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U. S. Gold Dollars and The Mints.

It is necessary to first purify the gold to make the gold dollars. Gold is never found in the pure state, but is associated with silver.

When a quantity of pure gold for dollars is required, the following process is found necessary:---It is found that gold resists all acid, but when melted with ten times its weight of silver, the silver is easily dissolved out by nitric acid, leaving the pure metallic gold. After washing free from acid, it is once more melted with one tenth its weight of pure copper, thus securing the United States fineness, .900 fine. Afterwards, rolled into bars of required thickness, the discs or planchets of the proper size are punched out, making them ready for the coining press.

A peculiar circumstance is the fact that Uncle Sam strikes gold dollars at a loss. He makes the dies free, copper free, and work free, making a loss on each dollar.

THE MINTS.

The first United States Mint was established under the personal supervision of President George Washington on Seventh Street, Philadelphia, in 1792, and was so well constructed by our ever faithful Quaker friends, a monument to their integrity, that it still stands in good preservation today.

General Jackson's well known aversion to paper money, and "shin plasters," caused an act of Congress to be passed, empowering the mint authorities to obtain larger quarters. The new location was secured on Chestnut Street, and in 1832 the Mint was completed. A few years ago, this mint was found inadequate, and the new magnificent granite

structure on Spring Garden Street resulted.

A company of United States Regular soldiers is on guard to insure protection for the many millions of gold and silver stored in its vaults.

The Mint collection contains several thousand pieces, United States, Ancient, and Medals.

The Hydraulic Coining presses exert a pressure of five hundred tons, and are viewed from a raised platform. Coins struck at this Mint lack the mint mark.

The Mint at Charlotte, N. C., was erected in 1835. Burned in 1844, rebuilt in 1846. Discontinued in 1862. Coins from this mint bear the Mint mark "C".

The Dahlonega (Ga.) Mint commenced coining gold only in 1838. Closed by War in 1862. The building is now occupied by an educational institution. The name Dahlonega is an Indian word signifying Yellow Money. The population is about four hundred, and a weekly newspaper is established. The Mint mark is "D".

The New Orleans (La.) Mint has been located since 1838 in the same low limestone building, coining continuously gold and silver, with the exception of a few years during the Civil War, when it was closed for lack of bullion. The Mint mark is "O".

The Carson City (Nevada) Mint started in 1870. Coining is now discontinued, the Mint being used only as an assay office. The Mint mark is "CC".

The San Francisco (Calif.) Mint commenced coining in 1854. During the recent earthquake, no material injury re-

sulted to its fine collection, loaned to it for safe keeping by the Old Settlers' Association of California. The Mint mark is 'S'.

The Denver (Colo.) Mint started business in 1907, with the latest improvements and most powerful machinery. We wish to compliment its Superintendent, as his productions are, or seem to be, all proofs. The Mint mark is 'D', the same as Dhalonega.

The first regular issue of United States Gold Dollars occurred in 1849, at P., C., D., and O. Mints. Obverse: Liberty head facing left. Diadem inscribed "LIBERTY". Hair knotted, bangs, and curls on neck, and surrounded by thirteen stars in a circle. Reverse: 1 DOLLAR 1849 in three lines. Wreath of Laurel branches and berries, held together with a ribbon tied in a bow. Size 8, weight 25.8 grains. 1850-1-2-3 same type continued.

In the second coinage a change is noted, the dies being very similar to the three dollar gold piece. Obverse: A Liberty head facing left. A Diadem inscribed "LIBERTY", two strings of pearls, surmounted by Ostrich Plumes. Hair loose, large curls on neck, "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" in a circle around. Reverse: 1 DOLLAR 1854, in three lines, surrounded by Wreath of Wheat, Corn and Cotton.

Third coinage, 1856 to 1889. Obverse: Head of Liberty, wearing crown of ostrich plumes. Hair falling in folds on neck. Reverse: Same as second issue. Size 9, weight 25.8 grains.

This type remained unchanged until 1889, when the regular coinage was discontinued. During the last period, all after 1861 were struck at Philadelphia Mint, with the exception of 1870, S Mint. A commemorative dollar was struck in 1903 for McKinley and Jefferson, and in 1904 and 5 a similar piece for Lewis and Clark.

All the 'D' Mint dollars are excessively expensive in any date. Up to 1854 they bring \$10.00, 1855-6, \$100.00, 1860, \$125.00.

The Philadelphia Mint dollars of 1863, 4 and 5, cost about \$30.00, 1875, \$75.00.

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Collecting Old Coins.

COMPARATIVELY few young people realize that money is made by saving old coins, and that there is a possibility of making a fortune at it. There are old men in needy circumstances today who, if they had begun saving old coins when they were boys, would now be rich. Fifty years hence the coins in circulation today will have a value above their intrinsic worth. Some have it now. Some may not be worth more than a few cents premium, while others will be worth ten, twenty and forty times their face value.

