. Richmond, we visited Mr. Chas. A. Perkins, at Wakefield, Mass., and spent several hours with him, talking over archæological matters and the new society. Mr. Perkins' collection of Indian relics is finely arranged, and is a sight worth seeing.

President Tiffany's address was a grand master piece; it dwelt on collecting from the beginning of the world up to the present day, and even into the future. In it he referred to art, coins, minerals, and Indian relics, as well as stamps. He gave the so-called speculative envelopes a rub, "in a friendly spirit." He congratulated the National Society for its endeavors to discourage the collection of reprints.

A fine collection of Indian relics owned by Andus B. White, and valued at $1,000, was lost in the sinking of the steamship Geiser by the steamship Thingvalla. Mr. White has commenced suit against the steamship company for damages.

The Stamp Dealers' Association held their first convention in Boston August 15th. Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

The American Philatelic Press Association effected a temporary organization at their convention held in Boston on August 15th. Twelve philatelic publications were represented. Temporary officers were elected and instructed to perfect a permanent organization.

THE A. P. A. STAMP EXHIBIT.

At 11 A. M., Wednesday, August 15th last, the first stamp exhibit of the A. P. A. was opened to the members and the public. It was held in the upper hall of the Elk's Building, in Boston, Mass.

On entering the room one's gaze fell on two long rows of "double lean-to" cases which extended along the entire length of the hall, and on one side of the room were flat tables. At the head of the room was a large picture bearing the words "Staten Island Philatelic Society," and a view of New York Bay; there were also two stands which were utilized by Mr. Clotz and Shumann.

Passing along one of the lean-to cases, the first exhibit is that of the Chicago society, including thirty philatelic publications from Illinois in the days that have gone by, eleven photographs of members of the Chicago Society; Edwards, Peeke & Co. exhibited rare Nevada revenues, next came the Kansas exhibit—a frame containing the portraits of the four Kansas members, Messrs. Malin, Sparr, Gillett and Emmett. This was, after the exhibit, presented to the Library of the A. P. A. by Mr. Sparr. Mr. Deats exhibited a portion of his revenue proofs, among them were seven $5,000, eight $200, the D. M. Richardson Medicine revenue essay, and proofs of South and Central American stamps, also a fine lot N. Y. Post Office proofs, and U. S. envelope proofs. Next to Mr. Deats came the Staten Island Society's exhibit, and a real fine one it was; Mr. Van der Willigen exhibited some rare U. S. envelopes with Wells, Fargo & Co.'s frank; P. Lazarus displayed some rare Oldenburg; August Dejonge exhibited some rare German stamps; B. von Hodenberg exhibited several fine specimens of Guatemala stamps; Dr. Odendall exhibited a rarity in the shape of a letter sheet from Antofagasta, also some Parma and European stamps. Mr. C. B. Corwin showed up well with a good number of Ceylon rarities, also a Connell. Sydney Views, some Confederate locals, and Cape of Good Hope wood block specimens. Mr. Clotz in a magnificent screen showed off his rarities from U. S. of Colombia to a great advantage. Mr. Shumann on the other side displayed a good number of rarities in a fine frame, the background of which was black and the frame white. President Dejonge of the Staten Island Society exhibited himself between Mr. Clotz and Mr. Shumann's exhibits; with him he had his collection in a fine mounted album. The Permanent Album, of which Mr. Dejonge is the inventor, was also placed on exhibition. On the other side of the room, on one of the lean-to cases, J. W. Scott exhibited a few rarities, among them a Nova Scotia shilling, a Baton Rouge, and a Tuscany rarity; an unknown Philadelphian exhibited quite a number of rare stamps. R. C. H. Brock showed some fine specimens of the 15c and 90c 1869 U. S. errors, inverted medallions; a 3c 1842 New York buff, valued at $85, and a Nova Scotia shilling. Mr. Holton exhibited a sheet of original American Letter Mail locals, and the original plate,* which is damaged to such an extent that no perfect stamp can be printed from it any more. Mr. Holton also exhibited some rare New Brunswick and Nova Scotia stamps. F. C. Foster exhibited two types of the 13c Hawaiian Islands early issues, a 1sh. Mauritius cut envelope, a James Buchanan on original

* W. W. Thomas, on page 247 of the *American Philatelist*, erroneously states that this plate is in the possession of some bank note company, and that he has come across reprnts.

envelope, a Brattleboro, a Lady McLeod rarity, and a number of others. W. L. Frost exhibited a Brattleboro, a Buchanan on original letter, a Millbury, and other rarities. L. C. Hubbard exhibited rare British Guiana, including the 4c and 1c magenta, the latter perforate and unperforate. Mr. Mekeel exhibited Mexican rarities, Guadalajara and Mexican provisionals. W. H. Goodrich exhibited several fine specimens from Guatemala. C. E. Hutchinson exhibited some U. S. proofs, Alvah Davison some U. S. oddities, Mr. Lehman an entire sheet of Providence and U. S. periodical stamps from $3 to $60. Mr. Trifet exhibited a collection of all the U. S. postage proofs. Mr. Cuno exhibited all the registered envelopes he received as purchasing agent of the A. P. A. H. A. Reuss exhibited the contents of sample packet of his continentals. W. C. Van Derlip exhibited rarities from Sandwich Islands, Tuscany, Buenos Ayres, and U. S. postal cards, envelopes and proofs. E. B. Sterling exhibited the counterfeit beer stamp he discovered, and for which the U. S. Government paid him $2,000. He also exhibited the early stamp table with four of the rare 4p stamps. At the head of the room directly in front of Mr. Dejonge's exhibit was the monogram S. I. P. S. wrought out in U. S. postage stamps.

THE AMERICAN ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The organization meeting of the above society was held on August 18th last, at the Astor House, New York. Messrs. Moorehead, Wigglesworth, Gustav Aue, Davison, Deats and Sheridan were present. Promptly at 10 a. m. the meeting was called to order, and nominations for temporary chairman and secretary were called for. Mr. Davison was nominated by Mr. Moorehead for chairman, seconded by Mr. Aue, and unanimously elected. Mr. Aue nominated Mr. Moorehead for secretary, seconded by Mr. Wigglesworth, and unanimously elected.

Nominations for permanent chairman and secretary being in order, Messrs. Davison and Moorehead were nominated for the same offices, and unanimously elected.

On the calling of the roll, thirty-eight members responded, six being present and thirty-two represented by proxy. The chairman appointed Messrs. Deats and Sheridan as a committee on credentials, who reported favorably on all of the proxies. The chair appointed the organization committee, consisting of Messrs. Moorehead, Davison and Wigglesworth, as a committee on constitution and by-laws. They reported and produced a draft of the constitution and by-laws, which was read and approved by sections.

The name chosen is the American Archæological Association. It was decided to hold a convention each year, the time and place to be chosen by the last preceding convention. The officers of the association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a librarian, a superintendent of exchange, a counterfeit detector, an official editor, and three trustees. The first five named to constitute the board of officers, and to be elected by the association; and they are to appoint the other officers. The plan of the exchange department as published in No. 28 of the LEDGER was unanimously adopted. Printed exchange blanks will be furnished to members at 5c per dozen. An outline or sketch of the specimen to be exchanged *must* accompany each blank when sent in to the superintendent. The membership dues will be two dollars per year, payable semi-annually in advance; or, if a member desires, he can pay them annually. The fiscal year will begin on the first of September.

The thanks of the society were tendered to Mr. Deats for his kind offer to pay the voting fee of several of the members who failed to enclose the amount when sending their ballot. Up to the time the convention took place but forty ballots had been received, two of whom failed to appoint a proxy to represent them at the convention. The time to vote for officers was extended to September 1st, so as to allow all menbers ample time to send in their votes.

Mr. Aue nominated the city of Washington as the place for the next convention, seconded by Mr. Deats, and unanimously carried. Mr. Wigglesworth nominated the third Monday in August, 1889, as the time for the next convention; seconded and carried. On motion of Mr. Deats the convention adjourned *sine die*.

Archæological Notes.

Although the election of officers of the A. A. A. has not been officially announced, it looks as if our ticket, published in last month's LEDGER, will be elected by a large majority.

Mr. Moorehead came to New York from Chillicothe, Ohio, especially to attend the A. A. A. convention. He has been at work in Ohio opening mounds, and brought along with him some fine pottery and relics, and photographs of rare relics.

One of the rules of the Exchange Superintendent of the A. A. A. is that an outline or sketch of the specimen *must* accompany each exchange blank sent in to the superintendent, and must be attached thereto by gum.

Mr. Wigglesworth made the journey from Wilmington, Del., in order to attend the A. A. A. convention. He is a fine, prepossessing gentleman, whose friendship every one will be pleased to make.

One of the photographs on exhibition at the A. A. A. convention was of some rare relics belonging to Mr. A. E. Bush; the finest specimen on the card was the centre figure, which was admired by all present.

Mr. E. J. Sheridan, of Brooklyn, attended the convention; he will in all probabilities be the treasurer of the new association, and a better man for the place will be hard to obtain.

Reader, are you interested in archæology? If so, you should join the American Archæological Association at once, and reap the benefits which all members are entitled to.

NUMISMATICS—A SCIENCE.

Coin collectors are not obliged to experience the troubles of their stamp-collecting brethren who have been engaged for some time past in the discussion as to whether their hobby is or is not a science. The study

of numismatics is of so long a standing, and its value is so apparent, that to dispute the statement that it is a science would only expose the ignorance of the person who did so. Webster defines numismatics as "the science of coins and medals." The word is derived from the Latin *numisma* or *nomisma*, meaning "a piece of money." The following is from Freund's Latin Lexicon: "Afterwards it seems to have denoted *old* (and commonly *foreign*) *coin*, which was used more as an article of traffic than as money." Perhaps it is for this very reason that it is called "numismatics" rather than "nmatics;" the ordinary word for "coin" being *numa* or *numma*. Or, perhaps, it may be because if called by the latter name it would be confounded with "pneumatics." But the word was probably formed centuries ago, and our duty is with the science of coins and medals, instead of with philology.

If we visit the rooms of antiquarian societies or scientific museums, as, for example, the American Antiquarian Society, or the United States Museum, or the Boston Art Museum, we often find there collections of coins; this fact showing that the science of numismatics is of considerable importance.

Numismatics is the hand-maid of History. Worcester's History of the World says: "Coins and medals are of great use in illustrating history, chronology, geography, and mythology, as well as the manners and customs of the nations of antiquity." Besides their value as illustrations, coins have served to identify cities whose ruins have been discovered. A few years ago I noticed a newspaper item which stated that the remains of a Grecian city had been found near the Dneiper river, and that the coins found showed it to be the lost city of Olbid. This is only one of the hundreds of illustrations which might be put forth to demonstrate the connection of this science with history.

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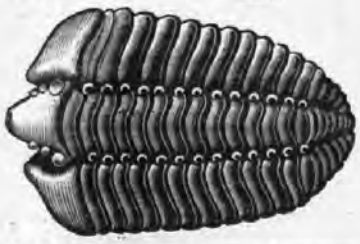
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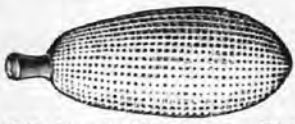


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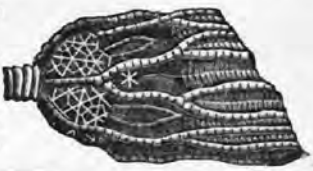
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G. B. CALMAN.

The subject of our sketch this month is no less a personage than Mr. G. B. Calman, the great wholesale stamp dealer, who is known in every part of the world. Mr. Calman is twenty-eight years of age, and was born in New York City. During his early life he received an excellent education abroad, and it was in the year 1869, while at school in Germany, that he commenced his philatelic career.

He started as a collector, but in the year 1874 he went into the stamp business, locating himself in New York City—the great stamp centre of the world. In 1876 he received his first great start in the wholesale line, having purchased a large lot of U. S. of Colombia stamps, which he disposed of several years afterwards at a fine profit; but had he held them still longer he could have obtained double, treble, yes, quadruple the amount he received for them, as the price of rare U. S. of Colombia stamps was then on the increase.

Mr. Calman makes a specialty of buying up the old government re-

mainders. His last purchase was the remainders of the 1881 and 1886 issues of Guatemala, for which he paid $5,000. His first speculation was in U. S. department stamps, and he still recollects the time when sets of Treasury department stamps went begging at $2.50 per 100 sets, and thousands could have been purchased at that price. He purchased a good many sets at eight cents per set, and still has some of them on hand.

His stock is without doubt the largest in the world, and as the prices of stamps vary so often, it is somewhat difficult to arrive at any correct valuation of his large and ever increasing stock; however, $50,000 would hardly cover it. This to some may seem a very high estimate, but Mr. Calman's stock is certainly worth every bit of it, and to those doubting this assertion we desire to say that Mr. Calman is ready to prove every particle of it. The yearly transactions of his wholesale business vary somewhat, but on the average they are between $30,000 and $50,000. At times his business is so large that his three brothers, who have an interest in it, assist him at filling orders, etc. He imports on the average no less than twenty million continentals every year.

Many if not all dealers are also collectors, and Mr. Calman is no exception. He has a magnificent collection, which will compare favorably with any in the land. It contains fully 10,000 varieties, among which are a considerable number of rarities. He collects the stamps of all countries, but his specialty is South America, of which he has an almost complete collection. He is one of the early charter members of the A. P. A., member of the National Philatelical Society of New York, I. P. V. of Dresden, International Stamp Dealers' Ass'n of Berlin, and National Stamp Dealers' Ass'n of the U. S.

It was through Mr. Calman's energetic efforts that Mr. Corwin rejoined the stamp collecting ranks, and by all appearances it looks as if he has come to stay. Mr. Corwin, indeed, has been of considerable assistance to the A. P. A., and to philately as well, for without him at the Boston convention, many things would have been overlooked and left undone, and when collectors awake to this belief, let them bear in mind that a share of their praise should fall to the lot of Mr. Calman.

Mr. G. B. Calman is a brother of Henry L. Calman, the able lieutenant of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of which Mr. Henry L. is treasurer, as well as being treasurer of the National Society and of the National Stamp Dealers' Ass'n, and with the funds in his hands they are entirely safe, and we doubt if a better man for such a position could have been secured.

Mr. G. B. Calman makes a trip to Europe every year, and visits all the large stamp dealers on the other side of the "big pond." He combines business with pleasure on such trips, and adds continuously more varieties to his already large stock on every trip.

BLOOD'S CITY DESPATCH.

Blood's City Despatch was one of the many local or city delivery posts that made a business of carrying mail matter to the post office. It was started by Daniel Otis Blood, under the name of D. O. Blood & Co., in about the year 1845. It had an office at 48 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia.

Upon the death of Mr. Blood, the post was sold to Chas. Kochersperger, who still continued it under the old name, and removed its office to 28 South 6th Street. In 1853 or thereabouts Mr. Chas. Kochersperger took in his brother Elbert as a partner, and carried on the business under the name of "Blood's Penny Post, Kochersperger & Co., Proprietors."

In 1856 the post was located at the Arcade, on Chestnut st., Phila., and in 1860 it was once more at 28 South 6th street. This time Messrs. Hiram Miller and John M. Riley are the proprietors. They were not long in operation when the U. S. Post Office Department took steps to break up the post; and, as its carrying on was in direct contravention of the postal laws of this country, they issued a circular dated at Philadelphia, January 10, 1862, in which they notify their patrons that the post will cease operations on the 11th of that month.



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The first stamps issued by this post was in 1846. Type 1 shown above was the first to be issued. It was soon followed by type 2, which has "D. O. Blood & Co.'s" over the man; type 3 soon followed it, with "City Despatch" under the man, and minus the lettering on houses. All three varieties are printed in black on white paper, and are considered quite scarce, each type being worth about ten dollars. The design on these stamps is very unique, and is believed to have been put on the stamps so as to give an impression of a quick and immediate delivery.

They were soon followed, the next year, by the following. Type 4



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was the first issued, followed by type 5, containing the same wording, but different and heavier style type; type 6 soon followed type 5, and is somewhat similar to No. 4, except that the word "PAID" is "POST" in No. 6. They are all printed in black on white paper; value about $5 each.



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Type 7 was issued in 1848, and is quite rare, and was in use but a short time. It is printed in black on blue paper; value about $5. No. 8 was also issued in 1848; there are three varieties, gold on lilac paper, blue on lilac paper, and bronze on black paper. They are not very scarce, a good specimen being obtainable at about 50c. Nos. 9 and 10 above illustrated were issued in 1849; both are printed in black on bronze paper. They are considered scarce, and worth about $1.50 each. No. 11 was issued in 1850, and is somewhat like Nos. 9 and 10, except in the centre it has "One Cent" instead of "Paid" or "Post Office," as in Nos. 9 and 10. Type 11 is the commonest of all the Blood locals; it is printed in black on bronze; value about 25c.



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In 1858 three new varieties (types 12, 13 and 14) were issued. Type 12 was the first issued, and was soon followed by type 13. They were both printed in black on green paper, and were not in favor among the patronizers on account of the color; very few were used, and consequently they are scarce, being worth about $10 each. They were discarded for the Henry Clay variety (type 14) which was printed in black on white paper. The type is exceedingly common, value about 25c.



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During the year 1850 the post issued stamped envelopes containing

above designs. There are two varieties of each of the above types, red on white paper and red on buff paper. They are all scarce and very desirable, especially in entire and unused condition.

The rates charged on letters were, one cent on letters to be dropped in the post office (this was in addition to the required amount of postage, which was also affixed to all mail letters). Two cents was charged on all local or delivered letters. *L. D. Roselle.*

COMMENTS ON CURRENT EVENTS.

There seemed to be considerable interest taken in the C. P. A. convention, as the writer's proxy was solicited by three different parties, each of whom took trouble to have blanks printed.

What has become of all the U. S. stamps? The writer has used the exchange dept. of the A.P.A. for nearly a year and in that time he has only received about three books of postage stamps! Either there is a "beautiful scarcity" of them, or "Yours Truly" is being neglected. The A. P. A. is a rich field for some dealer having rare U. S. stamps which he is willing to sell at *reasonable* prices.

