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The nests were placed in rather high trees (and hard to climb, too, as my shins can testify), some of which contained as many as three or four nests, which were composed of merely a few twigs, generally placed so that there was a small hollow in the center, although some were so flat that the eggs frequently rolled out and were broken, especially in a high wind. The eggs

are of a very light blue, oval to elliptical, and entirely unspotted. The average measurements are 2.05x1.75, but there is a good deal of variation.

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Cutchogue, Long Island, N. Y.

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The Birds' Moving Time.

The fall is the time of year when hundreds of thousands of birds migrate, by night and by day, in large battalions from the frost-bound north down to the sunny south. These migrations form one of the most interesting studies of ornithologists, who tell us that the little voyagers make their long journey with the precision and discipline of an army on the march. They have their advance and rear guards, while the main body is kept compact. Of course there are stragglers who are unable to keep up with their companions, but these fall out of the ranks, and unless they perish make their way as best they can to their destination.

Now that cold weather has set in at the north, millions of birds of almost every species are on the wing for the south. They are traveling along the same high roads over which they have passed from time immemorial. Some of them go in vast congregations down the valley of the Mississippi, and will not on any account depart from that route until they reach their winter abiding place. Others skirt along the fringe of the Rocky Mountains, thousands and thousands in a flock, halting at any stopping-place, so long as the weather is mild, and, when it is cold again, rising high into the air with a tumult of noises and continuing their southward march.

One of the most interesting things in connection with the night-flying birds is the apparently perfect system of signalling that they maintain when sometimes they are half a mile high in the air. They seem to have arranged a code of signals by whistling. The note is, of course, peculiar to the bird, and is used among other notes when singing, but for the purpose of signalling this note only is used. The bobolink, for instance, which has a wide range of song, when on the passage has but one cry, and he advises the main body of any threatened danger by whistling "spink, spink."

The birds that lead the main body are veterans who have made the march north and south for half a dozen years. The signal of a wild goose is a loud "honk." The kingfisher, who chatters in his summer creek and scolds so that you might almost imagine that he was a human being, simply gives a scream or a single resonant note, which keeps his forces together. The thrush and the robin each give a single shrill whistle, which can be heard across a storm at night for a distance of nearly a mile. These birds are all great travelers. Some of them travel every spring and fall from the shores of Hudson Bay, from Labrador and even Greenland, to the tropic of Capricorn, a distance of 6,000 miles.

The massing of these forces in the early fall is very curious and highly interesting. Not a single bird starts southward until the cutting northern winds begin to pipe. Then all the families or broods for miles around begin to collect, until hundreds, and sometimes thousands, get together and form into a body on the edge of a wood. Here the younger birds wheel, and scream, and frolic, chasing each other through the air; but the elders appear sedate, and seem to be waiting to collect together every bird that should join in the march.

It has long been a matter of conjecture as to how these birds can make their way at night, but it has been held latterly by the best ornithologists that they are guided by the stars. This is proved from the fact that on clear nights they fly often to a height of three miles, and at that distance it would be utterly impossible for them to be guided by the topography of the route. Moreover, when the stars are covered the birds become bewildered, and have at once to seek the ground.—*New York Recorder.*

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An October Outing.

Allie and I had long talked of a "fossilizing trip," and at last the day came for taking it. It was a sunny October morning when two collectors might have been seen winding their way briskly along, each with a large market basket on his arm, through valleys, over hills and ridges, on a road leading to a spot where we thought fossils abounded.

We had been about an hour and a half on the road, which led past fruit laden orchards, flower bedecked gardens and golden cornfields, when upon reaching the top of a high ridge, we had an entertaining view. In the distance was a small hamlet, around one side of which the lake in question lay, as calm and quiet as a sleeping babe.

We loitered but a moment to view the beautiful scene, and in half an hour were standing on the wave-washed shore. We proceeded at once to clip off spirifers from the shaly cliffs. We secured some fine specimens of the beautiful fossil shell commonly called "petrified butterflies," but we got no entirely perfect specimens, although we tried our best to secure some. At some places we clipped out crinoid stems one-fourth of an inch in diameter and several inches long.

After eating our lunch we quit the cliff rocks and worked upon the rocks washed up by the waves. These were richer in fossils than those we had left, and many were the "lens-eyed toads" we brought to light, some with perfectly formed eyes, but mostly broken in pieces. We found four varieties of trilobites and six varieties of orthoceras and many showy shells, such as horn, coral, etc.

After getting all of the varieties we thought existed there, we slowly packed up our things and made our way back as we came, reaching home at 5.45 in the afternoon, a tired but happy pair of collectors. Early the next morning we were up, busy attaching brightly colored labels to the specimens on our shelves, as follows:

Minerals—Snowy marble, red claystone, spiriferous or shell limestone, white granular quartz, calcite crystallized.

Fossils—*Phacops Buxtoni*, *Spirifer arenosus*, horn coral, honey comb coral, and many other equally interesting ones. A. E. B.

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Lost His Temper.

An English sparrow went upon a search for a new home yesterday, says the *New York Commercial Advertiser*.

It so happened that he lighted, in the course of his travels, on the statue of Benjamin Franklin, which graces the big triangle at Park Row's junction with Nassau street.

The metal Franklin, as everybody knows, sports a tie wig, which swells out over the ears after the manner of the truly swagger girls back hair, and in the consequent crevice the homeless sparrow fancied he had discovered an ideal place for a nest.

He proceeded to experiment. Darting down to the street he captured a tiny bit of rag and shoved it into the opening between Mr. Franklin's wig and left auricular.

The rag failed to catch on the smooth metal and slipped out. It was seized by the little home-builder and shoved back again. Several other English sparrows gathered around the statue's shoulders and began to gey the first.

He paid no attention to them, and by actual count dragged the obstinate rag back into the crevice fifteen times.

The second that it left his beak it slid out again. Suddenly the temper of the much suffering sparrow exploded. He sailed into his tormenters with the energy of a cyclone, and in three minutes the entire crew was whipped most beautifully.

Then, smoothing his ruffled feathers, the visitor seated himself upon Mr. Franklin's august head and calmly surveyed the scene of battle.

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"I would not enter on my list of friends,
Though graced with polished manners and fine
sense,

Yet wanting sensibility, the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm."

—*Cæteper*.

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WILL POPE, Editor and Proprietor.

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RECENTLY, Rev. THOS. DIXON, JR., one of New York city's eminent divines, was arrested on Long Island for violating the game laws of New York by shooting robins. When brought before the justice, he pleaded ignorance of the game laws, and stated that he had shot the birds simply for practice. He charged the game commissioner with being overzealous in the discharge of his duty, claiming that the laws must have been stretched in order to include robins under the list of "song birds." However, the reverend gentleman had to pay his fine, which amounted to \$155, and went his way. If every game commissioner did his duty as well as this one and every violation of the law was punished as promptly, there would be less complaint from our farmers and gardeners about the damage done by insects. Certainly the small boy does a large amount of damage by robbing the nests of our birds, but it can't be compared to that done by the city sportsman, and you occasionally find one in the country, too, who takes the lives of many of our woodland friends simply for practice or to show what a good shot he is. It is the duty of every naturalist or of anyone who claims to be a friend of Nature to see that all such offenses receive the punishment they deserve. The laws are none too strict, and they should be enforced.

Our former editorial associate demands the publication of the following. We make no comments:

"Other hands may grasp the field and forest,
Proud proprietors in pomp may shine,
But with fervent love if thou adorest,
Thou art wealthier—all the world is thine!"

WE announce to our readers this month that we have decided to devote a page of this paper to stamp collecting, and have placed A. E. Bennett, of Williamsville, Mass., in charge of that department. Mr. Bennett is well-known among collectors, and they will probably find much to interest them on that page. We also call our readers' attention to Mr. Bennett's advertisement on another page.

Birds of Germany.

The birds of Germany, like the crows of Ireland, are the pets of the people, both in the city and the country. They are protected by law, but no law is needed for their protection. They are so tame that many of them build their nests inside of the houses and are never disturbed by old or young. Throw down a few crumbs, and they will come down from the trees and almost eat out of your hand. The consequence is that fruit-growers never suffer from the invasion of worms, and the plum and damson, which have almost disappeared from our markets, grow here to the greatest perfection. The holidays are not distinguished as they are with us, by a throng of boys and men with shot-guns pouring into the country and slaying, out of mere wantonness, the feathery tribes, which are regarded here as the most efficient co-laborers to the agriculturist.—From "*Europe*," by C. C. Fulton, editor of "*Baltimore American*."

It is a common fact that birds are nearly as sensitive in regard to their likes and dislikes as dogs. Some people never can gain the friendship of a caged bird. A bird has to learn by experience that it is safe with a human being before it will respond to kind treatment.

STAMP NEWS.

BY A. E. BENNETT, WILLIAMSVILLE, MASS.

Beware of U. S. medicine stamps which have change in color, no perforations, etc., as they are being doctored by a firm in Greene, N. Y.

The dues of the P. S. of C. are 50 cents per year, they being raised at the last convention.

There is talk of organizing a society in Boston for New England collectors only.

The greatest novelty in philatelic literature is a small paper printed on the back of a postal card at Reading, Pa.

Twenty-five of the new reply cards were put on sale at the Boston post-office recently, and were undoubtedly soon disposed of.

At present there is not quite as much difficulty about duty on stamps, but still a great deal more than we wish there was.

The contract for printing the new reply cards has been awarded to Al. Daggett. A trial lot of 12,000,000 has been ordered.

Guy W. Greene's *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* is at last to have a rival in the shape of *The Spy* from Rochester, Ind., devoted to frauds and news.

A new set of Barbados, adhesives, eight in number, are in the swim with a "Crown and C. A." watermark.

Portugal is in it with a new set of provisional stamps, surcharged "Provisiris" in black across the face, namely, 5s, slate and black, and 10s, green and black.

There is talk of another exhibition of stamps in London, England.

A used pair of Great Britain, V. R., recently sold for \$84.

\$40 each are what the 2½c. blue, first issue of Antioquia are quoted at in London.

The Malden *Philatelist* was denied second-class rates by Uncle Sam and it consequently died a natural death.

The duty on a pack of playing cards in England is 3d.

The Ottawa *Philatelist* has appeared.

The new half-penny issue of Barbados is very green, but for all that it is a dandy.

The *Curio*, of Williamsville, Mass., has suspended publication on account of the editor's having other business.

The new issue of U. S. "Columbia" stamps will be a decided success, if they are finely executed. The same height will be retained, but to give room for the design they will be nearly twice as long. The following are some of the designs to be used:

"Discovery of America by Columbus."

"First sight of land."

"Columbus fleet at sea."

"Landing of Columbus."

"The Santa Maria."

"Columbus' flagship."

"Columbus asking aid of Queen Isabella."

"Columbus reciting his story of discovery to Ferdinand and Isabella on his return from his last voyage."

There will probably be a large call for these stamps by collectors and dealers.

Where the Stones Are Wood.

The Falklands produce no trees, but they do produce wood in a very remarkable shape. You will see, scattered here and there, singular blocks of what look like weather-beaten, mossy, gray stones of various sizes.

