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## The Philatelic Press

By L. P. MILLER

**ONE** of our most important national magazines is publishing a series of articles on the American newspaper and its relations to the public. This subject is open for considerable discussion, as it covers an immense field, and can be looked at from numerous viewpoints. The same is true of the philatelic magazine and its relations to the stamp-collecting fraternity. However, despite the fact that this question is an all-important one, it has been discussed but little, and the time is ripe to start the ball rolling.

Could Philately continue to exist if there were no periodicals devoted to it? Decidedly not. Just as surely as water could not possibly flow up-hill, Philately could not exist without its magazines. Without the philatelic press as a medium, relations between collectors would be almost entirely severed, new issues would come out unheralded, important discoveries could not be announced, dealers would be unable to advertise, frauds could not be publicly exposed, nothing

new would be learned about stamps, society reports could not be published, and the net result would be the gradual, but certain, decline of the hobby, and its ultimate disappearance.

Since the press is so mighty a factor in philately, does it use its influence for good or evil? Any real philatelist will answer without a moment's hesitation, and all the answers will be to the same effect. We have yet to see a philatelic publication that uses its power to hurt or deceive its readers. Not a drop of printer's ink has ever been used in the philatelic press but for the good of the hobby. In case of doubt apply reason. Possibly every philatelic paper is published at a loss during the beginning of its existence; nearly all of them are published purely for love of the hobby. Why, then, should anything be printed that would not be for the good of the hobby?

The philatelic press is the foundation of philately, and it is as firm as Gibraltar. Yet we cannot appreciate the full value, and the immense importance, of it as we should. Let it be taken from us,

and our eyes will be opened to a realization of the utter helplessness of our hobby without it.

The objection has been raised that there are too many papers published, especially "Vol. I, No. 1" editions. However, if one doesn't care to subscribe to every magazine, one doesn't need to, but the more the merrier say we. No matter how small or obscure a philatelic publication may be, it has an individuality all its own, and is different from the rest, and variety is the spice of life.

Without a doubt the American philatelic press is something we can be proud of. The Philatelic Journal of America, although issued irregularly, is a lasting credit to philately. Its articles show evidences of deep thought, and its excellent, as well as abundant, illustrations are in a class by themselves.

The Weeklies—Mekeel's, Redfield's, and Philadelphia Stamp News are among the most welcome publications we receive. The special numbers Mekeel's puts out reflect considerable credit on the management. Redfield's, but for its unwieldy size, would be a fine all-around publication; however, it still retains its individuality as an exponent of Philately. The Philadelphia Stamp News "delivers the goods" each issue in a very pleasing style.

Among the monthlies, our important ones are: The Stamp Collector, Stamp

Journal, Southern Philatelist, Philatelic Gazette, Everybody's Philatelist, Vest Pocket Philatelist, Philatelic West. The Stamp Collector is doubtless the most free and outspoken, and is one of the most entertaining. What it publishes as humor is really witty. The Stamp Journal takes the cake for good-sized editions, full of good stuff. The Southern Philatelist fills a long felt want. Its policy is to exclude everything scientific, and publish instructive and entertaining articles for all classes of philatelists. The Philatelic Gazette is the ideal magazine for collectors of U. S. adhesives and envelopes. The rest of the monthlies need not be discussed separately. Suffice it to say that they are all creditable publications, each in its own way.

Necessarily, the publication in which this article appears, has not been included in the foregoing enumeration, as it is neither a weekly nor a monthly. As a quarterly, it is a magazine deserving of the support of every philatelist "as is" a philatelist. In this number will be inaugurated a department needed in every first-class magazine — Press Review. Strange to say, most papers neglect this department to a greater or less extent, although it is one of the most important. Here's hoping the philatelic press comes into its own, in the eyes of philatelists, and the sooner the better.



## Puzzle

The following letters contain the names of four U. S. presidents whose pictures appear on U. S. stamps:

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# A Much-Abused Gentleman

## Philatelic Fiction

By A. R. BODMER

**B**Y WAY of introduction, I wish to say that I am known to every country on the globe, no matter how small. I am especially well known to the countries of South America, where I put in my appearance every six months, with almost unflinching regularity. To be plain with the reader, my name is "New Issue."

My entire life has been a matter of great uncertainty. In some countries my appearance has been received with delight; in others I have had no welcome.

I am always welcome in the United States, the land of liberty. This was especially true in 1909, when I made three visits to this country. On these occasions I was accompanied by my cousin, "Imperforate."

As he is fond of procrastination, he did not get around as much as I did. Consequently stamp collectors are more eager to get copies of him, than they are of me.

This is one instance to show how I am slighted. My other worryment, is the fact that I am constantly being oppressed by that unbearable tyrant, "Sir Charge."

Most every country has humiliated me so badly, that I believe I was born for

that one purpose.

To show you how badly I have been treated, I will give an example in our own U. S.:

In 1895 I was called upon to visit this country, and I gladly accepted, thinking, that in this free country, my days of oppression would be over.

After I had been here three years, some one said, "We need more revenues." Of course they first thought of me, so they took me and daubed "I. R." in large and small letters on my coat of green. Not content with this they went so far as to ruin my red Sunday coat, by thus treating it.

Someone told me that "I. R." stood for "Internal Revenue," but if they had viewed it from my standpoint, they would have immediately declared, that the letters stood for "I'm Ruined," for so I was.

Kind reader, I appeal to your sympathies. If there is any person, who is worse treated than I am, it must be my step-brother, "Stamp Hinge," who is licked, and then pasted down in some stamp album to be shut off from the rest of the world forever.

# Press Review for the Quarter

By L. P. MILLER

Exchange is desired with philatelic papers. One copy should be sent to the publisher, and one to L. P. Miller, 1622 Penn St., Harrisburg, Pa.

**D**URING the last quarter our reading table has been as inviting as usual. The first paper on it to catch the eye is Redfield's. In fact, Redfield's can be seen a mile off since it changed its size. But what it lacks in beauty of form, it makes up in many other ways. Editor Quackenbush continues to write the editorials we all enjoy so much; "Single C. A." supplies the very latest new-issue news; and M. P. A. and A. P. S. reports are given the usual generous space. The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club now have Redfield's as their official organ also.

The Philadelphia Stamp News has become our friend forever, by declaring that it will never change its size. Not only is the neat appearance of the paper greatly to its credit, but the contents are always well worth reading.

The first number of the Stamp Collector this quarter was quite a surprise, pleasant and otherwise. Pleasant because the paper is neater and more interesting than ever, and otherwise because we had become so accustomed to the previous size that we were loath to give it up. Altho' Vol. 2 has just been started, the Jan. number began Vol. 3, a very convenient arrangement for those of us who bind our volumes. The Feb. number is up to the usual high standard: we enjoyed it

immensely.

The Stamp Journal has issued two numbers of Vol. 4 so far this quarter, both full of fine stuff. It is the only American paper that has a regular Pre-cancel department. Mr. Collingwood, the editor of the department can't give us too many pages on the important, but sadly neglected, subject of Pre-cancels.

That Etymology serial in the Vest-Pocket Philatelist isn't so worse. It's more closely related to philately than lots of other matter we've seen in stamp papers.

The article on the 5c, 1847, in the New York Philatelist is more to our liking than these articles on stamps that we'll never get a smell at.

Those special numbers of Mekeel's are some class, and it's not all in the cover, either.

The front half of Philatelic West is all to the good this month.

For real, live reading matter, Gibbons' Circular heads the house organs. The only fault we can find is that they didn't give us that 90c, 1869.

We admire the Philatelic Gazette's good sense. Its chronicle of new issues will include U. S. and Colonies only, beginning with the Feb. number.

The Philatelic Journal of America is conspicuous by its absence. The last number we have is Dec. 1st. We hope

that law suit's soon over if it's the cause of the delay.

The editorial staff of the Southern Philatelist is in a class by itself. We admit, without a blush, that the cause is our being on the staff.

The new issue department started in this number of the COLLECTOR is in good hands. Mr. Bodmer is a native of Harrisburg, the philatelic center of the world.

March 11, 1911.



## The Capital City Collectors' Club, of Harrisburg, Pa.

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Philatelic Association.

Joseph H. Strouse, Pres.,  
Elmer Wise, V. Pres.,  
Donald F. Lybarger, Sec'y and Treas.

### New Members.

14. Orendorf, Geo., 2020 Green Street,  
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15. Aurand, Jr., A. M., Beaver  
Springs, Pa.

### Resignations Accepted.

5. Hargest, T. S.,
7. Bacon, G. K.,
9. Gramm, F. K.,
11. Gramm, F. D.

### Report of the 56th meeting.

The 56th meeting of the C. C. C. C. was held at the home of A. R. Bodmer, on Tuesday, February the 22nd.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Strouse and the following members were present: Bodmer, Lybarger, E. Miller, P. Miller, Orendorf and Wise.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

It was moved and carried that the

American C. S. and P. C. Collector be made the official organ of the club.

Upon payment of dues, Orendorf and Aurand were elected to full membership. The resignations of Messrs. Hargest, F. Gramm, and D. Gramm were accepted.

Photographs were then taken by E. Miller.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned and a banquet was served. The menu was as follows:

Salad a la Potato	Sandwiches	
Ice Cream	Cake	Salted Peanuts
	Cherries	Bon Bons

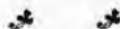
After the banquet contests were held by Miller and Lybarger.

Talks were then given on Washington stamps, of various issues, by the following members: Lybarger, Bodmer, Wise and Strouse. P. Miller's talk was postponed.

A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Bodmer for the banquet served.

After the meeting adjourned an auction sale was held by L. P. Miller.

DONALD F. LYBARGER,  
Secretary.



The publisher of this paper will be glad to receive news notes, clippings, articles, anything that will interest our readers.

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AT THE EDITOR'S DESK

THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR will be three years old on its next birthday—July. Will the knockers, blacksmiths, and other wielders of the sledge hammer please sit up and take notice. Those who read the editorial in the first issue may think that we are not living up to

our promise, when we said the magazine would soon be published monthly. If anyone who reads this, thinks he can't see an improvement in each issue, we would like to hear from them. Most young papers ask for subscriptions for "our mutual advantage." We don't say this, as we are publishing this paper for your advantage. This does n't mean that we don't want your subscription, please flood us with them; we like that kind of floods. Watch for the appearance of this magazine monthly.

In order to make contemplated improvements, we have decided to advance the subscription price from 10c to 20c. The 20c rate will go into effect July 1st. All subscriptions received between now and then for 10c will be accepted as a whole year's. Warning! Send your subscription NOW and take advantage of the Free word offer—See page 10.

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**Ancient Coins Washed Up.**

London.—The extraordinary high tide along the Suffolk coast lately washed up hundreds of gold, silver and bronze coins of early Saxon times in the neighborhood of Aldeburgh. Large quantities of antique bronze rings and ornaments, supposed to be relics of the submerged city of Dunwich, also were cast up by the sea.



# Stamp Study No. 1

## Grenada, 1898

By A. R. BODMER

**T**HIS Stamp, the 1898 issue of Grenada, a British colony in the West Indies is very attractive. It has a face value of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pence, or 5 cents in United States currency.

The color is ultramarine, and the stamp is water-marked Crown CC, that is, a crown with two C's below it, which is one of the water-marks of the British colonies.

In the upper corners of the stamp are the crosses of St. George, which signify its connection with England.

Below the crosses are palm trees, which are symbolic of the island.

In the lower corners enclosed in shields, are the denominations of the stamp.

Between the shields in a semi-circle is the inscription, "1498--15 August--1898." On the upper part of the stamp between the sprays of palm is a semi-circle in which is the inscription "La Conception."

On each side of the stamp, between the crosses and the shields, are the words, "postage." The main design on the stamp portrays a ship entering the harbor.

The stamp was issued to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the island.

NOTE—This is the first, of a regular series of stamp studies.

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Jan.-Feb. number of the New York Philatelist, an 8 page stamp paper, containing as its chief article, "The 5c stamp of 1847," by W. C. Webb.

The Capital City Collectors' Club, of Harrisburg, Pa., which is Branch No. 2 of the M. P. A., is working to have the M. P. A. convention at Harrisburg in 1912.

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### Philatelic Observations.

We have received a sample copy of the Better numbers will follow this. Better renew that subscription—See page 10.

## Notes on New Issues

By A. R. BODMER

All notes on new issues will receive prompt acknowledgment if sent to A. R. Bodmer, 109 S. 14th St., Harrisburg, Penna.

### UNITED States—

We have seen the new postal savings stamp, and the postal savings card. The design of the card is like that of the stamp. The inscriptions are grouped together around the center. The numeral "10" is in the center. The inscription "U. S. Postal Savings," appears in two curved lines; "cents," below in a straight line. The remainder of the stamp is composed of lathe work.

The card is almost the same size as the ordinary postal card. A ten-cent stamp is printed in one of the ten spaces. The other nine spaces are to be filled with 10c savings stamps. When the card is filled, it is accepted as a deposit of \$1. The card and the stamp are both orange in color.

The new 1c postal card has also been issued. The main design is a bust of Lincoln facing the left. Above the portrait appears "U. S. Postal Card," and "1 cent" below. The card is 3x5 inches, printed in red.

L. P. Miller has shown us several varieties of this card, the most important being: the bust of Lincoln on the left side of the card; the bust of Lincoln reversed, and the inscription in various positions.

### Ecuador—

My correspondent in Ecuador shows me the 5c red and black of the new issue. It bears a portrait of Urvina and is very neat in appearance.

### Sweden—

This country has recently issued 3 new values as follows:

1 ore black, 2 ore orange, 4 ore lilac.

### Newfoundland—

The Postage Stamp reports a rarity in the perforation of the 2c of the Guy set. The normal perforation is 12, but it has been seen perforated 12x14.

### Brunei—

From the Southern Philatelist we learn that the \$5 and \$25 stamps have been issued as follows: \$5 red on green, \$25 black on red.

### Honduras—

Mekeel's Weekly reports the issuance of the first 2 values of the new Honduran set.

### Great Britain—

Advance information concerning the issue of British stamps in rolls, shows that they will be issued in rolls of 1,000 stamps. An additional fee of 4c will be added to cover the extra cost involved in the preparation.

### Rhodesia—

Rhodesia has issued stamps bearing the likenesses of King George and Queen Mary, the set consists of 19 denominations.

March 14, 1911.



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## M. P. A. Memorabilia



Since the 1910 convention there have been 98 new members enrolled, or a gain of 25 per-cent. (During the same period the A. P. S. lost 20 per-cent).

The latest report of the Treasurer shows a total balance of \$59.29 in the Treasury, as against \$23.51 a year ago.

L. P. Miller has proposed 10 new members since January,—the largest number ever credited to a non-officer of the M. P. A. during an equivalent length of time.

The following localities have 5 or more M. P. A. members each:—

Harrisburg, Pa.	11
Boonton, N. J.	9
New York, N. Y.	8
Chicago, Ill.	8
Reading, Pa.	7
Philadelphia, Pa.	6
Binghamton, N. Y.	5
Cleveland, Ohio.	5

Harrisburg and Boonton are in the lead, despite the relative sizes of the cities listed.

States having the most members are as follows:—

New York	36
Penna.	32
New Jersey	21
Ohio	20
Mass.	13
Ill.	12

Last year the convention was held in New York, and this year will be held in New Jersey. Why not Pennsylvania next year, and the Capital City at that?

A. R. Bodmer for Fraud Investigator, 1911—12.

L. P. Miller for Advertising Mgr., 1911—12.

Harrisburg for convention seat, 1912.  
Your cooperation respectfully solicited.

# Philately's Lighter Side

By L. P. MILLER

Watermarks, perforations, and minor varieties do not constitute the whole of Philately, nor do articles embodying them monopolize all the available space in philatelic periodicals. They are, essentially, the sources of all earnest philatelic research, and without them philatelists would be stamp gatherers, and nothing more. But, "must our lives depend on these things," philatelically speaking? Is there not some element which breaks the monotony of scientific grinding; something which affords a pleasant intermission, as it were?

Ask yourself whether you are interested in Philately solely for the sake of the study which it involves; whether you would subscribe to stamp papers containing nothing but the results, in facts and figures, of scientific researches; and whether you would exhibit such papers as inducements to non-collectors to enter our midst. Your decision will likely be in the negative. Granted, then, that departures from serious philatelic pursuits are expedient, let us see to what extent such departures have been carried.

Glance thru any of your stamp papers, and you will notice witty comments here, and interesting notes there. Sometimes entire articles will be written in humorous veins, and breathe not a single syllable of scientific study. The names of a few periodicals which we have in mind are synonymous with stamptic wit and humor, not necessarily because they devote most of their space to light matter, but

because they temper facts with fun.