While in Boston S. Allan Taylor informed me that the Merchant's Line Telegraph stamps described in the August LEDGER were not used to prepay telegrams, but were given to the messengers as a voucher for the delivery of the messages. The boys turned them in at stated intervals and were paid according to the number each held. I give his opinion for what it is worth.

The *Stamp Collector* takes it upon itself to criticize one of the portraits printed in this paper. The picture in question was considered by many as a good one but nothing in the portrait line seems to suit those Illinois fellows. They evidently forget that the worst portrait* which has been thrust upon the philatelic public appeared recently in a Chicago paper, and that it was meant for one of the editors of our critic. Some people can never see the beam in their own eye.

The *Stamp Collector* states that there were forty-five members present at the Boston convention against 22 at Chicago in 1887. These figures represent only the members present at the opening of the two conventions. At Chicago 27 members attended during the session, while at Boston 69 voting members attended, and from six to ten non-voters.

The last number of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* contains an advertisement of counterfeit money, while on the same page another adv. appears of such a character as should debar it from any respectable paper. Surely philately is advancing in Canada!

S. B. Bradt and the *Stamp* don't seem to agree very well, and the reason thereof has puzzled me greatly. I know Bradt to be a real nice fellow, and I think the Denver boys are also, but why this coldness between them? The annual conventions are the great peace makers, and I'll bet a Brattleboro (photograph) against a Samoa that they will be chasing the elephant together at St. Louis next year.

The September number of the *American Philatelist* was a few days late owing no doubt to the immense amount of setting required by the stenographer's report of the convention. The stenographer, by the way, must have been badly mixed at times, as his report shows that the writer spoke in favor of St. Louis for the next convention, whereas I was red hot for Niagara. The words spoken were the very opposite of those reported. *Alvah Davison.*

*This portrait very likely represents S. B. Bradford emerging from his coal pen.

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New Jersey has another representative among the collector's publications. The *Collectors' Magazine*, of Paterson, N. J., formerly the *American Numismatist*, bids fair to become one of the leading periodicals. Mr. A. Lehmann, Jr., has charge of the philatelic department.

Mr. H. E. Deats is now at the academy at Hightstown, N. J., which will be his address for some time to come.

Mr. A. Lohmeyer writes us that he intends to retire from the stamp business, his spare time being entirely taken up with other matters.

The *Philatelic Gazette* now hails from Chicago, and is published by the Western Philatelic Pub. Co. Messrs. Bradt, Holman and Wolsieffer are the editors. The Sept. number consists of 16 pages; its contents were very interesting, and we trust the editors will make it still more interesting as well as instructive as they progress with its publication.

Our next—the November issue of the LEDGER, will contain a portrait and sketch of Mr. Henry A. Reuss, of Paris, Texas, and several fine illustrated stamp articles, as well as the usual amount of philatelic notes and comments.

Roland Reed, in "The Woman Hater," at Bijou Opera House, New York."—This reminds us of the evening of August 14th, when 17 A. P. A. members attending the recent convention, were present at the performance of "The Woman Hater" at the Boston Museum. Mr. Reed, who had got wind of some stamp cranks being present, let loose a few stamp jokes during the play. You bet they all stamped.

The *National Philatelist* for August was the first philatelic paper out with a report of the recent A. P. A. convention.

Kansas has four members in the A. P. A., two of whom, Messrs. Malin and Sparr are employed in banks in the town in which they reside. Mr. Sparr in his trip east to Boston to attend the A. P. A. convention passed through Montreal and saw Boodler Keenan's fine block of houses now being built. They are said to have impressed him favorably.

Geo. W. Von Utassy, of Germantown, Pa., is at Exeter, N. H., and expects to remain there during the winter, attending to his education.

A number of the officers of the A. P. A. have had a large lithograph plate made containing the portraits of all the officers and those who were officers of the A. P. A. during the past two years, with three exceptions. But 50 have been struck off, and will be sold to members at $1 each.

Our late editor, Mr. Alvah Davison, is one of the Borough Commissioners of Helmetta, N. J., and is secretary of the Board. He and Mr. Nicholson, of Erie, Pa. are the only two A. P. A. members holding public offices, and strange to say they are both republicans.

While a reporter was jotting down notes of the recent convention, he came across the name of Baron von Hodenburg, and remarked that the A. P. A. was not without its titled peers. One of the members present ventured to say that besides the Baron we had two kings. This floored the reporter and he was anxious to know who they were. Henry F. King, of Boston, Mass., and Willis D. King, of Nashua, N. H.

Mr. Wm. W. Adams, of Mapleton, N. Y., has a fine collection of Indian relics which numbers 18,885 specimens, all of which he collected during the last two years.

The *Geologists' Gazette* for September is considerably improved over former issues. Keep on the cover, by all means, brother editors.

The *Collectors' Weekly* is no more. All of its subscribers will receive the *Collectors' Standard* to the end of their subscriptions.

By chance we came across one of D. A. K. Andrus' catalogues of stamps issued some 15 years ago. We notice he has for sale 5c Brattleboro, $10 unused, $15 used; 5c New Haven envelope, red, only $1 unused, but $40 used; 5c New York, black, $1 unused, 75c used; 5c Providence, 40c unused; the 10c, $2 unused; the 5c St. Louis can be bought for $6, used or unused; the 10c for $4, used or unused; and the 20c for $25 used. Hello, Andrus! Where are you? Send us a dozen of each C. O. D.; and you might drop in a dozen Baltimore Buchanan stamps at 50c apiece. P. S.—What will you take for your entire stock?

Lieut. Wainwright, at Fort Custer, Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota, took a hand in quelling the recent Indian outbreak in the West. The Lieutenant, by the way, is a noted stamp collector.

Capt. C. W. Moller of the ill-fated steamship Geiser, which was sunk by the steamship Thingvalla, off the Newfoundland coast, lost his entire collection of stamps, which was on board at the time of the accident. The Captain is a member of the A. P. A. and of the Staten Island Society. He succeeded in inducing Capt. W. Heim, Superintendent of the Thingvalla Pier, who is an ardent stamp collector, to join the A. P, A.

We have secured the services of Maurice Mistletoe, a poetical aspirant hailing from Baltimore, Md. He will contribute to these columns on the philatelic topics of the day. Although we do not claim these contributions to be poems, we feel justified in claiming them to be poetical attempts.

Rock Island, Ill., produces another philatelic publication, the *Black Hawk Philatelist*. It is small but neat, and makes a fair showing for its first number.

Brooklyn is soon to have a representative among philatelic publications William Latour is at the head of the enterprise.

Pittsburgh has a philatelic society with eight members on its roll. It was organized on July 11 last. W. M. Biddle is President, G. C. Lubitz, Secretary, and I. Staufer, Treasurer.

Lieut. J. M. T. Partello is with the 5th Infantry, at Fort Davis, Texas. He expects to be located there for some time.

Mr. Nienstedt, of the American Philatelic Co., of St. Louis, recently purchased the extensive collection of match, card, and medicine revenue stamps, the property of Mr. Lepere, of that city. The collection consists of about 1,000 specimens, and is one of the best in existence.

A RECENT number of the *Postmaster*, published at Washington, D. C., devoted two pages to republishing an article from *l'Union Postale* regarding the benefits to be derived from the introduction of a universal postage stamp. While acknowledging the beneficial results of such an innovation, they think it will never be feasible, owing to the difference in money values between the countries in the Postal Union.

THE National Society recently appointed a committee to draw up a petition to the Government requesting them to reissue the 12c stamp, that being the rate of postage to Australia and various other countries, as well as being the rate on an ordinary registered letter. No doubt it will be of some convenience to have a stamp of the face value of 12c. It was a mistake to stop its issue.

THE Fourth Annual Convention of the A. P. A. will take place at St. Louis, on October 7, 8, and 9, 1889. A. P. A. members should bear this in mind, and lay in a stock of shekels—if not for a railroad ticket, why then for a good pair of walking shoes.

WE desire to warn our readers about sending things of value to J. M. Douglas, Jr., Middletown, Conn. Mail matter addressed to him, especially when the contents are valuable, sometimes never (?) reaches him.

C. P. A. CONVENTION.

The First Annual Convention of the C. P. A. was held at No. 19 Richmond street, Toronto, Ont., on September 19th and 20th, 1888.

Meeting called to order at 11 A. M., Sept. 19th, by President Ketcheson, the following members being present: F. J. Grenny, E. Y. Parker, G. A. Lowe, T. J. McMinn, Geo. Walker, J. C. Niesser, W. Wilby, J. Oneson, W. L. Emory, A. J. Craig, F. E. Book, H. E. French, W. D. B. Spry, J. E. Schultz, Mrs. Mason, J. A. Leighton. President appointed Messrs. Wilby, McMinn and Oneson Committee on Credentials, and Messrs. A. J. Craig, Grenny, Spry and the President Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Convention declared open to the public. Adjourned until 3 P. M., when the Committee on Credentials reported favorably on 94 proxies, A. J. Craig, of Pictou, N. S., holding 39; W. L. Emory, of Fitchburg, Mass., 23; E. Y. Parker, 12; F. J. Grenny, 7; W. Wilby, 5; G. Walker, 3; the President, 3. Six were rejected. On motion it was decided to hold election at 8.30 P. M. On motion a committee was appointed to prepare a design for a C. P. A. badge, and to submit same to the Executive Committee; also all reports of officers to be read before being referred to committee. The Ex-

change Superintendent read his report, showing that 33⅓ per cent. of the stamps placed on circuit were disposed of. The Secretary read his report—122 members, with 23 applications on hand. The Treasurer was not present, but made his statement through the Secretary; there is a balance on hand of $50 or $60. All referred to respective committees. On motion, Constitution and By-Laws as revised, and list of members, ordered printed. Adjourned.

Meeting called to order at 7.30 P. M. At roll call 14 present and 93 by proxy. Election of officers resulted as follows: Henry Hechler, of Halifax, N. S., was elected President by 5 majority, Mr. Hechler getting 56 votes and Mr. Parker 51. Vice-President of Ontario, Geo. Walker received 95 votes. Vice-President for Quebec, R. A. B. Hart. Vice-President for New Brunswick, Henry S. Harte. Vice-President for Prince Edward Island, Williston Brown. Vice-President for Manitoba, J. R. Davidson. Vice-President for British Columbia, J. H. Todd. Vice-President for Nova Scotia, A. J. Craig. Secretary, T. J. McMinn, Toronto. Treasurer, H. L. Hart. Exchange Superintendent, F. J. Grenny. Librarian, J. A. Leighton. Counterfeit Detector, H. Morrill. Purchasing Agent, H. F. Ketcheson. Official Organ, *Halifax Philatelist*. Official Editor, Theo. Larsen. Executive Committee, J. R. Hooper, C. C. Morency and F. C. Kaye. Convention, 1889, Halifax; time not fixed yet. On motion, the official organ gets $50 per annum, and the Secretary receives a salary of $25. Adjourned at 11 P. M.

Second day, September 20th: Meeting called to order at 10.30 A. M. Committee on Exchange brought in their report, and recommended that in By-Law No. 9 "may" be struck out and "must" inserted, making it imperative on Superintendent to refuse exchange sheets to members not settling balance promptly. They also make the commission to Superintendent 7½ per cent. instead of 5 per cent.; and sheets must be of the value of $1 each or more. When the meeting went into secret session, the report of Executive Committee was read; the result of the session was that Mr. F. E. Book was expelled for counterfeiting surcharged stamps; and the matter of J. R. Findlay was referred to Executive Committee, and his resignation on that committee was accepted, and Mr. D. A. King appointed to fill the unexpired term. Adjourned till 2.30 P. M. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported, and the Constitution and By-Laws with the amendments of the Exchange Committee and revision of Constitution were read clause by clause and adopted. The convention at 4 P. M. adjourned *sine die*.

F. J. Grenny.

C. P. A. CONVENTION NOTES.

Owing to want of room the exhibition of stamps could not be held. A number of fine collections were brought by a few enterprising collectors, and it is to be regretted that for want of time and room they could not be displayed. Mr. A. J. Craig, of Nova Scotia, had his three albums filled with choice stamps, among them a fine lot of provisional Nova Scotia and New Brunswick on original envelopes, a Nova Scotia one shilling, and other rarities.

The Exchange Superintendent had forty-five sheets (card board) on view (he is too modest to attempt a description). Mrs. Julia Mason had a fine lot of U. S. proofs, and a full set of U. S. periodicals up to $60, some "specimen;" a set of 5c and 10c Canada revenues, and other rarities.

Mr. Morency, of Quebec, sent a book filled with fine and scarce European stamps. Mr. Wilby had a rickety old album filled full of fine and rare stamps. He is about to remount them.

It was a Waterloo for Halifax!

F. J. Grenny.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTES.

The result of the election for officers of the American Archæological Association is as follows:

For President:

A. F. BERLIN	21
W. K. MOOREHEAD	15
Scattering	7
	46

For Vice-President:

D. S. MCARTHUR	23
JOS. WIGGLESWORTH	10
W. K. MOOREHEAD	3
J. R. NISSLEY	8
A. F. BERLIN	2
	46

For Secretary:

W. K. MOOREHEAD	24
M. V. SAMUELS	17
Scattering	5
	46

For Treasurer:

E. J. SHERIDAN	25
J. R. NISSLEY	5
E. B. CORNWELL	4
JOS. WIGGLESWORTH	4
Scattering	7
	45

For Librarian:

CHAS. A. PERKINS	25
G. U. DUER	11
L. W. STILLWELL	6
Scattering	4
	46

It will be seen by the above that the LEDGER'S ticket is the chosen one; the men elected are well fit for their respective positions, and no doubt will make a success of the Association.

The American Archæological Ass'n is now well under way. The exchange superintendent, official editor, counterfeit detector, and three trustees, are to be appointed by the official board. We hope to see the Association in thorough working order by first of next month.

The membership dues are now payable. They are two dollars per year, payable semi-annually in advance; or, if a member desires, he can pay them annually. Address the treasurer, E. J. SHERIDAN, 22 St. Felix st., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Association will publish its own official journal, which will be devoted entirely to archæology. Although it may be small at first, it will gradually be enlarged, provided sufficient interest and support is given to it.

In the Art Museum at Boston will be found a collection of Indian relics, some of which are quite rare and fine.

Every Indian relic collector ought to be a subscriber to the LEDGER, and receive all, and the latest news appertaining to his science.

Dr. J. G. Dawson, of Milford, Del., possesses one of the finest archæological collections outside of the Smithsonian Institute. It consists of over 3,000 specimens, and is valued at as many thousand dollars.

EDITOR LEDGER:—Do any of the collectors find gun flints in connection with relics? I have quite a number that I found in the same fields with arrows and other implements, and one taken from the outside of a shell heap on the coast of Maine. Whether they were used by Indians, or later by the whites, it is impossible to tell. *C. A. Perkins.*

W. K. Moorehead, the secretary of the A. A. A., was seriously injured on August 24, by the caving in of a mound at Frankfort, Ohio. He has probably recovered ere now, at least, we hope so. We have also been informed that several days previous to the accident Mr. Moorehead while searching through the mound builders' territory, discovered a gigantic skeleton, clad in a full suit of armor, apparently made of bronze. The armor covered the chest, stomach and legs, while a narrow band encircled the head. Various devices were worked on the armor. There were no shields, and the only weapons found were two small knives.

NUMISMATIC NOTES.

Here is a cents-ation! The Philadelphia mint coined 3,000,000 cents last month.

The "Bar Cent" was struck in Philadelphia in 1776 or 1783, and is not of English origin, as is generally believed.

Russia is the only country that issued coins made of platinum. They were 12, 6, and 3 roubles, and were coined between the years 1828 and 1845.

Russia at one time coined gold kopeks which had an intrinsic value of about 35c. They bore upon the obverse the bust of the emperor and the name of the city where struck, and upon the reverse the arms of Russia—the double headed eagle. The date of issue was during the eighteenth century. These gold kopecks are now scarce, and command a high premium.

Recently a curiosity in the shape of a double-headed $10 and $20 bill has turned up. On one side is a promise to pay $10, and on the other side $20. Mr. C. S. Upton, of New York, is the happy possessor, and has been offered $1,000 for it by a Chicago party. A. M. Craig, of Southington, Conn., also has a double-headed $10-20 bill; and we hear of another in the possession of some one near Seneca Falls, N. Y. The bills were issued by the Government for the Second National Bank, of Springfield, Mass., in 1861.

That the Confederate States coined money as well as issued notes, is no doubt true. A silver half dollar was discovered several years ago by a well known numismatist, who has also discovered its history, and the fact that a mint of the Confederate States was situated at New Orleans during the recent rebellion. This no doubt was the U. S. mint, which, when the war broke out, was turned over to the Confederates. Only half dollars were issued, of which only four were struck.

The November number of the LEDGER will contain the first part of an excellent essay on the copper coinage of this country, including the early colonial coins, from the pen of a well informed numismatist. It will be continued in following numbers of this paper, and will be finely illustrated by cuts of all the various types. It promises to be an exceedingly interesting and instructive article, and one which coin collectors should not fail to read. Subscribe now, if you are not already on our books.

Among the early coins of America are the Nova Constellatios. They are of two sizes.

Obverse: An eye in the centre, surrounded with thirteen rays, and thirteen stars between the points. Legend: "NOVA CONSTELLATIO."

Reverse: A wreath encircles "U. S. 1000" on the large, and "U. S. 500" on the smaller piece. Legend: "LIBERTAS JUSTITIA," and the date, 1783, in the exergue.

One variety of the smaller sized piece has neither legend nor date on the reverse.

Those described above are of silver; the copper Nova Constellatios are similar in design. One variety has wedge shaped blocks, pointing towards the centre, between each of the stars. Another has "Nova Constellatio" spelled with but one "l." Some of the varieties have Roman and others script letters (U. S.) in the centre of the reverse, surrounded by a wreath; but none of the copper pieces have the denominational figures, as on the silver pieces. The copper pieces have various dates, 1783, 1785, and 1786. The latter date is considered the rarest; the others are also scarce.

NEW YORK NOTES.

New York City for the 1890 convention. This is the sentiment of several of the Western A. P. A. members who attended the recent convention.