But if you attempt to roll over one of these rounded boulders you will find yourself unable to accomplish it. In fact, the stone is tied down to the ground, tied down by the roots, or in other words it is not a stone, but a block of living wood.

If you examine it at the right time you may be able to find upon it, half hidden among the lichen and mosses, a few of its obscure leaves and flowers. If you try to cut it with an axe you will find it extremely hard to do so. It is entirely unwedgable, being made up of countless branches, which grow so closely together that they become consolidated into one mass.

About Collecting Butterflies.

Nature hides her secrets well, and no better demonstration of this fact will be found than in her concealment of the caterpillar. Her original intention was not, I am sure, to hide them from the gaze of an ardent entomologist, but from the birds. For instance, the large green caterpillar of the potato worm, or *Atechronia atropos*, feeds on the leaves of the potato. If the caterpillar were white, or of a light color, a bird would be able to pick him off the plant very easily, but, as you have perhaps noticed, a sparrow or robin will hop in a sedate manner round a plant, his head on one side, looking intently into it. He sees the caterpillar, but like a blue ship upon a sea, the worm forms a part of the coloring and is therefore not readily found.

Then see the *Danias archippus*. I have frequently held a milk weed in my hand, and though for several moments have searched it diligently could not find the caterpillar till I would perhaps notice some excrecence on a leaf and usually find him near it.

The *Papilio machaon* may be on the carrot leaves you have before you, yet he has been so painted by the great artist, Nature, that he is part of the background you see and not in bold relief.

I have seen some very good specimens of caterpillars thrown by because they were not of a beautiful description. This is an error. Some very plain ones finally become magnificent butterflies or moths.

So, fellows, if you can't find your caterpillar don't get discouraged, for you are competing against Dame Nature and her wonderful paint pot, from whom a secret finally wrested, gives up her treasures willingly.

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9	Black-throated Loon.....	1 05	367	Short-eared Owl.....	44
41	Red-throated Loon.....	50	368	Barred Owl.....	55
16	Cassin's Auklet.....	88	373a	Florida Screech Owl.....	22
35	Skua.....	55	373b	Texas Screech Owl.....	18
37	Parasitic Jaeger.....	33	573c	California Screech Owl.....	20
40	Kittiwake.....	17	375	Great Horned Owl.....	5
53	California Gull.....	17	377	Hawk Owl.....	6
54	Ring-billed Gull.....	17	378	Burrowing Owl.....	14
56	Mew Gull.....	22	385	Road-runner.....	14
59	Franklin's Gull.....	22	386	Mangrove Cuckoo.....	44
74	Least Tern.....	05	387	Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	07
75	Sooty Tern.....	13	388	Black-billed Cuckoo.....	07
76	Bridled Tern.....	66	394	Downy Woodpecker.....	10
78	White-winged Black Tern.....	33	396	Baird's Woodpecker.....	28
79	Noddy.....	16	402	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	17
86	Fulmar.....	33	406	Red-headed Woodpecker.....	06
90	Manx Shearwater.....	55	407	Californian Woodpecker.....	22
92	Audubon's Shearwater.....	66	409	Red-bellied Woodpecker.....	14
104	Ashy Petrel.....	3 30	410	Golden-fronted Woodpecker.....	22
115	Booby.....	99	413	Red-shafted Flicker.....	06
117	Gannet.....	25	414	Gilded Flicker.....	28
1 9	Cormorant.....	2 1	4 7	Whip-poor-will.....	83
120a	Florida Cormorant.....	22	421	Texas Nighthawk.....	22
125	American White Pelican.....	28	423	Chimney Swift.....	09
128	Man-o'-War Bird.....	83	428	Ruby-throated Humming-bird.....	50
132	Mallard.....	11	430	Costa's Humming-bird.....	50
138	European Teal.....	17	431	Anna's Hummingbird.....	30
148	American Scaup Duck.....	22	443	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.....	05
152	Barrow's Golden-eye.....	44	447	Arkansas Kingbird.....	06
155	Harlequin Duck.....	66	453	Mexican Crested Flycatcher.....	28
164	Velvet Scoter.....	28	458	Black Phoebe.....	11
171	White-fronted Goose.....	1 10	465	Acadian Flycatcher.....	11
179	Whooping Swan.....	1 10	466	Little Flycatcher.....	17
184	White Ibis.....	28	467	Least Flycatcher.....	05
201	Green Heron.....	06	474b	Prairie Horned Lark.....	14
202	Black-crowned Night Heron.....	06	475	American Magpie.....	11
207	Limpkin.....	50	478	Blue-fronted Jay.....	44
217	Corn Crane.....	11	481	California Jay.....	12
219	Florida Gallinule.....	06	483	Green Jay.....	66
220	European Coot.....	10	486	American Raven.....	1 10
221	American Coot.....	06	488a	Florida Crow.....	17
222	Red Phalarope.....	55	491	Starling.....	06
223	Northern Phalarope.....	33	495a	Dwarf Cowbird.....	09
225	American Avocet.....	55	496	Bronzed Cowbird.....	17
229	European Snipe.....	22	499	Bicolored Cowbird.....	06
243	Dunlin.....	28	500	Tricolored Blackbird.....	08
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16	Cassin's Auklet.....	88	373a	Florida Screech Owl.....	22
35	Skua.....	55	373b	Texas Screech Owl.....	18
37	Parasitic Jaeger.....	33	573c	California Screech Owl.....	20
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53	California Gull.....	17	377	Hawk Owl.....	1
54	Ring-billed Gull.....	17	378	Burrowing Owl.....	14
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59	Franklin's Gull.....	22	386	Mangrove Cuckoo.....	44
74	Least Tern.....	05	387	Yellow-billed Cuckoo.....	07
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76	Bridled Tern.....	66	394	Downy Woodpecker.....	10
78	White-winged Black Tern.....	33	396	Baird's Woodpecker.....	28
79	Noddy.....	16	402	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	17
86	Fulmar.....	33	406	Red-headed Woodpecker.....	06
90	Manx Shearwater.....	55	407	California Woodpecker.....	22
92	Audubon's Shearwater.....	66	409	Red-bellied Woodpecker.....	14
108	Ashy Petrel.....	3 30	410	Golden-fronted Woodpecker.....	22
115	Booby.....	99	413	Red-shafted Flicker.....	06
117	Gannet.....	25	414	Gilded Flicker.....	28
1 9	Cormorant.....	2 1	4 7	Whip-poor-will.....	83
120a	Florida Cormorant.....	22	421	Texas Nighthawk.....	22
125	American White Pelican.....	28	423	Chimney Swift.....	09
128	Man-o'-War Bird.....	83	428	Ruby-throated Humming-bird.....	50
132	Mallard.....	11	430	Costa's Humming-bird.....	50
138	European Teal.....	17	431	Anna's Hummingbird.....	30
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155	Harlequin Duck.....	66	453	Mexican Crested Flycatcher.....	28
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On the first page of this issue will be found a very interesting article on "A Few Common Birds and Their Eggs," by A. E. Bennett, the able editor of The Collector, of Williamsville, Mass. Communications from this gentleman will appear occasionally in FOREST AND FIELD, and will be read with deep interest by ornithologists, philatelists, and collectors generally.

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HASH.

The Germans have, it is said, discovered that a satisfactory kind of paper can be made from the refuse hops that have hitherto gone to waste in breweries.

The points of the compass may be told from trees, the moss growing thickest on the north side, and, where exposed to the sun, the limbs are largest on the south side.

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FLORICULTURE.

THE WATER HYACINTHE.

This is not only a curious and interesting water plant, but when in full bloom is a plant of great beauty. It succeeds well in the Northern States, but must be protected from frost and kept in a warm room with plenty of light during the winter months, and must have at all times plenty of water to float in. It is well to have a little soil in the bottom of the tub where it grows. Each leaf-stalk is expanded into a round ball filled with air, and in this way the plant is kept afloat. After danger of frost is over in spring, the plants may be placed in some pond or tub of water, and will take care of themselves until frost comes again, when they should be removed to a jar in the sunny window of a warm room. They increase rapidly, requiring but little care, and make pretty plants for ponds and fountains. The foliage is light green, the leaves nearly round and somewhat squared at the ends. The flower-stalk is borne from the crown of the plant, and usually produces six or seven flowers from two to three inches in diameter. The flowers have six petals, and are beautifully colored with rose, lilac, orange and purple. The roots often grow a foot or more in length. They are dark colored, look something like moss, and help to keep the plant in an upright position when it is drifting in the water with its beautiful sail---the flower-stalk---unfurled to the breeze. This charming plant deserves to be better known and cultivated, and will please all who grow it.

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His work will be O. K.,
And the result can't fail to make
you glad,
If you hurry up and run
To some first-class medium
And insert that catchy little ad.
---Printers' Ink.

THE CZAR'S STAMP COLLECTION.

Every shoemaker to his last. The concern of the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, is as to the fate of the late Czar's magnificent collection of stamps. The Czarevitch, it seems, has never evinced much interest in philately. Possibly, it is added, the Czar's stamps will go to his kinsman, the Grand Duke Alexis Michaelovitch, whose name has recently been added to the roll of the London Philatelic Society. The Czar, we are told, was never able, personally, to take a very active interest in stamps. His secretaries acted as his agents in this matter, and one of them, M. Petroloff, "has for years enjoyed the distinction of superintending the growth and arrangement of the Czar's collection." It is described as a splendid one, especially strong in the old issues of Mauritius. A Hamburg dealer has for years acted as the Czar's collecting agent in Germany.---London Daily News.

COINS.

A copper cent of 1830 has no premium value.

An 1804 silver dollar is quoted at from \$500 to \$1,200, according to condition.

TWO PAIR—ROBINS AND CATBIRDS.

An Interesting Little Story About How Broods of the Two Pair Were Reared.

There is a strong feeling of pity among birds, and sometimes they are as charitable as men. A pair of robins had their nest in a fence near a house, while a pair of catbirds had built theirs in a bush close by. The two pairs hatched out their young at the same time, and for a while everything went along smoothly. Then it was noticed that the robins disappeared entirely, and the conclusion was that they had been killed. The young robins, dependent on their parents for food, appeared to be starving, and when the catbirds came with a worm or bit of food for their young, the robins would thrust up their heads and make a great noise. Presently it was observed that the catbirds were feeding the hungry orphans, and every night, while one of the catbirds covered its own young, its mate performed the same service for the little robins. In this way both broods were reared, the robins growing up as strong and lively as though they had been cared for by their own parents.

A FEW PICK-UPS.

Culture never made a saint.

The man who lives only for himself is engaged in very small business.

There's more help in an ounce of encouragement than there is in a ton of advice.

There is something wrong with the father who will tie up his dog at night and let his boy run the streets.

The man who repents on a sick bed from which he recovers, generally backslides before he pays his doctor's bill.

It won't do for the man who claims to love the Lord on Sunday to be found selling goods with a short yard stick on Monday.

See the club offer for FOREST AND FIELD on this page.

FLORICULTURE.

A plant in Sumatra called the *Rafflesia Arnoldi* is said to bear the largest flower in the world. Some of the largest are 39 inches in diameter, and the central cup will hold six quarts of water.