However, outside of contributions to periodicals we know of no philatelic work that has had for its sole object the entertainment and amusement of its readers. There are handbooks published in profusion, but all of them are based on cold facts, and altho' valuable to specialists, many of them cannot be appreciated by the majority of general collectors. The reason for this absence of humorous "handbooks" from the literature of our hobby is not readily apparent, but the question will be settled in the not far distant future.

Believing that light reading would be welcomed by many collectors, the writer offers "The Stamps of Mars" for their perusal and criticism. As it is the pioneer publication of its kind, it is, in a sense, an experiment. In order to give it a fair chance therefore, the price has been fixed as low as possible, and results are awaited with interest. At time of writing, orders are coming in faster than had been expected, but the critics have not yet gotten hold of the booklet, and the writer has prepared for the worst. For—

"He that writes

Or makes a feast, more certainly invites  
His judges than his friends; there's not a  
guest  
But will find something wanting or ill-  
drest."

Next issue: - "Philatelic Literature."  
Don't miss it; it will be worth reading.

## The Capital City Collectors' Club, of Harrisburg, Pa.

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### REPORT OF THE 64TH MEETING.

The 64th meeting of the C. C. C. C. was held on Tuesday, April 2nd.

The meeting was called to order by the president with the following members present: Bodmer, Lybarger, E. Miller, P. Miller, and Strouse.

A vote of appreciation was given to President Strouse for the refreshments served at the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were

approved as read by the Secretary.

It was suggested that a photograph of the club members be taken on the coming Saturday. The suggestion was carried out.

A letter from Pres. Webb, of B. P. A. Branch No. 1, was read, and the nominations made by the Boonton Philatelic Association, for M. P. A. offices, were endorsed by the club. The nominations were as follows:

President—Wm. H. Hollenbach.

V. Pres.—Wm. C. Webb.

Sect. & Treas.—H. A. Davis.

Sales Supt.—Leon V. Cass.

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Atty.—H. A. Fowler.

Advertising Mgr.—L. P. Miller.

Fraud Investigator—A. R. Bodmer.

Trustees: T. H. Webb, A. W. Dunning,  
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After a discussion of various philatelic topics the meeting adjourned.

DONALD F. LYBARGER,  
Secretary.



## Stamp Study No. 2

By A. R. BODMER

The stamp pictured above is the fourth of a set of 12 varieties, which was issued by Hayti, an island in the Greater Antilles group, in the year 1898.

The denomination is 4 centimes or about \$.0368 in United States currency.

This stamp was printed by the American Bank Note Company, of New York:

is perforated 12, and is red in color.

In each of the corners, as you can see, are the denominations of the stamp, while in the center is the coat of arms of the country.

This stamp is not very hard to obtain, being listed by Scott at 5c used or unused.

## Press Review for the Quarter

By L. P. MILLER

Did you notice the "experimental paper" "Redfield's" used on May 13th.? But what's the use in knocking—"The Star Spangled Banner" was written on the back of an old envelope.

The house-organs are still melodizing, despite Mr. Ramsay's first installment of "Philatelic Pounding," (title slightly revised,) in the "Philadelphia Stamp News." We heartily agree with Mr. Ramsay on most of his well-taken points, but there are ofcourse two sides to the question.

We'd like to say something nice about The Stamp Collector, but we can't find exactly the right words. Suffice it to say that if the publisher continues at his present rate of increasing excellency, the other monthlies will have to go some to keep up with him. And to think that the subscription price has been reduced to a quarter!

In the June number of "The Vest Pocket Philatelist," a bouquet is thrown at the writer for his article in the April Collector. He appreciates same considerably—not because it is a bouquet, but because it was thrown by so discriminating and experienced a philatelist as Dr. Davis.

Roessler's Stamp News for May is the real thing. It lets one forget millimetre scales and benzine cups temporarily, and makes philatelic reading (ads. included) a genuine pleasure. More papers should "go and do likewise," to a small degree, at least.

The Stamp Journal has issued the usual interesting numbers during the Quarter. We hope the controversy with its Columbus contemporary will soon be dead and buried, for it detracts attention from matter of real philatelic interest. Altho "two of a trade can ne'er agree," the disagreements should be cut as short as possible.

Have any of you 'advanced collectors' ever peeped at the boy's page of "Mekeel's Weekly," on the sly? We have. And nearly every time we do it, we learn something which was not formerly part of our general philatelic information. Don't let the other good things in "Mekeel's" attract your entire attention, but get in on some of Mr. Poole's articles in this department. He may probably know a few things which you don't know.

For want of time and space, the foregoing notes will be the extent of this month's "Review." The writer feels that this department of the Collector is not up to the standard; at least, it is not being run as he would like to run it. However, there will be a decided improvement next issue. The "Review" will be conducted systematically along new and original lines, and will embrace all the important American philatelic periodicals of the day.

A dime spent for "The Stamps of Mars" is a dime to the good.

## Notes on New Issues

By A. R. BODMER

The new issue chronicle this time is not as complete as it might be; I believe I am forgiven when I announce to the readers of this magazine, that from this month on, this department will be conducted on an entirely new plan.

This is only one of the many contemplated improvements to this magazine.

Brazil — From Mekeel's Weekly we learn that the new series of stamps now in preparation for this Republic will contain stamps to the value of 1,000,000 reis or about \$546 in U. S. currency. The higher values will be used for revenue stamps.

Cuba — The Philatelic Gazette reports the current 2c Cuba as having been found with an inverted center.

Philippines — The Philatelic Gazette also reports the special delivery stamp of the Philippines, as having appeared with a new watermark.

Australia — Ewen's Weekly reports the issuance of a post card for the Commonwealth, which bears a portrait of King George.

Russia — Through Mekeel's Weekly we learn that at the Russian Imperial printing works, a new set of stamps is being prepared for use in this country; the design which includes a female head emblematic of Russia. The usual devices for the prevention of fraudulent cleaning will be continued in the new stamps, which will be used for both postage and revenue purposes.

And while we are on the subject of new issues where is the much lauded 12c stamp of the United States, which was scheduled to appear quite a while ago?

## Sayings of Harrisburg Philatelists

Does Scott catalogue 1847 precancels?—J. H. Strouse.

Ask Miller.—D. F. Lybarger.

Why don't you subscribe to the American Collector?—A. R. Bodmer.

I specialize in British Colonials.—J. H. Strouse.

I buy imperforate coins.—A. M. Aurand, Jr.

Here are some beauties with original gum.—L. P. Miller.

Why don't you buy my French Colonials?—Bodmer.

What does M. P. A. mean?—J. H. Strouse.

We know a young fellow named Wise, He buys all the imperfs he spies,

He'll dig in his pocket, and his ring he will "hock" it,

For his interest for them never dies.

Let's have an auction.—Evan Miller

Buy a copy of the Stamps of Mars, to help the author get married.—Aurand.

L. P. Miller was a merry old soul.

And a merry old soul was he,

He stepped one night upon a bull-dog's posterior appendage,

And spent that night up a tree.

I bought a blank album with spaces in for United States stamps.—D. F. Lybarger.

I'll bet Bodmer wrote that stuff, it just sounds like him.—Miller.

Is the M. P. A. a branch of the A. P. S.?—Orendorf.

Of course, stupid.—Elmer Wise.

Will we illustrate, "The Stamps of Mars."—A. M. Aurand, Jr.

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AT THE EDITOR'S DESK

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As announced in our April issue we are now three years old—we are going to issue monthly—a whole year's subscription from now on is 20c. But, for 20c we also give you a copy of that valuable book-

let, "The Stamps of Mars" by L. P. Miller, gratis.

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We take this opportunity to thank our critics for their favorable opinions of our efforts, especially Mr. L. G. Quackenbush, of Redfield's Weekly, who has commended our worthy qualities in a way which exceedingly encourages us. We're not going to waste valuable space elaborating on how these qualities are going to be improved, but we intend to ameliorate just the same.

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The M. P. A. Year Book for 1910-11 was quite a pleasant surprise. We had just about given up all hope, when along came such an edition as we had never dreamed of,—surpassing by far all previous attempts at an annual publication. We have reasons to believe that Dr. Davis should receive practically all of the credit, not only for making possible so excellent a year Book, but also for reducing the cost to a minimum.

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This number of The Collector is especially intended for M. P. A. members, but out-siders may look on. Copies will be distributed at the convention, and recipients thereof are hereby requested to blow in twenty cents for a year's subscription. A copy of "The Stamps of Mars," Brother Miller's latest hit, will be sent gratis to new subscribers requesting same. Old subscribers renewing for one year may also get in on the deal. Please send the green stamps, as they look more like greenbacks. Letters concerning this offer should be addressed direct to L. P. Miller, and **at once**.



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## Harrisburg Happenings

By HARRY SPURG

The local Post Office is going to be enlarged. Rumor has it that the present capacity is insufficient for the handling of orders for "The Stamps of Mars."

Dr. I. M. Weills, C. C. C. C. No. 1, has recently returned from Florida. A number of specimens were added to his collection during the trip.

A number of good Precancel collections are owned by local collectors, three or four of which are especially strong in Philadelphia, Pa."

The most valuable collection in the city is Mr. H. E. Pyke's specialized U. S. and colonies. It's a great treat for the eyes.

"Don" Lybarger is in Alabama at present. He will return to the philatelic atmosphere of Harrisburg in several months.

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30 CENTS worth of good stamps for every 10 philatelic papers sent me. D. B. Crockett, Nutley, New Jersey.

### "Just a Chain of Daisies."

Miss Anita Owen, the gifted composer and writer of "Daisy" songs, has just completed another beautiful ballad entitled "JUST A CHAIN OF DAISIES," which promises to become as popular as any she heretofore wrote. Miss Owen was recently interviewed by a New York Herald reporter and the fact became known that she has an income of over \$15,000.00 per year in royalties from her songs, also that she has never been married. The interview also conveyed the idea that if the right man came along she might be induced to consider him from a matrimonial standpoint. Since the publication of this article her publishers are receiving daily from twenty to fifty letters from all over the country—some containing inquiries for her address, and some offers of marriage and photographs of men, young and old, who are willing to share her royalties with her. Her songs all are very sentimental, and she has a following among both men and women to

such an extent that the first edition of every new Anita Owen song is quickly exhausted. "JUST A CHAIN OF DAISIES" is probably the most sentimental of the series and ends with this

#### REFRAIN.

Just a chain of daisies,  
I have tied for you,  
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## "House Organs"

By L. G. Dorpat

The "AMERICAN COLLECTOR" is not a house organ. It is an amateur collectors' magazine, edited and printed by collectors for collectors out of love for the work.

A "house organ", on the other hand, is a paper, circular or magazine edited by or for a dealer and printed at the cost of that dealer's advertising fund. The main object of such a publication is, of course, the advertising of that dealer and his business. The dealer may be a single person or a company; in either case the business is to be boomed, customers are to be gained and goods are to be bought or sold, and the profits must replenish the advertising fund and thus keep the "house organ" a-going.

Some publishers of such periodicals send these free to their customers and other people whom they wish to have as customers. In this case, an example of which is "Mekeel's News and Trade Circular", the time of appearance of the consecutive numbers is irregular and governed only by the convenience of the dealer.

In other cases the dealer, or firm, will charge a nominal subscription price, as Scott and Gibbons for their "Circulars", to pay postage, or a somewhat larger subscription, as J. W. Scott for the "Metropolitan Philatelist", to pay part of the whole cost. In these cases the publications are expected to appear at regular, stated intervals, and in the case of larger subscriptions the publication is expected to serve its readers beyond the direct interests of the publisher, which in fact they sometimes do.

Compared with amateur journals, these "house organs", to whatever class they may belong, are at an advantage. The bigger the business they represent, the bigger will be the fund at their disposal. But that is not all. The bigger the business, the more opportunity will the dealer, or company, have to get news about stamps, about stamp collecting, and about stamp collectors. A large firm will handle hundreds, and perhaps thousands of stamps, where the collector handles but one or two. The firm knows the wholesale market as well as the retail market, while the collector usually remains ignorant of the former. The dealer can supply a contributor to his publication with material for study, and he can use the cuts of stamps both for the text and for the illustration of advertisements, whilst the amateur publisher can usually do neither. And thus we might go on and point out some twenty or thirty points of advantage more which are on the side of the "house organ".

It is no wonder then that some of these "servants of commerce" surpass many of their humbler, struggling brethren, the amateur journals, who in an idealistic way try to serve philately and its devotees, without having any "ax to grind".

It is a wonder that of the latter class there are so many and that some of them manage to live for years in competition with the more fortunate "house organs".

What is the secret of this? And what has the amateur paper to boast of that will counterbalance the advantage of the "house organ"? It is the freedom of the amateur press, which is not bound to the interests of any one business, while the "house organ is and always will be constrained not to publish anything that may be detrimental to the business of its publisher.

Collectors should keep this in mind, and tho' they certainly have the right and may be wise to read as many "house organs" as they can; it may be to their own advantage to give to the amateur press not the least, but the better share of their attention. There need be no enmity between collector and dealer, but it seems that the friendship between the collector and the amateur paper should be naturally greater than the friendship between the collector and any one dealer's "house organ".



### The Missing Word.

A "new missing" word contest has just appeared. It is as follows: A good church deacon sat down on the pointed end of tack. He at

once sprang up and said only two words. The last was "it". Any one guessing the first word and sending a dollar in cash will be entitled to this periodical for one year. —Lippincott's.



# A Word to Parents

By A. Z. Myers

This word is about the hobbies of your boys and girls. One of the popular hobbies with many boys, and I have the boys especially in mind, having been one, I know more about boys, never could understand a girl rightly, tho I am a married man and a father; one of the popular hobbies I was going to say is stamp collecting.

Now I happen to know that many fathers and some mothers, too, take great pleasure in ridiculing these hobbies and making all manner of sport at their interest in such worthless things as cancelled postage stamps. By and by if the young collector has pluck and stick-to-itiveness and lands a collection cataloging some hundreds of dollars and has some rare specimens in it, they will begin to take grudging notice, and say, "well there must be a lot of fools."

Now the fact is that there is a very decided educational value to collecting, and specially in the matter of stamps. The educational value is far greater than most busy fa-

thers dream of and it is the cheapest educational help their children are getting and is developing faculties that are absolutely essential to the success of men and women. More fail in life just from the want of the development of these faculties than any other.

Mind you we are not saying that their faculties are only developed by hobbyists and postage stamp or other collectors, but there is an educational value here we have not yet begun to realize.

To notice the little things, to see details, to save the minutes, to stop the small leaks of purse, of time, of crops, of life is essential to the highest success. There are many who have no eye for details. They work hard. But waste more than they gain. The great inventions and discoveries have come thru noticing the little things. There is no better training for any boy or girl, man or woman than just the power of seeing and mastering the little things. It is the little things in the arts that make perfection, in the trade that

make skill, in the business world that spell success. Learning to know the details in perforations, water marks, secret marks, kinds of paper used and all that in a stamp collection is a most excellent training in details. The same might be said of many other collectors.

Just think this thru and you will see that I am right and gladly add a little to the boys or girls pleasure by an encouraging word and a little financial aid.

In the above word to parents we urged their encouragement of the collecting whim of the young people because it taught carefulness in noting detail. The more we think of that the more we think of it and feel now that we did not say that half as strong as it ought to be said. But let that pass. There is another side to the question and this is what we want to speak of now.

While many cannot see the little things so essential to success, there are others who can never get beyond a copper. All their lives seem to be lived on the "one cent" basis. They pay for their religion that way and the man who is mean enough to do that has such a small soul that you will never miss him when he is gone.

But not only in church is the narrow chested contracted individual conspicuous. He is in the home, on the farm, in business, in the

mine, at the bench, oh everywhere. His vision is too contracted to be a good workman. He can never get his mind beyond the pay envelope or something equally small.

A right perspective in life sees the detail, but has eyes also to take in the large things of this large work. The world is in great need of men and women in the church and in business and in politics and along every avenue of life who can see things largely.

Collecting will help develop this faculty. The passion grows. One is not content. Your collection is never complete. The larger it grows the more eager you are to add other specimens you do not have and so you get a larger view. You get interested in the world field. You think largely. Your powers to discern the littles are not lost or buried, but you are simply enlarged and your usefulness is enhanced.

There is thus an educational value in collecting that most people have not dreamed of. Wise parents will encourage and help and often may helpfully direct, and what is more, their own life will be broadened and sweetened and enlarged. Oh what a narrow hard life men are living! A little interest in a hobby, their own or another's, would change things for them very much indeed.