Steps have been taken towards a great stamp exhibit which is to be held in this city in the near future. The Staten Island, National and Brooklyn societies will unite to make in a grand success. It will probably be at the Eden Musee, and will be open for a considerable time.

New York State leads them all in the A. P. A.—119 members out of 544. Illinois is second with 58 members.

About a dozen new members were admitted to the National Philatelical Society at its recent meeting. This is the oldest philatelical society in this country—it was organized October 17, 1874.

Chauncey S. S. Miller, formerly an A. P. A. member, and also one of the National Society, is a reporter for the N. Y. *Star*. Although not an active collector, he is still interested in philatelic matters.

President Tiffany, of the A. P. A., is an honorary member of the National Philatelical Society, and attended the recent meeting held on September 6th, last.

After three unsuccessful attempts in the philatelic publishing line, our friend Wilbur W. Thomas, starts out with his fourth venture, the *Prohibitionist*, "a weekly journal of Aggressive Political Ideas. Mr. Thomas poses as editor, and fills the four pages with "Prohibition Politics." Strange that one so young and not a voter should handle such dangerous implements.

Mr. R. Wuesthoff has returned from his Western trip greatly refreshed. He attended the recent meeting of the National Society, and exhibited a part of his magnificent collection, which contains many fine rarities.

Stamp collecting has been steadily and rapidly increasing in the metropolis. All the dealers report having more to do than they ever had before. They predict that the fall trade will be twice as large as that of last year.

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PROMINENT PHILATELISTS.



HENRY A. REUSS.

Henry A. Reuss, whose portrait we place before our readers this month, was born in Dresden, Saxony, on April 16th, 1868. When six years of age he crossed the big pond, and settled in Paris, Texas, his present abiding place.

He commenced collecting stamps in the early part of 1875, and after some time gave it up, but in after years he remembered the philatelic experience of his younger days, and caught the stamp fever again; this time he has it so bad that we fear he will never get over it. After obtaining a good education in the English language, he made a trip to Europe in 1881, to complete his education in the German language, and while there he became more interested in stamps, and accumulated quite a large

quantity of them, so that after graduating from the university, he returned to Paris, Texas, in May, 1884, finding that stamp collecting was in its prime, he commenced dealing in stamps.

The approval sheet business paid so well, that in 1885, he concluded to stick to his choice and founded The Eureka Stamp Co.; six months afterwards, he disposed of his interest in the same to Messrs. Roberts & Berry. He became interested in other firms, but sold out his share in all of them, and in 1887, started in the wholesale stamp business. His advertisements in nearly all of the philatelic papers in the world, have brought him a good trade. He believes "*printer's ink makes money for all, if you know how to use it.*" He makes a specialty of fine quality continentals, mixtures, approval sheets, etc., and so well have his specialties become known, that every one who has tried them, has been entirely satisfied with their investment. In Europe the trade was so large, that Mr. Reuss established branch offices at London and Berlin.

He has purchasing agents in South and Central America, who supply him with stamps from their locality. Being but 20 years of age, Mr. Reuss is the youngest specialty wholesale stamp dealer in America. He has a fine collection of 3,000 varieties or more, and a collection of all the return envelopes received from his foreign correspondents. This collection in itself is very unique and interesting.

In 1866 he published the *Texas Philatelist*, in connection with E. T. Neville, five numbers were issued, when it suspended publication and the entire amount paid by the 300 or more subscribers was returned to them. He manages his entire stamp business with several assistants. In the A. P. A. stamp exhibit held in Boston last August, Mr. Ruess exhibited, in a fine album expressly gotten up for the occasion, a sample package of his continentals.

He is a member of the American Stamp Dealers' Association, Foreign Stamp Dealers' Protective Ass'n of England, Philatelic Club of Brazil, Dresden Philatelic Verein, and others. He has a collection of coins and deer horns which he is having mounted on shields.

THE STAMPS OF EASTERN ROMELIA AND SOUTH BULGARIA.

After the treaty of Berlin the southern part of Bulgaria became a province of the Ottoman Empire (Turkey), under the name of Eastern Roumelia.

The Ottoman Government decided to issue separate stamps for this province, but as no design could have been prepared and accepted within a few days, the Ottoman Government ordered its post office department to send a certain quantity of the stamps then in use in Turkey, to Philip-



popole (capital of Eastern Roumelia). These stamps were of the 1876 issue of Turkey, but previous to sending the stamps, the surcharge R. O. (Roumelia Orientale), was printed on them by the government post office department. These stamps were issued in the year 1880 or 1881. A short while after their issue, the Roumelians, thinking that the Europeans could not understand the meaning of the surcharge R. O., decided to surcharge the 10 para stamp (which was already surcharged R. O.), Roumelie Orientale and obtained consent from the Ottoman Government to that end. Very few of these stamps were circulated, and consequently are scarce.



In the meanwhile the Ottoman Government had accepted a design for stamps for Eastern Roumelia, and had a certain quantity prepared to take the place of the surcharged Turkish stamps then in use. These stamps were issued in 1881 and are of the following values: 5 paras, black and olive; 10 paras, black and deep green; 10 paras, black and light green; 20 paras, red and black; 1 piastre, blue and black, and 5 piastres red and blue. The 5 piastre stamp has become quite scarce, as it was not used to any extent on account of the non-importance of Eastern Roumelia with other commercial provinces in those days.



In 1884 the colors of these stamps were changed, all the values except the 5 piastre were issued. They were as follows: 5 paras, violet; 10 paras, green; 20 paras, carmine, and 1 piastre blue.

A good many of the Roumelian stamps of the 1881 and 1884 issues were in the possession of the Bulgarian post office department; and in some way or other, in 1885, the Bulgarian Government, without the right or consent of the Roumelian or Ottoman post office, surcharged all the Eastern Roumelian stamps with a lion, first in black and afterwards in blue ink, and afterwards surcharged the stamps with a lion in a frame and the words "South Bulgaria" in the Russian language. On the arrival of letters bearing these stamps the Ottoman Government officially notified the Bulgarian post office that all such stamps will not be recognized in the Ottoman empire, and the amount of postage will be collected from the party to whom mail matter bearing such stamps may be addressed. Upon such notification the Bulgarian post office withdrew all such stamps from use. Very few of them were used and they are fast becoming rare. But five of the 5 piastre stamps surcharged were used.





Bulgarian stamps are used in Roumelia with the consent of the Ottoman Government. *I. A. Naame.*

Pera, Constantinople.

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A TRIP TO WASHINGTON.

As autumn approached the editor began to feel a longing desire to take a short vacation, and at the same time make a little trip south, visiting fellow collectors, dealers, friends and relatives, and seeing the sights of different cities, etc. I got up early on a Saturday morning, and was en route to Philadelphia by 8 A. M. I reached Philadelphia at about 10 A. M., and started in the direction of the nearest hotel, where I put up my bag and baggage, and after a hearty meal commenced a tour of the Quaker City.

After visiting some friends I turned my footsteps toward W. B. Claflin's shoe establishment on Chestnut street, where I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. C. C. Gallagher, the well-known stamp dealer of Camden, N. J., a gentleman who impressed me favorably on first sight, and a right good fellow also; in company with Mr. Gallagher we called on Mr. Scarlett on South Fourth street, and had the pleasure of viewing an exchange circuit of the Dresden Society, and quite a little stock of rare U. S. postage, which would make some collectors' eyes water. We then proceeded to view some of Philadelphia's sites, and at the same time wended our way to the printing establishment of MacCalla & Company on Dock street, where I met the good-natured MacCalla, and afterwards his partner, Mr. McAllister. After some stamp matters were discussed, I once more started site seeing, and called in on Mr. E. B. Hanes, at 129 South Seventh street, where I spent an enjoyable half hour or more conversing on different philatelic topics. I then called on Mr. MacCalla again, and from there we went to the Bullitt Building, in which Mr. Robt. C. H. Brock has his office. Mr. Brock was in, and after a short chat together I journeyed to my rendezvous, where once more the inner man was attended to. At 7 P. M. I started out to visit Mr. L. Buddy, jr., in North Twenty-first street. Arriving there I found Mr. Buddy at home, and spent fully an hour and a half discussing various matters, philatelic and archæological. From Mr. Buddy's I wended my way back to my rendezvous, and made preparations to continue my journey further south, in search of new ventures.

At midnight I was at the station and was disappointed at finding the train nearly an hour late. After a ride of six long hours it landed what was left of me at the Baltimore & Potomac station in Washington, D. C., where I fell into good hands, who conveyed me to my stopping place, the well-known shoe emporium of Henry Aue, at 1336 7 street,

N. W. Here relatives awaited me. I spent an entire week at the Capital City, seeing the sites and visiting collectors and friends. On Monday, the 8th, I met Mr. Fred McSmith, the enterprising publisher of the *National Philatelist*. He kindly invited me to attend the meeting of the Capital City Philatelic Society on Wednesday, the 10th. On the 9th I visited Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, one of the oldest and best known stamp dealers and collectors in this country, and I was entertained by him for several hours. He is a nice gentleman, and one whom a collector could not help liking. I visited him several other times while in the city. On Wednesday I attended the meeting of the Capital City Philatelic Society, which took place at the residence of Mr. J. H. Houston, at 573 C street, N. W. Here I met President Frank, of the society, Mr. McSmith, the Secretary, Mr. Kaye, Vice-President, Messrs. Houston, Menchine, Green and others. After spending an hour with these gentlemen I left for my stopping place. On Friday, the 12th, I visited the "unfinished city of Alexandria," and passed through its mud-paved streets. In a store window I had the pleasure of seeing a collection of U. S. copper cents, more or less rare, but none of especial note. In the post office in Washington can be found a pretty fair collection of U. S. stamps and envelopes. Among the latter can be found the entire used 6c. envelope, which the late L. W. Durbin sold to the Government for the Centennial exhibition. Mr. Rothfuchs showed us some rarities, including a Baton Rouge, a Messenkope's Union Square P. O. local *pink* paper used and on the entire original envelope. This rarity is the only one known to exist, and consequently is exceedingly scarce. He also showed us some of the first issue of Brazil and other rarities. On Sunday, the 14th, after two unsuccessful attempts, I managed to get en route again for home. I received a right royal send-off. Prof. Wm. Toense and a selected orchestra rendered soul-stirring airs prior to our departure, I made the return journey safely, and the recollections of that trip to Washington will ever remain fresh in my memory.

Ye Editor.

NEW YORK NOTES.

There were during the past month several stamp auctions held in New York. Mr. Krebs held one on the 9th, Mr. Sterling had one about the latter part of September and Mr. Woodward had a four days' sale the latter part of last month.

In a recent interview with Mr. Cuno he informs us he will not accept the office of purchasing agent of the A. P. A. for another term if the same were offered to him by the official board.

The long promised work on the envelopes of the United States by Messrs. Bogert, Tiffany and Rechert will no doubt be the most reliable and complete work of its kind ever issued. We understand it is being pushed along as rapidly as possible.

EDITORIAL.

Brother Hubbard has again added a cover to the *Stamp World* and we hope it will stay. By the way this last number of the *World* is exceedingly interesting.

Mr. Geo. H. Richmond has purchased a controlling interest in the paper *Plain Talk*, and hereafter he will take it into his charge. This is just what *Plain Talk* needs and no doubt Mr. Richmond will bring it up to the highest notch in no time. Our late editor, Mr. Alvah Davison, will probably edit the philatelic part of the publication.

A. P. A. members residents of Washington and vicinity intending to attend the St. Louis convention should bear in mind that the best place to purchase "walking fast" shoes, is at Henry Aue's shoe establishment 1336 7th street, N. W. Washington, D. C. They are guaranteed to last a journey to St. Louis and return.

The Phil. Journal of America for October contains some interesting as well as instructive philatelic reading. We notice with pleasure that they have begun to publish portraits of philatelists and trust to see this project continued in future issues.

F. E. Book of Niagara Falls, South, Ont. Canada, has been expelled from the C. P. A. for counterfeiting surcharged stamps. We had a little trouble with him a year ago, in which the P. O. Department took a hand and collected the amount due us.

Reuss' Continentals are fully worth the price asked for them. We managed to pick out about fifty exceedingly fine stamps some of which were worth 5 and 10c each.

From Mr. R. C. H. Brock's law office in the Bullitt Building in Philadelphia can be seen the buildings and surroundings as on the design of the Blood's local "man stepping over houses" type.

The 2c. Canada Registered is now printed in a rose color and presents a much finer appearance than the dull red it was formerly printed in.

With this issue the LEDGER ends the third year of its existence; during which it has safely passed over many obstacles which have wrecked some far less fortunate publications of a similar nature. It has now before it a clear road which leads straight on to the goal of success, which we hope soon to attain.

Several parties having complained of the dealings of J. M. Douglas Jr., the matter is being looked into and will be sifted to the bottom. Since the issuing of the October LEDGER young Mr. Douglas has managed to find the package we sent him and has squared up accounts with us.

We will have to postpone the publication of "The Early Copper Coins of America" until the December issue, on account of delay in obtaining the necessary electrotypes for illustrations.

The December issue of the LEDGER will contain several fine portraits of collectors including one of Patrick Chalmers Esq., son of James Chalmers the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp.

At one of J. J. Casey's auction sales we purchased a lot of stamps that were guaranteed as genuine originals. We submitted them to a number of well informed stamp collectors all of whom after carefully examining the stamps pronounced them counterfeits. We thereupon notified Mr. Casey of the facts and requested him to refund the amount paid. He replied referring us to the party who placed the stamps in his hands for sale. We have sent Mr. Casey another letter stating that the stamps purchased were bought at one of his sales under his guarantee of their genuineness, and he consequently was the party to hold

responsible. If Mr. Casey will not protect or reimburse bidders at his sales, we consider it unwise for any one to purchase stamps at his auction sales, especially distant parties who cannot attend in person, as they have no alternative in case the stamps bought should not prove to be as represented.

Nothing in the way of news has been received up to time of going to press in regard to the American Archaeological Association. We believe the officers elected, are proceeding as fast as it is possible and we hope soon to hear that the Association is in full running order.

The coin collection owned by Mr. R. T. Graham of Pine Creek Station, Pa., is considered the most complete in existence in this country. It comprises 3,000 coins besides duplicates and was begun in 1840.

Copper money first made its appearance in England in 1609.

The invention of postal cards is attributed to Professor Emanuel Herman of Vienna. They were used in England, Germany and Switzerland in 1870, in Belgium and Denmark in 1871 and in Norway, Russia, and the United States in 1872-73. In some countries a card is attached on which an answer can be returned.

The old State House at Boston contains an interesting document to which is attached an unsevered pair of 6d. stamps used under the stamp act.

At a recent meeting of the National Philatelic Society an entirely new and revised constitution and by-laws were adopted and more new life and vigor was put into it.

Mr. Wm. Seeligsberg secretary of the National Society, has been prostrated by over work and at last accounts was recovering slowly at Delaware Water Gap, where he had been transferred.

C. P. Coffin of Freeport, Me., publisher of Coffin's Directory of Philatelic Frauds has been convicted of obtaining stamps through the mail under false pretenses and sentenced to a short term in prison.

The Von Kolb collection of rare and valuable Roman coins has been purchased by Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and presented to the Imperial Museum.

Some collectors have a very poor opinion of the quality of many of the philatelic publications, both of the past and present; they may in some instances be correct, but there are plenty of good ones which are a help to collectors in several ways. The demand for files of philatelic literature is so great, especially of those still published, that it is sometimes impossible to supply the demand. As we have no doubt the largest stock of philatelic literature in the world, and are constantly receiving orders for files, etc., we are therefore in a position and able to state the general opinion of collectors in that particular line.

The *Philatelic Gazette* in a recent issue states that Mr. Cuno did more towards the organization of the A. P. A. than the National Philatelical Society did. This is not so by any means, being situated in the East and in the immediate vicinity of New York as well as being among the first to join, we therefore know a thing or two about the early days of the A. P. A. Mr. Cuno was appointed by the National Society to represent it on the organization committee and he received the assistance of the entire society as well as of individual members. It is true he visited Chicago and called on Mr. Bradt one of the committee, but his prime object in going to Chicago was to do his mite towards assisting the condemned anarchists who were afterwards hung.

An exhibition of stamps is to be held at an early date in Plainfield, N. J.

No doubt Mr. Corwin and Mr. Ackerman will be among the foremost in the enterprise.

The Charleston Philatelist for October presents a fine appearance and contains considerable matter, including a portrait of its enterprising editor and publisher, Mr. Gustave J. Luhn.

A new stamp paper, *The Philatelic Press*, published by H. G. Manchester of West Winsted, Conn., made its appearance last month.

The Commercial Gazette of Pittsburgh, Pa. for Oct. 6 contains a two column article on Rare Coins which is very interesting both to the collector and the public. It described the collection of Mr. R. T. Graham of Pine Creek Station, near Etna, Pa.

A large and fine collection of foreign stamps, containing some 10,000 more or less, and the property of M. Degre of Paris, France, was sold at auction on Oct. 11 and 12 by C Beck & Son auctioneers, Boston, Mass.

Bloomfield, Essex County, N. J., can boast of having one of the oldest and most interesting stone houses in this country. It is situated on Washington Avenue and is said to be the farm house at which General Washington camped during his march through north New Jersey in the Revolutionary War.

COMMENTS ON CURRENT TOPICS.

A new paper entitled *The Stamp Album* was announced to appear from Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 15th.

My photograph collection received a valuable addition during the month in the photograph of Mr. Patrick Chalmers, son of the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. It shows the face of a benevolent looking gentleman and one who I think would scorn to use underhand methods to prove a claim.

Mr. Geo. H. Richmond has disposed of his entire stock of stamps to E. T. Parker. George got such a dose of "stamps" at the convention that I reckon he couldn't stand it any longer. His advertising and publishing business has grown to such an extent that his stamp business had to go.

Nearly all of the sheets of low value U. S. Stamps now contain a few double perforated specimens and I have just discovered that some of the sheets of the two cent value contain stamps only partly perforated on one side. These specimens are found on the left hand border of the sheet, some of the stamps having been missed by only one needle and some of them by three. Possibly some of the other values can be found in the same condition.