Petunia seed sown in January will give fine plants for early summer blooming. Cuttings from stock plants may also be taken in this month; re-pot those struck earlier.

CANCELED STAMPS.

A scientific paper says that a sure way of deciding whether a postage stamp has been canceled or not is to photograph it. People who are in doubt whether a one-cent stamp has been used or not will be glad to know that by paying a dollar or so for a photograph of it they can settle their doubt.---New York Tribune.

HAS AN EYE TO BEAUTY.

The baya bird of India spends his nights in catching fire-flies, with which he plasters his nest. The baya does not kill the fly, but simply attaches it to his nest by means of a piece of moist clay. On a dark night a baya's nest has the appearance of an electric street lamp.

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STAMP NEWS AND NOTES.

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Mexico has a very high rate of postage, 10c. per half ounce being charged.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News is one of the most interesting of our exchanges.

Of the 1872 3c. green ten varieties are known to exist, and four varieties of the 2c. current.

The first post-office opened in Paris was in 1462, in England in 1581, and in America in 1710.

Cape Colony is soon to issue a new set of seven stamps. All right, boys; we can handle them.

The portraits of James Madison and John Marshall will be seen on the \$2 and \$5 stamps of the new issue.

A new paper from Japan, the Hong Kong Philatelist, is announced. We wish the Japs success in their enterprise.

There is a prospect of a new issue of stamps from Orange Free States. Of what character they will be is not known.

A complete list of Egyptian postage and fiscal stamps is on exhibition at the Paris Industrial Exposition by H. Cantel of Cairo, Egypt.

All purple and lilac stamps are very susceptible to light, heat and other chemical action, and are apt to alter their color. Green is very easily altered to blue.

Look out for a certain dealer who wants to let you have \$1 Columbians for 75c. each. He is shy, but will probably give you a taste some day, as soon as he gets over his modesty.

What should be and undoubtedly is a popular publication is The Collector of Williamsville, Mass., with A. E. Bennett as "ye editor." It is devoted to the collection of stamps, coins and curiosities.

Do not become a strict specialist, for if you do you are liable to miss a great many rare bargains, for which you will some day kick yourself. Bet-

ter single out a few countries and give most of your attention to them, but do not disregard other countries.

A Stamp Exchange has been established in Toronto, Canada, its object being to afford stamp collectors an opportunity to exchange any duplicates they may have and to advance stamp collecting generally.

Once more revenue stamps are in use in the shape of a 2c. playing card. Every pack that is sold is required by law to have one affixed. Collectors should lay in a supply, as it is thought they are short lived.

The new Mexican stamps are something pretty fine. Each value is of a different design, representing the gradual advance of mail transportation by man, burro, stage coach and to the present railroad transportation.

The 6c. purple (Columbian issue) should be by far the most valuable of the low denominations, as only about 4,000,000 of that value were printed, while 10,000,000 of the 8c. and 11,000,000 of the 3c. were issued.

Do not be afraid to buy a few foreign locals, even if there is no place in your album for them, as they will go up one of these days, the same as U. S. revenues are doing, and then you will bless the dealer that sold them to you.

By all means, my friend, collect stamp and curiosity papers, and in a short time you will have a library which you would not dispose of for anything. In order to collect anything properly a person should have works of reference, for use in case of doubt on any point.

Collectors and dealers are looking forward to the time when the new issue of U. S. stamps will be in the swim. There will be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15 and 50c. and \$1, \$2 and \$5 stamps. It is not known if the envelope stamps will be changed, but it is hoped they will.

The moon is without water, and destitute of an atmosphere.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Asparagus is the oldest known plant that has been used for food.

The moon gives out heat enough to affect a thermometer, and make a difference of two or three degrees.

A young Italian scientist, Finzi, has invented a kind of spectacles by which he expects the wearers to see in the dark.

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OOLOGY.

A BUBO'S EGG.

Special Correspondence.



IT was the 16th of February, 1889. The day dawned clear and cold, and thinking it a good day to keep comfortable I deferred my intended trip to the woods and called on my old friend, Carl Fritz Henning of Boone, Iowa. That was the year I was traveling about the West.

After a few minutes spent in looking at Fred's collection we decided, considering the scarcity of Raptores eggs therein, to sally forth to see if we could not improve matters a little.

We did. In fact, we came out far better than we expected, for we flushed a Great Horned Owl from her nest in a tall oak. But we couldn't climb it, because the northerly section of the tree was glazed with ice. However, just a week later we returned and secured the clutch of two badly incubated eggs from the nest, which was just 51 feet from the ground. The structure was most certainly an old crow's nest, slightly remodeled.

Now we each took an egg, although each of us secretly wanted both. But now comes the story.

Mr. Henning had offered me specimens to the value of \$20 for my specimens, but I wouldn't sell—I wanted his. Well, last fall I was toasting my slippered feet before my studio fire when a letter was handed me bearing a western postmark, and opening it I found an invite to H.'s wedding!

More presents, confound it. But—ah, I have it! I'll send him the egg.

ARTHUR M. FARMER.

Clinton, Mass.

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WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US.

The Utica Semi-Weekly Press of January 18 contained the following: "FOREST AND FIELD is the title of a neat little semi-monthly issued by Frank E. Merritt, Jr., 211 Seymour avenue, Utica. It makes a specialty of ornithology, botany, entomology, floriculture, stamps and coins, and gives much upon these subjects that is not to be found elsewhere. It costs but 35 cents a year, and sample copies are mailed free on receipt of request by the publisher."

The Venture, Ft. Wayne, Ind., under the heading of "Our Exchanges," says: "FOREST AND FIELD, for naturalists and philatelists, a neat semi-monthly from Utica, N. Y."

MANCHESTER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

This enterprising stamp collectors' organization is composed of the representative business men of the Granite State. The society has secured palatial rooms in the "Kennard," and a fine library has been started, including all the leading stamp periodicals of the day. Many fine collections of stamps and proofs are owned by its members.

AJAX.

A VALUABLE BOOK.

An exceedingly valuable little book for stamp collectors has just been issued, describing the many minor varieties in both the United States and foreign stamps. The work is profusely illustrated, and will be a great help to young collectors. It is published by H. Gremmel, 85 Nassau street, New York.

A large quantity of the 8c. stamps made by the American Bank Note Company is reported to be still on hand at Washington.

ANENT ILLUSTRATIONS.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

Stamp collecting is a pastime too popular to be baffled by any slight interruption such as the present crusade on illustrations. If it is legally decided that albums, catalogues and other guides for the philatelist can not be illustrated on the present basis, other methods will be introduced which will be quite as practicable and result in rendering as serviceable assistance to the philatelist, without violating in any sense the law.

Ignorant persons are sometimes led to believe that stamp collectors are antagonistic with the interests of the government, which is such a foolish and far from correct idea. On the contrary, they are found to be the most loyal of all citizens, and from a financial point of view add greatly to the profits of the postal department.

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The stamps of the British West Indies are regarded as a specialty with favor in Chicago.

According to the last report of the third assistant postmaster general, there were 5,099,500 10c. orange special delivery stamps issued.

There is considerable discussion in the press over the subject of an international postage stamp, or one which could be used by different nations. The convenience of such a stamp would be mainly when writing letters of inquiry to foreign countries, and being able to enclose the international stamp for a reply.

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A WORD ABOUT OURSELVES.

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The paper is yet hardly anything like what it is intended to be. As soon as necessary arrangements can be made, **FOREST AND FIELD** will consist of at least six pages each issue, and probably eight. It takes time for all things, and the building up of a paper of this character is no exception to the rule. The different departments are in competent hands, and its columns will be made as interesting as possible to every collector. Improvements will be introduced as opportunity appears, and subjects will be illustrated occasionally.

We want subscribers—all we can get, everywhere. Special attention is called to our "Important Notice" in the issue of January 16, offering **FOREST AND FIELD** until March 15, 1896, to all who send in 35 cents before

February 15. We also want reliable agents everywhere, and will send our terms to those who wish.

To advertisers we have this to say: If you want to reach hundreds of collectors and naturalists twice a month, an advertisement in this paper will do it. Our rates are low, and any information will be sent on application.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Beginning with this issue, David B. Crockett of Avondale, N. J., assumes editorial charge of the Stamp and Coin Department of **FOREST AND FIELD**. Mr. Crockett's long experience both as a collector and a dealer in the stamp and coin business particularly fits him for the position of editor, which he will undoubtedly fill with credit to himself and benefit to readers of this paper. Inquiries for information in this department should be addressed to David B. Crockett, Avondale, N. J.

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COST OF SENDING A LETTER.

It costs the Post-office Department about \$.0226 2-3 to carry the letter for whose transportation you pay 2 cents. That is, the average expenditure of the government is \$.0226 2-3 for every two cents of revenue received.

A temperature of about 50 deg., below rather than above, is best for Camellias. Sponge off the leaves frequently.

Daphnes should be kept in a moderate temperature and moist atmosphere, also well supplied with water at the roots.

Ferns in cases like moist soil and atmosphere; yet too much watering, with neglect of proper airing soon after, will be risky, as it would tend to sour the soil, and injure the health of the plants.

FLORICULTURE.

THE CHEROKEE ROSE.



THE single white Cherokee rose is a strong grower; the stems are armed with heavy thorns; the foliage is of a deep, shining green, and has three, and sometimes five, leaflets; the flowers are pure white, with a large bunch of yellow stamens in the center, closely resembling in size and appearance the flower of the so-called May-apple, or mandrake, of the Eastern States. For decorative purposes no white flower is superior to the single Cherokee. For this best of all single roses we are indebted to China, as we are for many other valuable plants and flowers.

The double white Cherokee somewhat resembles the single variety, but its growth, while exceedingly vigorous, is more delicate. The canes have few thorns, and the foliage is not so coarse. Like the other, it has three or five leaflets. The flower is quite double, color white, with sometimes a pronounced tinge of green. Neither of the Cherokees is ever-blooming, though the double variety gives an occasional flower in the fall. It makes an excellent stock on which to bud any strong-growing rose, and plants of it are frequently seen carrying half a dozen sorts at the same time, over the front of some house or other building. Nothing equals it for this, unless, possibly, the Banksia. Its origin is unknown.

FLORAL NOTES.

Roses bloom the year round in California.

Rex Begonias like a warm, moist atmosphere.

Burbank and California varieties of Gladiolus should be planted in January.

Under glass put in cuttings of Chrysanthemums for plants for next fall's blooming.

STAMPS AND COINS.

EDITED BY DAVID B. CROCKETT,
AVONDALE, N. J.

OBSERVATIONS BY THE EDITOR.

Your publisher has asked me to take charge of this department. But it being such a late date I have not the time to write much, and so ask to be excused for the small amount of matter in this department this issue.

I am writing these notes with my head cracking and every bone in my body aching. The grip has me from head to foot.

Our representative Pacific Coast magazine, the Philatelic Californian, in its new cover and containing a photo plate of the California Philatelic Press Club, is an up-to-date magazine in every respect, and its members deserve credit.

I had just dropped into a stamp and coin broker's office not long ago for a chat, when a well dressed fellow entered with an 1856 eagle cent and asked the proprietor what he would give for it, saying he had several more at home. After examining it closely the proprietor told him it had been altered from an 1858. This was plain to be seen after an examination. The fellow then said he would try some New York dealer. Wonder who got bit?