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## *A Refutation.*

In the September number of the Collectors' Monthly, Mr. C. E. Jenney deals rather unfairly, to our way of thinking, with Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole's recent article in the Philatelic Gazette, on "United States Guide Dots". Mr. Jenney states that this subject "was taken up quite fully in the old Philatelic Californian," and that "most of the points on which he [Mr. Poole] confesses ignorance are matters of knowledge to the well posted California philatelists." In so far as the truth of these statements is concerned, we take no exception whatever to them; but we fail to understand their significance in connection with the work in question.

The fact that the "Philatelic Californian" once published an article on U. S. Guide Dots, is certainly far from being a good argument against Mr. Poole's article on the subject. Comparatively few collectors have very extensive philatelic libraries, and it is unlikely that many of the Philatelic Gazette's readers have copies of Philatelic Californian lying around. Personally, we may say that our perusal of Mr. Poole's article in the Gazette gave us our first comprehensive impressions of U. S. Guide Dots. Had we been forced to depend on the Philatelic Californian, deceased, for our knowledge, we would still be in the dark regarding the subject.

Then too, suppose we had been compelled to get our knowledge from the "well posted California philatelists" mentioned by Mr. Jenney. If such were the case, perhaps we should be forever unenlightened. Pray, why do not these well posted gentlemen, who are so far superior to Mr. Poole, share their knowledge of guide dots with their fellow-philatelists? If they prefer to keep mum about it, that's their own business, of course. But then when Mr. Poole offers the philatelic world his views on the subject, he should at least be given credit for taking the trouble to do so, and not be accused of writing a stale and incomplete article.

Mr. Poole is, without a doubt, an experienced philatelic student of considerable ability. And what is more, he has been sharing his knowledge with us unscientific Americans ever since he came to live in Uncle Sam's domain. His work is excellent, without exception, and he should be thanked for undertaking it. Of course, there are in America (including California) philatelic scholars of attainments equal,

or even superior, to Mr. Pool's. However, few of them are willing to let others know what they know; and, in so far as the advancement of philately is concerned, a philatelist might as well not know beans, as to be unwilling to tell his brethren what he does know.

If any philatelic students know more than the contributors to our stamp papers, let them become regular contributors themselves, and then tell us about it.

—L. P. Miller in WEEKLY PHILATELIC REVIEW.



## WARNING!

During the last few years things have been happening at Washington with almost unprecedented rapidity. It is unnecessary to enumerate all of the stamps which have been issued but a brief summary may not be out of place.

First, an entire new issue began to appear, late in 1908, followed by three commemoratives in 1909. The 1c to 5c values inclusive, of the regular issue, as well as the commemoratives, also came out imperforate: and the 1c to 15c inclusive (regular), together with the Lincoln commemorative, appeared on bluish experimental paper. Furthermore, the 1c, 2c and 5c values were issued part-perforate  $12\frac{1}{2}$ , vertically and horizontally, and the 4c and 10c vertically, not to mention the deluge of private perforations.

Meanwhile, the "merry-widow" green special-delivery stamp had suddenly appeared, and as suddenly been withdrawn. Quiet was then restored, but only temporarily. Late in 1910 the regular issue threw a fit, and came out on a differently watermarked paper, (with the exception of the 13c, 50c and \$1 values). The 1c and 2c values appeared imperforate, as well as part-perforate  $12\frac{1}{2}$  and  $8\frac{1}{2}$ , vertically and horizontally, and privately perforated. We were also presented with a set of Postal Savings official stamps, and the collectors of "entires" amongst us—with the current envelopes on differently watermarked paper.

At the present moment, we are enjoying a respite, but it won't last very long. In the near future, new 1c, 2c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 50c, \$1 and 10c registration stamps will be out. The 1c and 2c values will undoubtedly appear imperforate, part-perforate both ways, and private-



ly perforated. There may be no experimental or newly watermarked paper used for these prospective emissions, but one can never tell!

Now then, the warning is this: **Don't neglect procuring the current varieties before they become obsolete.** Perhaps they will be obtainable for quite a while, but it's best not to run chances. The 1902 2c stamp was considered common while current, and collectors neglected to procure copies, with the result that the stamp jumped to 12c in Scott's 1911 catalog, and will be priced at 25c in the 1912 edition.

The stamps with single-line watermark have only been in use for about eleven months, and in three more most of them will doubtless be obsolete. Hence it can easily be seen that if collectors fail to lay in a sufficient supply of the varieties which are to be discontinued, they will have to pay considerable over face when they wake up later on.

—L. P. Miller in WEEKLY PHILATELIC REVIEW.



# HERE THERE *and* EVERYWHERE

— Our Reading Table.

By A. R. Bodmer.

Mr. Mann is to be congratulated upon the appearance of the "Philadelphia Stamp News," since securing the official organship of the A. P. S. Mr. Mann has improved his paper with each issue. We note the fact that his paper was awarded a bronze medal in Vienna, which it certainly deserved—also the recent purchase of the "StampCollector".

Redfield's Stamp Weekly is in a class by itself just at present, because of its lack of reading matter. However, we hope to see it back to its old form soon.

The Collector's Journal has been revived and from the appearance of the issue before us, it is likely to stay this time. Mr. Lindquist certainly has a capable staff of associate editors. Another feature worth noticing, are the fine illustrations, which predominate throughout the entire paper.

From Oakland, California, comes the Collector's Monthly; altho' devoted mainly to Minerals, it contains a stamp department, edited by C. E. Jenney.

The Stamp Journal is up to its usual standard. The publishers issued a nice October number, which was their annual season opener.

The Southern Philatelist is as welcome as ever. "The Great Philatelic Corner," a serial by Robert Haynes, is well worth reading.

Everybody's Philatelist for September, is filled almost (outside of the editorials) by articles from the pen of C. A. Nast. His story, "The Tragedy of a Stamp," is very interesting.

The New Yorker, published by Stryker & Oldehoff, is one of the best of our smaller monthlies. The October number has nice articles—"The Postage Stamps of Mauritius", "Hosmer's Collectors' Column", and "Honesty and Honor in Stamp Collecting."

Some exchanges have not been reviewed, because through lack of time and space, and we ask those editors and publishers, whose periodicals we have omitted in our October number to kindly pardon us. We certainly DO appreciate all the papers, etc., sent us, and the publisher of this magazine will make extra efforts to repay other publishers who show that they have any faith in this amateur quarterly. There are a great many Philatelic Periodicals that we do NOT receive and we kindly ask those publishers to be kind enough to place us on their X list at once—We'll reciprocate.

A. M. AURAND, Jr.,

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## Abolishing the Postage Stamp.

In our day the mail traffic of large business concerns has swollen to gigantic proportions, and even the simple labor of affixing stamps requires a special clerical staff. "No wonder, therefore," says the *Umschau*, "if the problem has been considered how the stamp could be abolished altogether without prejudice to the interests of the post office. Proposals of this character have not been wanting, as for instance in Bavaria, since February 1st, 1910, large consignments are simply stamped with a postmark at the post office, the operation being carried out by machinery. In this way the post office has saved the expense for paper and the printing costs for ten million stamps, while the business world has economized time and money, for affixing stamps to one thousand letters requires about an hour and a half of time.

"This method of treatment, while fairly satisfactory, is still primitive. We can easily imagine a much better system worked out somewhat along the lines of a gas or a water meter, the letter being simply placed in a machine, and stamped with a postmark which serves at the same time as receipt for the postage and as record of the date, etc. The machine would be

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Honorable Scribe, L. P. Miller,  
Keeper of the Cash, J. H. Strouse.

For the gratification of its insatiable curiosity the club has purchased an extra sheet of current imperforates, and will be showing it off for the next month or so. At the end of that time, any Harrisburg philatelist, who does not thoroughly understand the arrangement of Uncle Sam's stamps or sheets, is either a bone head or not a philatelist.

Instead of having a definite meeting place the club now assembles at the homes of its members. The meetings would be enlivened somewhat if non-philatelic entertainment could be provided; but Orendorf won't tickle the ivories, and Strouse cannot be persuaded to sing, so what's the use?

At the last meeting it was moved to have Bodmer's witty sayings published some place, not on account of their merits, dear reader, but in order that there may be some other philatelists to keep the Harrisburg bunch company in their misery.

Already the club is beginning to prepare for the 1912 M. P. A. convention. It will soon begin rehearsals of — something; if you want to find out the secret, drop around at the convention next August.

It looks very much at present as if the M. P. A. convention will hold its sessions in committee rooms of the Harrisburg board of trade in August, view a stamp exhibit in the state museum, and do other high class stunts.

The AMERICAN COLLECTOR will be the official organ of the club another year. The members are sorry that it cannot appear monthly, but they understand circumstances, and feel sure that Mr. Aurand will be able to accomplish more by quarterly publication than he could have accomplished by issuing monthly.

It has been suggested that the club library be cataloged, but candidates for the job have been very few. In fact, we might even venture to state that there aren't any candidates at all. Things look bad for the library.

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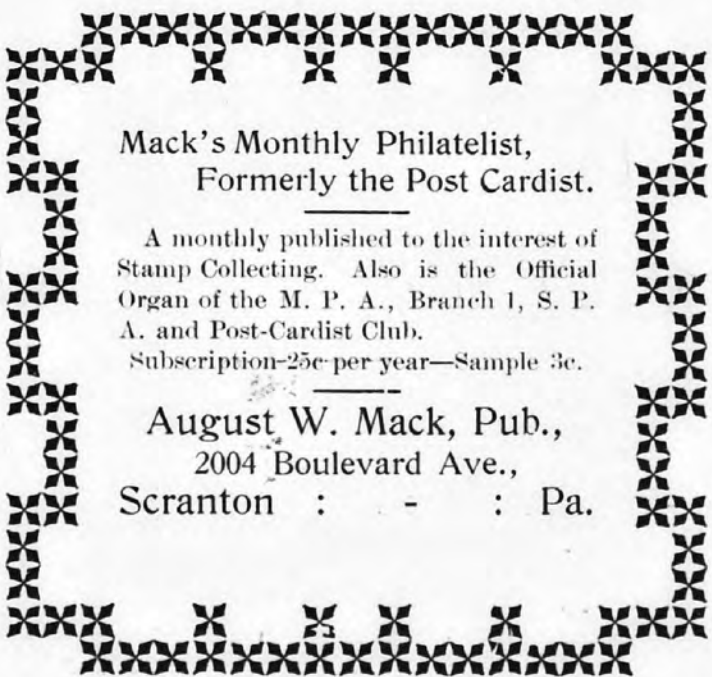
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## The Stolen Mint .

By A. R. BODMER

Jonah Joshua Jinks, the world-famous detective, lounged leisurely in his sanctum, reading cryptograms. On his right was a pile of disguises, on his left some wigs, false whiskers, and other parts of the face. Just now the great detective was effectively disguised as a bachelor. He wore a green coat, dark trousers, high collar, black necktie, and stern look. Just as he had finished reading, "there came a tapping, as of some one gently rapping—rapping at his chamber door." He softly rose, adjusted his disguise, and investigated the cause of the "mysterious sounds arising from without." It was only Watso, his faithful assistant, disguised as a French poodle. Handing his chief the morning mail, he divested himself of his novel disguise, and faithfully watched the detective's every movement.

There were but two letters, about one of which lies the plot of this story. Jinks opened the first letter, only to find a securely sealed envelope. Opening this, he found a neat card, on which was inscribed the following passage: "In case of fire, please wring the towel."

"Foolish jester," remarked Jinks scornfully, as he carefully placed the envelope and its contents in the waste basket, and proceeded to open the other letter. It was an official-looking affair, and had an ising-glass front. The contents were as follows:

Detective J. J. Jinks:

Esteemed Sir—There has been stolen a U. S. 5 cent mint, 1847. Proceed on the case without further instructions. Yours, etc.

For the first time in his career, the famous detective was nervous. "Watso," cried he, "a most awful deed has been done. There has been stolen a United States mint, built in 1847, and used to coin nickels. The letter says so."

Watso looked dubious, but he didn't mention anything. Leaving the room, he went to the pawnbrokers' shops to see if the missing edifice had been offered for sale. Meanwhile, Jinks was absorbed in profound thought, but no solution of the mystery was arrived at.

A day, a week, a month, yes two months passed, and the great sleuth had accomplished nothing. Vacant lots had been visited but the missing mint was nowhere to be seen. Telescopes had been borrowed in order to see whether by any unprecedented freak of gravitation the building might have become suspended in mid-air. But these wise steps were in vain. No "mint" was revealed.

One day Jinks came across an old friend of his, unexpectedly. This friend happened to be a well posted philatelist, having read "The Stamps of Mars" and other leading works. After the conversation had gotten well under way, Jinks said,

"Have you heard of the recent loss suffered by the government?"

"No," was the reply, "What was it?"

"Evidently someone made off with a mint used to coin nickels, built in 1847."

The philatelist pondered. Was the detective misinformed or was he the victim of a practical joke? Suddenly a light began bursting upon him.

"Why, Jinks," he said, "That robbery was a 5-cent stamp, of 1847, in mint condition. We philatelists call an unused stamp, in perfect condition, 'mint, y' know.'"

"Oh," said Jinks, hurriedly departing and wending his way homeward. He found Watso sitting by the fire-side absorbed in government reports.

"What luck?" he asked, knowing well the answer.

"Nix," elegantly replied the baffled assistant. "That building must have been swallowed up at one gulp."

"Watso," said the chief sternly, "your ignorance is refreshing. I left you continue this search purposely to teach you a lesson. A 5-cent mint, 1847, is an unused 5-cent postage stamp issued in 1847, and don't you forget it."

The reputation of the great detective had been maintained. And to this day, Watso is in blissful ignorance of the fact that his chief had been as far from the real solution as he had, until given a tip by his philatelic friend. But perhaps 'tis better thus.



# THE WORLD'S STAMPS.

By L. P. MILLER.

CHAP. I. 1840 to 1849.

MAY 1, 1840. In 1837 Queen Victoria took charge of the throne of Great Britain, and three years later had her picture on the stamps of the realm. It stayed on for the remainder of the century. The first stamps to picture the Queen, or anybody else for that matter, were the 1d. and 2d., issued May 1st, 1840; they were line-engraved by Fred Heath, and run off by Perkins, Bacon & Co. There are Maltese crosses in the upper corners, and snatches of the alphabet in the lower. The design is very dignified and artistic, showing that Fred was some engraver. Would'st that he could'st but still be living, in order to show his present day countrymen how stamps shouldst be engravest!

JAN. 20, 1841. On this date the 1d. stamp became frivolous, and came out in various impossible shades of brown, instead of sedate black. Several months later the 2d. appeared with white lines under "Postage" and above "Two Pence," and other minor changes too minor to mention here. The paper on which both values are printed is bluish, caused by chemical action of the gum, or not by the gum at all, according to different authorities. One variety of these stamps is worthy of mention. It is the Queen's head, in white on blue, on the backs of the stamps. We mention it because of the name the Britishers have given it, to wit, "Ivory Head." No remarks, please.

JULY 1, 1843. Brazil was the second country to issue stamps. It started with three values, 30, 60 and 90 reis, engraved and printed in Rio de Janeiro. These stamps have been named "bulls-eyes" by some funny person or other, who should be congratulated, but told to make it stronger. They are all a dreary, monotonous black, and models of homeliness.

JULY 1, 1844. For some reason a new design was put out at this time, smaller than previously, and somewhat more neat in its personal appearance. The same values were again printed, in the same

dismal black. Later, however, (September 26, 1846), 10, 180, 300 and 600 reis denominations were added, owing to press of business.

AUG. 5, 1847. This is the momentous date on which Uncle Samuel went into the stamp issuing business. The 5c and 10c stamps put out were engraved and printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson, at a little burg known as New York. Just which of these gentlemen did the engraving, and which the printing, is not definitely known. Some think RawDON the engraving, but we are of the opinion that they're not Wright in this conjecture.

SEPT. 21, 1847. Scarcely more than a month after Uncle Sam's first issue, Mauritius put out 1d. and 2d. stamps. They were engraved by J. Barnard and depict Queen Victoria. These stamps are very popular and should be in every collection. Only five copies should be mounted, however. Large mint blocks and panes make a very nice showing, and it is advisable to pick up same wherever possible.

MAY, 1848. New varieties of these stamps appeared at this time, the inscription "Post Paid" being substituted for "Post Office." Evidently this change was made necessary by someone's thotlessness in making off with the Mauritius postoffice. A number of different kinds of paper were employed in printing the stamps, the classification of which will not be attempted at this point.

NOV. 1, 1849. Bavaria now steps forth with 1, 3, and 6 kr. values, designed by P. Haseny, engraved by F. J. Seitz, and printed by J. G. Weiss. The combined talents of these three Dutchmen were insufficient to produce anything more than plain numerals as central designs. The reigning monarch, Maximilian II, must have been a modest man, or else too homely to portray on the stamps to advantage.