Any coin made during the 70's, 60's, 50's or earlier is worth saving, and as time goes on will be worth a little more each year. But it is well to remember that coins are valuable not only on account of their age but also on account of their scarcity. Therefore, coins that are no longer made by the government are more valuable than coins of the same age that are still being produced.

It is little short of marvelous what some coins sell for nowadays. Not long ago a 3-pence copper coin made in New England in 1737 by a private citizen, before the United States began coining money, sold for \$275. A Virginia shilling sold for \$505. A 1792 silver center cent brought

\$402.50. A Carolina elephant half penny brought \$175. A Washington half dollar brought \$270. A 1793 United States dollar brought \$122. An 1838 United States dollar brought \$67.50. A United States half cent of 1796 brought \$60, and one of 1845, \$115, and other rare dates, -1831-36-40 to 1849 and 1852, -from \$30 to \$57. The J. J. Conway \$5 gold piece brought the good sum of \$3,200. The Cincinnati Mining Company \$10 gold piece, dated 1849, sold for \$3,000. Of the last mentioned coin only four specimens are in existence, which accounts for the high price received for this one.

A little money saved and invested in old coins by the young wage-earner every month would be a better investment than putting it into a bank at 4 per cent interest—even better than putting it into real estate, stocks or bonds. The young merchant can easily save every old coin that comes to him in ordinary business. He will not miss the money he ties up, and in time he will have a collection that will be valuable. Perhaps not in his life-time will it assume the proportions of a fortune, but certainly it will in the life of his children or grandchildren.

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stenographer working at \$75 per month who has for years been putting all his surplus money into old coins, and who has got together a good sized sack of them. He has several friends who collect for him. When this young man receives his check at the end of the month he takes it to the bank and gets the proceeds in silver, and when he reaches home he sorts out all coins made prior to 1889 and places them with his collection. Then he exchanges his newest coins at noon the next day for currency at some bank. He then goes to another bank and obtains silver for his currency. At night he goes through the same routine of sorting out the old coins from the new, and so on until he has spent all his newer money except enough to meet his expenses to next pay day. These old coins have but little premium value now, but by the time this collector is 70 or 75 years old he will possess a fortune.

Then there's a fascination about coin collecting—and the fascination grows. If one follows it up for two or three years he will hardly stop.

If he is ever financially embarrassed because so much money is invested in old coins, he can doubtless arrange with his banker to deposit his sack of coins

and receive other money for them, with the understanding that the sack is not to be opened, an equivalent amount of new money being deposited later to redeem the precious collection. As the collection becomes more and more valuable one would probably be justified in renting a safety deposit box and keeping the money there. Then, after he has accumulated a large collection of coins 50, 60 and 70 years old, he might want to rent a small store or office in some city or large town and set himself up as a dealer in old coins.—Isaac H. Motes, in Bookkeeper.

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COIN FACTS.

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Owing to the scarcity of copper coins during the reign of Philip IV of Spain, in 1660, the old copper coinage was repeatedly called in and counterstamped with new dates and ever decreasing values. These pieces still exist in large numbers, and are sometimes very puzzling, as their surface presents a mass of battered remnants of the original design and the later additions. Pieces were punched successively with XII, VIII, and VII., with a new date for each counterstamp, and so on. This was called for by the constant clipping that went on; for, however little profit could be extracted from a clipped coin, there seemed to be individuals who thought it worth their while to damage them.

\$10,000 FOR \$50 PIECES.

New York.—Two \$50 gold pieces struck from the United States mint at Philadelphia in 1877 were recently sold at the Numismatic Club to William H. Woodin, a wealthy collector of this city, for \$10,000 each, the highest price ever paid for an American coin. Both were perfect specimens.

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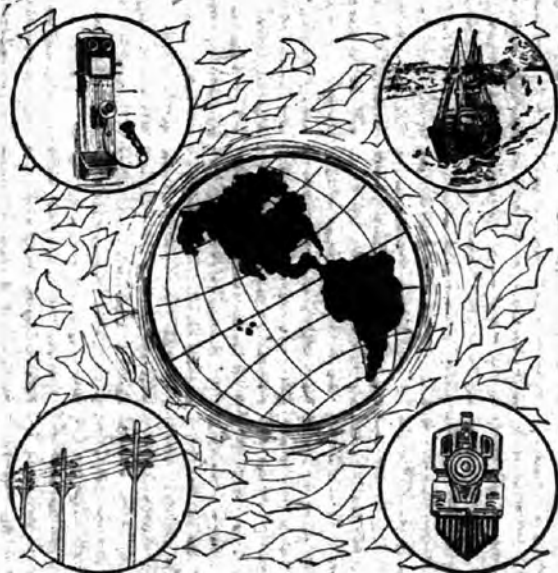
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bought a high-priced cigar and casually asked the storekeeper if he was still offering \$20 for 1909 pennies.

"We certainly are, if they have the designer's initials," said Carpenter.

"Well I have a few," said Masters.

"Are you sure you have 1909 pennies?" asked Carpenter.