The amount of stamps put on circuit during the past year by the C. P. A. was $1375, of which 33⅓ per cent. was removed by the members. The amount circulated by the A. P. A. was $18,739 of which only 20 per cent. was removed, but the A. P. A. circulated such a large amount of stamps that the average removed by each member was $6.97 while for the C. P. A. members the average is only $3.74.

The C. P. A. follows closely in the footsteps of the A. P. A. and as imitation is the sincerest flattery, the A. P. A. may feel proud of its success thus far.

The present issue of U. S. envelope stamps are the worst specimens I have ever seen. When this variety was first issued they were printed badly, but later on the printing was improved until now it is as bad if not worse than ever. Is this a result of the "reform" administration?

The National Philatelic Society is increasing its membership very rapidly, no less than fourteen new members being admitted at a recent meeting. This

is a splendid showing and Pres. Rechert is to be congratulated upon his administration, as much of the success of this society is due to his earnest efforts in its behalf. My great regret is that distance prevents me from enjoying its benefits.

C. E. Hutchison of the *Philatelic Beacon* trys to throw discredit on papers having a sworn circulation. The LEDGER is the *only* paper which offers to furnish a sworn statement and when Mr. Hutchison gets a little older he will probably learn the nature of an affidavit something of which he now shows lamentable ignorance.

The Stamp thinks that the A. P. A. will never hereafter choose a convention seat in a city where there is no local society. They probably came to this conclusion because Niagara failed to get the '89 convention, but I think the Denver brethren are wrong in this as the matter of Niagara having a local society had no bearing whatever on the vote cast. All acknowledge that St. Louis obtained the next convention by the votes of MacCalla and the Staten Island men. Before the question was brought up MacCalla promised me that he would vote for Niagara, as he said that place suited him as well as any and why he voted otherwise I am at a loss to know. The Staten Island men reasoned that if the '89 convention was held at Niagara, the '90 convention would go West, and as they wanted the '90 with the election in the East, they voted for St. Louis thinking that the Westerners would alternate, but they may get left. This at any rate is the history of that vote. Were it not for the proxies Niagara would have had it five to one.

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PATRICK CHALMERS ESQ.

Mr. Patrick Chalmers, whose portrait we present to our readers this month, is a native of Scotland, and resides at present at South Wimbleton, England. He is the son of James Chalmers, the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. Mr. Patrick Chalmers, who is now considerably advanced in years, has for the past eight years proven that his father and not Sir Rowland Hill invented the adhesive postage stamp. He has published a large number of pamphlets treating on the subject and fully setting forth his case. He has proven by living persons who were witnesses to his father's printing and gumming the first stamps, in Dun-

dee, Scotland, that James Chalmers invented the adhesive postage stamps in the year 1834.

Mr. Pearson Hill, the son of Sir Rowland Hill, has issued pamphlets bearing on the subject but has not shaken the testimony of these witnesses any. The proof placed forward by both of these parties would readily lead one to decide in favor of James Chalmers.

The invention lies between Sir Rowland Hill and James Chalmers as it has already been clearly shown that no *adhesive postage stamps* were ever used prior to 1834, the date of James Chalmers' invention.

The American Philatelic Ass'n at its Second Annual Convention held in Chicago last year passed resolutions recognizing James Chalmers as the inventor of the adhesive stamp. Mr. Patrick Chalmers has been elected honorary member of no less than a dozen philatelic societies in this country as well as of societies in France and Germany.

COMMENTS ON CURRENT TOPICS.

It is cause for regret that there are two stamp dealers' associations in existence in this country. One with a large membership would be productive of much good, not only to the dealers themselves but to philately as well, but with two in the field the membership is divided and the good results I fear lessened. The first association started, the American, of which Mr. T. J. Mitchell is president, is, I understand, ready to unite with the other, but Mekeel's society *claims* to admit none but dealers having five hundred dollars invested in stamps and this limit the first named society does not require, so the chances for union are slim. In my humble opinion it is better to admit a dealer having only one hundred dollars invested, than to claim five hundred as the lowest limit, and then admit whoever will join irrespective of capital.

Who edits the *Quaker City Philatelist?* The last number lacks an answer to this question.

Mr. H. A. Babb has published the second edition of his "Stamp Dealers of the United States." It is now in book form and presents a very neat appearance.

Mr. J. Walter Scott intends writing, at an early date, an article descriptive of the United States locals, unlike the one at present running in the *American Journal of Philately*, telling all he knows about them, both genuine and counterfeits. Such an article aside from being interesting, will be a valuable addition to philatelic literature, as Mr. Scott is an authority with whom few care to argue.

Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed by members who use the exchange department of the A. P. A., regarding the length of time required for sheets to make the circuits. The fault does not lie with the superintendent, as he expedites matters as much as possible. The trouble is with the law governing the department. I see no reason why branch societies should be allowed to keep the exchange sheets two days for each member participating. To my mind one week should be sufficient for any branch society, as during this time the members could meet together several times if necessary, to take what stamps they desired from the sheets. If they could not be present at one meeting they could at another.

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Individual members must of course have the sheets sent them, but allowing them three days to examine and to forward to the next on circuit, it would not require over three months to circulate the sheets. This department is supposed to be for the exchange of stamps, but those members who remove many specimens from the sheets usually find that the exchange consists of "cash for stamps." Many members are slow in removing stamps from the exchange sheets fearing a big debit account and little credit at the end of the quarter, but if their own sheets could get around during the quarter the sales would be much larger than at present thus benefiting all hands.

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Many members at first removed stamps to a large amount, probably thinking the sales from their sheets would balance, but when a bill came around at the end of the quarter, with no credit attached they were surprised, and it is now difficult to make some of them pay up. The laws are made and of course cannot now be changed, but as this matter directly concerns every member of the association, they should make a law unto themselves and hustle the sheets through in as short a time as possible.

Mr. Chas. Gregory, President of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, is an exceedingly pleasant gentleman. The club are now in commodious rooms at 85-87 Court St., Brooklyn, and, under Mr. Gregory's administration will, I believe, grow rapidly.

Alvah Davison.

NEW YORK NOTES.

Mr. E. B. Sterling intends to dispose of all his coins, relics, fractional currency and curios at auction in New York City, probably in the latter part of this month. If you desire a catalogue address him at box 294, Trenton, N. J.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel of St. Louis, Mo., attended the last meeting of the National Society, and also the banquet held on the 22d by the Brooklyn Philatelic Club.

One of Mr. Theo. F. Cuno's most intimate friends is Socialist Jones, the defeated socialist candidate for Mayor of New York. He polled about 2,000 votes out of 250,000 or more cast.

The "reprint" question was brought up at a recent meeting of the National Society and the society stood by its former resolutions condemning the reprint.

The grand stamp exhibit which is to take place at some future day at the Eden Musée, New York, promises to be a great affair. The National Brooklyn and Staten Island societies have combined, and a committee from each society has been appointed to arrange matters.

The National Society at its last meeting, opened an exchange department with other societies, and elected Mr. C. B. Corwin as Superintendent of the same. Rules were also adopted by which the department will be governed.

The National Philatelical Society enrolled its 100th member, at a recent meeting held on November 7th. This society is rapidly growing, and has upwards of 105 members on its rolls. It is the oldest in America, and the largest local society in the world.

On October 17th last, the members of the National Philatelical Society, celebrated the 14th anniversary of the founding of the society. Fully 28 persons were present, and after the formal opening of the meeting, several of the members favored those assembled, with speeches. An elaborate repast was served, after which the members parted, and wended their way to their homes in the wee small hours of the morning.



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THE LEDGER'S FOURTH YEAR.

With this issue, the Ledger enters upon the fourth year of its existence, in perfect health and vigor. During the past three years, it has safely passed over many obstacles, which have wrecked far less fortunate journals. The trials and tribulations of the past, have prepared us for the future. We intend to still further improve the Ledger in several respects, especially in the illustrated part, which has become one of the special features of the magazine; future issues will be liberally illustrated with portraits, and engravings of stamps, etc.

We will continue to supply all the latest and most complete stamp news, as heretofore and each issue will contain the regular amount of bright fresh and newsy editorials, notes, etc., in addition to a good supply of excellent articles by the foremost writers of the day. Among our contributors are John K. Tiffany, Alvah Davison, John Reginald Hooper, Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell, I. A. Naame, Geo. H. Richmond, L. D. Roselle,

Jos. Wiggleworth, C. A. Perkins, J. R. Nissley, R. W. Mercer and others.

The editorial management will continue in the hands of Mr. Gustav Aue and no pains will be spared to bring it up to the highest mark attainable. We are fully competent to tackle the fourth year and feel confident of coming out victors in the end.

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It is about time, that all reliable dealers banish from their price lists and catalogues all such rubbish as Alsace and Loraine counterfeits (commonly called "reprints"), Samoa, bogus, Hamburg locals, Argentine Republic, counterfeits commonly styled "reprints," and such trash, as the higher values of Corea, which were never used or issued for postage. Imagine a reliable dealer, selling such stamps as genuine, and imagine the philatelic press, chronicling such stamps and counterfeits of the bogus Samoa labels. We believe it is pretty nigh time, some "reform" was put into the capacious brains of the stamp dealer and publisher of to-day.

On the evening of November 22d last, the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, held a banquet at their new rooms at 85–87 Court street, Brooklyn. After the meeting was formally opened by President Gregory Mr. Scott read an elegant descriptive essay, on the Fair Postage Stamps of this Country, accompanying the same with the various stamps and illustrations of the several fairs. The essay will probably appear in the next issue of the *American Philatelist*. After the reading of the essay, Mr. C. H. Mekeel addressed the meeting, he was followed by President Aug. Dejonge of the Staten Island Society. Mr. C. B. Corwin also favored those present with a few remarks on some of his experience, which proved exceedingly interesting. After the speeches, the gentlemen were invited to partake of a bountiful repast, to which all present did honor, and it made a deep impression on the waiting attendants the way we filats perforated the various eatables. The jovial Staten Islanders were there, and at one time it was feared the supply of beer would soon run out, on account of the alarming rapidity schooner after schooner was disappearing, but all fear subsided, when it became known that they had emptied two breweries before coming to Brooklyn.

Among the visitors present, were Mr. E. B. Sterling of Trenton, Mr. A. Davison of Helmetta, N. J., H. N. Terrett of Woodside, L. I., Jos. Rechert of Hoboken, Henry Clotz, E. L. Schumann, Aug. Dejonge, P. Vanderwilligen of Staten Island, Gustav Aue of Bloomfield, N. J., C. B. Corwin of Plainfield, N.J., C. H. Mekeel of St. Louis, and Messrs. Scott, Rasmus, Gregory, Morton, Turner, Williamson and Sheridan of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Major E. B. Evans of Bermuda, W. I., was present at both meetings of the National Society, held in the month of November, and exhibited his fine collection of Confederate State Stamps. At the last meeting, he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the society, and in a fitting speech, he thanked the society for the honor conferred upon him, and expressed his pleasure in meeting so many stamp collectors.

EDITORIAL.

We have on our subscription book, no less a distinguished collector than Mr. Frank Gould, a relative of the well-known Millionaire Mr. Jay Gould.

As we understand it, The National Stamp Dealer's Association will probably undertake the compilation of a stamp catalogue, regulating the prices according to rarity, etc. This would not be a bad idea, and the several members of the association, could have their names and addresses printed on the cover page, and thus utilize the catalogue for a price list.

The Philatelic Publishing Co. of St. Louis, intend to issue early next year, a reliable address-book, containing the addresses of over 3,000 stamp dealers, and collectors from every portion of the globe. This no doubt will enable many dealers and collectors, in establishing a correspondence with foreign dealers and collectors.

Several more stamp papers are announced. The "Hoosier Philatelist," by F. N. Massoth, Jr., Hanover Centre, Ind., and the "Fitchburg Philatelist," by C. H. Whilcomb, are among them.

We desire to obtain foreign correspondents in every part of the globe, and shall be pleased to hear from any one who will act as such. Address: The Ledger Company, Bloomfield, New Jersey, U. S. of America.

Our next, the January number, will be the finest and best issued; it will contain several portraits of stamp collectors, as well as a number of illustrated articles. Subscribe now, if you have not already done so, and receive the LEDGER for an entire year, and our grand premium offered to all subscribers.

The new board of trustees of the A. P. A., consisting of H. N. Terrett, Chairman, J. W. Scott and August Dejonge, have made arrangements to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 3 P. M., at R. R. Bogert's office, Tribune Building, New York City, for the hearing and discussion of such matters as will come under their notice, or be referred to them.

Take a look at our exchange department this month. The second and third cover pages are literally covered with exchange notices. This is one of the many benefits a subscriber receives, and tends to prove to the advertiser that a paper having a large exchange department, necessarily is a good advertising medium.

A considerable number of counterfeit grilled 1870 U. S. Stamps have made their appearance of late, and some of them are extremely difficult to detect. We would advise our readers to steer clear of C. P. Collins of Strafford, Va., as his 1870 grilled are very doubtful specimens.

The Eastern Philatelist is now published by The Eastern Philatelist Co. Mr. W. H. Goodrich however retains the editorial quill. The paper has changed its appearance again, and hereafter will appear monthly.

Mr. E. B. Sterling will continue in the stamp business, but on a smaller scale than heretofore. No more "Sterling Stamp Catalogues" will be issued. Collectors will no doubt greatly miss their valuable work of reference.

Mr. Chas. S. Wilcox has succeeded to the stamp business of Wilcox and Tower, and will continue the same at Room 312 on the 3d Floor of No. 70 State street, Chicago, Ill. You cannot take the elevator, but you can ride in it.

Mr. Warren K. Moorehead is now at the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C. We understand he has resigned the secretaryship of the American Archæological Ass'n. A new Secretary will probably be appointed to fill the vacancy.

The American Stamp, a new publication to be issued on January 1st next,

is announced. D. B. Crockett of Newark, N. J., is the enterprising editor and publisher.

We are in receipt of Henry Gremmel's neat, sixteen page price list of U. S. and Foreign Postage Stamps. There are a good many bargains in it which the live collector will no doubt readily jump at.

W. S. McLean of Boston, Mass., intends to issue a Stamp Collector's Guide in February next, containing a directory of collectors, philatelic papers, societies, frauds, etc. It is to be over 100 pages, and promises to excel all previous works or its kind.

The office of Superintendent of Exchange in the A. P. A. has been offered to Mr. E. B. Sterling, the well-known dealer and collector, of Trenton, N. J., and very likely he will accept the same. This department has been made a success under the able management of Mr. Henry Clotz and it is to be regretted that his time will not permit him to continue as Superintendent for another term. We hope that Mr. Sterling will keep the department up to the high standard it has already attained, and make it of still more benefit to the members.

The reprint is catching it hot and heavy in the columns of the philatelic press. Mr. Wm. P. Brown is also receiving a good share of abuse on account of his absurd stand in its favor. It is useless to argue that a reprint (not good for postage) does not serve the purpose as well as an original. The only true and correct way of collecting stamps is to obtain the originals. Reprints are usually always made to be sold to collectors and are not good for postage or entitled to the same privileges. *Keep up the crusade, boys, the reprint must and shall go.*

Plain Talk for November is greatly improved over former issues, and is filled "chuck full" of interesting and instructive reading-matter. Its Philatelic department is in good hands and will surely be a success under the able and energetic management of Mr. Alvah Davison. It also contains mineralogical, archaeological and numismatic departments, in short "it speaks for itself."

The Board of Officers of the A. P. A. have appointed the following officers: Librarian, C. R. Gadsden; Counterfeit Detector, E. A. Holton; Trustees, H. N. Terrett, Aug. Dejonge, and J. W. Scott. Literary Board, R. C. H. Brock, W. C. Stone and W. A. Mac Calla; 1st Purchasing Agent, C. B. Corwin; 2d, H. O. Harris; 3d, J. V. Painter; 4th, Chas. Muecke; 5th, C. J. Fuelcher; Ass. Counterfeit Detector, R. Wuesthoff,

Mr. Wm. H. Nienstedt has been appointed Exchange Manager of the St. Louis Branch of the A. P. A. He will no doubt make it a success under his able management.

The American Philatelic Co. held an Auction Sale of stamps at their office on December 1st. Among the rarities we notice the 2c. and 5c. Baton Rouge on entire original envelope; the 5c. Petersburg also on original envelope, and many others.

The Middletown Philatelic Club, of Middletown, Conn., has been but recently formed. Mr G. T. Rockwell is President; R. G. Fagan, Sec'y and Treas., and H. S. Rackliffe Librarian.

We will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of any stamp collectors any of our readers may know, and who would no doubt be pleased to see a copy of the LEDGER, and desire to subscribe to it.

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In a recent number of the P. J. of A. Mr. Mekeel, in speaking of the appointment of the minor officers of the A. P. A., by the official board, says:

"As to the importance of the several offices we should say that the offices of Purchasing Agent, Exchange Manager, Official Editor and Trustee are just as important, if not more so than that of President, Secretary and Treasurer, and very much more important than that of Vice-President and International Secretary. To give the Board of Officers the appointing privilege is placing too much power in a few hands and will be sure to work to disadvantage to the Ass.

ciation sooner or later. * * * The members at large would be better able to judge of the merits of candidates for the several important positions than a board of only five of the members. As soon as these officers became elective a public discussion of candidates would take place in the press and the members who are strangers to them, would be able to know who to vote for. As it is now nothing is said in public but wires are pulled by friends of the different candidates and the board are hampered in their selection of officers by the interests and claims of different factions and localities. As a result the Association is more apt to have an inefficient officer appointed than if the selection were to be made by election."

We concur in Mr. Mekeel's views on the subject, and we hope to see the matter remedied at the next convention. It might occur to some, that the constitution requires, that but one elective officer can be chosen from one State, and this might hinder the selection of good and efficient men to some extent, but that restriction can be altered, so that it will only apply to the members of the official board (*i. e.* President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and International Secretary), and the powers of that board, at present, can be left as they are, with the exception of the appointment of the minor officers.