JULY 1, 1849. Belgium made its initial appearance in stampdom at this time, with 10c. and 20c. values, engraved by J. Weiner, and printed at the Brussels Stamp Works. They portrayed the reigning king, Leopold I.

JAN. 1, 1849. At this time France was enjoying republican government and chose a portrayal of the Roman Goddess of Spring Gardening, Ceres, as the central design of its first stamps. M. J. L. Barre was the engraver, and he made a pretty good job of it. M. Hulot did the printing, and was obliging enough to make some tete beches,—the first tete beches ever attempted.

Note—All issues treated so far are imperforate.



## CHAP. II. 1850.

**BRAZIL.** On January 1st, rates ranging from 10 reis to 600 reis were issued, retaining memorials as central figures, but having a more sensible background. The mint at Rio de Janeiro did the engraving and printing, and improved somewhat on the former issues.

**SWITZERLAND.** A number of local stamps had been issued as early as 1843, and a few months ahead of Brazil's first issue. But the federal administration put out its first stamps April 5, 1850, lithographed by M. Durheim, and showing the national emblem. There was only a 2½r. value, until October 1, when 5r. and 10r. were added, with changes in design. Next!

**BAVARIA.** 1 kr. to 18 kr., with but slightly different design from previous issue; so much slightly in fact, that we almost forgot 'em.

**BELGIUM.** 10c., 20c., and 40c. values, engraved by J. Wiener, showing us the countenance of Leopold I again. Later they took the watermark's frame away from it, and then removed the whole watermark—actions of which we do not approve.

**AUSTRIA.** On January 1, Austria supplied its Italian officers with 5c to 45c values of the same design which it used five months later for its own 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9 kr. values. Tautenheim, the engraver, thus provided the government with two distinct issues, and only got paid for one. The printing was done at the government's establishment for the purpose in Vienna.

**BRITISH GUINEA.** Something awfully funny happened July 1. It was the stamp issue they put out at British Guinea. The design was created, and the printing done, at the plant of the Royal Gazette, of Georgetown. Just for curiosity, we'd like to see a copy of "The Royal Gazette" as it was in 1850; we bet even the WEEKLY ADVOCATE has it skinned.

**HANOVER.** As a starter, only one value was issued, 1 ggr., with a figure "one" as central design. Herr Fickenscher engraved it, and Senator Culemann typographed it, shortly after which the king, Ernest Augustus, peacefully passed away.

**NEW SOUTH WALES.** In January, the Sydney views began to appear, and for about two years the plates were touched up regularly every month or so. First, there was a clear sky over Sydney, on the 1d, and then clouds appeared, and things at once began to look dark. The 2d and 3d also suffered alterations. The original engraving was

done by Bob Clayton and Johnny Carmichael, for the 1d. and 2d. values respectively. H. C. Jervis re-engraved and re-touched profusely, and when they wanted a 3d. value they allowed him to engrave it, which saved all the bother of revision.

**PRUSSIA.** 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 pf. values, engraved by Schilling and Eickens, of Berlin. The central figure is a bust of William IV, showing a well developed bump on the top side of the head.

**SAXONY.** First, a 3 pf stamp was engraved and typographed by J. B. Hirschfeld, a native of Leipzig, showing a figure "three" in the center,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2 and 3 ngr. values were then engraved and printed by Meinhold & Sons, of Dresden, portraying the ruling king, Frederick Augustus II, a rather good looking gent.

**SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.** These duchies issued 1 and 2 sch. stamps, bearing their coat-of-arms, on November 15, while revolting against Denmark, to which they were subject. They remained under Danish rule, however, until 1864; when we shall again hear from them.

**SPAIN.** On January 1, 6c., 12c., 5r., 6r. and 10r. values appeared, portraying Queen Isabella II, engraved by Bartolemeo Coromina, and lithographed by Gorts Printing Works, Madrid. The queen has a double chin, and many other marks of beauty. The matter, however, will not be gone into further, this not being a beauty column.

**VICTORIA.** In January, 1, 2 and 3d. values came out, portraying Queen Victoria. A fellow by the name of Tom Ham engraved and lithographed them, with occasional assistance from Campbell and Fergusson, two other Melbourne sports. The 3 d. value appeared perforated 12, in January, thus getting the drop on all other perforated stamps. We shall soon see which countries next adopted perforations.

(To be continued).

(NOTE—A funny thing about this serial of ours is that the writer don't know any more about what's going to come next than the reader does. When a chapter is due, he quickly looks up his notes and references, and gets busy. It is planned to have each chapter cover one year's stamp issues, until the issues begin to come so thick and fast that this will be impossible. Then each year will have to be split up into two or more spasms, and the serial may not be completed for some time. We hope you'll be with us at the finish, and none the worse for it.)

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ing Miss Violet Wise from the church-social last Saturday night a savage dog attacked them and bit Mr. Greene several times on the public square.

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Mrs. Turner came across the old paper in looking through the effects of her late mother, Mrs. Thomas Snoddy. Mrs. Snoddy emigrated from the east and settled in Kansas in 1855, bringing the paper with her.

# Exchanging

By A. Z. Myers.

**J**UDGING from the many advertisements in philatelic literature, many collectors must be constantly buying stamps from approval sheets and otherwise. It is rather amusing to me as an amateur to notice how soon a collector branches out into a dealer and is in it, in true American style, for the "almighty dollar." In so doing he ceases to be a real amateur. An amateur is not one who is "green" as I formerly thought and as many still think when this term is applied to any hobby or study. An amateur is one who follows a hobby for pleasure rather than profit.

I suppose there is real profit in selling stamps, in seeing one's self enriched by the transaction, but some how I have never been able to land on that pleasure island, nor have I been anxious. I have plenty of work in my profession for anything that is serious, and it is only for recreation, for rest, for cessation from the serious things in life that I indulge in my hobbies, one of which is philately.

The one form of the pursuit of this hobby that has brought me the greatest pleasure has been by exchanging with other collectors. A few exchange notices have kept me in correspondence for several years. When we have gone as far as we can with those we have made friends with thru these exchange notices we shall seek others. Our collection is not large, but has been built up in odd moments by exchanging with others, by occasionally buying a small packet, by exchanging some packets for photo work, by finding here and there, by friends knowing my interest in stamps, sometimes give me stamps.

It is surprising how one finds stamps that we do not have even in small collections. Hardly ever have sheets come my way that I did not enrich my collection considerably. Often I would be in debt to the other fellow, but my correspondents have been kind and patient and I either have gotten square with them every time or I will, for I have life insurance enough to pay my debts if I am called hence before accomplishing the task myself.

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Another advantage I have found in this method of building up a collection, has been the finding of friends. There has often been between myself and correspondents much more than simply a cold business deal. To some I shall always be indebted for favors they have placed me under that I see no way of repaying. I hope I have not been altogether a sponge myself.

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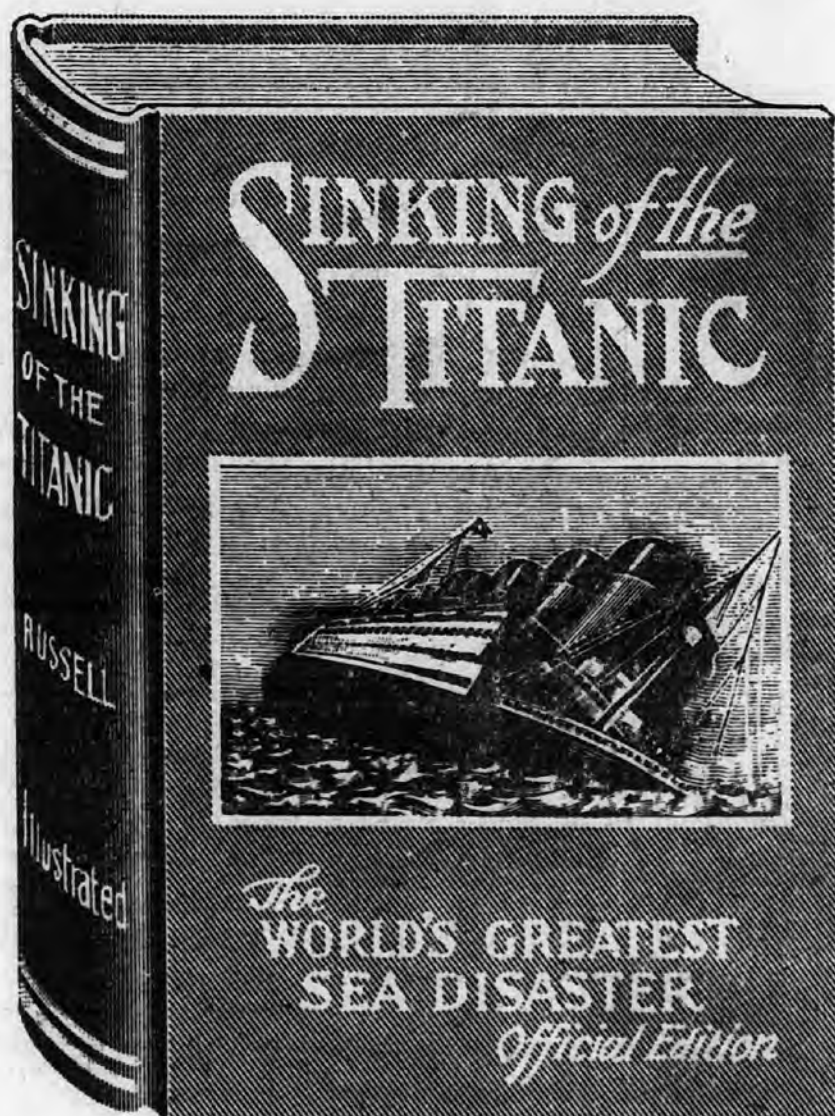
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## Harrisburg Prepared for Convention

M. P. A. and S. P. A. Will be Guests of the Capital  
City Collectors' Club, Aug. 15-16-17.

### Amalgamation Question to Be Decided.

In order to handle the amalgamation question more conveniently, the S. P. A. will meet in conjunction with the M. P. A. at Harrisburg, Aug. 15-16-17, instead of at Scranton. The Capital City Collectors Club, M. P. A. Branch No. 2, now has two conventions to entertain, "where only one grew before," but the local boys are ready, and have made preparations for a big joint convention which will eclipse all previous gatherings of either the M. P. A. or S. P. A. The headquarters will be Hotel Nass. Rates, \$1.50 per day, European plan. Prospective delegates will please communicate with J. P. Miller, 262 Broad St., Harrisburg, Pa., who will make all necessary arrangements. The business sessions, which will be exceptionally important, will be held in the Convention Hall of the Hotel. The first session will convene at 3 p. m., Thursday, Aug. 15. On Thursday evening, an informal reception will be held, at a Japanese garden on the Susquehanna. There will be addresses, cards, music, refreshments, etc. Friday morning, guides will conduct the delegates through the thirteen million dollar State Capitol. The State Library and Museums will also be visited, in the latter of which there will be a large stamp exhibit for the occasion, composed of portions of U. S. collections of Harrisburg specialists in this line. Friday afternoon another business session will be held, at which

time the amalgamation question will be introduced most likely, and referred to committee, after discussion. Friday evening a Stamp Bourse and Auction will be held, on the river. Delegates are requested to bring plenty of duplicates and loose change.

Saturday morning will be devoted to "seeing Harrisburg," unless it is necessary to hold an extra business session, to act on amalgamation. All unfinished business will be disposed of Saturday afternoon.

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### Fooling Four Philatelists.

By "Harry Sburg."

The engraver and counterfeiter Brown was reading the evening paper. He was feeling especially happy on this particular evening, as a large number of greenbacks had recently been passed, as fast as manufactured. A conspicuous article in the paper finally drew his attention. It illustrated, and completed described a rare postage stamp, which had recently changed hands for hundreds of genuine dollars. The skillful engraver noticed that the design was very crude, and promptly decided that rare stamps would be a more profitable field for him than paper money.

It required days and weeks of toil, but finally Brown succeeded in producing several copies of the rare stamp. Every detail had been carefully studied, and the result was very satisfactory. Determining upon a plan of action, he proceeded to the store of the biggest stamp dealer in the city. The latter nearly went wild with delight when the rarity (?) was offered and the former returned to his apartments with \$400 cash in his pockets. He had wisely refused check, as he was unfavorably known at every bank in the vicinity.

Brown had become cautious from experience, and did not deem it healthy to visit any other big deal

in the city. Accordingly, he sallied forth again, with a different plan of campaign. Reaching the shop of a small stamp dealer, he offered for sale, "A stamp from a dead brother's collection," which, he said, he had been told was very valuable. The dealer was unable to suppress his excitement, and after a short discussion, gave Brown a hundred, cash, for the stamp of the fictitious deceased brother. There was intense excitement at the 146th meeting of the local philatelic society. Brown's first victim was an officer of the "rarity" acquired the day before. However, the club's counterfeit detector brought his outfit into use, and after a close and careful examination, pronounced the stamp a skillful counterfeit.

The dealer disappeared suddenly, and found his residence somehow; after a sleepless night, he wended his way slowly to his place of business. He began aimlessly sorting stamps, but gave it up just as Brown's second victim appeared. The latter had decided to convert his rarity into cash, and, accordingly, had come to offer it to the big dealer. The big dealer was, naturally, very sore at all stamps in general, and a certain counterfeit in particular. Therefore his feelings were not of the pleasantest, upon being offered this very stamp. Determining victim No. 2, he hastily

summoned a policeman, and ambitious victim the second was marched out of the establishment almost as fast as he strode in.

The local papers that afternoon, published detailed accounts about the counterfeits, and also made various guesses as to steps being taken to locate Brown. This gentleman, in the meanwhile, had decided that another city would doubtless be a better location for him. While waiting at the station, he overheard two gentlemen discussing stamps. The temptation was too great to be resisted; approaching them, he produced his last counterfeit, venturing the assertion that it was the first copy of the stamp they had ever seen.

When the gentlemen found that Brown really desired to sell the specimen, a regular auction ensued.

One of them finally stopped bidding, and the other rushed off toward the nearest bank, as Brown demanded cash payment. The bank was soon reached, and every thing was going smoothly, but on the return trip, the cry of a newsboy attracted our wealthy friend's attention. The urchin announced, among other items, the selling of counterfeits of a rare stamp. A paper soon changed hands and our friend hastily scanned the columns devoted to the stamp swindle.

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## Philatelic Journalism.

Emphasizing Its Importance, Pointing Out Two of Its  
Faults, Showing What It Should Produce,  
Defending Its Lighter Side, and  
Suggesting Ways to  
Perfect It.

Paper stamps and stamp papers are the most important factors in the construction of a stamp collection. The stamps constitute the material, and the papers enable the philatelist to correctly classify this material. An accurately arranged collection of stamps could no more be constructed without a thoro understanding, on the part of the collector, of the history of each issue, and of all available facts in connection therewith, than it could be formed without the stamps of which it is intended to consist. And by what means can an earnest philatelist acquire information necessary in the formation of his collection, with more ease, more

surety, and less expense, than thru the stamp papers?

Philatelic journals are great powers in our world of perforations, watermarks, and original gum, and philatelic journalism is the most influential factor in the progress of philately, that stampdom has ever known. Philatelists are considerably scattered, and except in several localities, cannot assemble in large numbers to instruct, and to be instructed, in the science of philately. A medium is necessary for the diffusion of useful information thruout our little private realm, and for the promotion of intercourse between fellow philatelists. That medium is the philatelic

press, and philatelic journalism is the power behind the press.

The average journalism of the outer world consists of sensational presentation of authentic and unauthentic news items, and extravagant editorial commentaries. Average philatelic journalism differs entirely from that sort of journalism. News items are comparatively few, in the philatelic press, and many of those that do creep into print are no longer new, or, if really of importance, are presented so lamely and tamely, from a newspaper-man's point-of-view, that they lose most of their importance in the process. On the other hand, the average philatelic journals publish so much that is interesting, instructive and invaluable to philatelic students, that there is generally little space left for any other sort of matter.

There are two extremes in philatelic journalism, however, which are apparent to the most casual observer. On the one hand, the publication of puerile, crude, and useless matter, which accomplishes but two things. It fills space, and encourages the ambitious author and gives him practice. On the other hand, the publication of articles which purport to be scientific and of the highest quality, which in reality are nothing but over-done treatises on trifling minor variations in stamp printing,

about which nobody is concerned in the least, except possibly one or two specialists in the stamps exploited.