The increased interest in the United States stamps has led our leading philatelic periodicals to devote much space to varieties. This is a good move, as heretofore the average collector did not know the difference in the varieties.

From Argentine Republic we receive the first number of the official organ of the Philatelic Society of Argentine. It is the best philatelic magazine we have ever received from South America.

Have you got the capped variety of the U. S. 2c. 1890 issue? Look over your duplicates. It is a small projection over the figure 2.

Collectors, if at any time you wish information about stamps or coins, the address of any periodicals or other questions you wish to ask I will cheerfully furnish same providing return postage is sent.

There was offered for sale in San Francisco not long ago an 1804 U. S.

silver dollar. Only four of these coins are known to be in existence. The price was only \$1,200.

The \$5 gold piece of 1809 is worth \$5.25; the California 50-cent piece, 75 cents; 1804 half cent, 5 cents.

"For goodness' sake don't say I told you," but they say a New York party has 5,000 U. S. 1851-57 5c. brown. Wouldn't mind having a few.

There is no premium on the 1848 cent.

The Philatelic Sons of America has now reached its 1,000th mark. Keep it up, boys; we'll succeed (to take the words of an eastern magazine) if we are "kids."

Speaking of U. S. coins, there is a more ready sale for copper coins than silver, owing to the fact that few collectors have the money to invest in silver and gold coins.

Did you know there were two die varieties of the U. S. 12c. 1872 issue?

There is no premium on the half dollar of 1830.

We extend thanks for the following: Handshaw's Fifth Auction Catalogue, Philatelic Sun, Albrecht & Co.'s "How to Collect," Golden Philatelist, Pennsylvania Philatelist, Indian Postage Stamp News, Reporter.

A silver dollar of 1801 is worth \$1.15.

A REVEREND STAMP COLLECTOR.

Bishop D. B. Knickerbacker, of the Episcopal diocese of Indiana, who died recently, was a stamp collector of universal perseverance. He had collected 1,000,000 of cancelled stamps which he sold for charitable purposes, and had acquired one-tenth of his second million when death put a stop to his energies.

COUNTERFEITING STAMPS.

Stamp collecting has become a mania with many people, and like all manias has run to excess. The business has become so extensive that the printing and selling of facsimiles of United States and foreign stamps has been taken up. It is the opinion of the solicitor of the treasury that it is unlawful to have in possession or use plates for the printing of postage stamps. Philatelists contend that by printing facsimiles of stamps they are serving as educators of youth and prevent imposition.

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FOREST AND FIELD.

ENTOMOLOGY.

THE SILK INDUSTRY.

The silk industry of this world of ours has become an important factor in the wealth of nations. Without the concentrated work of the millions of spinning larva, sums of money of tremendous magnitude would be withdrawn from circulation. China would lose a very large percentage of its steady income. Many towns in France would become nearly bankrupt. Italy would have thrown among her already large army of unemployed, thousands of others. In the United States, Great Britain and Germany, millions upon millions of dollars would be withdrawn from circulation; page upon page of fashion plates, dear to woman's heart, would have to be erased. All these mighty results because worms wouldn't work.

Economists who study the conditions under which men in various climes exist, give the world to know that the country which has no great industries which will provide it with a sure and continuous means of revenue, that country will gradually become impoverished and wasted, because the sales from its shores do not meet the outlay for necessities. A country in these straits must find some enterprise congenial to the surroundings, and once again build up the fortune which, as is the case with a spendthrift, has been diminished.

There are those in the United States who believe that such a condition of affairs is gradually ensuing in our own beloved country. Our industries have great difficulty in competing with foreign makers. Our live stock has been shut out of certain markets abroad; wool growing is done to death, as is cotton also—the prices attest this. Silk always commands high value. Should it become a standard industry of our great country, we can cheapen the market and make sure revenue by selling a good article to our own fel-

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Vol. I, No. 5.

UP AND DOWN THE MERRIMAC IN A CANOE.

Special Correspondence.

Down from New Hampshire's rugged hills, yea from the very mountains themselves, flows one of the grandest streams Nature ever created---the Merrimac. Formed by the junction of the Pemigenassett and Winnepesaukee rivers, this stream flows southward with easy sweep through rich, low valleys and between high wooded hills and ledges that form the homes and breeding grounds of a great variety of our New England bird life.

June 24, 1894, just as the sun had obtained a good roost upon the dim hill-marked horizon and the Stygian shadows were quietly stealing from the western side of the Uncanoonac Mountains, a light canvas canoe bearing two persons might have been seen silently issuing from the mouth of Black Brook and slowly and steadily taking a course along the heavily bush-fringed shore toward the headwaters of the stream. Guy and I were off for a ten days' trip, looking up the birds.

The first specimen met with as we paddled out from the shores of The Elms was a male Wood Duck, quietly and contentedly pruning himself in an eelgrass bed upon the farther verge of the stream, while ever and anon the sun, glancing on his resplendent feathers, would distinctly exhibit even at that distance his beautifully marked plumage. Leaving him undisturbed we pass up the river, soon leaving behind us Martin's Ferry, Hooksett and its falls and Suncook, and are at the rapids at Garvin's. Here we camp and are soon lulled into sweet slumber by the oft-repeated cry of the Whip-poorwill and the delicious tune of the Vesper Sparrow, now and then punctuated by the discordant cry of the ever-present Nighthawk.

The next day we passed Concord, East Concord, West Concord and Pennacook. During the day we secure two sets of five of the Bank Swallows. Three sets, all incubated, of the Kingfisher, 2-7, 1-6, a set of four badly incubated eggs of the Swamp Sparrow and 1-4 Baltimore Oriole. This last find was in a maple overhanging the Pennacook river, up which we went a little distance.

The succeeding day Boscawen and North Boscawen are passed. Sets of Yellow, Chestnut-sided and Kentucky Warbler were taken, prepared and snugly stowed aft with the collection of insects Mr. McKean was rapidly accumulating.

A Screech Owl was observed that day in the vicinity of Northfield, but unfortunately we couldn't collect him owing to the irate farmer's ideas of what we should and shouldn't do on his land. He thought we were after Partridges (there were many there), and upon our trying to argue the point he became so excited that we beat a hasty retreat---in fact we had to. About here we recorded numbers of the commoner raptures, including the Red-tail, Red-shoulder, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Marsh, Pigeon and Broad-winged Hawk, Great Horned, Long-eared and Screech Owl, Ospreys, and a pair of Bald Eagles. The more abundant Sparrows, Finches, Blue Jays, Robins, Red-winged Blackbird, Wilson and Hermit Thrush, Towker, Catbird, Bluebird, Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, Chickadee, White-rumped Shrike and Crows were found during our day's stop here.

The next day we reached Franklin Falls; here the streams intersect that

form the Merrimac. Here we secured a couple of wheels and rode through Franklin Falls, Franklin and over to Tilton.

The return trip was begun June 30, and the evening of July 3 we reached Amoskeag in good spirits, feeling abundantly satisfied with our experience.

ARTHUR M. FARMER.

Clinton, Mass.

THE HOMESTEAD.

BY ARTHUR M. FARMER.

The screech owl sat near his hollow tree,
Harrassed by crows, and by all assailed,
While the sun its course through the heavens sped,
And the eagle above them watchfully sailed.

The chipmy chirped in the hedge-row fence,
The catbird laughed in the grapevine near,
The meadow lark warbled his lay intense,
And the plover circled around.

The robin hopped about the gate,
The doves flew round the barn,
I shut my eyes, but I see it yet---
That old New England farm.

The dearest spot of all the earth,
The fairest and the best,
And from that ancient, honored hearth
I'll take my path to Rest.

A GOOD FIND.

While rummaging among our old family deeds and papers I ran across a paper dividing some property, a few days since, containing a \$20 perforated "conveyance," four \$1-perforated "conveyances" and a \$10 unperforated green "conveyance."

AJAX.

A STRANGE VISIT.

During the recent cold snap in Massachusetts an English Sparrow flew into one of the Bigelow Carpet Mills in the morning and remained, perfectly contented, until driven out at night, feeding at noon upon crumbs thrown it by the help.

A. M. F.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1895.

FOR ALL TO READ.

This will be the last number of *FOREST AND FIELD* sent as a sample to all who have had previous numbers. Many have received a copy of each issue from the first, and if they desire the paper continued to them they must subscribe for it. All should remember, also, that this paper is published **TWICE EACH MONTH**, and the subscription price is but 35 cents per year, 20 cents for six months. As a paper for naturalists and stamp and coin collectors every endeavor will be put forth to make it the best. Send in your subscriptions and watch our growth. Read our Special Premium Offer on the sixth page.

AN INTERESTING PAPER.

On the first page of this issue will be found a very interesting paper entitled "Up and Down the Merrimac in a Canoe," by Arthur M. Farmer of Clinton, Mass. Mr. Farmer is special staff artist and correspondent on the Manchester Union, and is a very entertaining and promising young writer. In the spring he goes on a collecting trip of a month's duration in Tennessee, and will inform the readers of *FOREST AND FIELD* of his explorations and "finds" in the South.

PERSONAL NOTES.

News Regarding Intended Collecting Trips of Several Naturalists.

D. B. Bartlett will collect about the marshes of Durham, N. H., this spring.

H. H. Dinsmore will collect in the vicinity of Hanover, N. H., the coming season.

Carl F. Henning of Boone, Ia., will spend two weeks of the coming season collecting in Texas.

A. M. Farmer of Clinton, Mass., is to join the well known Iowa collector, Mr. Andrews, in a few weeks' collecting trip through the Tennessee mountains.

E. M. Andrews is settled for the next eight months at Albion View, Hamilton county, Tenn. He will collect specimens in ornithology and oology for his own private collection.

H. B. Hopkins intends to "do" the Crotch mountain region in the White Mountains, and in company with Mr. Farmer of Massachusetts, L. O. Balch of Amoskeag, N. H., and G. L. McKean of Manchester, N. H., will canoe the length of the Connecticut river from the lakes to the sound for collecting purposes.

OUR EXCHANGES.

Among the exchanges received at this office during the last two weeks are the following:

Our Happy Fireside, a monthly from Roxbury, Mass.

Boys and Girls, a well appearing monthly from Winterset, Ia.

The Marble Hill Era, a four-page weekly from Marble Hill, Ind.

The Springfield Philatelist, a very neat monthly philatelic magazine.

The Monthly Visitor, a neat four-page paper from Haverhill, Mass.

The Recorder, a handsome eight-page monthly, with cover, from Milwaukee, Wis.

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Written for *FOREST AND FIELD*.

Have you heard of the lady called Miss Edna Brown,
Who lives in a far-away Illinois town?
For schemes most erratical,
Queer and fanatical,
We beg to assure you she captures the crown.
A million old stamps she wished to collect,
If her scheme had but stopped there, no one would object;
But her sizzling brain
Suggested a "chain,"
Now, for Darwin's "lost link" we have greater respect.

In Kanesville some twenty-five letters, 'tis said,
Each day were received, and probably read.
For so people say,
Who live out that way,
And assist the postmaster in earning his bread.