One of the most assiduous collectors of Indian relics is Mr. E. J. Sheridan, of Reading, Pa., formerly of Kutztown. He is a close student, not only of the archæology of Berks county, but also of other localities and States. Though his collection is not the largest in the county, yet it contains a greater percentage of perfect specimens, than any other, and is the result of some years of labor. Some of the specimens were found by himself where the Indians had their villages, and others he obtained by purchase and exchange. The collection contains 2,700 specimens, among which are 45 axes, 7 celts, 8 pestles, 4 banner stones, and 76 beads, and the remainder are chipped implements of every conceivable shape. The majority of these relics are from Berks county and are made of jasper, basamite, quartzite, and quartz, and many of them are exceedingly rare and unique. His collection of 125 specimens of white quartz is especially attractive, and for beauty of material and gracefulness of form it cannot be excelled. He is a member of the American Archæological Association which was recently organized.

Mr. Wm. v. d. Wettern, of Baltimore, Md., has one of, if not *the* finest collections of deer and buffalo horns in this country. It is valued at over $10,000, and is a sight well worth seeing.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC PRESS ASS'N.

The organization of this association is rapidly progressing, already one of the three copies of the constitution that have been circulated among the different publishers, etc., has been returned. The other two will no doubt arrive soon also, and then the work of the permanent organization will commence. Among those who have signified their intentions to become members, are:

GEO. H. RICHMOND,	*Plain Talk.*
GUSTAV AUE,	*Collectors' Ledger.*
S. B. BRADFORD,	*Stamp Collector.*

C. H. MEKEEL,	*Phil. Journal of America.*
JOHN C. FELDWISCH,	*The Stamp.*
FRED. W. FELDWISCH,	*The Stamp.*
D. W. OSGOOD, JR.,	*The Stamp.*
H. A. BABB,	*The Collectors' Comment.*
M. V. SAMUELS,	*International Collector.*
N. E. CARTER,	*Badger State Philatelist.*
W. H. GOODRICH,	*Eastern Philatelist.*
C. E. HUTCHISON,	*Philatelic Beacon.*
E. W. VOUTE,	*Stamp Collectors' Figaro.*
WM. C. STONE,	*American Philatelist.*
F. McC. SMITH,	*National Philatelist.*

This is a pretty good showing as the result of the circulation of *one* of the three constitutions, and it is probable that when the others are returned the number of members will be tripled.

The good of such an association has already been clearly set forth in articles on the subject in several journals. It is hoped that all philatelic publishers will unite in making this association a decided success from the start.

The committee having the matter in charge are confident that such an association would be of great benefit to the philatelic press. It will establish a feeling of friendship between all editors and publishers and create a hearty co-operation on all matters which will benefit philately.

It is desired to include among the members of this association ALL editors and publishers of philatelic publications which are conducted on business basis, therefore should you come under that head and are not already a member, we earnestly request you to become one, and help along the good cause.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J. GUSTAV AUE,
Secretary pro tem.

THE DEALERS IN OUR SOCIETY.

Before finally agitating the question of forbidding dealers from holding office in the National Society, would it not be well enough to consider for a moment their true standing among the Society's members?

We ask ourselves, "Who founded this society?" Six dealers. Who fostered, nursed, and came to the front in time of need, when the young child seemed perishing for want of sustenance? The Dealers. Who has kept the often flickering flame alive when threatened of extinction? Who pays the dues most readily, who tells us of all new issues, of errors, of new discoveries?

We can safely say that almost every member of the Society is in some way or another himself a dealer. The gentleman who buys stamps

at auction and sells them through the Society's sheets, loudly decries the *legitimate* dealers, who are frank enough to put a sign over their door, instead of hypocritically carrying on the same business under cover of the darkness of anonimity.

We should like to know where the Society would be to-day but for the indefatigable efforts of its Treasurer, Mr. Henry Calman, of Mr. Bogert and several others of our *avowed* dealer-members. Should a resolution be framed that nobody *who sells stamps* shall hold office, we will gladly second it, for then we know that *every member* will be included in this sweeping expulsion. We are *all* stamp dealers. That is to say, we buy a stamp for one dollar and sell it at a profit. We want to know what else the "*dealers*" do to merit our displeasure. Is there any man who will devote his time, his knowledge, his labor to the fostering of a society with the same zeal as a dealer? It is in the *interest* of dealers that the Society should thrive. We recall the time when a little financial aid from *a dealer* was very acceptable to our impoverished exchequer. It would be hard to find a more energetic member than Mr. Henry Calman. Yet we would ask his resignation? When we find him derelict in his duty, or find a better treasurer, *then* we will ask him to go. But until then we want all the good men at the head of our Society, we want men that will make our meetings interesting, that will entertain and instruct us regardless of their manner of gaining their livelihood. The proposition seems to us a little absurd, to cut off the sap and expect the tree to thrive. Besides as we said before, who is there among us that is not a dealer?

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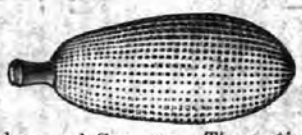
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PROMINENT PHILATELISTS.



HARRISON L. HART.

One of the most prominent Canadian philatelists is Mr. Harrison L. Hart, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, whose pleasant countenance we are pleased to place before our readers this month. Mr. Hart was born in Guysboro, N. S., in 1865; he is a descendant of a family of loyalists who, after the independence of the United States, left there and settled in Nova Scotia. Mr. Hart came to reside in Halifax in the year 1876, and has lived there ever since. In 1879 he entered the shoe business with A. A. Bliss & Co., and was with them until 1886, when he bought part of their business and has since run it successfully for himself.

His present stamp collection numbers about 4,000 varieties and contains

many rarities, especially in the stamps of North America and British Colonies. He has Nova Scotia and New Brunswick complete; Canada pence issues, cent issues, watermarked, New Foundland two and four pence vermilion and lake used, United States 1851, 1857, 1861, and 1869 issues complete, old Mexican, Anotado and Gothic surcharges.

Mr. Hart is a charter member and treasurer of the Canadian Philatelic Association; he is also treasurer of the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association and has been recently re-elected for another term; he is also a charter member of the A. P. A. He deals more or less in stamps and has by his genial and cordial manner of doing business made many friends among his stamp collecting brethern.

He has recently taken unto himself a wife, who will share his philatelic pleasures with him for many years to come.

THE REGISTRATION STAMP OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

While catalogues by the score and philatelic works by eminent authorities have appeared quite frequently, it is strange that great inaccuracies should be chronicled, even in works appearing this year. But such is the case, and in no stamp is it more marked than in the 6d registry stamp of New South Wales. Mark the difference in the *date* and the description of the *plate* in the following well-known authorities:

1853—Registered: Laureated head in lettered oval, broken each side by spirals, "New South Wales,—Registered;" no value. Bicol; imp. oval; 50 types to COPPER-plate.—*Pemberton's Hand-Book of* 1878.

1853—Profile of Queen Victoria to left, in oval border, "New South Wales" at top, word "Registered" at bottom. Printed in two colors, red centre with blue border; yellow centre with blue border. Value (6d) not denoted. STEEL; 50 stamps on each plate.—*Thos. Richards (Inspector of Stamps), in report of N. S. W. P. M. General*, 1867.

1853-4—Registered. No value expressed. Engraved on METAL.—*From the Philatelic Society of London's Work on "The Postage Stamps of Oceanica.*

1853—Registered. (6d) orange and blue, red and blue, yellow and blue. 50 (?) varieties.—*Dr. M. Vedel's* 1887 *Works, Copenhagen.*

1853—Laureated profile of Queen to left—in red or orange, with oval band—in blue. TAILLE DONCE engraving; 50 varieties of type on the sheet; white wove paper; (6d) red and blue, orange and blue.—*Major Evans' Catalogue in P. J. of A.* 1888.

1856—Registered stamp, value 6d. 50 varieties engraved on STEEL. Red and blue. The red centre sometimes printed lake, orange, yellow, carmine, olive yellow, in a variety of shades.—*And. Howison's (Pres. Phil. Society of Australia Work*, 1878.

1853—Registered letter stamps, oval, yellow and blue; red and blue.—*Trifet's Descriptive Catalogue of* 1875.

1853—Registry stamps (6d) red and blue, orange and blue.—*Mekeel's and Bogert's Catalogues of* 1886-7.

1853—Registration stamps, orange and blue, red and blue.—*Scott's 49th* (1888) *Edition.*

Now, first, we will look at the dates of above and see which is correct. Evidently every compiler, except Mr. Harrison, has followed Inspector Richards' description in the N. S. W. P. M. G. reports for 1867. In this they were led astray. By a notice in the *Government Gazette* dated November 21, 1855, His Excellency the Governor General notifies the public that a plate has been obtained for a distinctive Registry Stamp, and that they will be issued at all post offices on and after January 1st, 1856. Particular attention was drawn to the fact that this stamp had to be on all letters registered, and that it was inadmissable for ordinary postage. From the report of the P. M. General for 1856 we find that "new plates have been introduced *during the year*, one the 5d stamp, and the registry stamp exclusively used for the registration fee." The Colonial Sec-

retary wrote to the Postmaster General on 23d of June, 1855 stating that the Governor approved of the designs for a stamp for registered letters.

And, now, about the plates as well as the late. They were not copper as Pemberton states, but *steel*. On the 2d of May, 1855, a contract was entered into by John Carmichael, engraver, agreeing to engrave two *steel* plates, for printing *backed* registered stamps, containing fifty labels, and to deliver the same in four months, subject to a deduction of $2.00 for each week the plates are detained *after the first fortnight* beyond the specified time. Mr. Harrison, in his valuable work, a copy of which I am indebted to him for, correctly states that the time elapsed on the 23d of September, 1855, for which the plates were to be delivered and allowing the fortnight, would bring it up to the 7th of October, 1855, by which period the plates were handed over in good time for the issue, as per order of the Governor on the 1st of January, 1856. The official *Gazette* notice of the issue was published on the 21st of November, 1855, but the public did not receive the stamps, or were they used until the month of January, 1856, so we see the noted authorities are three years out.

Dr. Vedel questions the numbr of varieties. I have before me a photograph of the original plate and a photo of the entire sheet. These two correspond, as also do they prove that there are fifty varieties. The stamps are not alike, from the fact that there were fifty different engravings on a steel plate, in fine lines, ten stamps to a line. Some are very poor while others are fair to good. The third stamp on the first row is about the best of Her Majesty on the sheet, while the third and fifth rows contain some with a "booby" expression, something like that found on one of our U. S. large cents. I have one of the latter varieties as well as one in place as the fourth stamp on the second line by the aid of a powerful microscope.

In the engraving of stamps at present one die is sufficient, called a "mother die," from which any multiplication can be made, making every stamp as it were a photograph of the other; but in Carmichael's plate he engraved fifty different stamps, all, of course, intended to be alike.

These plates were in use from 1855 to the 1st of January, 1868, a period of thirteen years, when they were withdrawn, owing to a reduction in the registry fee.

It is believed by the President of the Australian Society that red for the centre and blue for the outer band, was certainly intended, but through carelessness in mixing the inks the shades ran from red through orange to an olive yellow, as was the case with the large square 6d, printed at the same time by the same person. Mr. Harrison says the printer was *color blind*. Outside of the date of issue Major Evans' description is the more correct.

The reason that two colors were used was to easily detect a registered letter mixed among ordinary mail matter.

Some of the specimens appear to be printed on a bluish paper, whereas all were printed on a white wove paper. This is due to the plate not having been properly cleaned, and the ink being thin, causing it to *run* and *blur*. Two of my specimens show trace of this, both unperforated.

The red and blue specimens of the 1860 perforated variety are the commonest. These sold in 1875 for a paltry 12 cents, according to Trifet, but they are now worth from $1.00 to $1.25. Trifet sold a yellow and blue unperforated in 1875 for 50 cents; it is worth $3.50 to $4.00 at present.—*Canadensis*.

MR. GEORGE GREGORY, a brother of Mr. Charles Gregory, the President of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, is one of New York's new Aldermen, and of Republican faith.

EDITORIAL.

Our Grand Premium Offer on page 149 of this issue will only be open for a short time longer. If you are not yet on our list, we would advise you to subscribe at once and get this grand offer, which is alone worth more than triple the subscription.

Mr. E. B. Sterling has been appointed Exchange Superintendent of the A. P. A., as predicted in our last number. Mr. H. C. Bearsley, of St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed to fill the new office of Literary Exchange Superintendent.

The *Badger State Philatelist* with its December issue commences the publication of a series of portraits of prominent Philatelists; No. 1 is Mr. Francis Jackson, of Delavan, Wis., who, although one of the youngest collectors, has a collection of 4,000 varieties, which will compare favorably with the collections of many older collectors.

The organization of the Bridgeport Philatelic Society was completed December 5th last, and the following officers were elected to serve until December, 1890. *President*, F. COOK; *Vice-president*, W. C. HUNT; *Secretary*, W. H. SHELTON; *Treasurer*, E. BASSICK; *Librarian*, E. L. KINGMAN; *Exchange Manager*, W. H. SHELTON.

The *Flour City Philatelist* is announced to appear this month, from Minneapolis, Minn. The Bell Publishing Co. are the publishers and promise to issue an unusually fine paper. The contents will consist of stamp, coin, indian relic and general collecting news.

The subject of organizing a New Jersey Philatelic Society has been more or less talked of and written about in the past few months. We are always in favor of such matters, provided any benefit can be derived from such a society that is not obtainable from the A. P. A. or similar societies already in existence.

The Southern Collectors Association was recently formed and at the election of officers held November 28th last, the following were elected: *President*, E. M. NOLAN, San Antonio, Texas; *Vice-president*, F. C. SAWYER, Beauclerc, Florida; *Secretary*, W. C. MERCHANT, San Antonio, Texas; *Treasurer*, E. S. HAMILTON, San Antonia, Texas; *Official Organ*, *The Amateur*, of San Antonio, Texas. Any collector living below the 38th degree of latitude may become a member of this association. For further particulars address W. C. Merchant, Secretary, 403 Laurel street, San Antonia, Texas.

The *Permanent Stamp Album* published by the Staten Island Philatelic Society is *the* best album of its kind we have ever seen. It consists of a patent binder of fine morroco leather, having a device by which the sheets can be conveniently bound or tied in, so as to represent and form a bound book. The sheets, of which there are two kinds, are really a fine piece of work; the light-colored sheets are of a light brown or maroon tint, and the design, which is composed of a beautiful border with a space for the name of the country at the top, and the back-ground of thin hair lines running horrizontaly and perpendicularly, forming small squares about one-quarter of an inch square each. With the aid of these squares any desired design can be wrought in mounting stamps, and by the use of these sheets the collection, artistically arranged, presents an exceptionally fine appearance. The other kind of sheets are black in color, having the design, border and lines printed in a light color. These latter are the more expensive sheets and are in several ways more attractive than the lighter-colored ones. We would advise all stamp collectors desiring a good, substantial and permanent album to obtain one of these. By addressing Mr. Henry Clotz, P. O. Box 3489, New York, further particulars can be obtained.



M. D. BATCHELDER.

Again we journey to St. Louis for the subject of another sketch of America's prominent philatelists. Mr. M. D. Batchelder, whose portrait we present above, was born in 1866. He is a native of Vermont and became interested in stamps in 1874. In 1882, at Middlebury, Vt., he engaged in the stamp business, and later, published the *American Boys*, which was afterwards merged into *Our American Youth*, and had among its contents an interesting philatelic department. In 1884 Mr. Batchelder moved to St. Louis, and continued in the stamp and publishing business, and in a year or two later sold out his paper to Mr. C. J. Fullcher, who continued its publication for several months when he had to give it up.

Mr. Batchelder's stamp business, however, flourished, and in the fall of '87 he engaged Mr. Eugene Dill to manage the affairs of the Batchelder Postage Stamp Co.; in this Mr. Dill was very successful, but had to abandon his lucrative position late in the spring of '88 on account of sickness and death in his family. Mr. W. C. Atchison then undertook to manage the affairs, but on account of his inexperience Mr. Batchelder had to take entire charge in person. The business is now in a flourishing condition and the stock on hand is one of the largest and most varied west of New York.

At the age of eight, Mr. Batchelder, whose father was a lumber merchant, made the acquaintance of one of his father's wood-choppers, an Englishman by birth, who told young Mr. Batchelder how the boys in England collected stamps, and taking a letter from his pocket tore off a 2½d. 1873 issue of Great Britain and presented it to Mr. Batchelder. This was the foundation of Mr. Batchelder's stamp collection.

Mr. Batchelder is married, and is the proud possessor of a little girl baby.

NEW YORK NOTES.

At the meeting of ths National Philatelical Society held on the evening of December 19th last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, R. WUESTHOFF; *Vice-President*, J. WALTER SCOTT; *Secretary*, L. S. MORTON; *Treasurer*, H. L. CALMAN; *Librarian*, MAX STADIE; *Exchange Superintendent*, C. B. CORWIN; *Executive Committee*, R. R. BOGERT, HUGO S. MACK, and H. N. TERRETT. President Rechert, having been President for two terms, respectfully declined a renomination, and Mr. Wuesthoff, the Vice-President, was placed in nomination and unanimously elected. All the other officers were reëlected except the Librarian, the present incumbent declining a renomination.

The Executive Committee of the three local societies have made considerable progress, and by present appearances the exhibit will be an exceptionally fine one, and will probably take place in February. The Eden Musée, at which the exhibit will be held, is one of the most popular and respectable places in the city, and the exhibit no donbt will bring many new recruits to the stamp collecting ranks, and the membership of the three local societies will also be increased thereby.

One of the New York dailies has discovered that the Goddess of Liberty in the harbor is holding a stamp album in her arm. No doubt the correspondent of the paper had seen one of the note heads of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, which represents her in that position.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have in press the new edition of the International Stamp Album, and the 50th edition of their catalogue, which was partially destroyed by fire in November last. The albums and catalogue will be ready in the early part of this month.

Mr. Charles Gregory read a very interesting essay on "Encased Postage Stamps," at the last meeting of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club. One of the most interesting features of the meetings of this club is the reading of an essay at each of the meetings by one of the members. All stamp collectors residing in Brooklyn or vicinity are invited to visit the meetings of the club, held at 85 and 87 Court street, on the first and third Thursday of each month, at 8 P. M.

Mr. Theo. F. Cuno was re-instated as a member of the National Philatelical Society at one of its recent meetings, upon payment of all arrears of dues owing to the society previous to his expulsion.