The happy medium in philatelic journalism consists in the production of articles which are of general interest to general collectors, as well as scientific treatises on stamps which are popular at the time, and common enough to admit of their acquisition by collectors of moderate means. Matter along these lines is constantly being published in our stamp papers, and is undoubtedly appreciated by subscribers. Much other matter, however, appears in the columns of our journals, which had better have perished in the pen.

Funny fun and sensible nonsense, in moderation, are excellent features of philatelic journalism, rather than faults. Nothing adds to the value of a serious stamp paper more than a little wit and humor each issue, and several journals really need this element badly. What philatelic humor there is, however, atones in quality for its weakness in quantity, as a general rule, and no objections whatever can be made to it.

Nearly every stamp paper is to some extent superior, in one or more respects, to any other paper. "Redfield's Weekly," for example, always presents important news items in true newspaper fashion,

and it has no contemporary which can surpass it, in presenting momentous matter as it should be presented. Editor Quackenbush is the only genuine philatelic journalist in the business, compared with the accepted standards of newspaper journalism. As another example, "The Philatelic Gazette" has always given out the latest news of U. S. stamps the earliest, ever since it has been published. No matter what happens at Washington, the "Gazette" tells about it before any of the other papers suspect anything. True, there is no Quackenbush to write up the news according to its importance. No head lines, even. But the "Gazette" is a dignified monthly magazine, and as such, is all that could be expected. Thus, all papers differ one from another, each excelling in something.

Average philatelic journalism is certainly a great credit to our hobby, and is really the life of philately. Its extremes however, need to be modified. Let it concern itself with the elimination of "unripe and over-ripe articles," from the columns of our journals, as well as with the production of "real, ripe reading matter", for which philatelists are constantly watching, and which they devour, when it appears, with a semi-savage avidity stimulated by extended starvation. Philatelic journalism itself, may or may

not be able to improve upon itself. Other than the harmful extremes mentioned, there is actually little that can greatly be improved upon, but those extremes should be attended to without further delay. Let us hope that the time is not far distant, when every collector can appreciate, and benefit by, every article appearing in every philatelic journal every issue.

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NOTE—The writer of the above prefers not to reveal his identity. He has been connected with philatelic journalism for some time, and is therefore personally acquainted with his subject. The selection of the AMERICAN COLLECTOR for the publication of this anonymous article was not a chance happening, and the results of the experiment will doubtless prove very interesting.

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Samuel Heefner, of Mt. Alto, is in his 87th year and on November 5th it was his seventeenth consecutive vote for democratic presidential electors.

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A new bride made her first trip to the meat market; setting her basket on the counter, gave her order to the butcherman. "I want a piece of meat without any bone, fat or gristle." "Yes mam" replied the butcher, "I would suggest that you take an egg."

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# By Way of Proof

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"Mint," said Ampley, carelessly.

"Catnip," contradicted Ampley's wife, decisively.

Ampley regarded her with the benignly pitying look men reserve for erring and weak-minded members of their families. "Geraldine," he said in a pained tone, "do you suppose I've lived all these years and escaped an intimate acquaintance with mint in its various forms? It is just as easy to tell mint when you see it as it is to recognize a potato! This is mint!"

Mrs. Ampley dropped her golf clubs and sat down plump in the middle of the disputed green stuff. At the eighteenth hole they had wandered off the course into the inviting autumn woods bordering the links. Her cap was one side and her face was flushed.

"You may know mint," she admitted crisply. "I've not the slightest doubt that you could tell it in a tall glass a mile away, but let me inform you that when it comes to catnip you've nothing on me. Why, I was brought up on catnip—almost! Haven't I gathered it by the bushel for the cats and kittens we always had at home? I——"

"Fine aroma," interrupted Ampley, twisting the sprig he held beneath his nose with the maddening air of a connoisseur. "I don't know when I've stumbled on a finer bed of mint, really!"

"You'd infuriate me if you weren't so silly," remarked his wife. "And you are so absurdly stubborn!"

"What're you doing?" demanded Ampley with curiosity as she began picking handfuls of the herb and stuffed them into her sweater pocket etc.

Mrs. Ampley regarded him coldly. "I am picking catnip," she informed him, "to take home to the cats next door—and I intended to incidentally prove to you that I am in the right!"

"Any sane cat," scoffed her husband, "would be insulted if handed a bunch of that stuff! It would collect all its intimate friends and sit out on the back fence and yowl at you in disgust."

His wife sniffed. "Any cat would be my friend for life," she contradicted. "The poor thing would be hysterical with joy! Did you ever see a cat playing with catnip?"

"No, but I am curious to observe one having a jag of joy on plain mint," said her husband. "It will be novel."

"Shoo!" said Mrs. Ampley six times to the golf club cat, which seemed determined to tag them into the station bus.

"What ails the animal?" asked Ampley.

"Catnip!" explained Mrs. Ampley, sweetly.

"Umph!" commented Ampley. Walking up the avenue to their home in the dusk Ampley fell over some animal twice. "What the——" he began.

"I think," said his wife casually, "that it must be that big black cat I've seen in this block so much. It probably has sniffed the catnip in my pockets——"

"Oh, fudge!" growled Ampley.

Just as they sat down to dinner there was a mew from the front porch. It was an insistent call and Mrs. Ampley beamed.

"The dear thing!" she murmured. "Cats are so intelligent! I dropped a leaf of the stuff on purpose as I came in and it's calling for more! Listen—there are two of them now!"

Ampley got to his feet violently. "Have we got to endure this serenade all through dinner?" he inquired with awful sarcasm. "Just because some fool cats can't tell mint when they see it?"

He opened the front door to scare away the invaders, but they vanished suddenly. For a moment he thought he saw shadowy forms flit by him, but when he glanced back into the hall nothing was to be seen.

"It is really remarkable," mused Mrs. Ampley, "how cleverly cats will discover catnip and search it out! See how those two on the porch—"

"That was mere coincidence," Ampley insisted. "A cat wouldn't walk a foot to smell of mint! And I'm telling you that it was mint you picked!"

"Catnip!" said Mrs. Ampley serenely.

Ampley went upstairs to bed a little later, murmuring contradictory things under his breath about the green leaves plucked by his wife a few hours before out at the club. Then presently he yelled. So weird and alarmed was his cry that Mrs. Ampley came running to his assistance.

When she got the room light turned on she discovered Ampley crouching with blanched face near the bed, on which he evidently had placed his hand. And he had thrust it into the midst of a bunch of warm, furry, live things—four cats ensconced upon Mrs. Ampley's carelessly bestowed sweater, the pockets of which they had been contentedly rifling. One cat was chewing a leaf and it winked at Ampley joyously. All of them were purring in a dissipated fashion.

Turning, Ampley met his wife's triumphant eye. "We-e-ell," he said weakly, "maybe it is catnip."

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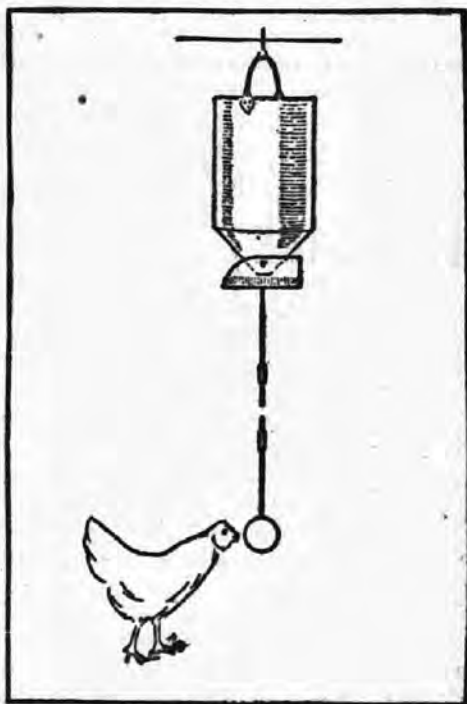
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## IS RIVAL OF EIFFEL

Woolworth Structure in New  
York Is Highest in U. S.

Huge Building Scrapes the Sky at 750  
Feet—Edifice When Complete  
Will Have Cost Owners  
\$13,500,000.

New York.—The Woolworth building, now almost completed, holds the record for height among all buildings ever erected by man. It is true, the Eiffel Tower in Paris is 234 feet higher, but it is a mere steel skeleton and cannot be classed as a building in the sense accepted for that term. The building proper, which occupies an area of 30,000 square feet, is 384 feet high and is surmounted by a tower, 86 by 84 feet, rising 366 feet above the main part of the building. The following list of the tallest structures raised by man may be interesting for purposes of comparisons:

	Feet.
Colossus of Rhodes.....	106
Pantheon, Rome.....	150
St. Isaac's, St. Petersburg.....	365
Statue of Liberty (highest statue).....	305
Great Pyramid of Cheops.....	450
St. Peters, Rome.....	400
Rouen Cathedral.....	490
Cologne Cathedral.....	516

Washington Monument.....	555½
Singer Building.....	612 1-13
Metropolitan Tower.....	700¾
Woolworth Building.....	750
Eiffel Tower.....	984

The work of excavating for the foundations of the Woolworth building was begun on Nov. 4, 1910. Sixty-six caissons were sunk to a depth of 115 feet until they reached solid rock and the sixty-six concrete piers, resting on the rock, constitute the foundation of the structure.

The foundation was completed in the fall of 1911, when the erection of the steel frame was begun. The latter was completed in July of last year, and the brick and stone work was completed at the beginning of the present year. Twenty-four thousand tons of steel went into the making of the building and the total weight of the structure is estimated at 250,000 tons.

The building has fifty-five floors, twenty-five of which are in the tower, and the aggregate floor space is about thirty-three acres. The building and tower together contain about 2,000 offices, with 3,000 windows and as many doors.

To enable the occupants of the building to reach their respective floors there are thirty-four passenger elevators, of which twenty-four are grouped near the Broadway entrance, while the others are near the entrance from Barclay street and Park place.

The equipment of the building when fully completed will be thoroughly

modern and as nearly perfect as it is possible to make it. The fifty-fourth floor will be used as an observatory, and on top of the structure, beneath the gigantic flag, will be placed a powerful searchlight. The twenty-eighth floor will be occupied by a luncheon club, and in the basement there will be a swimming pool, a restaurant and a rathskeller.

The total cost of the building is estimated at about \$13,500,000, of which amount \$4,500,000 was paid for the ground. The building was erected for F. W. Woolworth, who was born poor at Rodman, N. Y., April 13, 1852, went through public school and a business college, and in 1879 opened the first "five-cent store" at Utica, N. Y. The venture prospered, and he extended his business to other cities, and now has a chain of more than 300 such stores throughout the country, from which he derives an enormous income.

More than half of the capital required for the erection of the Woolworth building was contributed by capitalists in France. The rent roll of the building is expected to be about \$2,500,000 a year.

## PLAN TO CONSERVE THE SNOW

Scientists Have Discovered Its Importance in Relation to the Water Supply.

The attention of American meteorologists has been directed in recent years to the great importance of the winter snow fall in the mountains of semi-arid western states as a source of the water available for agricultural purposes or for motive power the following summer. A dual problem has been under investigation—the development of methods of measuring the volume of snow lying on the mountain slopes, as a

means of predicting the amount of water it will yield, and the conservation of the snow by appropriate treatment of the forest cover. Among the interesting discoveries made in this connection is the fact that the ideal forest for snow conservation is one filled with glades whose area bears such proportion to the height of the trees that, while snow enters freely, the wind and sun cannot reach the bottom. The production of such glade by cutting and pruning, as well as by planting trees of suitable species, becomes, therefore, a part of forest practice in the regions in question. Aside from investigations by the weather bureau and other government institutions, this subject has been most actively studied by the excellent meteorological department of the University of Nevada, which is now planning to offer a special course for foresters on the relation of mountains and forests to the conservation of snow. An adjunct of this university is the well known meteorological observatory on Mount Rose.

## TO BE EXPECTED.

Marks—They say the absconding cashier had been a lamb in Wall street.

Harks—Then his skipping was quite natural, eh?—Boston Transcript.

## THE LINE DRAWN.

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## BACKS UP CLAIMS OF ERIC

French Scientist Points to Proof That Norsemen Visited America in Eleventh Century.

M. Henri Cordier in the current number of the *Journal des Savants* calls attention to a proof of the discovery of America in the eleventh century which has hitherto passed unnoticed. In the Saga of Eric the Red it is said that when Thorfin Karlsefne returned from "Markland," or Newfoundland, in 1005, he took back to Greenland with him two children from the northern land of the Skraelings, and four words of their language are preserved in the Saga. These words were thought by the Greenlanders to be the names of the children's parents or chiefs; but M. Cordier shows that they can be traced to Esquimau phrases of the present day, two of them meaning something like "Wait a moment" and "the Northern islands" respectively. To this he joins the statement of Prof. Waldemar Jocheson, of St. Petersburg, that the scientific expedition sent by F. P. Riabuschinski to Kamschatka has proved the morphological connection of the Kamschatkan language with several Indian dialects of North America. This derives additional interest from the news from America of the discovery by Mr. V. Stefansson of tribes of white Esquimaus showing many traces of Norse descent, on the shores of Coronation gulf.—The Athenaeum.

## THE ABSENTEES.

"Just look at that couple! How devoted they are to each other! That is my ideal of the married state."

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## Making Philatelists Out of Harrisburg (Pa.) Schoolboys.

An attempt is being made to have Harrisburg schoolboys learn history, geography, languages and science by collecting. A number of boys were present at an open meeting of the Capital City Collectors Club and they were introduced to many thousands of foreign and American stamps.

The club members have secured stamps by the pound from agencies and thousands have been sent in by missionaries.

Large numbers of stamps were distributed to boys and all seemed eager to get them and learn their value, the country they came from, and the reason for the use of certain prints.

## Plainer Inscription for New Nickles

Philadelphia, Pa.—Persons who complained that they hardly recognized the denomination of the new style nickles because the "Five

Cents" was not inscribed prominently enough will not be annoyed that way in the future.

Thanks to Secretary McAdoo, the new lot of nickles now being coined at the United States Mint in this city, will all bear the inscription in a much plainer fashion, the words "Five Cents" being clearly defined. The coins will be issued within a few days.

## Registry Stamp Discontinued.

Postmaster General Burleson issued an order May 28 discontinuing the use of the special 10 cent registry stamp, and providing that no additional registry stamps shall be printed. Hereafter ordinary postage stamps may be used.

## CAUGHT IN A TRAP

"I see your wife has had her hand in a bandage. What is the matter?"

"I set a mouse trap and put it in my coat pocket last night."

## PAPERS WALL WITH PHOTOS

Only One of the Complaints Made by  
a Wife in Her Petition for  
Divorce.

West Duluth. — Arthur Lindsey, Stevenson, Central avenue saloonkeeper, did not suit the fancy of his young wife, Anna Harriet Stevenson, when he papered the walls of their living room with picture post cards and love notes received from former sweethearts and other women unknown to her. She called it cruelty when she told her story to Judge Debell in the divorce court. The court granted her a divorce with alimony.

Stevenson, defendant in the case, is thirty-three years old and is well known at West Duluth, having been engaged in the saloon business there for the last few years. He put in no appearance in court and allowed her to secure the divorce by default. Mrs. Stevenson is twenty-two years old. There is one child, Edward Patrick Stevenson, born Nov. 17, 1910.

They were married at Superior on Feb. 8, 1910. Immediately after they had settled down to keep house at West Duluth, she claims, Stevenson began to find fault with her cooking and at times refused to eat the meals which she had prepared for him.

Two or three months after their wedding, she testified, he started staying out late nights. At first it was only until midnight, then 1 o'clock, and finally he developed the habit of not coming home at all nights, she declared.

Mrs. Stevenson also complained that her husband denied her the companionship of a lifemate. "He never took me out anywhere, as a man should, I think, when a couple is first married," she told the court. She then told the court about the papering of the walls with postal cards and letters from other women.

The young wife also testified that

her son, now a boy of two, could not tell his father from any other man, and that this was due to the fact that Stevenson had been indifferent to his own child.

She also related that she had met her husband face to face in company with a woman of an unsavory reputation, and that when she upbraided him he told her that it was "none of her business."

Sarah Collins, also of West Duluth, took the stand to testify on behalf of Mrs. Stevenson. Under the order of the court the custody of the child is given to the mother.

## AFTER HIS SPEECH ON PATRIOTISM

"Private Murphy," asked the captain, "why should a soldier be ready to die for his country?"

The Irishman scratched his head for a while; then an ingratiating and enlightening smile flitted across his face.

"Sure, Captain," he said, pleasantly, "you're quite right. Why should he?"

## CAUSE ENOUGH

"When I was shipwrecked in South America," said Captain Bow-sprit, "I came across a tribe of wild women who had no tongues."

"Mercy!" cried one of his listeners of the fair sex, "How could they talk?"