But since this chain gang has entered the field
Quite seventeen thousand each day is the yield;

And postmen declare
So much mail is there
That the hamlet of Kanesville from sight is concealed.

—T. F. DOLIN.

AN OAK STRANGLED BY A FIR.

A wonderful freak of nature can be seen on the farm of J. D. Petrie, near Lorane, in Siuslaw Precinct, Lane county. It consists of a fir tree which has grown entirely around a white oak tree. The fir tree is about 150 feet high and about five feet in diameter three feet from the ground. The size of the oak tree is not known except where it projects from the fir, about seven feet from the ground, where it is six inches in diameter. The oak is dead, having been strangled by the fir some time ago.—Portland Oregonian.

IT HAS CHANGED HANDS.

The Infant, an ornithological and philatelic publication which made its initial appearance last December under the care of Hopkins & Farmer at Amoskeag, N. H., has been sold to H. Hodgkins of New Orleans, La. On account of a pressure of other business Mr. Farmer was compelled to retire from The Infant, which will be continued by Mr. Hodgkins at New Orleans.

SPECIAL.

Read our Special Premium Offer, on the sixth page.

TO EQUALIZE POSTAL RATES.

An Agitation Against the Present Unfair Laws—
What the President Says.

Mr. O. G. Leslie has been visiting Newark, N. J., companies and business concerns during the last week, in behalf of "The National Postage Movement," an agitation for changes in the postal laws. The purpose of the movement is to get all classes of business men interested in having the postal rates equalized. One main object is to stop the transportation at present rates of cheap novels and similar publications which now go by the name of periodicals. The paper novels are books, and are in no true sense periodicals, yet under present laws they get the same rates of postage as actual newspapers. They are carried at a heavy loss to the Government, and if they were put in their proper class there would be a large saving, and rates could be reduced on letters and other important mail matter.

President Cleveland in his message said of this matter:

"The Postmaster General states that the present deficiency is unnecessary and might be obviated at once if the law regulating rates upon mail matter of the second-class was modified. The rate received for the transmission of this second-class matter is one cent per pound, while the cost of such transmission to the Government is eight times that amount. In the general terms of the law this rate covers legitimate newspapers and periodicals. The extensions of the meaning of the terms from time to time have admitted to the privilege intended for legitimate newspapers and periodicals a surprising range of publications, and created abuses the cost of which amount in the aggregate to the total deficiency of the Post-office Department.

"Paper-covered literature, consisting mainly of trashy novels, to the extent of many thousands of tons, is sent through the mails at one cent per

pound, while the publishers of standard works are required to pay eight times that amount in sending their publications.

"The Postmaster General predicts that if the law be so amended as to eradicate these abuses, not only will the Post-office Department, show no deficiency, but he believes that in the near future all legitimate newspapers and periodical magazines might be properly transmitted through the mails to their subscribers free of cost. I invite your prompt consideration of this subject, and fully indorse the views of the Postmaster General."—Sunday Call.

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FUCHSIAS.

Old plants placed in the cellar last fall may be brought to the light. When new leaves are forming, take the plants out of the pots, remove a good share of the ball of soil, and repot in new pots a size smaller. Use new soil that is light and well enriched with fine old compost. In the greenhouse strike cuttings for good spring plants. After potting off give plenty of water and light. Old plants for blooming may be trimmed back, repotted in larger pots if necessary, using moderately rich soil, and started into strong growth. This applies to stock from which cuttings are to be taken later.

GERANIUMS.

Plants propagated in the fall should begin to make strong growth. Give them room, or they will suffer. Repot as needed. The variegated-leaves varieties, being less robust, need some extra attention. They delight in a warm place, say 55 degrees, and much light. Shelves near the glass in a warm house suit them. In the window, blooming plants should occasionally have the top soil renewed; give plenty of light and warmth. During

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STAMPS AND COINS.

EDITED BY DAVID B. CROCKETT,
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BLIZZARD BLASTS.

Advantageous contracts have enabled Uncle Sam to cut prices a bit on his stamped envelopes. The new lots have arrived, and have been placed on sale at the Newark post-office. Prices vary, according to size and quality of paper. Stamped envelopes of the one-cent denomination range from \$11 to \$12 per 1,000; the two-cent, from \$21 to \$23; the four-cent, from \$42.52 to \$43.20; and the five-cent from \$51.60 to \$51.80.

The 1849 half cent with small date is worth \$2.50.

Guess the cold weather down South has frozen the Southern Philatelist; we have not seen it for some time.

Will H. Low has designed the \$1 and Walter Shirlaw the \$5 silver certificates which are to be issued by the United States.

Some one said the Brooklyn Stamp was to be resurrected. We have not as yet seen it. Perhaps its intended publisher has gone on strike.

The Canada 2c. stamp was quoted at \$4 in 1865. It is now worth about \$150—quite a raise.

The flying eagle cent of 1856 is worth \$1.50.

Charles H. Pugh's 29th auction sale contained a lot of U. S. coins. Catalogues can be had by addressing him at Kossuth, Ind.

I recently found no less than eleven varieties in color and texture of paper of the U. S. 1853 3c. buff envelope stamp.

The Reporter for February contains an ode to the S. of P., Edna Brown's million stamp scheme, and other notes, making it a very interesting number.

The U. S. cent of 1877 does not seem to command any premium; nevertheless a good copy can not be purchased for less than 25c.

It is like pulling teeth to buy U. S. stamps from New York dealers. They anticipate a great rise in prices, and expect soon to be called millionaire stampites.

A United States Dollar of 1795 is worth \$1.15.

Uncle Sam is going a little too far. It won't be long before he will want the stamp collectors to give up collecting, and use as an excuse that they are printed in chemical colors and the chemicals might explode.

There is no premium on a half dollar of 1834.

The market is flooded with Chinese coins. They were offered a few days ago for \$1 per 100.

I saw an exchange notice in a western paper of a little girl who said she would give 10 cents for a stamp issued years ago with two bears on. This description answers for the St. Louis stamp. We wish her success.

An 1804 half cent in good condition, is worth 2c.

The Springfield Philatelist is a very neat and well edited paper.

The 25c. piece of 1853, without arrows or rays, is worth \$2.

There are two varieties of the Columbian 1 and 2c. envelopes, one having a period after the words "America" and "cents," and the other without.

Business men and other residents of Springfield have been somewhat annoyed during the past few days by the circulation of counterfeit \$1 and 50c. pieces. The coins are of lead, and imperfectly executed.

Keep on the lookout for counterfeit canceled Confederate State stamps, on the original envelopes. They hail from the South.

The Springfield, Ill. public library has been presented with a complete set of proofs of the U. S. adhesives, including Departments, by Hon. Frank H. Jones, first assistant postmaster General.

There is no premium on a 25c. piece of 1835.

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WHAT WE TALK ABOUT.

Being a Few Notes on Current Club Topics by
Our Correspondent, Wm. S. Chambers.

The national officers of the G. D. C. A. will shortly organize a club for the advancement of the national association.

Three popular Dayites, the Misses McClure, Souder and Lee, have joined the Golden Days Branch Officers' Association.

The Young Peoples Society (Branch 354, G. H. C.) has followed the examples set by Nos. 330, 380, and 416. It has reorganized.

We cannot help but agree with Bro. Davis when he says that clubs should refrain from publishing their lists of members in papers.

Branch 5's (G. D. C. A.) president of Humane Department, Miss Annie M. Lee of Washington, D. C., is visiting friends in West Philadelphia.

One of the branches which was removed from the G. D. C. A. by President Elverson is again reporting in the columns of Golden Days. How's this?

So Forest and Field wants to know how to rid our organization of frauds? Well, just wait until we get the National Association of Branch Officers in running order, and we will show you.

G. H. C. to the front! If we get national officers and state branches the club will be where it was in 1890-91. When such workers as Lippincot, Denegar, Friedrich, Ewing, Davies and Reed re-enter our ranks, things at once begin to boom.

A new one and good one, too, is the Golden Hours Athletic and Pleasure Club of Harrisburg, Pa. (Branch 745). Its secretary, J. Frank Weigel, writes me that numerous first-class departments will be added. Its printing matter is of the finest variety.

All our papers are heralding the coming of a veteran Hourite and great favorite. This clubite is Andrew H. Montgomery of Toronto. Mr. Montgomery was formerly secretary of the Brant Correspondence Club, No. 257, G. H. C. He is a hustler, and we hope the report that he will re-enter the field is true. Another worker and one equally well liked is N. Thomas Johnston of Guelph, Ont. It is also rumored that this gentleman will again enter our ranks. Mr. Johnston is one of our best amateur biographers and humorists, and was treasurer of the club in which Mr. Montgomery held office. I have just written to both gentlemen and perhaps can give the readers

of this paper something definite in next issue.

Are you participating in the "most popular club" contest, which that up-to-date paper, The Gem, has inaugurated? The branch receiving the most votes will be considered the most popular club and will receive the prize, which is 50 beautiful badges. The badges are of silk and will be printed in gold. They are all beautifully trimmed with gold and silver fringe, and may be had in any colors desired. This promises to be one of the most lively club contests ever gotten up and only goes to show that clubdom is fast gaining devotees. The Golden Days Branch Officers' Association is a good thing, and is being pushed along by all except a few sleepy, half awake officers.

I am very anxious to organize a Golden Days club to be known as the Forest and Field's Staff Association. Brothers Merritt and Huguenin both think my plan an excellent one and I think that the other members of the staff will be willing to co-operate. I nominate Bro. Merritt for secretary pro tem. Why not each of us send him our vote? Whom shall we have for our president, vice president and secretary? Vote! Why not push this along? And by the time the next issue is out we will be organized and have officers.

WILLIAM S. CHAMBERS.

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COMPLIMENTARY.

The July number of The Gem, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "Forest and Field is getting to be quite a club paper and will soon to be one of the 'Big Four.'" The second issue for June contained excellent notes by Howard E. Bokman and Edgar B. Huguenin."

Secretaries are invited to send us their club notices for publication. Brief, well written club announcements are always read, and they will be inserted in Forest and Field free of charge.

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UTICA, N. Y., AUGUST 30, 1895.

Vol. I, No. 18.

WHAT WE TALK ABOUT.

Being a Few Notes on Current Club Topics by
Our Correspondent, Wm. S. Chambers.

The national officers of the G. D. C. A. will shortly organize a club for the advancement of the national association.

Three popular Dayites, the Misses McClure, Souder and Lee, have joined the Golden Days Branch Officers' Association.

The Young Peoples Society (Branch 354, G. H. C.) has followed the examples set by Nos. 330, 380, and 416. It has reorganized.

We cannot help but agree with Bro. Davis when he says that clubs should refrain from publishing their lists of members in papers.

Branch 5's (G. D. C. A.) president of Humane Department, Miss Annie M. Lee of Washington, D. C., is visiting friends in West Philadelphia.

One of the branches which was removed from the G. D. C. A. by President Elverson is again reporting in the columns of Golden Days. How's this?

So Forest and Field wants to know how to rid our organization of frauds? Well, just wait until we get the National Association of Branch Officers in running order, and we will show you.