Gustav Auc.

THE *Hoosier Philatelist* will soon make its appearance from Hanover Centre, Ind. Mr. F. N. Massoth, Jr., the well known stamp dealer, will publish and edit the same. The paper will be one of the best stamp magazines issued, and will be got up in first class style. It will have subscription and advertising rates. Mr. Massoth first intended to issue it to advertise his own stamp trade, but has concluded not to do so, and will publish one of the finest stamp papers that has come from Indiana.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC PRESS ASS'N.

All editors and publishers of philatelic publications who are willing to become members of the American Philatelic Press Association are kindly requested to communicate with the secretary *pro tem*, P. O. Box 288, Bloomfield, N. J. Those editors and publishers in whose hands the other two copies of the Constitution and By-Laws now are, or may come, are kindly requested to forward them to the next on the list as soon as possible, and after the completion of the circuit to return them to the secretary *pro tem*, as it is desired to complete the permanent organization without delay.

The following names are to be added to the membership list published in the December LEDGER:

JOHN M. HUBBARD, *Stamp World.*
S. C. SCOTT, *U. S. Philatelist.*

MR. ALVAH DAVISON has been elected Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Moorehead, of the American Archæological Association. Mr. Davison was one of the first to suggest the organization of this society, and did considerable towards its completion. The society will now, no doubt, prosper, and we predict for it a long and prosperous life.

Mr. Patrick Chalmers has recently issued still another pamphlet in support of his claim that his father invented the adhesive postage stamp. The pamphlet is a copy of a letter sent by him to the Lord Mayor, the Right Hon. James Whitehead, and treats upon the subjec of the Rowland Hill Memorial and Benevolent Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES.

Under this heading we will answer all questions asked, relating to philatelic matters, and publish such philatelic correspondence as will be of interest to our readers. We desire correspondents in all parts of the world, to furnish us with all the latest stamp news in their vicinity. Particulars, terms, etc., furnished on application.

T. R. B. sends us a Canadian postal card, present issue, having the stamp impressed on bottom of card, and desires to know its rarity as an error, and value. This is in our opinion a "manufactured error," and made by a dealer to be sold at a profit to collectors, although there is a probability of its being a genuine error. Postal cards were sold in uncut sheets of 40, to purchasers of 1,000 cards, and some ingenious dealer conceived a brilliant idea of manufacturing errors by obtaining uncut sheets and having the cards cut to suit himself. We have seen Canadian cards of the present issue with the stamp having the head of Victoria in the upper left hand corner, with the entire impression in the middle of the card, and with the impression on the bottom of card.

It seems that the discussion on the collecting of entire stamped envelopes has not yet abated, and the old plea of collecting stationery is still held up to ridicule the collecting of envelopes entire. We should like to know whether we, philatelists, are to collect only a part of the specimen issued or the entire specimen? The envelope entire represents the specimen as issued, and in its entirety possesses all the virtues for which it was originally issued; this the cut specimen does not possess. It is also an undisputed fact that the entire specimen is worth considerable more to a collector than a cut specimen. A correspondent asks if we would advise him to

collect all the various sizes, colors, gums and watermarks. Certainly we would; a true philatelist, that is, an advanced collector, should, and ought to do so. The different sizes, colors of paper, gum, watermark, etc., all represent a different series, or issue. A writer in a Western publication asks: "[illegible] if we are to collect various sizes of paper with the imprint of the same stamp on each, why should we not do likewise with adhesives which you can readily find varying both in width and height of perforations. According to this, stamps would in some cases be perforated more than others, and consequently are a different variety; and we think it quite right to collect all such stamps varying in perforations, as they no doubt represent another and different issue (as in the case of the U. S. letter sheets). The day is not far distant when collectors of cut specimens will awaken to this belief and mourn the loss occasioned by their mode of collecting; and then, and only then, will they collect envelope stamps in their true and only correct way—on the entire specimen.

ST. LOUIS AUCTION SALE.

The second auction sale of the American Philatelic Co. was held at their office at the N. W. corner of Third and Pine streets, St. Louis, Mo., on Saturday, December 1 last. The sale commenced at 7.30 P. M., there being present Messrs. Tiffany, Rodgers, Batchelder, Flackskamm, Mekeel, Custer, Mueninghaus, Miller, Roberts, Lempertz, Nienstedt and Fuelcher. Some good prices were realized; among the stamps sold were: 2c. Baton Rouge, which sold for $50.50; the 5c. Baton Rouge sold for $35.00; the 2c. Mobile (piece of corner gone), $17.50; the 5c. Mobile, unsevered pair, $10.00; 5c. Macon yellow, $20.50; Horner's 314 note size, straightened, $18.29; Bolivia, Correos de la Chimba, entire envelope to Mr. Mekeel, for $16.50; the 6 p. green Nova Scotia, $2.00. A good many other rare stamps brought over catalogue prices.

THE U. S. CARRIER STAMPS.

These are a series of stamps of which very little has been said or written about in the columns of the various philatelic papers, and many collectors when questioned know very little concerning them.

There are two varieties of these stamps and were issued in 1851 to prepay the charge for the delivery of any local letter from the post-office to the residence of the person addressed. The first variety appeared on September 29, 1851, and bears a profile of Benjamin Franklin to left in oval, solid back-ground, reticulated frame, CARRIERS' above; PREPAID ONE CENT below; color, blue; unperforated. This stamp was used in only a few cities, principally New York, Cincinnati, Chicago and Philadelphia. Its issue was suppressed on January 27, 1852.

Both varieties of the carrier stamps have been reprinted by the U. S. Goverment, and like the reprints of the general issues, they are sometimes difficult to distinguish. In the last variety there are reprints *perforated*, which readily distinguishes them from the originals; there are also unperforated reprints of this issue as well as of the first issue, and these are in many instances so much like the original that it is quite difficult to detect any difference. The only sure way of obtaining an original is to get a used specimen.

There is also an essay of the first variety in existence, printed in brown in-

stead of blue. Many collectors have long believed these stamps were issued by some private post or the postmaster of some city, but such is not the case; they are a purely government issue and were intended to be used on local or city letters in the place of the ordinary postage stamp, and the letter bearing only one of these stamps would secure its delivery from the post-office to the residence of the person addressed. The system was not a success and the stamps, after doing service of a few months, were recalled.

There are also carrier stamps issued by the postmasters at New York and Baltimore, but they were not authorized by the U. S. Government and therefore are only a provisional issue. The postmaster at New York, on or about May 1, 1849, placed in issue a circular stamp printed in black on a lake red colored paper, unperforated, having the following design; circular band, with U. S. MAIL inscribed as above; PRE-PAID, below; ONE CENT, in centre. On December 10, 1849, the same design appeared on buff paper, glazed surface. On September 15, 1850, it appeared on a yellow glazed surface paper instead of buff.

The postmaster at Baltimore issued a carrier stamp, better known as the Government City Despatch Stamp, in 1851. There are three types of this stamp; the first made its appearance about December, 1850, or thereabouts; it is the error or ONE SENT variety and was not long in use, very few of them being sold when the error was discovered; all the remaining stamps of this type were destroyed. This error exists in red and black, unperforated. The design is a man on horseback, riding to right, with banner inscribed ONE SENT, rays above, ground below; on ribbons, GOVERNMENT above, CITY DISPATCH below, vertically lined angles, double lined frame. The second type is similar to the one just described, except that the error in the word "cent" is corrected. There are three varieties of this type, the impressions being in red, rose and black. I believe the red and rose were intended to be alike, but in the process of printing the shade of the color varied from red to rose. The date of issue of the red-rose variety is about December, 1850, the black variety appeared about August, 1851. The third type of these stamps is similar to the last, except the rays under VE in "Government" are shorter than in the preceding type. There are two varieties of this type, red and black. The date of issue I place at about the same time as the red and black varieties of the preceding type appeared. It is my opinion that these stamps were printed in sheets of several stamps, and that on each sheet were these three varieties of type.

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PROMINENT PHILATELISTS.



F. C. SAWYER

This time we journey south, for the subject of this month's sketch of America's prominent philatelists. Mr. F. C. Sawyer, whose portrait we present above, is but 20 years of age and a resident of Beauclerc, Florida, at which place he holds the distinguished title of "assistant postmaster," which position he has held ever since 1881.

His stamp collection, although it does not contain many great gems or rarities, consists of a very good collection of United States stamps, including such rare stamps as can be found among the various issues. A good part of the stamps in his collection are in an unused state. He also collects U. S. and foreign post cards, used and unused, entire U. S. and foreign envelopes, used and unused, and also foreign postage and revenue stamps. He will, however, in future devote his time to the collection of used U. S. adhesives only; and intends to sell the balance of his collection. His revenue collection is worth in

the neighborhood of $2,500, which he will also dispose of. His collection is at present in one of Scott's late albums, but will soon be transferred to one of Mekeel's.

Mr. Sawyer also collects minerals, shells, Indian relics, petrifactions, fossils and curios; his cabinet of these cannot be duplicated for $500. His minerals are all large and fine specimens from the U. S. and foreign localities; the same can be said of his shells.

He commenced collecting in 1881, devoting his time first to minerals, etc.; in 1885 he started in on stamps. Obtaining a large lot of good foreign stamps he decided to go into the stamp business, and has, in that short time, developed into quite a large and extensive dealer in U. S. and foreign stamps, curios, Confederate money, etc.; he issues, at various times, a price list or catalogue of the specimens he has on hand.

He is fond of fishing and hunting, and does considerable of both; now and then he farms a little, and during the season he is at work in an orange grove; in the winter he is busy in an orange packing house, connected with the grove. He has made many fast friends in his various business enterprises, and his large correspondence with collectors and dealers in nearly every part of the world, all of whom will unite with us in saying, that no more genial and enterprising young business man exists, than the subject of our sketch, Mr. F. C. Sawyer.

STAMP NEWS AND DISCOVERIES.



SAXONY.—I am informed that there are three sizes of the 3 pfennig red Saxony 1850 issue, on each sheet of that issue; the difference in size is so very slight that it is somewhat difficult to detect it, unless carefully measured with a millimeter scale. Dr. Kloss who possesses the facts has been corresponded with for a more minute description. Several of the members of the National Society at one of its meetings exhibited and compared their specimens of this rarity, and a difference in size was detected between two of the specimens, which led to a discussion as to which was genuine and which was not. Mr. Rechert, who possessed one of the stamps, communicated with Dr. Kloss, who is considered an authority, especially on the stamps of the German States, with the result above-mentioned.



GUATEMALA.—I have seen a well executed counterfeit of the four reales stamp of the 1872 issue of this country. The color, mauve, is slightly different from that on the genuine; the shield is nearer the right side than in the genuine. The small squares in the corner are slightly blurred, so as to be undiscernable in some places. The lines forming the background in the oval, are not as perfect as in the original. The perforations are 13 at top and bottom and 15 at both sides.



UNION SQUARE P. O.—Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, of Washington, D. C., has in his collection a local stamp of the Messenkope's Union Square Post Office on *pink* glazed paper, on the original envelope. The stamp is genuine beyond doubt and is the only one known to be in existence. It was found by Mr. Rothfuchs in August 1887. The envelope is postmarked New York—May 1. I believe this variety was issued about the latter part of the existence of the post.



ESSEX LETTER EXPRESS.—A counterfeit of this local which has a very peculiar and interesting origin has been in existence for many years. The counterfeit of which we append an illustration has "SX" below the ship while the original has not. Mr. Wm. P. Brown several years ago endeavored to play a practical joke on George Hussey (the former proprietor of Hussey's Special Message Post), who was also in the stamp business, especially dealing in U. S. locals, genuine, counterfeit and reprint. Mr. Hussey, as the story goes, was endeavoring to obtain a genuine original Essex local, and Mr. B. knew this, one day Mr. B. secured one of these locals, and in a spirit of humor, added "SX" at the bottom, calling a messenger he dispatched him to Mr. Hussey with the stamp for sale. Mr. Hussey saw that fortune was at last shining on him and eagerly purchased the "improved" stamp. Not long after a new type of the Essex local made its appearance and Mr. Hussey received all the honor for its discovery. *Gustav Aue.*

CHICAGO NOTES.

At their 57th regular meeting, held on Jan. 10th, the Chicago Philatelic Society elected their 103d member.

Mr. S. B. Bradt, Ex-Secretary of the American Philatelic Association and Ex-President of the Chicago Philatelic Society has returned to Chicago after having spent several months recuperating in the South. He will not re-engage in the stamp business.

The Chalmers Society is flourishing. This could hardly be said of it under the old *regime*, and while "the merry war" was in progress; but with so able a philatelist as Mr. Mitchell at the helm it promises to be, in the language of the "wild and woolly west," a "boomer."

President Holman of the Chicago Philatelic Society entertained the members of that society Friday evening, Jan. 11th, at his residence 2115 Indiana Ave. A very enjoyable time was had. Mr. H. exhibited his collection of U. S. thereby causing many members to break the tenth commandment.

At the 56th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, which occured Dec. 27th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. L. Holman, President; Geo. Nelson, Vice-President; P. M. Wolsieffer, Sec'y; L. A. Haskell, Treasurer; W. F. Jillson, Librarian; C. R. Gadsden, W. C. Kurzweg, Jas. R. Chapman, Executive Committee.

At this meeting an Auction Department was created of which Mr. C. R. Gadsden will have the management, including the title of "Auctioneer."

The proceeds of the auction sale held at this meeting amounted to $113.59. The sale consisted of one hundred lots. The highest prices bid were $8.75 for a M. S. envelope, October '86, wove paper, no wmk., and $14.75 for a Pierce Match Co. 1 cent green. These Auction Sales, held by the society at their last meeting every month, are a decided success. Non-members are cordially invited to participate in them. Any member of the Society will furnish lists or execute bids upon application. M. A. THOMPSON.

A GOOD part of the *International Collector* for December is utilized on "reprints." This number, however, is very interesting and contains some good stamp news and articles.

THE election of the Philatelic Society of America is over. The result is, President, E. R. Aldrich; Vice-President, M. V. Samuels; Secretary, H. C. Beardsley; Treasurer, T. J. Mitchell. Official Organ, *International Collector*. All dealers! Strange, very strange, such a thing would not occur in the A. P. A.

EDITORIAL.

Capt. C. W. Moeller is at present at Copenhagen, Denmark. It is impossible to say at present when he will return to this country.

Mr. W. F. Jillson, of Chicago, is to be Associate Editor on the *Figaro* staff. The *Figaro* will probably be on deck soon with many new and attractive additions.

The Post Card is the name of a new philatelic publication from Roselle, N. J. We believe Geo. H. Watson is the editor. His collection of Post cards is the largest and best in this country.

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Mr. John S. Bixby remembered his philatelic friends on New Year's day by sending them his wishes in the shape of a very pretty card of his own peculiar originality. Thanks, brother Bixby, we're onto your racket.

Take a look at our exchange column this month. The second and third cover pages are literally covered with exchanges. Our Collectors' Directory this month contains over 20 names and addresses, all new subscribers.

The January number of the *Philatelic Journal of America* eclipsed all former attempts in phillatelic journalism. Its contents, consisting of 132 pages, contains many good articles on stamps and stamp collecting, and is replete with portraits of American stamp dealers, etc. This number of the P. J. of A. will long be remembered by those who have been lucky enough to obtain a copy.

The Stamp Collector's Library Companion, by John K. Tiffany, promises to be an excellent work on the philatelic literature of the world. Full data as to the name of the publication, number issued, name of publisher, where and when published, are fully set forth in this excellent work. It is announced to appear in a very short time.

As the last issue of the LEDGER was being mailed news reached us that one of our subscribers, Mr. R. L. Hunting, of All Healing, Mich., died on Dec. 22nd last. He had but renewed his subscription two weeks previous to his death. He had many friends in stamp circles, all of whom will miss him greatly. We tender our sincere sympathy to his bereaved family upon their sad misfortune.

THE *Stamp Collectors' Gazette* is a neat English stamp publication, hailing from Liverpool With the February number it will be enlarged and improved in many respects, among the improvements will be an illustration and sketch of a prominent stamp dealer or collector in each issue. The contents of its January number were highly interesting as well as instructive.

THE International Philatelic Union propose to hold an exhibition in either London or Liverpool at an early date next fall. Thirteen prizes will be offered to the exhibitors, for best collections, etc.; a committee has the matter in charge and will no doubt make a success of the exhibit.

THE *Flour City Philatelist* is a new one from Minneapolis. Quite good for a starter. Keep it up, brethren, and you'll get to the top ere long.

THE American Postage Stamp Exchange, recently owned by Krebs Bros. & Co., has been dead for many months. The cause of its death is a falling out between the various members of the Co. and the sudden dissolution of the firm.

MR. T. J. MITCHELL of Chicago, was recently nominated for membership in the National Society of New York and was refused for reasons best known to the members.

CANADENIS and John R. Hooper are one and the same person, but some of his articles or notes would lead one to think otherwise. What's the use of deceiving your readers.

ON January 3rd last, the Cincinnati Philatelic Society was formed, and includes up to date 15 members.

CHALMERS AND THE A. P. A.

I have never been especially interested in this matter, although I, like every one else, have had my private opinion regarding it. Nor is it the object of this article, to give any further evidence, on either side.

In the January number of the *American Journal of Philately*, Mr. John R. Hooper publishes a copy of one of his letters to Mr. Pierson Hill, and in it he makes some statements, or rather mis-statements, regarding the A. P. A., which I as a member, think it a duty to correct. He says: "The Chalmers resolutions were carried in the A. P. A. by a 'fluke.' Those members attending Convention, armed with from forty to fifty proxies, drop in these as votes to prevent a square hearing."

Does Mr. Hooper know who held the largest number of proxies at that Convention? Does he know who cast the largest number of votes to prevent a square hearing? Does he know how the vote of those present stood? Does he know anything about that convention? I fear not.

Mr. H. L. Calman, of the *American Journal of Philately*, is the member who held more proxies than any one else at Chicago, and if the "proxies" did the work, where was he with his host of them? It is evident to any one who cares to see, that the majority of the *members present*, were in *favor* of the resolution, or they could never have overcome the vote he cast.