"Sure; every one of them, and with the designer's initials," replied Masters, and poured a handful of the glittering coins on the showcase.

"Looks to me as if there were only two or three hundred there," said Carpenter. I can't afford to pay \$20 for less than 1909.

For a full minute the two men looked straight into each other's eyes. Then Postmaster Masters gathered up his pennies, and without a word, beat it for the railroad station.

The green 10c special delivery has been recalled, and it is believed that it will be a scarce stamp. Few have been used, and dealers find it difficult to get the desired stock. Even unused it will hardly ever become common as many post offices never had it, and both collectors and dealers were not in a particular hurry to lay in much of a supply.

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Kinsatsu—Money Cards.

The name given to old Japanese paper currency is **Kinsatsu** or 'Money Cards.' Mr. C. A. Howes in his article "The Early Japanese Post," published in **Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News**, January 25, 1908, refers to these pieces in describing stamp design says:

"This design was not an original drawing for the stamps, but an adaptation of part of the design of the national kinsatsu or 'money cards' issued in 1869. For centuries before, every great daimio had issued paper money current only in his **han**. When the Mikado was restored to power and the government reorganized, it followed the example of the daimios and issued scrip in various denominations. The cards were oblong in shape, like our own treasury notes, but varied in size; two-thirds of the length bore an ornamental frame containing the value,

and the remaining third resembled a coupon, being the two rampant dragons with tails crossed and enclosing an inscription denoting the issuing office. Should we cut off this 'coupon' and surround it with the key-pattern frame, we should have the prototype of the stamps."

France Promises Novel Coins.

The mint of France is preparing a new minor coinage that is promised within a short time. Pieces of the value of 5, 10 and 25 centimes will be struck in aluminum, the first coins in this metal to be struck for use in Europe. Reported designs are: Obverse, head of the Republic; reverse, a round raised boss in center with the value in incused letters, with surrounding inscription—'Liberte Egalite Fraternite'. Novelty, already receiving comment, is suggested by this coinage, and its appearance is awaited with interest.—Ex.

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Plain B. Instead of V. D. B.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh decided to have the minting of the new Lincoln pennies stopped and new dies have been prepared eliminating the initials of the designer, which appeared so prominently, and substituting the single initial "B" in an obscure part of the design. The Secretary said that none of the pennies issued so far would be called in, but that the minting would be stopped because a sufficient supply was on hand.

The initials V. D. B. are those of the designer, V. D. Brenner of New York, and the single letter B., in an inconspicuous place, will be left in the new dies as recognition of Mr. Brenner's work.

Mr. MacVeagh said that he did not know that the initials would appear in an embossed form on the pennies, and that he was surprised when he saw the prominent place they had been given in the design. It has been customary to permit the designers to cut one or more of their initials into the design somewhere, but these letters usually have been so small as to require a magnifying glass to discover them.

One of the most curious clocks in the world is, perhaps, that which tells the time to the inhabitants of a little American backwood town. The machinery, which is nothing but a face, hands, and lever, is connected with a geyser, which shoots out an immense column of hot water every 38 seconds. This spouting never varies to the tenth of a second. Every time the water spouts up it strikes the lever and moves the hands forward 38 seconds.

The Republic of Honduras has adopted a new method of printing its stamps, which are now being produced by lithography. The three latest values to appear are the 5 centavos in blue, the 10 in sepia, and the 20 in bright blue. The 1 centavou is also known.

There is nobody obliged to collect U. S. imperforate stamps or stamps with inverted watermarks, inverted centers, private perforations, precancellations, or anything else that he does not want to, but there are some people who do collect all these things, and, if for no other reason, it may be well worth the little trouble for everyone to look out for these abnormalities and to lay them aside for exchange purposes; the time may come when one wishes he had saved them while he could.

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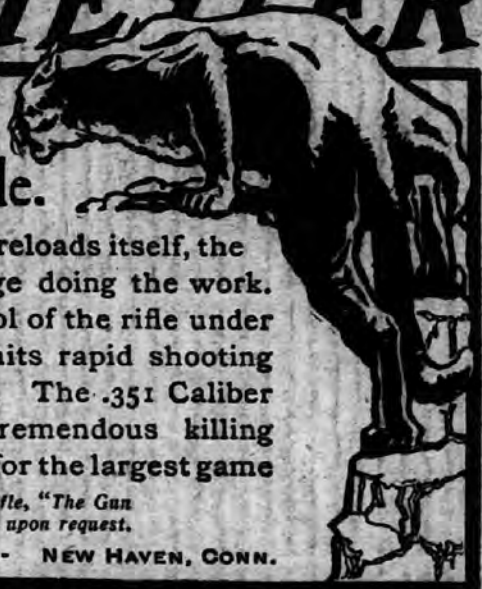
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And this too, the Times explains, in spite of the many advantages made possible by the motor car in "enlarging the social radius."