G. H. C. to the front! If we get national officers and state branches the club will be where it was in 1890-91. When such workers as Lippincot, Denegar, Friendrich, Ewing, Davies and Reed re-enter our ranks, things at once begin to boom.

A new one and good one, too, is the Golden Hours Athletic and Pleasure Club of Harrisburg, Pa. (Branch 745). Its secretary, J. Frank Weigel, writes me that numerous first-class departments will be added. Its printing matter is of the finest variety.

All our papers are heralding the coming of a veteran Hourite and great favorite. This clubite is Andrew H. Montgomery of Toronto. Mr. Montgomery was formerly secretary of the Brant Correspondence Club, No. 257, G. H. C. He is a hustler, and we hope the report that he will re-enter the field is true. Another worker and one equally well liked is N. Thomas Johnston of Guelph, Ont. It is also rumored that this gentleman will again enter our ranks. Mr. Johnston is one of our best amateur biographers and humorists, and was treasurer of the club in which Mr. Montgomery held office. I have just written to both gentlemen and perhaps can give the readers

of this paper something definite in next issue.

Are you participating in the "most popular club" contest, which that up-to-date paper, The Gem, has inaugurated? The branch receiving the most votes will be considered the most popular club and will receive the prize, which is 50 beautiful badges. The badges are of silk and will be printed in gold. They are all beautifully trimmed with gold and silver fringe, and may be had in any colors desired. This promises to be one of the most lively club contests ever gotten up and only goes to show that clubdom is fast gaining devotees. The Golden Days Branch Officers' Association is a good thing, and is being pushed along by all except a few sleepy, half awake officers.

I am very anxious to organize a Golden Days club to be known as the Forest and Field's Staff Association. Brothers Merritt and Huguenin both think my plan an excellent one and I think that the other members of the staff will be willing to co-operate. I nominate Bro. Merritt for secretary pro tem. Why not each of us send him our vote? Whom shall we have for our president, vice president and secretary? Vote! Why not push this along? And by the time the next issue is out we will be organized and have officers.

WILLIAM S. CHAMBERS.

CLUB MEMBERS, TAKE NOTICE.

If you wish to keep informed of club matters and read the latest club news, you should subscribe for Forest and Field. Our paper is issued twice a month—on the 1st and 30th, and instead of giving its readers club "news" from one to three months old presents the very latest doings in club circles up to the day of going to press. Every member of our staff of writers and correspondents is well known and thoroughly reliable. Club members, subscribe for Forest and Field—twice a month and strictly up to date.

COMPLIMENTARY.

The July number of The Gem, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "Forest and Field is getting to be quite a club paper and will soon to be one of the 'Big Four.' The second issue for June contained excellent notes by Howard E. Rokman and Edgar B. Huguenin."

Secretaries are invited to send us their club notices for publication. Brief, well written club announcements are always read, and they will be inserted in Forest and Field free of charge.

AMATEUR JOURNALISTS'

Union of America—A New Society for the Benefit of Amateur Editors.

An organization has been formed, named the Amateur Journalists' Union of America, among its objects being the mutual benefit and protection of its members. All who publish or control the publication of any bona fide amateur paper or magazine, are eligible to membership, but publishers of advertising sheets and papers which contain many advertisements and little reading matter, and have no legitimate connection with amateur journalism, can not become members. The first annual election of officers of the Amateur Journalists' Union will occur Tuesday, October 15, 1895. The present officers are: Frank E. Merritt, Jr., president; R. H. Barr, secretary. The other officers will be announced later. Forest and Field is the official journal of the organization. All publishers of legitimate amateur journals are invited to join, and can obtain any desired information, blanks, etc., by sending a stamp to the secretary, R. H. Barr, Galion, Ohio, or to the publisher of this paper.

CLUBDOM.

The word "clubdom," as we know it, signifies "club world," and is simply a title for our lobby, which is clubs.

It is said that the word was coined by Mr. Dunn, editor of Golden Hours, and, when introduced, was intended only for the use of Hourites.

Dayites and Newsites have begun to use the word in connection with their respective associations and with most members, 'dom covers the three organizations, including their hundreds of branch clubs.

WILLIAM S. CHAMBERS.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

We desire it to be distinctly understood that those who wish to advertise in Forest and Field must send the cash with their copy, and that no advertisement will be run until it is paid for. Every week ads are received at this office marked "insert and send bill," but as our rule is cash with order, we must adhere to it in all cases. Our columns are always open to legitimate and reliable advertisers, and nowhere can better results be obtained, but our rule of "cash with order" must be borne in mind.

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UTICA, N. Y., AUGUST 30, 1895.

NOTICE OUR STAFF:

HOWARD E. BOKMAN,
DAVID B. CROCKETT,
EDGAR B. HUGUENIN,
THOMAS READ (New Zealand),
WILLIAM LEE CHAMBERS,
WALTER B. BELL,
ELMER E. WAITE,
C. CLEMENTS DAVIS,
G. EDWARD HARRISON.

Editorial Comment.

Poor Heise! On all sides and in
every direction is he "catching it."
Let him drop—he is his own worst
enemy.

Members of Golden Days, Golden
Hours and Good News clubs have
time and again wished for a first class
amateur representative. Forest and
Field is here to fill that "long felt
want." DOES fill it, and WILL
CONTINUE to fill it, providing
clubites will show their interest in a
substantial way—by subscribing, for
instance. Send in your subscription,
and then keep your eye on us and
watch us grow.

All members of our staff are invited
to join the Forest and Field Staff
Association. Make your selections
for president, vice president and sec-
retary from the staff list on this page,
and send your votes to this office.
Before our next issue the organiza-
tion will be formed and the result of

the vote for officers will be then an-
nounced. The objects of the club are
the mutual benefit and social pleasure
of its members. To our valued
member, William S. Chambers, be-
longe the credit for this novel idea.

POINTERS
PHILATELICEDITED BY DAVID B. CROCKETT,
AVONDALE, N. J.

NOTICE.

In writing letters of inquiry, don't forget return
postage. We would like to exchange with all
philatelic papers. Please send TWO copies, one
each to editor and publisher; we will do likewise.

SPLINTER.

—They say that Paris has 300
dealers in postage stamps.

—The Advertiser still contains its
usual amount of exchange notices
and offers.

—In October, 1792, the first
presses were used by the U. S. mint,
for striking the half dimes.

—It is a good thing there are not
many stamp collectors in Alaska, as
some of the towns only receive mail
twice a year.

—It is rumored that the well
known "Prof. Quigley" has returned
from South America and is at his old
trade in Minneapolis, Minn.

—The Springfield Philatelist for
August gives a picture of its editor,
S. M. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton
looks like one who is always willing
to help others.

—Arabesque is a word often used to
denote a delicate kind of tracery or
ornaments, consisting of intricate
lines, flowers, birds, fruit, etc. Take
the 1887 issue of Persia.

—From England comes Messrs.
Arthur Monteith & Co's price list of
sets, packets and philatelic accessori-
es, and prices are decidedly cheap.
Send for one to Southport, Lanca-
shire.

—The first U. S. golden piece, of
the value of ten dollars, called the
Eagle, was coined in June, 1795; its
weight 270 grains and 23 carats fine.
There are three varieties of this coin,
all being very scarce.

—The secret service detectives have
at last found the satchel containing
\$27,000 worth of bogus stamps which
belonged to Mrs. McMillan, the
woman who was interested in the
stamp counterfeiting scheme.

—We would like to have the credit
when any of our exchanges copy
from this paper. It is pure gall

when a paper deliberately copies
word for word from an exchange and
and doesn't even add "Ex."

—The Monthly Post is a welcome
addition to our exchange list. Al-
though no larger than ourselves, the
lost is quite interesting. Sample
can be had of Smyth & Co., 41,
Brecknock Road, London, N., Eng.

—On looking over some U. S. P. O.
P. O. official envelopes, recently, I
came across a curiosity in the shape
of two light impressions of the stamp
on the inside of the back, the back
also having two imperfect cut oval
edges. Is this not a curiosity?

—The unsolicited approval sheets
sent out by dealers are a decided
nuisance and we are glad to see the
philatelic public trying to stop it.
Our advice is keep the stamps until
the dealer who sent them sends post-
age and registration for their return.

—It is foolish for a person to try and
inure another by publishing him as
a beat, thief, liar or anything else.
There is a cause for everything, and
you can catch a fly more easily with
molasses than vinegar. Human na-
ture is stubborn. Try to force a
man and he'll kick every time.

—On the 31st of July, 1792, at 10
o'clock in the forenoon, the founda-
tion stone was laid for our first mint
by David Rittenhouse. The founda-
tion was completed and ready for the
superstructure on Saturday, the 25th
of August, and the framework was
raised on the forenoon of that day.
The building was completed on Fri-
day the 14th of September, 1792.
On the 11th of September six pounds
of old copper were pure used for the
mint at 1s. 3d. per pound, this being
the first purchase of copper for
coinage.

Our Exchanges.

Agents' Times, a neat four page
monthly from Chicago.

The Sun, an eight page monthly
from Philadelphia, Pa.,

The Lone Star State Philate-
list, an excellent weekly devoted to
philately, published by Roy B. Brad-
ley at Abilene, Texas.

March, April, May and June num-
bers of Philatelic Comfort, a very
nice monthly stamp paper published
by J. S. Dunn, Cumberland, Me.

Also received: The Yonks' Enter-
tainer, The Drummer, North Star,
Silent Assistant, Boys' World, West-
ern Hustler, Bark Hill Advertiser,
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CLUB CHAT

OF THE
GOLDEN DAYS
AND
GOLDEN HOURS
ORGANIZATIONS.

EDITED BY
HOWARD E. BOKMAN,
OF BALTIMORE, MD.

Club news, notes, sketches, or anything of interest to the readers of this department, kindly solicited from all.

NOTES HERE AND THERE.

William S. Chambers is now president of Branch 16, G. D. C. of A.

Wm. S. Chambers, so 'tis said, contemplates joining the "Knights of the Road."

Branch 69, G. H. C. formerly known as one of the Hesse clubs, is now known as one of the Harrison clubs. Ed. Harrison seems to be in it all around.

Charles Henry Hesse still seems to be in the bunco business. Our fellow Dayite, Paul H. Knoelk of Milwaukee, Wis., was roped in lately on his "Black Beauty" scheme.

A new branch of G. H. C. will be organized shortly in Baltimore. The charter members will be old Hourites who were formerly connected with the various clubs of Charles H. Hesse.

Branch 52, G. D. C. of A. will keep up to the times by publishing a new semi-monthly club paper. Mr. Hollinger calls it the Club Messenger, which will be published at Cherokee, Iowa.

We hear that William C. Dunn, editor of Golden Hours, said that Golden Days copied from Golden Hours when it started the national organization. Now, everybody knows that Mr. Elverson was petitioned to start our ever-increasing club. Mr. Dunn must be something besides pleased with the proportions our club is taking.

Three cheers for W. C. Noble of New York, a man who had spunk enough to insert a notice in G. D. asking each branch secretary in his state to write him, with a view of forming a supreme branch. The editor would be pleased to shake hands with him, but he is too far from Baltimore, so he sends his best wishes for success.