The paragraph quoted above from Mr. Hooper's letter, is now an ancient "chestnut." It was originated by a Philadelphia paper, because they could assign no other reason for the vote cast, and yet, if the vote had been the other way, with fifty per cent. cast by one man, would they have repudiated the proxies?

This "chestnut" has been cracked and shivered to atoms long ago, and poor indeed must be Mr. Hooper's cause when he is compelled to revive it, in a vain endeavor to show the state of feeling in the A. P. A.

But let us "just for fun" say that the Chalmers resolution *was* carried by a "fluke" at the Chicago Convention, and then we come to the Convention at Boston in 1888. Here a motion was made *for proxies*, "that a committee be appointed to investigate the Chalmers-Hill controversy, and report at the next convention." It was moved and seconded that it be laid on the table. The question was put and carried *unanimously*. Where now, Mr. Hooper, is that "far from unanimous feeling in the A. P. A." regarding Mr. Chalmers? Was that resolution, too, carried by a fluke?

At the time it was put, at least sixty members were in their seats, and not one in that whole assemblage rose to object to Mr. Aue's motion, to lay on the table.

Again Mr. Hooper says: "They (the Chalmerites) get the disease badly, and object to the medicine administered to them by the two leading independent philatelic papers of America, the *American Journal of Philately* and the *Quaker City Philatelist*." Shades of Ben. Franklin, and has it come to this! Mekeel, Brock, Bradt, Feldwisch, do you hear that! A paper published in the interest of a firm, and the other a fifteen-cent-a-year, are *the* leading papers of the country. Oh! ye fair Goddess, come down from the high pedestal upon which you are planted, aye, weep in the dirt at its base, and lament over this degenerate age! It would indeed be a hopeless cause which could not command a *little* following, and after Mr. Chalmers has feasted on turkey in the shape of *twenty* papers, he is not the man to object to Mr. Hill having the crumbs, in the shape of two.

To us in the "States," it matters little how Canada thinks, as she is a very small speck on the philatelic horizon, and to attempt to compare the influence of the two associations, is like making a comparison of strength between the lion and the lamb. To me the only wonder is that the C. P. A. did not *follow* the A. P. A. in the Chalmers matter, as in everything else, but it probably is only a matter of a short time before they will do so, as the C. P. A. is composed of so many from the United States that a vote would come close.

It is useless for Mr. Hooper, or any one else in Canada, "who takes little interest in American philatelic matters," to attempt in the excuse of their zeal, to give a false opinion of the feeling in the A. P. A., regarding the Chalmers matter, because that feeling has *twice* been put on record, and to try to show it in any other light is prevarication.

If Mr. Hooper wants Mr. Hill to know the true feeling among Americans, let him write him that Mr. Chalmers was endorsed at Chicago, on the strength of living witnesses; let him write him that the succeeding convention, held in a city 1,300 miles distant from the other, by a unanimous vote, refused to open the matter, and if that news is not pleasing enough, he might tell him that the cause of Mr. Chalmers is growing day by day, and the indications are that in a little while, every barrier will be broken down in favor of "*an honorary member of thirty-seven American Societies.*"—*Aleah Davison.*

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC PRESS ASS'N.

During the past month several more members have been added to the already long list; one more copy of the constitution has been returned, but still another is missing. The Organization Committee have decided to issue a call for an election of officers to be held on March 12th next. Nominations are now in order, and must be sent in to the Secretary pro tem. before February 25th. The officers to be elected are a pres., vice-pres., sec'y and treasurer, the same to hold office until the next meeting (October). On February 26th every member will be notified by mail of all such nominations as have been made, and will be requested to mail his vote so that the same will reach the committee on or before March 12th.

If you are a philatelic editor or publisher, or in any wise connected with the publication of a periodical devoted entirely or partially to philatelic matters, you would be serving your own interests by joining the A. P. P. A.

It is very likely that soon after the permanent organization is effected several departments will be opened, through which members can receive all the latest news as to philatelic events, new issues, recent counterfeits, discoveries, and all other items of interest appertaining to stamps and stamp collecting. Members will also be supplied each month with names and addresses of stamp collectors who would be likely to subscribe on receipt of a sample copy. Other departments are also in contemplation, which will greatly benefit all the members.

The benefits of such an association are many and cannot be obtained without the united efforts of the philatelic press of the country. Will you not therefore become one of us, and help us in our efforts to place philately and philatelic journalism where it really belongs, at the head of the grand procession of the the various collecting pursuits? The following are additional members to be added to those already published in the December and January issues of this paper:

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For further particulars address the Secretary *pro tem., Gustav Auc, P. O. Box 288, Bloomfield, New Jersey.*

NEW YORK NOTES.

Dr. D. S. McArthur of La Crosse, Wis., has been in New York for some time past. The doctor is one of the early A. P. A. members.

The *Empire State Philatelist* is to be resurrected. Mr. Harry Calvert, the proprietor, intends to bring it up to its former high standard. We wish him success.

Dr. Mitchell read an interesting paper at the meeting of the National Society, held on Jan. 23rd, on the stamps of the Mercantile Library Association of New York.

Mr. Alfred L. Holman, President of the Chicago Philatelic Society and Editor-in-Chief of the *Philatelic Gazette*, was in New York last month and attended one of the meetings of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club.

The late Mr. Voight's finest stampcollection has been placed in the hands of Messrs. R. R. Bogert & Co for sale, by the executors. The collection contains many varieties.

Mr. Theodore Siddal of Philadelphia spent a couple of weeks in New York. He was at Scott's recent Auction Sales and attended the National Society's meeting on the 23rd. His plan of mounting cut envelope stamps is certainly very unique and pleasing to the eye.

The New York Exchange Branch of the A. P. A. held a meeting on January 9th last and elected Mr. R. R. Bogert Exchange Manager, in the place of Mr. Corvin, resigned.

Stamp collecting and stamp dealing, have within the past few months been tip top, to use the expression of one of New York's prominent dealers. The excellent impetus which our interesting pursuit has received will no doubt increase as the days go by.

Another new stamp publication, *Philately*, is announced. It will make its appearance from New York on or about the 15th inst. Messrs. Wylie & Holmes are the publishers. Good luck to you, brethren, there is plenty of room at the top.

Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell is hard at work on his History of the Local Stamps of the United States. It will appear both in book form and in instalments in the *Philatelic Journal of America*. The Doctor is booked to read an essay on the Pomroy Express Stamps at the next meeting of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, to be held on Feb. 6th.

Messrs. Bogert & Co. will hold their eleventh auction sale on Feb. 25th and 26th. The collection comprises the celebrated Castle collection of postal cards and envelopes. Catalogues of this as well as of all future sales will be mailed free of charge to all applicants. Address R. R. Bogert & Co., Tribune Building, New York.

The Staten Island Philatelic Society, meets every third Wednesday at Loescher's Hotel, Canal street, Stapleton, Staten Island. 72 names of members grace its rolls. The meetings are very entertaining, interesting and instructive. This society has been the means of bringing into existence the finest and best stamp album, a permanent and useful article which every advanced collector should possess.

The special attraction of the meetings of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club is the reading of an able essay on some philatelic topic, at each meeting. These essays are very interesting and instructive and the attendance at these meetings is by no means small as fully 20 members are earnest listeners to the various philatelic matters that are discussed.

The membership of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, has reached 32 members, 26 of whom are active, 5 honorary and one corresponding. The Club is in excellent financial condition, and is rapidly progressing. All Brooklynites of a philatelic turn of mind would do well to pay the club a visit. They have excellent apartments (in fact the finest of any similar organization), at No. 85 & 87 Court street, Brooklyn.

The stamp collection of Capt. Moeller which is being contributed to by many of the members of the Staten Island Society, has assumed good shape and is at present of considerable numbers. Capt. Moeller it will be remembered, lost his excellent collection and all his other effects, in August last, in the collision of two ocean steamers, one of which, the Geiser, he was commanding officer of.

Mr. Arthur E. Tuttle has entered into the well-known stamp firm of R. R. Bogert & Co., which will hereafter be composed of Mr. Bogert and Mr. Tuttle. This firm is noted for its honest and square dealing, and determined stand against the reprint. Their large stock of stamps includes nearly all the varieties issued, and every stamp sold by them is sold exactly for what it is, a genuine original.

At the Fair of the German Hospital of New York, which will be held in the Metropolitan Rink, a collection of stamps will be exhibited and then sold, the profits will go to the Hospital fund. Mr. Dejonge, the President of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, who has ably undertaken to secure some specimens of the collection, would be pleased to receive any specimens that are sent to him for that purpose.

The National Philatelical Society has fully 120 actual members on its rolls. A record hard to beat, by any local society. This society is now in a more healthful state than it has ever been. The benefits a member receives are many and repay him doubly, aye, many times the amount of the dues, which are but $2.00 per annum. The Society meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 156 Second Avenue, New York, at 7:30 P. M.

The Eden Musee Stamp Exhibit Committee have made considerable progress in the preparation of the exhibit which will be held in the early part of this month. Specimens of postage and revenue stamps as well as stamped envelopes, entire and cut, and entire postal cards of every stamp issuing country will be on exhibition. The exhibits will be arranged in an elaborate and artistic manner, and will without doubt far excel all previous attempts of the kind.

At a recent meeting of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, Mr. Corwin read a very able essay on the postage stamps of the Confederate States Government. The essay was descriptively illustrated by the exhibition of Mr. Corwin's fine collection of these stamps, including many hundred varieties. The article gives each issue as correct a data as Mr. Corwin has been able to ascertain, it also proves beyond doubt of the real authentic issue of the perforated stamps of the Confederate States. The article will probably appear in an early issue of the *American Philatelist*.

The Liverpool Philatelic Society (a branch of the International Philatelic Union) was recently organized. The opening meeting was held on Nov. 24th last. The officers elected are: President, G. Birtwhistle; Vice-President, J. H. T. Cottier; Secretary and Treasurer, E. A. Aldercreutz. Executive Committee, Messrs. J. Brigham, R. D. Samuel, and F. J. Hawkins.

THE recent London Stamp auction sale is considered quite a success. Another one will soon take place, probably early this month. Among the rarities catalogued is an error of the U. S. 1869, 24c. bicolored stamp. 150 collectors attended the sale held on Nov. 24th last, among them were Mr. T. K. Tapling, M. P., Mr. F. A. Filbrick, Q. C., Mr. E. D. Bacon, Mr. Douglas Garth, and Mr. Edmund Shorthouse.

MR. BIRTWHISTLE, of Liverpool will soon issue a Directory of Stamp Collectors, mostly of Great Britain.

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N. E. CARTER.

Mr. N. E. Carter, the subject of this month's sketch, was born at Darien Wis., on October 4th., 1870. In 1883 he went to Delavan, in the same State, where he is at present located. He is but eighteen years of age, and the youngest of the prominent Philatelists, whose portraits have graced the pages of the LEDGER from month to month. He became interested in stamps and stamp collecting, early in 1881 and has ever since been an ardent philatelist and if appearances are not deceitful will always remain one.

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As a writer, Mr. Carter has had considerable experience, having contributed to the philatelic press for several years. In 1887 he published, in connection with Mr. Judson, of the same town, the initial number of the Badger State Philatelist. Mr Carter undertook the entire management of the paper after No. 3 appeared.

With the December number, he commenced the publication of a series of portraits of prominent philatelists which will in the course of time be one of the special features of his publication.

As a dealer, Mr. Carter has been quite successful. He has dealt in stamps since 1884, and has, through earnest and energetic efforts, built up a good and substantial stamp trade. He has quite a large stock of U. S. stamps on hand, and although he could have disposed of them in bulk some time ago, he concluded to hold on to them a while longer, and realize the increase in prices that were sure to follow.

Heraldry as Applied to Philately.

I am aware that I have chosen a very difficult subject, but I do not desire to go into it deeply, but simply to give my own ideas, and what I have learned regarding it. In Vol. 4, of the *Philatelic Gazette*, there appeared a series of articles, of which the last one was advertised to be on the subject that I have chosen. I waited patiently for it to appear, but was disappointed: either it was forgotten, or the author "bit off more than he could chew." As far as I can learn, there is, properly speaking, no "heraldry as applied to philately," and I do not assert this on my own authority only. Heraldry is really the last thing that designers of stamps think of. The artist gets orders to design a stamp in accordance with a law or decree, or the order of an official and if it is to bear the arms of a state or city, simply takes the authorized representations of such emblems from some seal or painted or printed representation, and that is all he thinks about, so far as heraldry is concerned: the rest he makes up according to orders or fancy. Now in studying

this subject, if we go far back into the past, and find the heraldric description of the arms of all the various countries, etc., that appear on the stamps, we have a very long, dry and unintelligible lot of descriptions, and I for one would know very little more than I did when I started.

In fact it frequently happens that not only in stamps but also in the representations of arms one sees painted and printed, that the artist has not confined himself to the proper reproduction, either because he was ignorant or neglectful, or because he sought to improve the artistic effect; if he dislikes the looks of a black ground, he makes it white, if he dislikes the vertical lines he makes them horizontal, irrespective of the fact that each has its meaning, and thus produces argent when he should produce ermine, or gules for azure or any thing else. In stamps that were engraved separately on the plate I might cite instances where a variety of changes are thus produced, because the artist has neglected these points. Back beyond the heraldric description we generally strike a law or edict, and behind all is the history of the arms, which led to the particular election of emblems. Consequently the subject of "heraldry as applied to philately" brings in pretty much the whole of the science as applied of the arms and bearings of states, provinces, etc.. The subject is broad and though several attempts have been made to exhaust it, I have seen no thorough treatise on it yet.

Take for instance the arms and flag of the United States alone. A book of no mean size might be written about them.

The arms of each of the United States are defined by some law of the state or territory which they represent. There is an entire library to be consulted if one desires to thoroughly understand the subject. I have heard of a work that discourses pretty fully the arms of all countries, and that, I think, would answer for the subject of "heraldry as applied to philately."

However, most philatelist are content to let heraldry alone until they are pretty well versed in the rest of their hobby, and I for one think they show good common sense. Heraldry had its origin and birth in the holy wars, so it is not very old; but the feudal lord and his frowing fortress, the mailed knight and the tournament have long since passed away, and I think heraldry had better pass away, leaving also only just enough to enable the collector to describe whatever arms he finds on the various stamps.

R. W. BURCHARD.

THE MERCHANTS LINE TELEGRAPH.



In a recent issue of the LEDGER an article appeared on the stamps of this telegraph company which were issued and used in Providence, R. I. Since the publication of that article, discussion has arisen as to the true philatelic value and character of the various stamps issued by this line. If it is true, that these stamps were used only as labels, and had no meaning or significance whatever, nor represented any value,—paid or unpaid, then they have no philatelic value or character attached to them; but it is impossible to decide this question with certainity, we therefore announce ourselves "on the fence" and await further developments. Of course, if these Providence stamps are nothing but labels, the New York type in our opinion is the same, and should likewise be condemed. A certain firm of stamp dealers in New York City have taken this view of the case and offer to refund the amounts paid for all such stamps sold by them.

NEW YORK NOTES.

The last meeting of the National Philatelical Society, held on March 13th, was largely attended. Among the visitors was Mr. MacCalla of Philadelphia.

Major E. B. Evans and his brother, Dr Evans, were present at the last meeting of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club. During the day they visited the Eden Musee, and were among the many visitors who inspected the great stamp exhibit, at present on exhibition there. The major's opinion of the exhibit—its contents and arrangement,—is highly in favor of it.

Mr. J. W. Scott, the retired stamp dealer, is not connected, either financially or otherwise with the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., limited, as many believe. He has been out of the stamp business for many years. It is stated that during his time he had made over a quarter of a million dollars out of the stamp business.

The great stamp exhibition opened at the Eden Musee on March 11th and not February 25th, as several papers have stated. The exhibition will remain open until April 16th. Every boy who visits the exhibition is presented with a packet of assorted foreign stamps, free of charge. This, I believe, is done so as to encourage the youngsters to start a collection.

Among the local posts opperating several years ago, only two remain,—Hussey's and Boyd's. Both of them are still in running order, but their business at the present day is nothing in comparison to that done by them in the days of their prime. No label or adhesive stamp is used by them now, although they do stamp the various letters and parcels with a rubber stamp bearing the name and address of the post.

Dr. Mitchell exhibited a used specimen of the Ledger Despatch at a recent meeting of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club. This specimen is the only used stamp of this post known to exist. The Doctor also interested the members of the National Society and Brooklyn Philatelic Club, at their meeting, with an exhibition of his favorite polyopticon, with which he portrayed stamps and objects of a more or less philatelic nature.

Messrs. R. R. Bogert & Co. have issued a neat Post Card Catalogue, printed in two colors. Price, 25 cents. Mr. Bogert being an acknowledged authority on post cards, the accuracy of the work can be safely relied upon.

On Wednesday evening, March 23rd, a large number of the members of the National, Brooklyn and Staten Island Philatelic Socities, attended the great stamp exhibition at the Eden Musee in a body, They enjoyed themselves to their hearts content, and after viewing the exhibit, proceeded to explore the many nicks and crevices of the Musee, and witnessed the performance of the Hungarian Band and the comical Russians.

Mr. C. A. Burger, of New York, has recently had some experience with coat thieves. One of those highly respected personages took posession of Mr. Burger's coat, which was hanging in the hall of his residence and contained some $400 worth of postage stamps. The thief evidently was not a collector, for he sold $200 worth of the stamps to a dealer for two dollars; the balance of stamps have not yet been found. Mr. Burger has notified all stamp dealers of the matter, and requested them to be on the alert for the thief.

New York is striving hard to obtain the 1890 A. P. A. convention. Although nothing has been done, outwardly, it is evident that the rapid strides of the metropolis has taken, within the past few months, indicates the desire of the resident philatelists, to take the lead of all the other sections in the race for the convention seat. New York has the largest local philatelic society in existence, as well as the oldest, there being nearly 150 members on its roll. Brooklyn and Staten Island each have a prominint philatelic society, and are but a short distance from New York, in fact only across the river. About one-fifth of the A .P. A. are within 25 miles of New York, and it certainly would be an easy matter to have a convention, if held in New York, with one-fifth of the membership present in person.