The occasion for this encomium was the report of a banquet given the evening before in honor of the directors of the Associated Press. Editorial account describes it in these words:

"Each of the eighty guests found a telephone receiver attached to the table available and convenient for his use. During the evening each of the guests listened to the voices of Slezak and Caruso, of the Metropolitan Opera House Company, those distinguished artists having consented to sing in their dressing rooms for the pleasure of the guests at the dinner. The singing was perfectly audible and the quality of the voices was distinctly rendered by this electrical transmission. The distance, of course, was that of the ordinary local service of the telephone.

"But a more remarkable achievement was to come. The New York

Telephone Company had arranged a perfect long-distance connection between the banquet-hall in New York City and a room adjoining the banquet-hall in Washington, where the National Geographic Society and its guests were assembled. Interspersed with the speeches from the guests actually present, brief addresses were listened to from Commander Peary, Mr. Carnegie, Alexander Graham Bell and Admiral Chester, in Washington, 230 miles away. From that distance their voices were transmitted with perfect distinctness to the listening diners in New York, and, save for the fact that the speakers were of necessity visible only to the eye of faith, the effect was precisely the same as it would have been had they been actually present at the banquet.

"This is a satisfactory demonstration of the fact that the telephone enlarges the social radius far beyond the powers of the automobile, or even of the airship. It is certain that the use of the telephone in long-distance communication is becoming more and more general, and through the perfecting of devices the possible range and distance are constantly increasing. There is no reason now apparent why, for instance, Boards of Directors may not hold meetings, discuss affairs, adopt resolutions and transact all business in the usual way, although some members of the board may be in Chicago—or even in Omaha or San

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Against Vaccination.

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AMERICAN SHARPSHOOTERS.



IS a story dating from Revolutionary days that three members of a company of colonial riflemen once fired simultaneously at a buzzard flying overhead. The bird fell, and each man declared that he had killed it. Examination proved that all three bullets had hit their mark. There is small chance that the story is true; nevertheless there are many instances of excellent shooting by the pioneer sharpshooters. Mr. C. W. Sawyer, in his book, "Firearms in American History," tells how the British were impressed with this remarkable shooting, and the results which came from it.

Shortly after Washington took command of the army, he arranged a spectacular review of his riflemen, so that the fifteen or sixteen thousand New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut militia who had assembled to shut the British up in Boston might see the novelty of accurate shooting at what to them was extraordinary distance, and be encouraged and stimulated thereby.

It is probable that to the New Englanders—with the possible exception of some of the Green Mountain boys, and a very few veterans of the French wars who had served with mid-colonials—the rifle was then unknown.

In the presence of the army, drawn up in parallel lines each side of the range, and an immense crowd of spectators, in which a number of British spies were welcome visitors, a pole seven inches in diameter was set up, and a marksman stepped off two hundred and fifty paces. At the place where he stopped, a com-

pany of riflemen was lined up to show what they could do.

The mark was about equal to that a man would present standing sidewise, and the range about two hundred yards. No New England farmer would waste powder and ball firing at such a mark and distance with his musket or fowling piece—only luck could account for a hit. But the riflemen, firing singly or at command, so riddled the pole that it was apparent no enemy could survive an instant.

General Howe, cooped up in Boston, was fully as impressed as the spectators. Later, thinking that his statement of casualties and the American marksmanship might need proof at home, General Howe gave orders for the capture alive of one of these expert riflemen, complete with his "shooting-iron." Finally he got one, and sent him to England, rifle and all, and the marksman was made to perform there and exhibit as a curiosity.

This bit of stage-play had an effect upon the British public that perhaps Howe did not anticipate—that of frightening the British public to such an extent that enlistments in the army, difficult to get before, absolutely stopped for a period, and the only new recruits were those forced into service by the German princes of whom King George III hired them.

THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMP.

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VICTOR EMMANUEL'S RARE COINS.



EMMANUEL, King of Italy, according to a French newspaper, is a numismatist of the first rank and His Majesty possesses a collection which may be termed a museum. His cabinets contain 60,000

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The King is a scientific collector, and will shortly publish a treatise on numismatics. It will run into several volumes, and will be entitled "Corpus Minimorum Italicorum." The work will be a complete catalogue of medieval and modern money struck by Italy or by Italians in foreign lands. The printing of the first volume is almost complete. To insure correctness proof sheets have been submitted to the keepers of the coin departments in the principal museums of the world.—London Globe.

The following is an account taken from "The King and Queen of Italy," by Xavier Paoli, in the June, 1910, issue of "McClure's Magazine."

AS IS well known, Victor Emmanuel is considered, and rightly so, an exceedingly clever numismatist. He is very proud of his title as honorary president of the Italian Numismatical Society, and in 1897 undertook the task of drawing up a catalogue of the Authentic old coinages of Italy. He derived the necessary materials for his work from his own collection, which at that time consisted of about forty thousand pieces. Now, of the two hundred and sixty types of Italian coinage known, barely half are absolutely genuine, and the task that he had to perform in bringing them together, completing them, and authenticating them was

no light one.