William H. Quick, jr., a noted puzzle and secretary of Branch 713, G. H. C., recently paid a visit to New York, and visited the building where Golden Hours is printed, for the purpose of seeing the editor, Mr. Dunn. After climbing five flights and crawling three flights of steps, he was informed that the editor "had gone for the day." The editor sends Mr. Quick his sympathies, he having once climbed the steps in the Washington Monument of Baltimore.

The editor finds by experience that a notice that is short and to the point, takes the eye of a reader quicker than a long one full of dry material. We see lots of long notices, and most of them are full of "rot." What we want is short notices, and then it may be that we will see our notices published oftener, as long notices take up more space than short ones, and the publisher can only insert nine or ten, whereby if they were shorter, ten or twenty more could be published.

OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT,



EUREKA GOLDEN DAYS CORRESPONDING CLUB, OF BALTIMORE, BRANCH 54.

OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS,
915 HOLLINS STREET, BALTIMORE.

OFFICERS:

President—H. J. Bokman.
Treasurer—Arthur McBryda.
Secretary—Howard E. Bokman.
Official Editor—F. E. Merritt, Jr.

Organized June 23, 1893. Reorganized March 26, 1895. Those who wish to join can do so by sending admittance fee to the secretary, which is 15c. and no dues.

The officers of Eureka Golden Days Corresponding Club wish to state that the name of Clyde Huston was inadvertently put in its list of members, and was published in Forest and Field. While this is the first time in the annals of our club that such a thing has happened, we regret that such a mistake should occur, as the motto of this association is "Honesty is the best policy," and we strive to keep up to the mark.

For the Officers,
HOWARD E. BOKMAN, SECRETARY.

NEWS FROM BRANCH 4.

The Ins, Outs and Doings of a South Carolina Club.

We have three lady representatives.

Hurrah for the National Officers' Club!

Somebody's goin' to happen. Look out for him!

G. Edward Harrison, 42, has joined the N. A. P. A.

Fred P. Cate of Greer, Pa., secretary of Branch 61, has compounded a new kind of violet ink which he's selling.

We have been informed that the latest Hesseism is "a good thing—C. H. Hesse—push it along." We would suggest "A bad egg—C. H. Hesse—drop it like a hot 'tater."

Remember, you can get this paper one year for thirty-three cents, six months for eighteen cents, if you subscribe through Ned Huguenin's Club Subscription and Advertising Agency.

In July 30 issue of Forest and Field, we gave the number of members we had in each state, and finished by saying "23 in all." We meant 23 states, not 23 members. We have now 70 members.

Claude M. Wallace, 5, is working for the Napoleon Creamery of Napoleon, O. We are sure to hear great

things from the creamery, for whatever Mr. Wallace is connected with is sure to succeed.

The following number of members have joined from each state since our notice appeared in July 30 issue of this paper: Maryland 4, Vermont 2, Indiana, California, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Michigan, 1 each.

Every month brings to light some new evidence of Hesse's duplicity. Make known anything you know about it. We want to expose every club fraud and get rid of him. We noticed that a club that had been expelled from the organization some months ago had a club notice a few weeks ago in Golden Days Club Chat. How's this?

All the old G. D. C. of A. vice presidents have been re-elected, though in a different order, and William S. Chambers, our hustling Michigan member, has been also made one, as the number has been changed from six to seven. Two of these new vice presidents have done nothing whatever for the club, while such hustlers as Frank E. Merritt, jr., Howard E. Bokman, Miss McClure and Bernhard Klug were not elected.

Following are our representatives in various states: Edgar B. Huguenin, Charleston, S. C.; J. Mathew Camaller, Washington, D. C.; Miss Josephine C. Douglas, Elizabeth, N. J.; Claude H. Murray, Oglethorpe, Ga.; Claude M. Wallace, Napoleon, O.; Jacob A. Bogar, Lykens, Pa.; George Moore, Charleston, W. Va.; Oscar Thielen, Oshkosh, Wis.; Howard E. Truex, West Plains, Mo.; Miss Maud Robb, Eldora, Ia.; George F. Stegar, Chicago, Ill.; James E. Turner, Grand Forks, N. D.; Buel Moore, Ballston Spa, N. Y.; H. J. Wolf, Sturgis, Mich.; Gardner Shattuck, Ballard Vale, Mass.; J. T. Westerman, jr., Kansas City, Kan.; Roy W. Meade, Stanwood, Wash.; G. Edward Harrison, Baltimore, Md.; Ferd Wetherington, Paducah, Ky.; Miss Daisy Lingenfelter, Indianapolis, Ind.; Charles Robbins, Providence, R. I.; S. G. Bixby, W. Fairlee, Vt.; Harry S. Nash, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ralph R. Rich, Los Angeles, Cal.; and H. C. Hilger, St. Paul Minn.—25.

EDGAR B. HUGUENIN.

Club Notices.

The coming woman! That is a subject we do not care to tackle, as we know very little about her, but we do know that the Scriptus G. H. C. for Doing Good (Branch 60) is a club worthy of your support. Why not join us? Inflation fee only 12c, no dues. (Objects, see Golden Hours.) Send fee to G. Edward Harrison, Secretary, 350 N. Calvert street, Baltimore, Md.

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CONDUCTED BY "KENT KLASBY."

Solutions and all other matter for this department must be sent to W. B. BELL, Box 37, Elkin, Surry county, N. C.

NEW PUZZLES.

No. 6—Charade.

There was a young WHOLE of Lo-well
Who lived in a dreary hotel.

Her PRIMAL was sought,
But she wasn't caught,
This handsome young LAST would
rebel.

ARTY FISHEL.

Philadelphia, Pa.

No. 7—Anagram.

FED DEAR FIN LOST

Circleville, N. Y. B. LOOMER.

No. 8—Diamond.

1 and 7, letters; 2, to unite; 3,
something put in a wound; 4, left; 5,
bad; 6, clear of distractions.

Flushing, N. Y. SHOO FLY.

No. 9—Square.

1, manilla hemp; 2, a kind of concrete;
3, a prefix to many words implying
imperfection; 4, the American
partridge; 5, a genus of plants including
the sour-sop.

SOLON.

Wheaton, Ill.

No. 10—Enigma.

In beef not in pork,
In crane not in stork,
In lane not in road,
In brand not in gourd,
In come not in meet,
In rain not in sleet.

Whole, a great discoverer.

L. M. ROBINETT.

Blackwater, Va.

No. 11—Beheadment.

Behead cunning and leave murder;
again, and leave sickness.

Windom, Kan. S. M. OKY.

ANSWERS IN TWO MONTHS.

PRIZES FOR SOLUTIONS.

Best list, Forest and Field one year;
second best, "Around the World in
Eighty Days;" third best, Forest and
Field six months.

Solutions to puzzles in our July
number will be given next month.
Answers should be sent as early as
possible after receiving the paper.
Let us hear from every puzzle reader
of this paper this month. Solve!

BE PROMPT.

All members of our staff are earnestly
requested to send in their matter
for publication as early as possible,
thereby greatly facilitating work
in the office. Copy coming in late is
very apt to make the paper late—a
very undesirable thing.

Send us a dime and have Forest
and Field mailed to you three months
on trial.

A FEW STRAY NOTES.

When we undertook the publication of this edition of Forest and Field we thought it well to gather opinions and experiences of some of the best and most extensive publishers and advertisers in the country, and we hope that we shall have the co-operation of all honest journalists and printers. Will you let us have your views and experience along this line?

We shall devote plenty of space in Forest and Field to the interest of the A. J. U.

The Gem, published at Harrisburg, Pa., is a good, newsy sheet, and its success is sure if the publishers keep in the same path they have made.

Publishers will do us a favor by making mention of this paper in their publication and when copying news from us please give credit. We will do the same.

The first number of the Allmarle, published at Eau Claire, Wis., is a move in the right direction in amateur journalism. Let the other publishers follow the same road.

It would be well for every publisher to look into his advertisers' business a little before accepting advertising, and then he will gain the confidence of his subscribers.

It is said that the Oxford Manufacturing Co. of Chicago, who do an extensive advertising business by exchanging their goods, are unable or for some reason do not keep their agreements.

The Amateur Journalist, published at Plymouth, Eng., is the official organ of the British Amateur Press Association and is one of the best edited papers in the world printed and published by young men.

Next month we may publish the names of a few of the advertising sheets throughout the country and they should be shunned by all advertisers, as they can prove no circulation to amount to anything.

The Circulator, lately published at Springfield, O., has been refused admission to the mails at second-class rates and has been sold out to the Home Pride Pub. Co., Box 982 Galion, O., and to that paper all business of the former paper should be addressed.

There are in round numbers about 750 papers published in the United States by amateurs; of that number only about 300 are published for something higher than advertising sheets. Every publisher who is not running an advertising sheet should join the A. J. U. without delay, and receive its help in his work.

Juvenile journalism is a training school where the best faculties of the growing mind are called into play, where crudeness of thought and expression is pruned, where a taste of belles lettres is cultivated, where excellence and indication thereof is readily and gladly received, where emulation and enthusiasm are universal. — Boston Globe.

Mention this paper when answering ads.

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DOTS AND DASHES.

A Conglomeration of Club News Gathered Here, There and Everywhere.

The writer is still having trouble with Hesse. Full particulars shortly.

We are sorry to lose Scraps and Patches, but as Editor Price promises us a far better club paper in the near future we can stand the loss.

Our friend Oscar C. A. Morgner of Bellville, Ill. says he regrets, as sincerely any one, of his withdrawal from the field, but he intends, if it is any way possible, to again re-enter club circles next spring.

Hesse was the first one to start the rumor that the Golden Hours Club was going to reorganize in the fall as a national organization. The Club Register says they have received word from headquarters that there is no truth in the report.

Branch 745 of Harrisburg, Pa., has the writer's thanks for their handsome membership card. This branch is fighting hard for the silk badges offered by The Gem to the most popular branch, and we trust they will be the winner.

Prof. Bunco Bill, author of "Did She Elope, or Did She Fall in the River," "He Asked for Pie, and She Pasted Him One," etc., etc., will edit a correspondence department in The Gem of Harrisburg, Pa., and a "Club Komical" department in Greenfield's Monthly, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Paul H. Knoelk of Milwaukee, Wis., editor of The Recorder, is one of the latest victims of fraud Hesse's "Black Beauty fund." Our friend is not the only one who has been buncoed, as Hesse says himself that Editor Dunn and John Lee Morgan were contributors to the fund. The spider Hesse tried his scheme on James Elversen, but as our president is a up to date fly also a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., our friend Hesse did not succeed in buncoing him.

G. EDWARD HARRISON.

HAD TO GIVE IT UP.

An exchange tells a story of a man in London who determined to spend all he made the first year in advertising. He soon found that it was impossible, for the simple reason that the more he advertised the more he made, and after a strenuous effort to get rid of his money in advertising he had to give it up.

—The present coining presses of the U. S. mint are capable of coining from 10 to 12 coins per minute.

SAD TALE OF A G. D. C. A. SECRETARY.

BY EDGAR B. HUGHENIN

I.

A flirting Secretary.
A farmer's wife.
Farmer and Secretary—
A race for life.