"They couldn't!" snapped the old salt. "That's what made 'em wild."

## LONELY TRIP OF MOTOR MAIL

Letters and Parcels Sent by Auto Van  
in London Roads as in Coach  
Days.

London.—The romance of the old stage coach has gone, but the lonely midnight journeys of the motor mail van of today have their picturesque side, too. Between 1:30 and 2 o'clock each morning the cross roads at Stony Stratford, Buckinghamshire, witness the meeting of the motor parcel mail vans from Birmingham (fifty-seven miles), London (fifty-one miles), and Leicester (forty-five miles). Here the vans sort out the parcels for the respective towns, and, having exchanged them, proceed on their long night journeys through the silent countryside.

## FAR FROM MARKET

Soon after the Civil War Gen. Ingalls, U. S. A., visited a friend in the South. Taking a walk one morning, he met a boy coming up from the river with a fine string of fish.

"What will you take for your fish?" asked the general.

"Thirty cents" was the reply.

"Thirty cents"! repeated the general in astonishment "Why, if you were in New York you could get \$3 for them."

The boy looked critically at the officer for a moment and then said, scornfully:

"Yes, suh, an' I reckon if I had a bucket of water in hell I could get a million dollars for it!"—Saturday Evening Post.

## THIS LITTLE GIRL "KNEW"

A little girl had a baby sister three weeks old. One morning, on entering the school-room, the teacher said to her:

"Well, dear, how is your little baby sister today?"

"Oh, she's very well, thank you. We are going to have a little baby brother soon."

"Oh, no, dear; you must have made a mistake. You can't be going to have a baby brother soon."

"Oh, yes," said the child, "I know we are."

"My dear child, you don't know what you're talking about. You can't possibly be having a baby brother very soon."

"Oh, yes, we are; I know we are. You see, mother was in bed when sister came. Now father has been in bed. They say it's muscular rheumatism, but we know."

## MONEY SAVED

"John, leave my hobble skirt at the ladies' tailor's to be pressed."

"Nonsense, dear! I'll take it to my men's tailor, tell him it's the pant of a one-legged man and get it pressed for half price."

Commencing with the week of Oct. 27, there will be held in New York City an International Philatelic Exhibition.

# 'DEAD EYE DICK' DIES

**Notorious Criminal Who Became  
a Soul Saver Succumbs.**

**Pickpocket Former Yegg Seeks to Be-  
friend Turns Against Him and In-  
directly Is Responsible for  
His Death.**

Chicago.—As checkered and contra-  
dictory a career as any student of  
mankind could hope to find has been  
brought to a sudden conclusion by the  
death of "Dick" Lane, safe-cracker  
and robber, who turned evangelist;  
picker of pockets, who turned saver  
of souls.

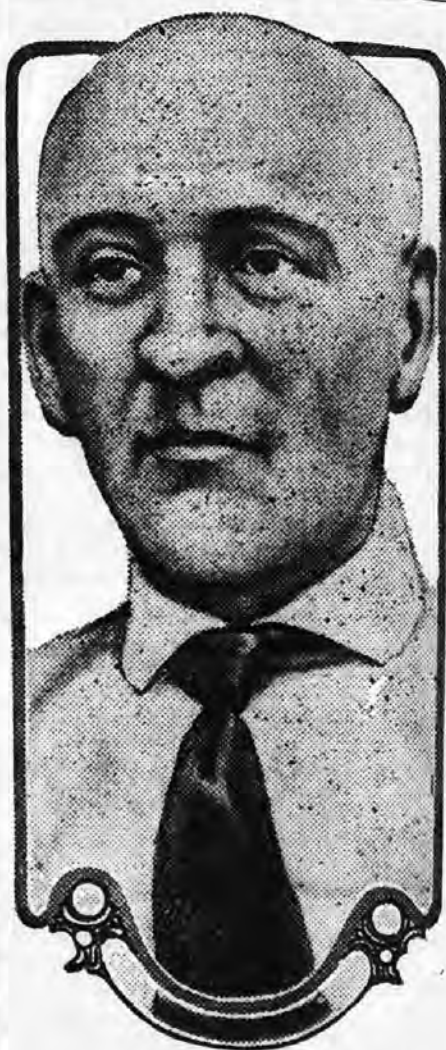
The inconsistencies of Dick Lane's  
life—"Dead Eye Dick" was his favor-  
ite nickname—may best be summed  
up in the three divisions of his career.  
Here they are:

Childhood .....12 years  
Criminal career .....40 years  
Career as soul-saver.....16 years

The dark passages in his life had a  
marked effect upon his mental and  
physical being; so did the happier  
days after he walked into the Pacific  
Garden mission 16 years ago and con-  
fessed his sins. It was his desire to  
help those who remained in the crim-  
inal career that he had forsaken that  
finally brought about his death the  
other evening.

During the Christmas holidays Mr.  
Lane, then seventy-six years old, took  
home with him a man who had started  
out for a night's work as a pickpocket.  
He talked to the man most of the  
night and finally convinced himself  
that the pickpocket had decided to  
lead the new life that he had chosen.

Several days later, led by the man  
who was partaking of his homely hos-  
pitality, three hold-up men were let



Dick Lane.

into the evangelist's house to rob him.  
While Mr. Lane was preparing a meal  
for them one of the trio struck him  
senseless with an iron weapon. Then  
they picked his pockets, robbed the  
house and fled.

From that day on Mr. Lane's health  
steadily declined. Three weeks before  
his death he insisted on going out in a  
rain and snow storm to address a  
street meeting. He returned home  
late, his body soaked with the pene-  
trating rain and sleet that had fallen

all evening.

That night he was compelled to take to his bed. Although he realized that he would not recover he was cheerful and happy up to the last hour of his life.

"I just hope that the last 16 years of my life have atoned for all of those black years that came before them," he whispered to Mrs. Lane after the doctor said that he had but a few minutes to live.

"Daddy, they have atoned for anything that you could have done," Mrs. Lane replied.

Whether he heard the words of comfort she does not know. The closed eyes were never opened again.

A little more than sixteen years ago "Dead-Eye Dick," then possessor of the most unenviable reputation a crook could desire, alighted from a train in Chicago, broken in health and spirit through the life of crime and idleness he had been leading. Two hours later Capt. John D. Shea, then head of the city's detective bureau, sent for him and, after a brief conversation, ordered him to get out of the city within twenty-four hours.

The broken man slowly arose and shambled out of the detective bureau. He knew that he was watched, he was penniless and he was hungry. Walking along Van Buren street he heard music in a little back room. Without knowing the nature of the place, he entered and took a chair.

It was the Pacific Garden mission. When the man walked out again he was not "Dead-Eye Dick," but Richard Lane, evangelist. He walked to the office of H. H. Kahlsaat, then publisher of the Times-Herald. He told his story and Mr. Kohlsaat believed in his sincerity. He gave him employment as a janitor, personally undertook to lead him into the paths that were so new to him and continued to be his close friend and aid up to the time of his death.



## SHE'S TEN

At a country school the Lord of the Manor was coming to inspect the children in the school. Before his coming the teacher impressed upon the children very strongly to address him as "My Lord." The great day came. His Lordship, who was an extremely kind old man, walked into the schoolroom where all the children were assembled. After sundry speeches he went up to one little girl and put his hand on her shoulder, saying: "Well, my little maid, and how old are you?"

The little girl quaked in her shoes and then blurted out:

"My God, I'm ten."

## VARIOUS SIZES OF THE SAME SIZE

Lady (to shoe clerk)—"I should like to get a pair of shoes."

Clerk—"Yes, ma'am. What size?"

Lady—"Size three."

Clerk—"Yes, ma'am, Just let me measure your foot."

Lady—"But I told you the size."

Clerk—"Yes, ma'am; but we have three sizes of size three—size three for a size three foot, size three for a size four foot, and size three for a size five foot."

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**ONE OF MARK TWAIN'S**

When Mark Twain was living in Hartford, Conn., where Dr. Doane, now bishop of Albany, was rector of an Episcopal church, he went to hear one of the clergyman's best sermons. After it was over Mark approached the doctor and said politely:

"I have enjoyed your sermon this morning. I welcomed it as I would an old friend. I have a book at home in my library that contains every word of it."

"Why, that can't be, Mr. Clemens," replied the rector.

"All the same, it is so," said Twain.

"Well, I should certainly like to see that book," rejoined the rector with dignity.

"All right," replied Mark; "you shall have it." And the next morning Dr. Doane received with Mark Twain's compliments a dictionary.

**THERE'S A DIFFERENCE**

The curate of a large and fashionable church was endeavoring to teach the significance of white to a Sunday School class.

"Why," said he, "does a bride invariably desire to be clothed in white at her marriage?" As no one answered he explained. "White," said he, "stands for joy, and the wedding day is the most joyous occasion of a woman's life."

A small boy queried, "Why do all the men wear black?"

**MOTHER'S WAY**

A friend of mine, a teacher, had just received a very handsome fan, and took it to the classroom for the edification of the children. Selecting one of the pupils, she asked what the lovely thing was. The child did not know. "What does your mother use to keep her cool in summer?" asked the teacher. "Beer," was the reply.—Ex.

The 4 cent parcel post stamp of a rural carrier horse and wagon was designed from a photograph of the outfit of W. H. Williams of Schuyler, Neb.

## DEEP ROOTS

Bobby had the toothache and his jaw was badly swollen before he summoned courage to have the tooth pulled. The dentist was encouraging.

"All right, Bobby," he said, "we'll fix that in a second. Open your mouth."

"I can't," said Bobby; "me jaw's swelled too much."

The dentist summoned his assistant.

"You take this big hatpin," he whispered, "and when I nod you jab it hard through the seat of the chair Bobby is in."

Then he turned back to Bobby.

"Come on, Bobby," he said again; "open your mouth."

"I can't," said Bobby; "me jaw's—"

Just then the dentist nodded and the assistant jabbed hard. Bobby emitted a terrific yell, and when he opened his mouth the dentist got the tooth.

"Well," he said, "I got her, Bobby, didn't I?"

"You sure did," said Bobby, rubbing himself where the hatpin penetrated, "but, gee, doc, I never knew de roots went down so far."

## Reformation.

Let him go abroad to a distant country; let him go to some place where he is not known. Don't let him go to the devil, where he is known.—  
Dr. Samuel Johnson.

## WISE CHARLIE

A prominent Senator had a very intelligent Chinese servant, named Charlie.

One of Charlie's relatives died and he asked permission to attend the funeral.

"Certainly" said the Senator, then he added:

"I suppose you will put some food in the grave, as the Chinese do?"

"Yes, sir" replied Charlie, solemnly.

"When do you expect your friend will eat the food you put in his grave, Charlie?"

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## SUBTRACTION

The teacher was hearing the youthful class in mathematics.

"No", she said, "in order to sub-

tract, things have to be in the same denomination. For instance, we couldn't take three pears from four peaches, nor eight horses from ten cats. Do you understand?"

There was assent from the majority of pupils. One little boy in the rear raised a timid hand.

"Well, Bobby, what is it?" asked the teacher.

"Please, teacher," said Bobby, "couldn't you take three quarts of milk from two cows?"—New York Evening Post.

## TOO SMART TO WORK

Weary Willie—"Lady, believe me or not, I was wunst a prosperous merchant. I had a luxurious home, an honorable name, an' ten bloomin' an' highly respected daughters."

Mrs. Wellment—"What brought you to poverty?"

Weary Willie—"My daughters insisted on marrying highly educated men an' I had to support ten families."

## TELLING THE TRUTH

It is not pleasant and profitable always to tell the truth in the columns of a newspaper. Men who have tried this heretofore have always come to grief. Only a few days ago the editor of a paper in Indiana grew tired of being called a liar, and announced that he would tell the truth in the future; and the next issue of the paper contained the following items:

John Bonin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Belleville yesterday.

Rev. Styx preached last Sunday night on "Charity." The sermon was punk.

John Coyle, our groceryman, is doing a poor business. His store is dirty and dusty. How can he do much?

Dave Sonkey died at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out as heart failure. Whiskey killed him.

Married—Miss Sylvan Rhodes and James Conlin, last Saturday, at the Baptist parsonage. The bride is a very ordinary town girl, who doesn't know any more about cooking than a jack-rabbit, and never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means, and has a gait like a duck. The groom is an up-to-date loafer. He has

been living off the old folks all his life, and is not worth shucks. It will be a hard life.

The governor of our great state, a ordinary man, and who was elected by accident, was here yesterday. He has very few friends here now. He promised some of the voters in this precinct a piece of pie in event of his election, but had forgotten all about it when the time to hand over the little offices rolled around.

## Exciting Fishing

A man was telling some friends about a proposed fishing trip to a lake in Colorado which he had in contemplation.

"Are there any trout out there?" asked a friend,

"Thousands of 'em," replied Mr. Wharry.

"Will they bite easily?" asked another friend.

"Will they?" said Mr. Wharry. "Why they're absolutely vicious. A man has to hide behind a tree to bait a hook."

## DID NO GOOD.

Nurse—"Aren't you going to say your prayers, Willie?"

Willie—"No, I'm not. I'm tired of praying for this family without getting any results."



## Blast Lifts 125,000 Tons

### EXPLOSION A NOTABLE SUCCESS

Easton, Pa.—The largest blast ever fired in this part of the State was touched off with an electric spark in No. 4 quarry of the Alpha Portland Cement Company at Martin's Creek, eight miles above this city. There were 37 holes, 64 feet deep and six inches in diameter, in which 11 tons of dynamite had been placed. One hundred and twenty-five thousand tons of rock were torn out and most of it broken into sections small enough to be handled with steam shovels.

Hundreds of persons who had traveled long distances to witness the sight occupied positions on the opposite side of the big quarry and saw the mountain of rock torn out and broken to pieces.

The huge blast was carried out so successfully that no damage from shock or flying stone was suffered by either of the two big cement mills, neither of which is more than 200 yards from No. 4 quarry.

### SHED THEIR FEATHERS

The Sunday School teacher had discoursed long and eloquently upon the wonders of heaven, the glories of the tropical foliage in the

gardens and the angels with their beautiful white wings walking up and down the marble steps.

"Now, I want one of you little girls to ask a question about the heaven which I have described to you," he concluded.

There was a long pause. Finally, after a lot of coaxing, a little girl rose from her seat and asked:

"Please, sir, if the angels have wings; why do they walk up and down the steps?"

The teacher was considerably taken aback. In sheer desperation he turned to the boys of the class and invited them to answer the question.

Presently a small boy stood up with a grin on his face.

"I know, teacher."

"Well, my little man, speak out so the class can hear you."

"I guess they was moltin'," came the instant reply.

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## FARMERS' WIVES AND WORK

**Government Official Seems to Cast His Vote for Pigs' Feet As Against Women.**

A gentleman of the national agricultural department complains because the women of the farms do not work as hard as they used to.

This is a serious charge, indeed. It may develop that, aside from getting three or four meals a day, milking the cows, feeding the chickens, tending the children, darning the socks, making most of the kids' clothing, and keeping the house in order, the farm wives have nothing to do.

Of late years much has been done by the farmers themselves to make life on the farm less burdensome to women. The social side of farm living has been emphasized with the disappearing necessity of pioneer hardships.

The agricultural gentleman in Washington now views all this with alarm. The old home products of pickled pigs' feet, souse, preserves and dried fruit are passing because of "the lure of society" and the unwillingness of "the women of the farmers' families to repeat the manual labor of their grandmothers."

Between the women and the pigs' feet, the gentlemen of the agricultural department casts his unanimous gentlemanly vote for the pigs' feet.—Kansas City Times.

## THE SCHOOLBOYS' NAMES

It was the opening of the school

session and the teacher was making up her list of pupils.

"Well, my boy," she said to one youth, "what is your name?"

"Tom, ma'am," said the boy promptly.

"That does not sound well," she said; "you should always give the full name. You should have said 'Thomas.' And what is your name?" she asked, turning to the next boy.

Flushed with the consciousness of having learned something new, the young man arose and said promptly: "My name is Jackas."

## He Met His Match

A boy sat on a rail fence enclosing a cornfield. A city chap, passing by, said:

"Your corn looks kind oi yellow, bub."

"Yep, that's the kind we planted," replied the bub.

"It don't look like you will get more than a half crop," said the city chap.

"Nope, we don't expect to; the landlord gets the other half," retorted the youngster.

The stranger hesitated a moment and then ventured:

"You are not very far from a fool, are you, my boy?"

"Nope, not more'n ten feet," said the boy, and the city chap moved on.