A rather interesting story is told of the manner in which the King, while still little more than a child, acquired a taste for the science of numismatics. One day he received a solda bearing the head of Pope Pius IX. A little later, finding another, he added it to the first; and in this way he collected fifteen. Meanwhile, his father, King Humbert, presented him with about sixty pieces of old copper money; and thus was formed the nucleus of his collection.

Thenceforward, on every anniversary—his birthday, Christmas, Easter—the different members of the royal family, who used to chaff with him about his new passion, gave him coins or medals; he made important purchases, on his own account; and finally, in 1900, he doubled the dimensions of his collection at one stroke by buying the inestimable treasure of coins belonging to the Marchese Marignoli, which was on the point of being dispersed to the four corners of the earth.

He admits, nevertheless, that the piece that represents the highest value, in his eyes, is a gold Montenegrin coin struck in the early days of the Petrovich dynasty, presented to him by Princess Helena, of Montenegro at the time of their betrothal. This coin is so rare that only one other specimen is known to exist, and that is in the numismatical gallery at Vienna.

The King has enriched his collection lately with an exceedingly rare series of coins of the Avignon popes. They were sold at auction in Frankfort, and a spirited contest took place between buyers acting, respectively, on behalf of King Victor Emmanuel, the Pope, and the director of the French gallery of medals.

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THE interest in collecting old coins is such that both in this country and Europe search is continually being made for rare and old pieces, many of them bringing a very high price. Back in the Colonial days some of the Colonies issued small quantities of coins of which very few remain and which are much in demand by the collectors. Among these is what is called the Northeastern shilling. In England the shilling represents 25 cents in American money but in the United States the value of the shilling of the older days was 12 1-2 cents, the coin being made of silver. The one in question came from the mint—the place where coins are made—1652. It was very crudely designed and as stated, but a few were produced. Many of these went to foreign countries being taken away by ship captains, while others were taken by Indians who moved West. Consequently so few are left that one of these Northeastern shillings has been sold for \$50, actually two hundred times as much as the coin was worth when it came from the mint.

Another interesting coin in Massachusetts was actually a silver penny. In this case penny in the English term which means two cents in American money. As may be imagined it was a very small coin and easily lost. Whether any are now in existence or not is unknown as none have been circulated for many years.

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The annual convention of the National society will be held in Detroit the third week in August, and steps are being taken to make the convention a noteworthy one. Concerning this convention the article has this to say:

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Of course mounting is only to be done with hinges, and care should be taken not to soil the stamps or page when it is done.

SUNDAY P. O. HOURS IN LONDON.

NO LETTERS are delivered on Sunday in London, and the post-office is open

for only a short time in the morning. As the telegraph is a post office adjunct, the telegraph offices are closed, too, save the headquarters. This has made it difficult to get into communication with persons in the British capital on the first day of the week. Some reformers have lately persuaded the post-offices to consent to open letters received in the offices on Sunday and forward the contents by telephone. The envelope must bear an indication of the wish that it be forwarded, and must give the telephone number of the person addressed. Also there is an extra charge of threepence for every thirty words to be telephoned. Forty-two such letters were received on the first Sunday when the new plan was in operation, and its advocates are said to be "much encouraged." In America letters, on Sunday and on every other day, are delivered at once by special messengers, if they bear a special delivery stamp.