The next Auction Sale of R. R. Bogert & Co, will occur on the evening of, Monday, May 6th, at 7.30 P. M , at Leavitt's, 789 Broadway, New York. The sale was originally set down for April 29th, but was postponed on account of the Centennial celebration. Among the rare stamps to be sold are a number of fine U. S. including Providence 5 and 10c.; New York 3c. on blue glazed paper, and 5c, black, several 90c. 1869 issue, Post Obitum, Periodicals 1865 issue including 5c. blue border, 1875-85 issue 1c. to $60., State $2, $5, $10 and $20, unused, Baton Rouge 5c. used, on original envelope, a great rarity in superb condition as well as specimens from Charleston, Fredricksburg, Knoxville, Lynchburg, Mobile, Memphis, Nashville, New Orleans and Petersburg and many other rarities.

It is known that the sheet of Antioquia 1886, 2½c. contained only 49 stamps, one near the lower left corner being always cut out. An inquiry addressed to the Post-office authorities there elicited the reply that when the sheets were delivered by the printer the stamp was always missing. We have, however, lately seen an entire sheet uncut, and find only a blank space, showing that the stamp was defective in some way and was cut out of the plate.—*Philatelic World.*

From the *N. Y. Times* we learn that an officer of the U. S. S. S. Galena, when purchasing stamps of Hayti at the Post-office there, was informed they would not be received for postage unless Gen Solomon was stood on his head when placed on the letter. We have heard of many inverted surcharges, but this is the first instance of an inverted stamp.—*Philatelic World.*

"The N. Y. Philatelist," is the name of a new stamp paper which will appear from New York, on May 1st. Three young stamp collectors, practical printers as well, will undertake to furnish a good readable, eight page, stamp journal each month, which will do credit to the "philatelic metropolis." The publishers are Kiessling & Co., which is composed of Otto Kiessling, G. G. Kiessling and Henry Sabel, Jr.

Advertise and you'll always thrive.—*Erastus Wiman.*

EDITORIAL.

The New Brunswick Philatelic Association of St. John, N. B., has a very neat and attractive membership card. indeed the finest we have yet seen.

Our grand premium offer is still open! If you are not already a subscriber you should not d lay any longer see our offer on page 184. It is to your benefit to subscribe.

Mr. J. W. Scott evidently believes in the usefulness of the reprint, which is characterized in the reprints of the essay he read before the Brooklyn Philatelic Club at a recent meeting, and which has appeared in several of the philatelic papers lately.

This issue of the LEDGER is a little behind time, occasioned by the change of printers. The April number will be out on April 15th or before, and the succeeding numbers on the first of each month thereafter. Advertisements for the April number must be received by us on or before April 10th, in order to insure insertion in that number.

The all absorbing topics, the Reprint and Revenue questions are receiving considerable attention in the philatelic press at present. As regards the former, we are in favor of condemning all reprints of no postal value; in the latter case, we are "on the fence," and await further discussion with considerable anxiety.

The *Texas Philatelic Journal* is a new one just arrived from Paris, Texas; Edgar T. Neville is both editor and proprietor. It promises to excel all former attempts in philatelic journalism in the "Sunny South."

Messrs. Mason & Co., of Boston, intend to continue the publication of their well known old-timer "*Mason's Coin and Stamp Collector's Magazine* upon their returu from Europe, probably in September of this year.

In our February number, we made mention of three varities in the type of the 3 Pfennige Saxony 1850; it appears that there was 144 stamps printed on a sheet, in 12 rows of 12 each, and the sheet consisting of 16 blocks, each block consisting of 9 distinct varieties.

Messrs. Gustav Aue & Co., of Bloomfield, New Jersey, have been the lucky purchasers of many large philatelic libraries and stocks of philatelic literature. They purchased some months since, the entire philatelic library of Geo. H. Richmond 1,500 pieces and also that of F. A. Armfield of 400 pieces, and many more. The stocks they purchased include, Mr. E. W. Voute's entire stock of back numbers of the *Figaro*, and all the back numbers of the *Mohawk Standard* and *Collectors' Standard*, from the late publishers.

Many collectors have wisely undertaken the formation of a philatelic library, and many who already possessed one, have completed their files of the various stamp papers and magazines. The usefulness of a philatelic library cannot be underestimated. The great source of informations accessable to the possessor of such a library, has in many cases paid the cost of the various files many times over. It is a pleasure to look back over the past years and see what was done in philatelic circles at that time, to note the enormous strides philately and philatelic journalism have taken, and to refresh one's memory of certain events which transpired long ago.

It is surprising to note the enormous advance in the prices of various stamps, during the past few years. Take for instance, our several department stamps; the present prices, when compared with those of several years past, indicate a great scarcity of these particular stamps, and the enormous demand for them, which indeed, seems greater than the supply, makes it impossible for many dealers to supply them. Many collectors believe that several dealers have large stocks of them on hand, and are only keeping them in order to obtain still higher prices. This may or may not be true, but nevertheless it is evident, to the thoughtful minds of the average reader, that but a very small percentage of the department stamps issued, are at the present day in collections, or in the hand of collectors, but that the major part of them are in the possession of dealers or other individuals. While we were in Washington last October we made the acquaintance of a gentleman who showed us more department stamps, than the stocks of all the New York stamp dealers combined. contain. This person is not a dealer, nor even a stamp collector, he is simply hording these particular stamps, because he knows their value, and that each day still further increases their value. How many government clerks possess quantities of these stamps it is hard to tell, but the number is not small by any means. We stumbled across three while at the Capitol, and all unexpectedly.

I would as soon think of closing up my business as to stop advertising.—*John Wanamaker.*

The Collectors' Standard's Farewell.

The last number of the *Collectors' Standard*, (August,) has been mailed; with that number it voluntarily retires from the journalistic field.

We have only two reasons for our retirement:

First,—Our lack of physical strength. Having been an invalid for the last five years.

Second,—Our other business affairs compel us to devote more time to them, since the death of our worthy father. Having to uuload our shoulders of something, we have decided to transfer our subscription list to the COLLECTORS' LEDGER, which paper will fill all unexpired subscriptions.

We commenced the publication of *The Mohawk Standard* in March, 1886, under quite adverse circumstances, but by honesty and perserverance we built up a sound reputation and a creditable journal. In June 1887, Mr. E. J. Klock entered into partnership with us, for one year, when he retired.

In June 1888, we changed the name to *The Collectors' Standard.* Thirty numbers in all have been issued. It is with sincere regret that we lay down our pen and retire from active service. During the past two aud a half years, we have endeavored to do our duty, regardless of trusts and syndicates. We are egotistical enough to believe that we retire with as few enemies as any publishers ever did. We arrayed ourselves on the side of decency and honor in regard to theFraser—Hechler matter, and shall be heard from again in that direction. We have made many friends, whom we will always gratefully remember. To those who have supported us in the past, we hope you will still be ready to stand by our worthy successor, THE *Collectors Ledger*

Fratternally Yours,

DELTA, N. Y. C. D. SMITH.

As the successors of the *Collectors' Standard*, we will fill its subscription list, sending to everone on its list, a copy of the Ledger for every copy of the Standard they were entitled to receive. We have commenced doing this with the February number of the Ledger, a copy of which was sent to every one on the Standard's list.

Our pursuit is receiving further recognition at the hands of the business populace of this country. A certain Newark, N. J., carpet cleaning establishment has an illustration of aJapanese stamp printed in the upper right hand corner of the envelopes they use; over this illustration the ordinary U. S. postage stamps are placed, when a letter enclosed in one of the envelopes is mailed.

The American Philatelic Press Association.

The completion of the above named association is rapidly progressing. An election for officers is at present being had. It is to be hoped that none but good men, who have the good of the association at heart, and who have the energy in them to push this project in every legitimate way, and thus make a success of it from the start, will be elected.

The benefits to be derived from being a member have already been clearly set forth in these columns before; they will with certainty repay the amount of the annual dues many times over. It is to be hoped that no philatelic publisher, no matter how large or small his experience is, will fail to become a member from the very start. A good deal of the success of the asseciation depends on the members, and the larger the membership, the more the success.

Other branches of journalism have their press associations, why cannot we have ours? Certainly, we do not lack in numbers nor experience. Look at the many journals and magazines we produce, some of which outrival some of the popular monthlies.

If you are a publisher, or editor, or connected in any way with the publication of a philatelic periodical, join our ranks without delay. Help the good cause.

The following are to be added to the already long list of members previously published.

W. A. Mac Calla	*Quaker City Philatelist.*
Percival Parrish,	*R. I. Philatelist.*
D. B. Crockett,	*American Stamp.*
G. G Kiessling,	*N. Y. Philatelist.*

Further information will be cheerfully furnished by the *Secretary pro tem,*

Gustav Aue, P. O. Box 288, *Bloomfield, N. J.*

The collecting of postage stamps rages with more or less intensity all over the world. There are places where they are bought and sold in many of the large cities. On a corner of the Champs Elysees of Paris, near the Circus building, you can see a crowd of men and boys assembled every Sunday afternoon, with little books in their hands which they are carefully studying and comparing. They are stamp collectors, and they meet to hold a stamp exchange. Old stamps are exchanged, bought and sold, and the rivalry to possess something very rare in that line will sometimes run it up to a high figure.—*Texas Siftings.*

THE GREAT STAMP EXHIBIT.

On March 11th, a very valuable and large collection of postage and revenue stamps, entire stamped envelopes and post cards was placed on exhibition in the Eden Musee, in 23rd street, New York. The collection is the private property of members of the National, Brooklyn, and Staten Island Philatelic Societies and in its present state is believed to be the largest in existence. Its value is estimated at about $50,000. Specimens from every stamp issuing country in the world and from the time that stamps were first invented down to the present day can be found in this great exhibition.



Among the rarities on exhibition will be noticed the rare St. Louis 20c., the New Haven envelope stamp, (both of which are valued at $500 apiece) the Baltimore and Brattleboro rarities (valued at $200 apiece). All four of which are exhibited by Mr. Scott. The regular U. S. issues are also



exhibited by the same gentlemen, including the rare 1869 errors 15c., and 24c. with central design inverted. Many of the rare local stamps are also here exhibited.



The United States stamped envelopes, entire, have a conspicuous place in the exhibit. Mounted in two fine frames, Mr. H. N. Terrett exhibits some of the rare gems from his superb envelope collection. The post cards of the world are exhibited by Mr Henry Collin in another fine frame near the entrance to the hall. They are elaborately and tastefully arranged and attract immediate attention. The U. S. Revenue stamps are not forgotten. Mr Julius Adenaw, better known as "Bismark," has an excellent collection of these stamps, including the great rarities in document, match and medicine revenues.



The stamps of the Confederate States are exhibited by Mr. Scott. Among the rarities is a unique New Orleans stamp valued at $500. All the other varities in this line are also





there, as well as the regular series.

After the stamps of the Confederacy come the foreign headed by Angola, exhibited by Mr. Hugo S. Mack, complete. Mr. Mack also exhibits Brazil, including the great rarities. Mr. R. Wuesthoff exhibits his fine collection of British Guiana's, which cannot be duplicated in this country. Buenos Ayres is ably represented by specimens from Mr. W. C. Bowers' collection. Canada is exhibited by Mr. Scott, and a fine display it is. Mr. Robt. C. H. Brock, of Philadelphia, has his beautiful collection of Cape of Good Hope stamps on exhibition, including the 1 p *blue* and 4 p *read* "wood block" errors. Also the errors in the surcharged 3 pence: THREE, THREE and PENCE all rare and curious. Cape Verde, including a complete sheet of the stamps of this country with the error, a stamp bearing the name MOCAMBIQUE instead of CABO VERDE, as all the others, is exhibited by Mr. Chas. Gregory. A fine collection of Ceylon stamps is exhibited by Mr. Corwin, 429 specimens all told. Cuba is finely displayed by Mr. Aug. Dejonge, while the Dominican Republic is ably represented in specimens from the collection of Mr. Scott. Finland with its rare envelopes are exhibited by Mr. Wm. Thorn. The French Colonies stamps present a fine appearance, among them will be found the special series of stamps for each settlement. A pair of Reunion Islands, black on blue paper, is valued at $750, and will be found in the exhibition. These are exhibited by Mr. Henry L. Calman.









Greece is elaborately displayed in a beautiful

frame by Mr. E. L. Schumann. The Paris and Athens prints are all there. Grenada is exhibited





by Mr. Corwin to great advantage. The great rarities, the first set Hawaiin Islands, valued far above $2,000, are exhibited by Mr. Scott. The other issues are also exhibited.



Mr. R. R. Bogert has a fine collection of the stamps of the protected states of the British Empire in India. The stamps, Lubeck, including the error, are exhibited by Mr. Corwin. Mauritius is exhibited by Mr. Scott. Here again we find many rarities. Complete sheets of the 1 and 2 p. stamps are exhibited and show the difference in the stamps. Mexico and Natal are exhibited by Mr. Scott as well. NewBrunswick, New Foundland and Nova Scotia are all mounted on one sheet, and are from Mr. Wuesthoff's fine collection. All the shilling rarities are here as well as the Connell. Mr. H. L. Calman has a fine display of NewSouthWales, especially the Sydney views. Paraguay







comes to the front with Hugo S. Mack, who





exhibits an excellent collection of these stamps. Peru with its many surcharges is also represented





Mr. G. M. Williamson furnishing the specimens.





Phillipine Islands finely is exhibited with stamps from Mr. Thorn's collection, a very fine display indeed. Poland with its solitary adhesive stamp and stamped envelopes is exhibited by Mr. Gregory. Portuguese Indies is exhibited by Mr. Wuesthoff, Queensland by Mr. Thorn. Roumania with its rarities are shown to advantage by Mr. Corwin as well as St. Helena and St. Lucia. Spain is finely illustrated with stamps from the collection of Mr. Gregory. Switzerland, with its rare cantonals, is admirably presented by Mr. Scott. Tuscany is there, finely displayed by Mr. Corwin. The stamps of the U. S. of Colombia are from the collection of Mr. Henry Clotz.

I have only selected the most attractive and rare stamps, for to mention every country would double aye, triple the size of this article. The exhibition presents an exceptional fine appearance and is pleasing to the eye, both of the experienced and in-experienced.

Catalogues of the collection are kept in the gallery and can be had at 10 cents each. The cost of arranging the collection on exhibition will amount to several hundred dollars, but the great benefit to the three societies as well as to philately cannot be over estimated. We hope that this exhibit will be followed by others in the near furture. The exhibit will close on April 16.

Deal only with those who advertise—you wil never regret it.—*Ben. Franklin.*

Success depends upon a liberal patronage of printing offices.—*J. J. Astor.*

The road to fortune is through printers ink.—*P. T. Barnum.*

The TEN CENTS Confederate States Fraud.



This stamp, of which the accompanying illustration is a fair representation, has been the cause of considerable trouble in the philatelic ranks for some time past. Many collectors are aware that a certain ingenius book seller in Atlanta, Ga., is the direct cause of the existence of this fraud.

He had sheets of 70 stamps, like the above, printed in pale blue, and afterwards in carmine. On the reverse of each sheet appears the portrait and advertisement of "the Napoleon of the Book Trade South," then follows five lies, one after another, as to the genuineness of the stamps, and the paper they are printed on, as well as to the die from which they are printed, also a price list of confederate money he has for sale.

That no genuine stamp of this description ever existed I do not doubt; and the proof already brought forth fully substantiates my belief. Col. Offutt late Chief of the Contract Bureau of the Confederate States Post Office Department, states that this stamp never existed; but inasmuch as a certain firm of stamp dealers, catalogue the stamp in question, it is about time that the true character of the stamp be made known.

The writer has inspected several specimens of this fraud, as well as several entire sheets, one of which is quite a curiosity in itself, on one side of the sheet the stamps are printed in pale blue and on the other side in carmine. No doubt this sheet is an "error," but of very little philatelic value.

A certain firm of stamp dealers in New York, sold quite a number of these pale blue stamps as genuine originals, receiving the modest sum of 20 cents for each. I happen to be one of the "lucky" purchasers, and noticing that my specimen had altogether too much paper on the back, I proceeded to get it off, and discovered when I was done, that there was lettering on the back of the stamp, which aroused my suspicions as to their genuineness

At last I managed to obtain an entire sheet and then I was fully convinced that the TEN CENTS Confederate State stamp, shown above, *is a fraud*.

GUSTAV AUE.



WILMINGTON, (N. C.)—The appended illustration shows another fraud, which has been hoisted on to the market by some unscrupulous individual, evidently for personal gain. Try as I might, I cannot ascertain the locality from which this fraud appeared, but I have lingering suspicions that probably S. Allen Taylor knows a thing or two about it; at any rate it is a fraud, and collectors not versed in this class of stamps, will do well to let them alone.

A. P. A. NOTES.

The A. P. A. membership has reached number 761. At the present rate we will have between 850 and 900, when the next annual convention takes place in St. Louis in October of this year.

In the January *American Philatelist*, appears an article on the Formosa labels, chronicled by nearly every philatelic paper as postage stamps, as soon as their existence became known. They have turned out to be nothing more than labels.

There are still three vacancies in the offices of the A. P. A! Cino's shoes are awaiting a tenant. This gentleman has made himself obnoxious to a number of members of late. His manner of managing his department is quite faulty, and has been of considerable annoyance to the members.

The Constitution and By-Laws are printed and have been mailed to the members. Quite a number of typographical errors are in it; here is a chance for Mr. Corwin to introduce some amendments at the next convention. Wonder if he will be there?

The March number of the *American Philatelist* shows signs of excellent health. Its 22 pages of advertisements contain many good bargains. Its reading matter is of a good quality and unsurpassed by any other similiar publication. In the March issue, Horner's History and and Catalogue of the Stamped Envelopes of the United States is being reprluted. This work is invaluable to stamped envelope collectors and is recognized as *the* standard authority among them.

The *American Philatelist* for February is especially fine and overflowing with excellent articles. However, one of them, by that old timer, William P. Brown, is entirely out of place in the official journal. We are surprised that the editors should admit such petty jealous attempts, as Billy Brown's latest effusion on "How to make a Stamp Paper Pay."

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GUSTAV AUE, BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

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