*If you are a failure people tell all about what a bright fellow you are and it's a shame that laziness or booze or something holds you down.*

*If you are successful everybody says that you must have had a pull or that what you were doing was a cinch.*

*As long as a fellow has got to get in bad either way, obviously he might just as well attain success.*



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be raised for their poison, which is extracted every few days by making them bite on a spoon. Mr. Crum says he thinks the proposition will be a paying one, as poison taken from rattlesnakes is very valuable.

### Advantage of Foster-Parents.

A child adopted from an orphan's home was being ridiculed by the other children because he had no real parents. The conversation went about as follows:

"Aw, you haven't got any real father and mother."

"Maybe I haven't, but the ones I have got love me as much as yours do you."

"They do not. Ours are real parents."

"Well, mine love me more than yours do you, 'cause mine picked me out of a hundred other babies and yours had to take what they got," replied the adopted son.

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The first firm engraved their imprint on the bottom of each stamp, "R. W. H. & E."; later contractors put it on the margin of the sheet on each of the four sides alongside the plate number. The Bureau did this for a time, but now the stamps bear no imprint whatever, although the plate number is retained, and every engraver who works on the plate cuts his initials along one margin. Some of the plates show a dozen or more initials. A new series of plate numbers is begun whenever a radical change in the designs is made, or a new contract is awarded. At the present time the plate numbers run up to nearly 6,000. This number can be seen by looking at a full pane of one hundred stamps.

The United States has stuck to the rather expensive method of steel engraving, but most foreign countries now have their stamps produced from electrotypes on cylinder presses, and many by lithography. Many have been typeset and then electrotyed, or even entirely typeset, each individual design being set up. The only examples of this method in the United States were some of those issued by the postmasters in the early days and some issued by Confederate postmasters before the Confederate general issues were ready.

W. D. McNish, postmaster at Nashville, Tenn., engaged a local

printer to get him out a supply of stamps. There was but one value, 3 cents and the words Nashville and the postmaster's name were all the inscription on the stamps, but in setting the form five times, five distinct varieties were created. The impossibility of repeating a design in hand set type in even so well regulated a department as the government shop at Washington was shown in 1898, when revenue stamps were needed in a hurry. The ordinary 1 and 2 cent postage stamps were overprinted I. R., and in a form of one hundred copies two or three wrong font letter R's and a half dozen wrong font periods were used.

Curious errors have occurred in the stamps, even in this country. Last fall when the 2 cent Panama-Pacific stamp was being prepared, it bore a picture of a canal lock inscribed "Gatun Locks," and thirty million were finished before it was discovered that the picture was not the Gatun locks but the Pedro Miguel locks many miles away. The thirty million stamps went into the stove and a new inscription "Panama Canal" was substituted. The 4 cent parcel post stamp shows a rural carrier's wagon, with sixteen spokes in the front wheel and only fourteen in the rear.

The Pan-American series issued to advertise the Buffalo exposition were in two colors, as was the regular issue of 1869. In both cases the



center medallion on a few sheets appeared upside down. In the former, one sheet got by the forty or fifty counters and checkers in the Bureau and was sold at the Cleveland, Ohio, postoffice by chance to the owner of one of the finest collections of United States stamps in the country, and he still retains the entire sheet.

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First Jew: "I vill nefer go by Hazleton again fer a visit. Nodding but Irish everywhere."

Second Jew: "It's de same at Wilkesbarre, Abey, it's alive mit Irish."

Mrs. Hooligan (on the opposite seat): "Ye can both go to h—, ye'll find no Irish there."

## A Word for Father

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A school teacher once received a note like this: "Dear Mum—Please excuse Johnny today. He can't be at school. He is acting as timekeeper for his father. Last night you gave him this ixample: 'If a field is four miles square, how long will it take a man, walking 3 miles an hour to walk  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times around it?' Johnny ain't no man, so we had to send his daddy. They left early this morning and my husband said they ought to get back late tonight, though it would be hard going. Dear Mum, please make the nixt problem about ladies, as my husband can't afford to lose the day's work. The Lord knows I don't have time to loaf, but I can spare a day off occasionally better than my husband can. Respectfully yours, Mrs. Jones."

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### New Stamps for Russia.

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A new issue is being prepared to replace the pictorial Jubilee stamps of Russia. The stamps are of the same size as the pictorial, but instead of having the heads of the emperors it will show the figure of a Russian woman in Russian dress. Much dissatisfaction has been expressed over the necessity of cancelling stamps bearing the heads of the emperors, and the new set solves the trouble. The stamps will be issued at once.

## Man, 6,000 Years Old, Sells for \$200

London, Eng.—A man who lived in Egypt 6000 years ago was sold lately in London for \$200. This mummy of the pre-dynastic period, was part of the de Rustafjael Egyptian collection, which was sold before a gathering representing the leading museums and collectors of the world.

This collection was considered one of the finest in existence, and there was eager bidding for some of the pieces, but on the whole, the prices realized were not high. As one dealer expressed it, there is at present "an awful slump in mummies."

Private collectors bore away the choicest relics, but several of the museums, including the British Museum, enriched their Egyptian rooms at this sale.

### Death Reports Read Like Jokes

Madison, Wis.—Of the hundreds of death certificates handled annually by the state board of health in making its classification of diseases, many contain interesting remarks as to the cause of death. These death certificates generally are filled out by a local physician and mailed to the board. Some of the "causes" as found in the reports of Chief Sta-

tistician L. W. Hutchcroft, follows:

A mother, "died in infancy."

"Went to bed feeling well, but woke up dead."

"Died suddenly at the age of 103. To this time he bid fair to reach a ripe old age."

"Do not know cause of death, but patient fully recovered from last illness."

"Deceased had never been fatally sick."

"Died a mere child" (an infant of one-half year).

"Last illness caused by chronic rheumatism, but was cured before death."

"Died suddenly; nothing serious."

"Pulmonary hemorrhage — sudden death." (Duration four years.)

"Kick by horse shod on left kidney."

"Deceased died from blood poison, caused by broken ankle, which is remarkable, as the automobile struck him between the lamp and the radiator."

"Exhaustion."

### Hasn't Changed.

"We don't have any grass growing on our streets," sneered the New Yorker.

"No, I dare say not," replied the Philadelphian. "I suppose your street-car horses nibble it off as they browse along."

## Monster Sea Animal Seen

### Near Where the Titanic Ship Sank

London—Second Officer G. Bachelor, of the Allan Line steamship Corinthian describes a strange adventure with a sea monster—an extraordinary looking amphibious animal which is puzzling zoologists, who have known of the animal as a sea-giraffe. Mr. Bachelor, who is a plain, commonsense seaman, says:

"We were bound from London to Montreal, and it was my turn on watch on the bridge in the early morning of August 30. It was a cold morning and the gray dawn was just breaking, when, as I was keeping my eye straight ahead on our course, I picked up a queer looking object about a mile ahead. It disappeared, and as quickly it shot up again no more than two hundred feet away from the ship.

I saw it distinctly rise out of the water. First there was a big head, with long ears and long snout, and bulging blue eyes that were mild and liquid. Then there was a neck—no end of a neck—and it swayed with the wash of the waves. What it was I couldn't guess, for in twenty years of seagoing, including trips in tropical waters, I've never seen anything like this sea-giraffe, the neck of which was about twenty feet and the body about fifty feet long.

As the thing seemed to eye me it lashed the water with its big front fins. Then it suddenly dived and disappeared, at the same time giving an odd little wail like a baby's cry. You wouldn't think such a huge animal could have had such a small voice.

As soon as I went off duty I went below and made a sketch of the monster in India ink. When the Corinthian reached Montreal my sketch was shown to Professor F. E. Lloyd, of McGill University, an expert in zoology. The professor said that whatever it was, it wasn't a serpent, but a sea-mammal. It was certainly built on high speed lines, and its fin-like protuberance was well adapted for running things up.

I located this sea-giraffe in latitude 47 deg. 51m. north and longitude 48 deg. 32 min. west, off the Grand Banks, and not many miles distant from the spot where the Titanic went down. I am inclined to think myself that the wreck of the Titanic has had something to do with the presence of this strange creature in water where nothing of the kind has ever been noticed before. Is it making food of the dead bodies below?"

Mr. Bachelor made the gruesome suggestion in all seriousness. He was evidently impressed with the absolute accuracy of his observations.

Mr. Bachelor, it may be added,

is a canny Scot, and his view is that there may still be more survivors of an almost extinct race of sea beasts. Anyway, zoologists are not unacquainted with an "amphibious or aquatic reptile" called the sauraptergia, which curiously resembles the description of what Mr. Bachelor saw. This sea monster had a small head and an exceptionally long neck, but it is generally believed to have been extinct for ages

## Buys \$2,600 Money Order

Wilmington, Del.—The clerk at the money order window in the postoffice here gasped when an Italian passed in to him a roll of money about which he had difficulty in getting both hands. There was \$2,600 in the roll, and the owner asked for a money order for that amount to be sent to his home in Italy.

It is the largest sum of money sent abroad in this way in the history of the local postoffice, and it cost \$26 to issue the money order. The man said he was going to follow his cash and take a vacation for a year in his native land.

## A New Set for China.

During the past few months the Chinese Republic has been using surcharged stamps, but this set will be replaced shortly by an entirely

new issue. There will be three designs on the postage stamps.

A Chinese junk will figure on the values  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8 and 10 cents; the 15-16-20-30 and 50 cents will bear a reaper design; and the dollar values \$1-\$2-\$5 and \$10 will bear an architectural design. A new set of postage due stamps is also in preparation comprising denominations of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1-2-4-5-10-20 and 30 cents.

## Strange Oath of Bridal Couple

St. Louis, Mo.—Justice George A. Ziegelmeier, of East St. Louis, swore a Southern Illinois couple to the strangest affidavit of which he ever heard.

When Miss Leila Kirk, of Ina, Ill., and Grover Kelly, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., walked into his office they said they wanted to be married.

"But before you marry us, judge, I want you to take my future wife's affidavit to the effect that she has never loved anyone else, and never will love another," Kelly said.

Justice Ziegelmeier agreed, and the young woman took the oath. After signing the affidavit the young lady turned to Kelly and said:

"Now, I want you to sign a similar affidavit, Grover!"

Then the bridegroom signed an affidavit, and Justice Ziegelmeier married them.

## Yes, He Remembered

Charlie is the cashier of a country bank. He and May were engaged to be married, but a quarrel separated them and the ring was handed back.

"And, remember, please," May added, "that when next we meet we do so as perfect strangers."

A few days later May entered Charlie's bank and presented a check for payment. Charlie took the check and examined it critically and then, instead of cashing it, he handed it back.

"I'm so sorry," he said, "but it's against the rules of this bank to cash checks for perfect strangers. You must find some one in town to identify you."

## Last Consolation

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money bribe the oarsman who conveys me over sobbing waves to undiscovered shores? When death is near and I must go a-sailing from scenes I love, across uncharted seas, and friends stand near, some cheering and some waiting, some saying to me, "Now, look pleasant, please," my heart will find no comfort in my riches, but in the thought that every now and then I've helped some fallen pilgrims from the ditches, and that I always loved my fellow-men.—Walt Mason.

## Why Men Don't Attend Church

Lancaster, Pa.—The Rev. H. D. Kreidler, pastor of Bethany United Evangelical Church, recently sent out letters to a large number of non-churchgoing men, asking why they do not attend services.

Mr. Kreidler received many replies, and they formed the basis of his Sunday sermon. Among the reasons given were the following:

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Too many hypocrites in the church.

Dishonest church members.

Large hats "worn by the ladies."

Uncomfortable churches.

Lack of sociability.

Choir singing.

Indifferent church members.

Church "thinks more of man's money than of his soul."

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Through hills man shall ride,  
And no horse or ass be at his side.

Under water men shall walk,  
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.  
In the air men shall be seen  
In white, in black, in green.

Iron on the water shall float  
As easily as a wooden boat.  
Gold shall be found and shown  
In lands now not known.

England shall at last admit a Jew,  
And fire and waters shall wonders do.

## Arrest In \$40,000 Rare Coin Theft

Philadelphia, Pa.—Through the arrest of two youths recently as they attempted to dispose of a \$50 gold piece which collectors value at \$1,000 the police believe they have made an important step toward clearing up the theft of a collection of coins

valued at \$40,000, stolen last summer from the home of Waldo Newcomer, of Baltimore.

The prisoners are Augusto F. Kunzle, 20 years old, a checker at a hotel, and Nicholas Turner, 20 years old, captain of the bellboys at the Ritz-Carlton. They were arrested in the home of Henry Chapman, president of the Philadelphia Numismatist Society.

Kunzle had offered to sell the coin for \$75 to Mr. Chapman, who immediately recognized it. He himself sold it to Mr. Newcomer fifteen years ago. It was minted in San Francisco in 1855 and there are but thirteen of them in existence.

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## An Interesting Letter

Maryland, Baltimore, May twice 13.

Dear Old Knochenkop:

As I have nothing to do and wish to do it, I taught I would took my pen und my bottle of ink in my hand and typewrote you a few ledgers. So please excuse dis ledpencil. We are all well at present except my brudder: he was kicked in the suburbans last nite by a mule. De mule is not expected to live.

Your rich aunt, who died of palpitation from de hart, is still dead and doing nicely. I hope this will find you the same. After she died they found fifteen tousand dollars in an old bussel dat she left behind: so you are no longer a poor man but a dutchman.

Your brudder Will went to work dis morning; de job will last six months, but he might get out sooner on good behavior.

Business has been dull since you lefted, especially the salloon business. Your wif was looked to de insanity asylum yesterday. She was crazy to see you.

I saw your liddle boy this morning for de foist time. I tink he looks chust like you, but he iss alrite

oderwise, so I would not worry about dat iff I was you.

I am sending you by der Adams express your obercote, und you know dey charge so much a pound to send it, so I cut off de buttons to make it way lighter. I hope dis will prove satisfaction. De buttons are in de pocket on de left side.

I was sorry to hear dat you haf a cough. If you take a bottle of de great O und O Cough Mixture you get well quick. If you don't take it you will save a quarter, and by yesterday maybe you be so tam ded you don't need it.

As dis wass all I got to say I will close my face and expects you to do the same.

Hoping this will reach you before you get it, and that you will answer before dat, I remain your confectionate second to de last cousin.

ABE NUTT.

P. S. In der case you do not get dis letter, write me und let me know und I will send it to you.

## FORTUNE IN A COIN.

Somewhere in the world there is a fortune in a coin. Among the coins Napoleon had minted were some millions of five-franc pieces,

and he determined to popularize these in an extraordinary way. In one of the coins, folded to a tiny size, was enclosed a note signed by Napoleon, and promising the sum of 5,000,000 francs—about £200,000—to the finder of that particular coin.

Naturally, everybody who changed a large piece demanded the new five-franc coins in exchange, and as a rule probed and dug and sounded the metal in eager search for the hidden note. But the years went on and yet the note did not appear. Napoleon's plighted word is a sacred trust to the French nation, and today the government stands ready to pay the debt, which, with interest, is now worth £1,475,000—upon demand.

The Turkish government recently took an unusual way to celebrate its retention of the ancient city of Adrianople, the object of so much desperate fighting and bitter controversy during the Balkan War. It issued a special series of three postage stamps, each of which bore the word "Adrianople" and a picture of the famous mosque of Selim II. The stamps were used only one month, and only in the Turkish Empire.

Mary had a little lamb,

She sheared the wool to spin it;  
But Wilson took the tariff off,

And now they'll have to skin it.

## If You Must Drink Booze

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### Found Petrified Foot in a Mine.

Decatur, Ill.—John Magill, employed in the Lovington mines, unearthed what appeared to be a petrified human foot. It was imbedded in the rock 1000 feet below the surface. The find has been sent to experts for examination.



# OLD PLATE IS FOUND

## French Explorer's Tablet Discovered on Missouri's Bank.

**Metal Bears Latin Inscription, the Arms of France and the Date When It Was Imbedded in the Soil.**

Pierre, S. D.—A metal plate buried more than 170 years ago by Chevalier de le Vendrie of France to mark his explorations in this country and proclaim the sovereignty of his king over the territory visited has just been found on the bluffs of the Cheyenne river near here.

It was in 1741 that Chevalier de le Vendrie started on an exploration for France in the new world, coming into the west by way of the great lakes.

On leaving France Louis XV. gave him a number of leaden or zinc plates to be buried at the various points he visited. These were graven with the coat of arms of France and bore a Latin inscription.

It was known that De le Vendrie went west as far as the Rocky mountains and came back to the Missouri river at some point not far from the present site of this city, but the exact spot was unknown. At the point where he reached the Missouri river his journal shows that he went to the top of a hill and buried one of the plates.

A few years ago Bishop O'Gorman of the Catholic church, in an address here mentioned the fact of the visit of De le Vendrie, and said that at some time the plate he had buried on the hills along the Missouri river would be found.