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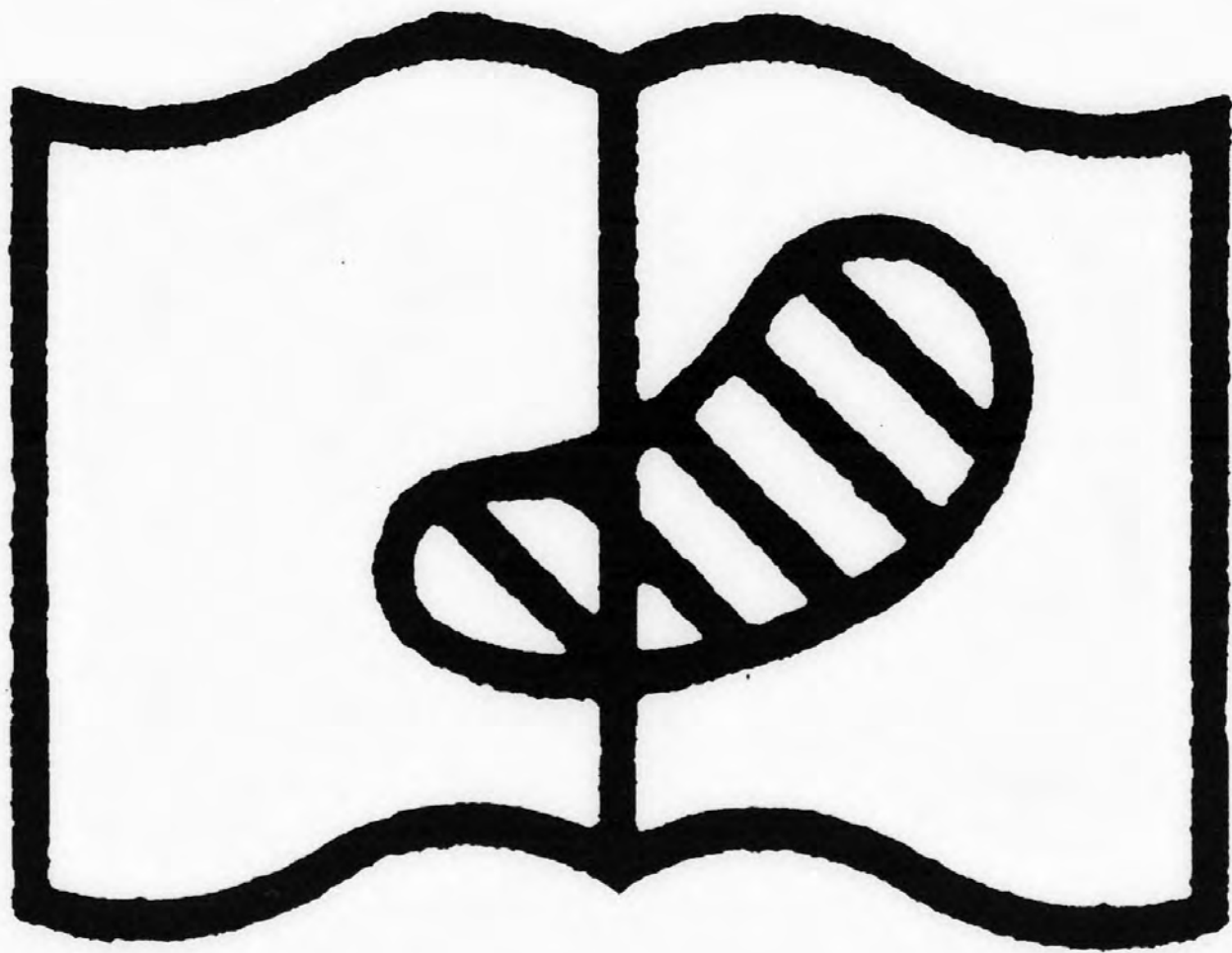
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Then there are many kinds of albums, from the printed one with a "space for every stamp issued" to the blank one in many volumes with removable leaves and each page supplied with a "mat." The dealers' price-lists come in with packets, sets, and single stamps, and the attractions of approval sheets and a host of periodicals whose existence he hardly suspected, suddenly turns up.

If he be quite young he will generally ignore all but the smaller albums and trust to his friends for donations of stamps to fill his blank spaces and to "swapping" with the other young collectors for obtaining varieties he lacks.

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Roosevelt Formerly a Collector.

THE newspapers are not losing sight of King George's interest in philately and in consequence, philately is gaining a publicity that is very acceptable. Many allusions are being made to the King's liking for stamps, and usually the items have a quaint or humorous turn. One, appropriately illustrated, that appeared in the Chicago Daily News read: "King George, who is an expert stamp collector, may have entertained Mr. Roosevelt for the purpose of learning something that he didn't know about stamps."

The paragrapher probably did not know

that Roosevelt, as a boy, was interested in philately. When C. J. Phillips, of Stanley Gibbons, London, was introduced to President Roosevelt, the introduction having been obtained through the courtesy of Senator Lodge on the occasion of a visit to America by Mr. Phillips, President Roosevelt's expressions were such that it was apparent that he was no stranger to stamps; and he told Mr. Phillips that in his younger days he had been engaged in collecting them.—Ex.

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GERMAN men of science have recently been making measurements of the temperature of the earth's interior, and for this purpose the deepest hole in the world has been bored near Czuchow in upper Silesia. The difficulties increased as great depths were attained, and at seven thousand five hundred and forty-six feet below the surface—nearly one and one-half miles—the boring had to be given up, although it was about nine hundred feet short of the depth which the experimenters had hoped to reach. The hole is over a foot in diameter, and the temperature increases with fair regularity one degree Fahrenheit for every fifty-four feet. At seven thousand four hundred feet below the surface the temperature is found to be one hundred and eighty-two degrees. Below that the incursions of the water prevented accuracy.

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The plain facts of the case are that the new tariff has affected German postal export trade, and the United States has so far risen to the occasion as to manufacture its own cards in a manner sufficiently creditable to decrease the demands for important ones. A German chamber of commerce trade review advises us of the imminent establishment in this country of branch houses of several German post card manufactories, "that being the only way in which they can retain the American trade at a profit." One of these branches has been already established in Brooklyn, N. Y. Query: "Does America need any more producing graphic printers?"—Novelty News.

Miscellaneous

IT IS interesting to know that the lowest atmospheric temperature ever recorded by the thermometer was at a point almost directly over the equator. A balloon equipped with a self-registering

instrument was sent up from the shore of Victoria Nyanza in Central Africa, and it rose to a height of twelve miles. The temperature at that height was nearly one hundred and nineteen degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. It is possible that even greater cold might be found twelve miles above the pole, but the weight of scientific opinion is that the upper air over the torrid zone is generally colder than over the arctic regions.—Ex.

SHIFTING of the channel of the Rio Grande River at El Paso, Texas, has made it necessary for the United States and Mexico to decide whether the new land on the United States side was created by erosion from the Mexican bank or by accretion from the sands of the river. If it was created by accretion, then it belongs to the United States; but if by erosion, then it belongs to Mexico. As it is worth about five million dollars, the arbitrators will have a proper appreciation of the importance of their investigation into the mysterious processes by which rivers change their channels. There is a body of law on the subject which would surprise those unfamiliar with rivers.

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New Issues of 1910.

By A. R. BODMER.

THE new issues of 1910 have been many and varied; these may readily be divided into two classes: the rare and the common, and two sub-classes: the speculative, and the real postal issues.

However the speculative stamps have not been many.

More collectors are getting interested in new issues each year, but the collector must have a well lined pocket-book to keep up with the new issues this year. Dealers as might be expected have taken an interest in new issues and most dealers who have the facilities for importing stamps, have started new issue services. That is, supplying the stamps as they appear at a certain premium over face value.

At first this was thought to be profitable, but there are more losses than gains in dealing in new issues.

It may be well to itemize the various losses for those who are doubtful; first—the losses a dealer must incur, until he secures a reliable correspondent in each of the countries he intends to import; second—the sheets of stamps may stick

together, of course the stamps may be soaked loose, but who wants to pay over face, for stamps without gum! third and last but not least—the postage and registration.

I have classified the stamps into two classes; speculative and postal issues, but the stamp attracting the attention of all American philatelists is the new water-mark on U. S. stamps; the water-mark has been changed to prevent the stamp from shrinking. I would not advise any person to buy this stamp as an investment, because the change is not important, it is not even recorded in the books of the postoffice department in Washington, D. C., and because large quantities will be issued for so long a time.

We now turn to the classification of the foreign issues; the speculative issues are as follows with the denominations of the stamps:

Gaboon 1c to 5 fr
Russian offices in China, surcharged
on the Russian stamps of 1909
Bulgaria, two surcharges
St. Vincent 2½p

Salvador 4—29c.

The regular issues are as follows:

Afghanistan 1c to 1r
 Argentina ½c to 20c
 Argentina 1c to \$1
 Austria 1h to 5k
 Barbadoes 2p to 1sh
 Belgium 1c to 10c
 Colombia ½c to 10p
 Congo 5c to 50c
 Costa Rica 1c to \$1
 Cuba 1c to \$1 and 10c special delivery
 Great Britain 4p to 7p
 Guatemala 9c
 Italy 5c to 15c
 Mexico 1c to 5p
 Newfoundland 1c to 15c
 Paraguay 1c to 75c
 Portugal 2½r to 1,000r
 Siam 2s to 28s
 Switzerland 2, 3c, postage dues 1 to 50c
 Turks Island ¼c

And many others of less importance.

Some new issues that I would advise collectors to buy for an investment are the Mexican centenary set, the ¼ Turks Island, and the current 7p Great Britain, altho this stamp has been in use over seven months, I have seen five used copies, and English dealers are paying 4c each for used copies. The ½c Argentina of 1910 will be a good investment in used condition.

The greatest philatelic scandal of 1910 occurred in Chile. A certain Dr. Hahn had the plate of the 20c green, first issue; this he offered to the government on the condition that the stamp should be re-issued with the surcharges \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 and that he could buy \$20,000 worth of the stamps, and that he was to have the right to buy two sheets of each value printed. He would have been sole possessor of the issue. The government consented to this, and had ordered the stamp to be printed when the public press found it out and exposed the scheme, and the government canceled the order.

Memorial Stamps.

BY SIR CHARGE.

AN interesting feature in the issuance of stamps, and a direct result of the wide and varied interest manifested in all parts of the world, is the issue of special stamps, on the occasion of any special jubilee or celebration.

The first issue of this kind was made by England in 1887, to celebrate the 50th anniversary, of the accession of Queen Victoria to the throne. The example set by England was not followed for some years, as the issuance of these stamps was thought to be useless, but it has become fashionable to make such issues.

Among the most noted of these early commemorative issues, were those made by United States in 1893 to celebrate the discovery of America, similar issues by Argentina Republic, Nicaragua, Salvador, Honduras, Venezuela and Porto Rico in the years 1892-93, and the late Hudson-Fulton, Alaska - Yukon, Lincoln and many others have been legitimate issues, issued to commemorate some event of real importance; but they have opened the eyes of other governments to the speculative value of such stamps, and from the year 1894 to the present time, the market has been flooded with these so-called jubilee stamps.

Flagrant examples of this philatelic abuse are: An issue of the Republic of San Marino to commemorate the opening of a new palace, an issue in Portugal to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the birth of St. Anthony, of Padua, and the recent Juan Fernandez stamps of Chile. All these were issued solely for the profits to be derived from their sale to dealers and collectors.