Another plate, according to the chevalier, was buried on the bluffs

of the Cheyenne river about sixty miles from the point where he reached the Missouri river.

Recently at Fort Pierre, while playing near the school building, Hattie Foster, a little girl, picked up a piece of metal and gave it to a boy to clean off.

The plate was about eight inches square, and deeply graven on one side was the coat of arms of France and an inscription in Latin to the effect that it had been placed there in 1741 by Pierre de le Vendrie in honor of his sovereign. On the reverse side, scratched with a sharp instrument, was "Le 30 la Mars 1743."

The plate appears to be genuine.

Receiving a letter from Greece that he is heir to a \$8,000,000 estate Mathias Constante, a steel worker in Hammond, Ind., hired five of his friends at \$5,000 a year to help him spend the money.

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## PURITAN ANCESTOR

Had a Powerful Influence on the American People.

In His Original Home He Favored "Direct Action" and in the Western World Built on Empire—  
What He Accomplished.

New York.—In a great many affairs that go wrong today the social minded detectives do not say, *Cherchez la femme*; they say, *Cherchez the puritan ancestor*. That dour figure in sugar loaf hat and buff jerkin and breeches striding on his way to church with his flintlock and his Bible, is responsible for an extraordinary number of things that now afflict us. He stands in the way of a minimum wage, of Sunday baseball, of the uplifting of the stage, of the speedy solution of the white slave problem, the divorce problem, the saloon problem, the eugenics problem, the 1 a. m. lobster palace problem, and a good many other problems which, the theatrical managers on Broadway are aching to solve, but are not allowed to.

The cavaliers despised the puritan ancestor because he spoke through his nose. But that was a minor fault. The real sin is that he refused to speak at all. He is the original

patentee of the conspiracy of silence to which all our ills are due, as contrasted with the happy nations of the continent where there is no conspiracy of silence on all these fascinating topics, and consequently these problems do not exist. The puritan exalted salvation at the expense of conversation, thus failing to perceive that the latter is the indispensable condition of the former. If he had not been so afraid of calling a spade a spade, we should now have a flourishing literature and drama and art, and we should have done away with the social evil, even as conversational people like the French and the Germans have done away with it.

Considering that the truth alone can be the basis of true progress and civilization it is astonishing how many things that whining, hypocritical puritan ancestor accomplished in his day. In his original home in England he had not been going many years before he cut off the head of a king, sent another king packing about his business, and in other ways pursued a policy of "direct action" that should appeal enormously to W. D. Haywood. Crossing the Atlantic, he helped to lay the foundations of an empire. For a man who hated to call a spade a spade, it is remarkable how well he could use that familiar agricultural implement. He used it to dig up the ungrateful soil of a rock bound, frost-bitten commonwealth. Later he shouldered his spade and, still speaking through his nose, but for the most part faithful to his conspiracy of silence, he dug up the more grateful

soil of the Mississippi valley and the western prairies and the Pacific river valleys, with occasional deviations to the pickax when he struck the ore-bearing lands of Colorado and the Sierras. He did not lose the early habit of carrying his flintlock into the field. He used it in Kansas, and five years later he was carrying it over a thousand miles of battlefield. In his own hypocritical way he called it a fight for free institutions against slavery. When the war was over he went back to farming and railroad building, persistent in his church-going habits and the traditional conspiracy of silence.

We are forced to the conclusion that the puritan ancestor fared better than he deserved and builded better than he know. Else how can we explain the surprising fact that, in spite of his aversion to discussing sex phenomena and sex rights, he created a form of society in which woman attained a prestige, a freedom of action and a scope of opportunity such as she had not known in previous ages. Let others explain how the puritanic ancestor, laboring under the handicap of atrophied conversational powers, ignorant of the works of Ellen Key and Oliver Schreiner, succeeded in working out a theory that it is man's function to labor and provide, and woman's function to expand and enjoy. The task is too difficult for the present writer. Nor can he explain this other startling fact that, without any knowledge that this is the century of the child, without explicit recognition of the sacred duty he owed to the future of the race as embodied in the child, the puritan ancestor, wherever he went, built his schoolhouse and his church simultaneously, and after the schoolhouse he erected high schools, and after the high schools he created universities, and stunted himself in order that his children might go to these universities and might have more money to spend than was good for them.

## ART MARVELS FROM THE SEA

**Ancient and Valuable Relics Removed From Sunken Ship Off Tunisian Coast.**

Paris.—News has been received of an archaeological find of the greatest interest. At Madhia, on the Tunisian coast, five or six years ago some Greek sponge fishers noticed a strange mass of wreckage lying at a depth of 130 feet to the north of Madhia lighthouse. Amid a jumble of timbers lay splendid marble columns, bronze statuettes, a superb life-sized boy's figure and other treasures, which they succeeded in bringing to the surface.

It has now been ascertained that the sunken ship was a vessel of about 400 tons, 100 feet long and 25 feet broad. She was laden with an extraordinary, heterogeneous cargo, not only blocks of marble, but bases and capitals for columns, effigies, statues, furniture, tiles, leaden piping, lamps, amphorae, etc. Among the fragments were found figures of a demigod and a maiden and faun which correspond almost exactly with those upon what is known as the Borghese vase dug up in Rome and now in the Louvre.

The bottom of the hold contains about sixty columns of bluish white marble thirteen feet high, which were probably one of the causes of the wreck of an evidently too heavily freighted ship. All the inscriptions deciphered relate to Attica and personages of the middle fourth century B. C., and it might have been thought that the vessel dated from that period but for the Boethus statue and a lamp of a pattern only introduced into Attica at the end of the second century B. C. Some writing on lead ingots also is in the Latin of that epoch and experts have concluded so far that the vessel was loaded in Attica for Rome and probably the cargo was the spoil after the taking of Athens by Sulla in 86 B. C.

## HIS FAME BUT MOMENTARY

**Boy Whose Name Was to Live in History Had His Period of Disillusion.**

From the time he was six, Walter Scott read ravenously; and it was through his wide reading that, when only fifteen, he became, for a few moments, the center of a group of learned men. It was when the poet Burns visited Edinburgh and had shown great interest in a picture of a soldier lying dead in the snow, with a dog keeping patient watch beside him. Beneath the picture were some beautiful lines, but neither Burns nor any of those learned men knew their author, until young Walter Scott, who happened to be present, whispered that they were by Langhorne. Then Burns turned to him with glowing eyes and said: "It is no common course of reading that has taught you this," adding to his friends, "This lad will be heard of yet."

How proud the lad felt! How wistfully joyful in the warmth of the great poet's praise; and then how suddenly forgotten when, only a few days later, Burns passed him in the street without a glance! Scott's moment of fame had vanished.—St. Nicholas.

## HIS SERVICES IN DEMAND

**Umpire at War Maneuvers Called Upon to Do Some Work That Was Real.**

The recent autumn maneuvers in England were made memorable by

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"Be you," said he, "the umpire?"

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Jack—So Kitty gave you a flat refusal?

Cholly—Yes; she said she wouldn't live in one or with one.—  
Boston Transcript.

### THE TEST.

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"I go to those concerts merely to kill time."

"Well, I'm sure you often find it being murdered there."

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"Could you reasonably expect it to be full of spirit?"

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"I am going to my dressmaker's to have a fit."

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NO. I.

## A MILLION ORPHAN CHILDREN.

### Proposition to Bring Christmas Cheer To Thousands of Homes That Have Been Made Sad By The War.

It is estimated that by Christmas there will be a million orphan children in Europe, the result of the war. A movement is being started by twenty of the leading newspapers in this country to have the children of America send a shipload of toys and things to eat and wear to these poor orphan children in the old country. The ship will be called the "Santa Claus Ship."

The following is part of a message sent by the promoters of this charity. To the Children of America:

"When daddy goes to work each morning you expect him to come home at night. You would be very sad if he did not, wouldn't you?

"Over in Europe, where kings rule, millions of fathers are being sent to work by the kings—the work of war. The kings tell them to go and fight and they have to, even if there is no one left at home to earn money to buy food and clothing and pay the rent.

"Hundreds of thousands of fathers will never come home to their little boys and girls. They will be killed by the fathers of other little boys and girls, who do not really hate them, but who kill because they have been ordered to do so.

"You will have a merry Christmas. You are looking forward to the day when Christ was born. You know that father and mother will be with you on Christmas day. You know that Santa Claus will come from the frozen north, his sleigh laden with gifts for you.

"Have you stopped to think what is going to happen on Christmas day to the children of Europe, whose Santa Claus fell dead on the battlefield, when father dropped with a bullet between the eyes—the father whose kiss and cheery call woke them on Christ's birthday?

"For these bereaved children there will be no Kris Kringle. His sleigh bells will not jingle on the frosty air in the Black Forest, and the snows of the Russian steppes will be untrodden by the good saint's galloping reindeer. Stockings will hang limp and empty in many a French cottage, and the smoky chimneys of England will know him not.

"No doll for little Jane and no red mittens for brother John. Karl had hoped for some soldiers, all red and shining, and a drum. Oh, what a mockery at this Christmastide! And Gretchen had dreamed of a set of dishes with roses round the edge and a beautiful big bouquet in each center. Ivan and Francois and Paul and Marie—all their dreams have died in war.

"One million Christmas tragedies. Little ones!

"But you children know how big they are.

"And there will be suffering—the dumb grief of the widowed mother, who has given all and yet stands at Christmas time with empty hands; the physical agony of the hungry and the under clad; "the sorrows' crown of sorrows," remembering happier things.

"Children of America if you could help, you would, wouldn't you?

"And you may. You can be Santa Claus to these little boys and girls, whose daddies died fighting for their country. You can stretch out your hands across the sea bearing messages of love and hope and sympathy to the children of a war-ridden continent, messages from fortunate America to unfortunate Europe."

#### WHAT STARTED THE WAR.

Many people who have not read the daily papers regularly are asking the question, "What caused the war now raging in Europe?" and the answer briefly is:

The war was the outcome of the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria, by a Servian zealot. On July 23 Austria demanded that Servia punish summarily those connected with the assassination. Servia granted all demands except that Austrian officers sit in judgment on Servian subjects. On July 25 Austria sent an ultimatum to Servia that she grant all its demands by six P. M. on that date. To that Russia replied that she couldn't "regard with indifference" the invasion of Servia, and she began mobilizing her troops. Germany a few days later notified Russia that mobilization of her army must cease within twenty-four hours. The Czar

declined to stop, and on August 1 Germany declared war on Russia.

The day following Germany demanded of Belgium the privilege of a free passage for her troops through that country to reach France, as France and Russia were members of the Triple Entente, and France did not make clear to Germany her policy in case of war between Germany and Russia.

Belgium appealed to England for protection against the trespassing of German troops. Because Germany refused to respect Belgium's neutrality, England declared war against Germany on August 4.

#### The Cost of War.

The proportions of the vast hosts that are now engaged in war in Europe can be best estimated by comparison. There are approximately 18,000,000 men under arms. The cost of feeding and maintaining them one day is over \$49,000,000. If marching four abreast they would form a column reaching from San Francisco to Philadelphia and it would require more than six months of marching for the men to pass a given point.

#### Ever Notice It?

Did you ever come to notice the interesting feature of the 1c and 2c 1893 Columbian issue?

The 1c stamp depicting Columbus in sight of land, shows him clean shaven; on the next morning when he landed, according to the 2c stamp he had grown a full beard. We recommend the brand of hair restorer which he used to all bald headed collectors.—The Economist Bulletin.

## RIGHTS OF MOTORISTS.

Pedestrians should be suppressed, all motorists avow; long since they ceased to be a jest; and they're a nuisance now. There's nothing harder on a car than running over men; it gives the works a deadly jar, and wrecks the springs again. This spring I bought a new machine that took 'most all my pile; I filled its tank with gasoline, to try it for a mile; two neighbors got beneath the wheels—their nerve was cold and raw; what wonder that a driver feels there ought to be a law? It takes all pleasure from the game, it spoils the joyous graft, to find that some wayfarer's frame is wound around a shaft. The walkers say they have a right to alley, street and lane, and just to demonstrate their spite, they let themselves be slain. Pedestrians will go too far; they're claiming now, 'tis said, that every man who runs a car should stop and plant his dead. With jealousy their breasts are filled; since they can't ride in cars, they take delight in being killed, in gaining wounds and scars; by this they're hoping to create a sentiment adverse to this, the pastime of the great—could jealousy do worse? Our legislatures and our courts should shield us from such shocks, should guard the noblest of all sports, and jail the man who walks.

### Finds Remains of Three Soldiers on Battlefield.

The remains of three Union soldiers buried on the Gettysburg battlefield were uncovered last week by George Woodward on the County Home farm while he was hunting bullets. With the bones were found

some money, a number of buttons and two bullets, possibly responsible for the death of one or more of the men. Some belongings of the men who met their death at Gettysburg field, 51 years ago were found with the bones.

The most valuable part of the whole discovery from a financial standpoint was two five dollar gold pieces, one of the date 1833 and the other dated 1844. Mr. Woodward took charge of all except the bones, which he reburied and marked the spot. It is likely that they will be disinterred and reburied in the soldiers' national cemetery.

—Newspaper clipping, Oct. 1, 1914.

### Knew What He Wanted.

State Game Warden Davis, of Georgia, was startled a day or so ago when he received a hunting license from a north Georgia county, on the back of which was written:

"My dere ser: I don't want this sorter licents. I thot I was gettin' a Maradge licents, sumbody sent me mr.—and sed he wood gimme a licents, mandy was so mad when I got back with this here hunten licents she wouldn't hav Me. she sed i didnt hev sents anuff to git a marridge licents so she ups and runs of with bill jonson and i Am in a aful fixt. i wants my muney back, unless this hear licents will let me shote bill jonson. yours most truely, sam Jackson."

The war, so fraught with philatelic possibilities, has already shown us several results. One English philatelic magazine was forced to come out in considerably attenuated form owing to the paper shortage.

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The August and September numbers of the **Collectors' Journal**, Chicago, to hand are exceptionally neat in appearance and the contents, especially of the September number, are very, very interesting. We are sure Brother Lindquist devoted much time and not a little expense in getting out this issue.

We regret to learn that our good friend, Rev. L. G. Dorpat, has re-

tired, perhaps for all time, from the activities of editor of the **West** and contributor to other periodicals, among them the **AMERICAN COLLECTOR**, through ill health. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The **California Travel Magazine**, San Francisco, continues to publish good news of interest to people intending to visit the Panama-Pacific Exposition, at San Francisco, in 1915.

The **Idaho Post Card Exchange**, Boise, Idaho, is the only real post card exchange list coming to our editorial desk. Brother Nelson complains of "hard times"—we don't blame him!

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Other publications to hand:  
**Northwestern Philatelist**, Seattle, Wash.

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**He Wanted One.**

A boy in the mountainous part of Centre county grew up to the age of 16 without seeing a woman. But, in the course of events his father took him out to a more civilized community and he saw one of these angelic creatures. "What is that, father?" asked the young man. "That, my son, is a woman," replied the father, and the young man spoke again. "Say, father, I want one of them things."



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**The Cure Didn't Work.**


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A minister had a swearing parrot. A friend suggested that the next time it used profane words, for him to swing its cage around ten times and douse a pail of water on the bird. In due time it became necessary to apply the remedy as directed, then, after setting the cage down, he glanced at the bird half dazed with its feathers wet and ruffled and asked: "Well, how do you feel?" Oh," said the parrot, looking out of one eye in a quizzical way, "I'm all right, but where in —— were you when the cyclone struck us?" The parrot is now for sale very cheap.

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**A Pennsylvania Giant.**


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Because George W. Gilfillan of Port Carbon was such a big man that it was impossible to get his coffin into his home, his body was carried out

on the lawn and laid into the coffin awaiting outside. This was not the only difficulty met with, for no hearse in the county could hold the giant coffin, and Gilfillan was conveyed to the cemetery in a furniture van. He was 6 feet 10 inches tall, weighed 560 pounds and when in his coffin the total weight was 1,200 pounds, under which 10 stalwart pall bearers staggered. Gilfillan measured a full yard across the shoulders.—Shenandoah Herald.

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**One of the Meanest Men.**


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They have some mighty mean men in a neighboring county. A subscriber to one of the papers there said to a reporter: "The meanest man I ever heard of was a feller that lived in the same township with me and wanted an education. So he sets to work and courted a school-ma'am fer about two years, an' when she had taught him all she knew he gave her the shake an' went to practicin' law."

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**LUKE McLUKE'S PHILOSOPHY.**


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If a woman knows a thing it doesn't take her husband long to know about it.

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A man can go through college in four years but it takes him the better part of a life time to learn how little he knows.

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