Many other issues of this kind have been placed on the market, mostly by South American republics, who use this as a method, by which to replenish their treasuries.

Seebecks.

Food for Reflection.

BY L. G. DORPAT.

SEEBECK is dead, has been for more than eleven years.

The Seebeck contracts are things of the past.

The present owner of the Seebeck remainders, Mr. G. B. Calman, has only about sixty to seventy million in stock, that is, as there are nearly seven hundred varieties, an average of about 10,000 copies for each variety. Of some varieties he has much less than the average, and of some he has not a single copy of the original. Of some there are reprints, but of some no reprints are known, and it seems quite unlikely that any exist.

Who has the plates?

Are they in Mr. Calman's possession? And will Mr. Calman cause any reprints to be made?

Among the set commonly offered the following are most apt to be genuine remainders of the original stamps:

Ecuador: 1892, 8 var. and official 7 var.	15
Honduras: all, 1878 to 1894	85
Nicaragua: all, 1882 to 1895	128
Salvador: all, 1890 to 1894	55

Total of undoubted originals 283

The following may be either originals or reprints:

Nicaragua: 1896 to 1899	107
Salvador: 1895 to 1899	202
Total of doubtful stamps	309

The following are not to be had, as a rule, except in the form of reprints:

Ecuador: all, 1894 to 1896	55
Total of all Seebeck varieties	647

The whole collection, originals, doubtful stamps and reprints mixed, can now be bought for about sixteen to twenty-two dollars, which would be an average of about three cents for each stamp. A full set of originals only would, of course, be worth more, but it may prove a pretty difficult task to get such a set together.

It is not impossible tho, and may prove worth while.

Genuinely used, on the original envelope, these stamps are worth most, and a man who can make a complete collection of all Seebeck stamps in such condition will be doing well.

May it not be about time to get the unused originals now before they disappear entirely?

Besides those in Mr. Calman's stock there are, doubtless, a good many others in dealers' stocks scattered over the world, but hardly so many that, if a rush should be made, they would reach around.

Heretofore they were in favor with comparatively few dealers only, and a great many collectors shunned them altogether, but for their beauty they have attracted and will attract many.

Nobody MUST collect them, but those that intend ever to do it, may never find a better opportunity than now.

Reprints will be available for quite a while, and, if the plates are not destroyed, more and more may be made and brought on the market, but the originals are in part now beginning to get scarce.

It cannot be long before dealers will make a difference in prices between undoubted originals, doubtful stamps, and reprints. Even now some are beginning to do that.

Ergo!!!

Would it not be a worthy deed for the various philatelic societies of the world to combine and, if possible, to buy and destroy the plates? They might be disfigured so as to become useless for making any reprints that could deceive collectors, and then might be deposited in some museum.

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The Latest U. S. Stamps.

By L. P. MILLER.

IN THIS philatelic day and age of progression, with scores of new stamp issues constantly calling for our attention, admiration, and cash, it is generally with fear and misgiving that we learn of some new postal emission.

However, with U. S. stamps it's entirely different. That unexplainable something that draws us to the stamps of our own country, causes us to hail with more than ordinary anticipation, any new issue from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

Of late, this institution seems to be running active opposition to the assertion that "there is nothing new under the sun". Let the opposition continue, say we, so long as there's no Seebeck in the case.

The crisis has now come, and the Bureau can well rest on its laurels, and look back over its productions of the last few years with satisfaction and approval. The race has been run and won. Here's hoping they do it again. The new issue, and three commemorates in 1909, were only a beginning. The experimental papers, imperforates, part perforates, and finally, the new watermark, in Gothic letters instead of Roman, all came in rapid succession, and we could only gasp "what next"!

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Gramm, F. Gramm, Lybarger, E. Miller, P. Miller, Saltzman, Bodmer and Wise.

The last minutes were approved as read.

The Sales Supt. Miller made a brief report.

Premiums for the month were given to the members who had not as yet received them.

A number of prizes were offered by L. P. Miller for the best attendance records in the months to follow.

A letter was read from Dr. I. S. Weills.

It was moved and carried for Sect. to write to Geo. Shaffer about getting the old "Mekeel's" of Dr. Weills.

A suggestion was made for the getting of letter-heads for the club's stationery,

and it was decided to accept Miller's plan.

On motion of Saltzman, the meeting adjourned.

After the meeting an illustrated talk was given by L. P. Miller on Type-Collecting.

At the end of this an auction took place.

A part of the auction was postponed, and will be held at the next meeting."

DONALD F. LYBARGER,
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"SUGAR MOON."

Percy Wenrich the composer of "Silver Bell," the most popular song of 1910 has written a "moon song." Moon songs have been, and will be in demand as long as Luna throws its light upon the earth. There are, there have been, there will be moon songs but Stanley Murphy the author of the lyric has furnished a novelty in the "SUGAR MOON," and Wenrich certainly added to his reputation in setting it to music. It is the one moon song since "By The Light of the Silvery Moon," that has found a place in the hearts of the popular music loving people. We quote the chorus:

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