II.

See, and farmer,
A mile a minute;
Farmer makes a sport—
Secretary in it.

III.

Farmer catches secretary.
You know the rest;
Funeral procession—
One secretary less.

PROF. BUNCO BILL'S CHIN-CHIN.

Ed. Suhre of St. Louis, Mo., will organize a national branch of the G. D. C. of A., in the fall.

A number of old time Hourites recently paid a visit to Plainwell Mich., for a few weeks' recreation. It is rumored that their old time "babies" were the drawing cards.

Ed Harrison wants to know if "camping" means something good to eat. Will some Baltimore Hourite or Dayite please "soak" him with a brick, and greatly oblige the writer.

T. R. Williamson, our general friend and reformed base ball crank, intends re-entering club affairs. He is quite a hustler in St. Louis club circles, but is not well known outside of the city.

If we only lived in Baltimore we'd teach Hesse a thing or two, as he is continually getting our friend Harrison in hot water. The latest "fuss" on hand is about Branch 41, G. H. C., that recently consolidated with Branch 204.

It has been warm and it is warm, but the weather is like unto an ice chest as compared to the heat that will be raised in club circles if a certain Hourite carries out the threat he made recently against Ed. Harrison and the writer.

A number of our Western Hourites recently paid a visit to the country. It is reported that a man, two dogs and a double barrel shot gun, caught them in a watermelon patch, just as they were leaving, and made them pay \$1.25 for the 16 melons they had before they were allowed to depart. We are not going to say whether this is true or not, because—

PROF. BUNCO BILL.

"What is it you want, anyhow?" asked the gold dollar. "To be perfectly honest," answered the silver dollar, "I want to be about twice as big and heavy as I am."—Chicago Tribune.

READ'S ITEMS.

A Few Brief Notes and Happenings in Far-off New Zealand.

The celebrated Dr. Joseph Cook received a very cordial welcome in Auckland.

A man in New Zealand, the other day, actually sold his wife to a boon companion for three pints of beer! Who would be an optimist?

Nearly thirty whales have recently been stranded on the west coast of New Zealand. At Kaipara, Auckland, one man found 27 washed ashore, some alive. Many pieces of ambergris were also picked up on the beach.

The New Zealand government lately passed an act forcing shopkeepers to close on one chosen half-day each week. Each town chose its half-holiday for shop assistants, and this half holiday was to be enforced on all. But so much friction and litigation has ensued that the act is to be amended.

THOMAS READ.

THE BEAUTIFUL WATER HYACINTH.

The water hyacinth is found in great profusion in the lakes and bayous of Louisiana. It is found that they will offer no serious hindrance to navigation and no damage to any interest, because as they spread they constantly break apart and the detached masses float out into the gulf and into the ocean, where navigators meet them in the guise of lavender colored islands. They do not take root in the soil, but float and subsist upon the water. The people of the gulf coast are still astonished at this visitation, and are wondering what has been its cause. They have not learned to utilize the flowers for decorative purposes or to cultivate and sell them to lovers of nature's ornaments. The leaf is almost as beautiful as the blossom, and that is very beautiful indeed.

GOOD WORDS.

The New Guide, of Utica, N. Y., says "Forest and Field of Utica, N. Y., calls on us regularly every month, and is always welcome. Editor Merritt is to be congratulated on the right and newsy articles that appear in his paper from month to month."

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Editorial Comment.

Will they ever let up on poor
Hesse?A trial subscription of three
months to Forest and Field is yours
for ten cents.Our patrons will please bear in mind
when remitting to us for subscrip-
tions or advertising, to send silver,
securely wrapped, whenever it is pos-
sible. DO NOT send stamps, if you
can avoid it.With the advent of fall and winter,
matters philately will begin to show
more activity. Collectors and phil-
atelists everywhere are taking a re-
newed and firmer grip on their fa-
vorite hobby, and the coming winter
will undoubtedly see a greatly in-
creased interest in stamp matters.The Amateur Journalists' Union
will prove a great benefit to its mem-bers. If you are proprietor of a
legitimate amateur publication, and
not a mere advertising sheet, you
should lose no time in making ap-
plication. Information will be fur-
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NOTICE.

In writing letters of inquiry, don't forget return
postage. We would like to exchange with all
philatelic papers. Please send TWO copies, one
each to editor and publisher; we will do likewise.

JESSEY NOTES.

You eat to keep yourself from starving.
Advertise and keep your business from
starving.—The first double eagle was coined
in 1819.—The Lone Star State Philatelist
is quite prompt, and always read-
able.—Theo. Buhl & Co., Ltd., will
hereafter be known as Buhl & Co.,
Ltd.—A Rhode Island collector re-
cently obtained 10,000 U. S. church
stamps for 2 c. (h) what a bargain.—The total number of philatelic
papers issued within the past 50
years is said to be 15,937.—Why is the one cent Columbian
stamp like a man who has lost his
wealth? Because its blue.—An exchange says that counter-
feit surcharged Ecuador stamps are
hailing from Seattle, Wash.—The present coining presses of
the U. S. mint are capable of coining
from 80 to 120 coins per minute.—The Badger Philatelist is a new
one from Virona, Ws. Although
small, it contains quite some news.—Laid paper has parallel lines
which are close together. The U. S.
envelopes are printed on this paper.—Mr. Calman's pocketbook is
touched when they down the Sebecks.
We're all after the cash, "you know."—An exchange says that instead
of giving credit to whom credit is
due, cash had better be paid. It's a
good idea. Puss it.—From 1792 to 1832 there were
coined 132,592 eagles, 1,925,467 half-
eagles, 184,392 quarter-eagles, or a
total gold coinage of 2,338,354
pieces.—Bro. Beardsley's new Interna-
tional Philatelist for July is at hand,
a little late, devoted exclusively to
A. P. A. and P. S. of A. notes and
portraits.—They say a new stamp journal
will soon make its appearance from
St. Paul. If it's like others which
have come from there, three numbers
is its limit.—G. C. Crowley edits a department
in The Lover called "Philatelic
news," and we've been crawling all
over the paper trying to find it—that
is, the news.—The philatelic magazines for the
past few months seem to issue quite
a few double numbers, or in other
words issue about eight numbers a
year and charge for twelve.—The first deposit of precious metal
in the U. S. mint was a lot of French
coins, on July 18, 1792, and was
made by the Bank of Maryland,
amounting in value to \$3,711,181-.—The first steam coining press
was invented by Mr. Thomelot, a
Frenchman, in 1833, and was put in
practice in the U. S. mint in 1836,
the old screw-press having been used
there up to that time.—Canvas and tent poles ten feet
long were sent to Portland by mail
to the United States Geological Sur-
vey. Our postal service will do more
of an express business as it devel-
opes. You can have a watermelon
or peck of potatoes brought to you
by mail in Germany.—Ex.—In January, 1882, Thomas Jef-
ferson proposed that coins of the
United States consist of "ten units
to be equal to one penny, ten pence
one bitt, ten bitts one dollar, ten
dollars one crown," this last coin to
be of gold. Robert Morris was the
originator of this proposition, which
was never carried into effect until
181, when the Spanish dollar was
adopted as the standard.

PRESS COMMENTS.

Straws is a very neat little monthly
for amateurs, published by Albert
Erbone at New Bedford, Mass.Field and Fireside, published by
Stephenson & Pope in this city, after
appearing twice, has given up the
ghost.We have received the September
number of the Michigan Philatelist,
published by Wing, Bailey & Co. at
Coldwater, Mich. It is one of the
handsomest publications we have
seen, and its contents are replete with
interest to philatelists.The Evergreen State Philatelist,
published by R. W. French at Hart-
land, Wash., is one of the neatest
and best of America's philatelic pub-
lications. The August number con-
tains several interesting stamp arti-
cles by various writers.Editor Menegar informs us that
the October number of the Club
Register will consist of ten pages. It
will present portraits of Mr. Dunn
and Mr. Munro, also articles by
many prominent authors. Single
copies will be five cents.The July number of the Amateur
Journalist edited by Thomas Hoskin
at Plymouth, Eng., has been received.
The Journalist is the official organ of
the British Amateur Press Associa-
tion, which has shown excellent taste
in making the selection.The initial number of Leaves from
the Press is before us. The typo-
graphical appearance of this paper is
excellent, and its contents varied and
decidedly interesting. Leaves from
the Press as a whole is a credit to its
publisher, and a most welcome ad-
dition to amateur journalism. Editor
Aller has our best wishes for success.

CLUB CHAT

OF THE
GOLDEN DAYS
AND
GOLDEN HOURS
ORGANIZATIONS.

EDITED BY
HOWARD E. BOKMAN,
OF BALTIMORE, MD.

Club news, notes, sketches, or anything of interest to the readers of this department, kindly solicited from all.

NOTES HERE AND THERE.

Oscar C. A. Morgner has, so 'tis said, retired from club circles. Our good men still seem to be leaving us.

Four or five clubs have infringed on Bro. Huguenin's idea, that of circulating letters. He, however, enjoys the distinction of being the originator.

There seems to be some talk about Golden Hours reorganizing, and having national officers. We learn that the report has been officially contradicted.

We note with pleasure that our old friend and popular layite, G. Edward Harrison has returned to our staff. A good man like him is always welcome.

In answer to Bro. Davis' criticism on my inserting members' names in this paper, would say that I am obliged for his kind warning, and will hereafter take proper precautions in regard to how I let them become known.

I want the opinion of leading club members. What do you think of a secretary who wants 100,000 boys and girls to join his club? That is all A. P. Little of La Grange, Vt., wants, and he'll get them where the chick —

Harry S. Nash of Chattanooga, announces that he has resigned as secretary of G. D. Young Printers' Corresponding Club No. 26, and states that any young lady or gentleman desiring the position should write, as it is for sale!

On with the good work, and by all means, Bro. Merritt, organize a Staff Association. Wm. S. Chambers for president, F. E. Merritt, jr., for secretary, Edgar B. Huguenin vice president, is my nomination. Bro. editors of the different departments, what do you think of it?

A peculiar question was asked the editor some days ago by a member of his club, which is as follows: "When corresponding with members of clubs, how can you tell whether they are colored persons or not?" Won't some enlightened member give me his views on the subject, so that I may be in a position to answer him? A new philatelic society is under way of organization, under the name of Golden Days Columbian Philatelic Society, with headquarters at Columbia, D. Leo Fritter, and N. Grant

avenue, that city, is secretary, and he predicts a great future for it. Admission fee ten cents and dues ten cents yearly. Rev. Joseph B. Hummert is president and C. P. Lacour, vice president.

HOWARD E. BOKMAN.

NEWS FROM BRANCH 4.

The Ins, Outs and Doings of a South Carolina Club.

Yours truly is a deep dyed postal card fiend. L-r-r-r-h! Lood!!

J. Matthew Camalier, 2, has been declared the best letter writer in Branch 4.

We are glad to welcome Ed Harrison back to Forest and Field as a contributor.

A. Pearl Little is a hustler. Already he has formed two branches, Nos. 40 and 41.

James Elverson, our respected president, is enjoying a well earned rest in Europe.

Yours truly is Emorian No. 1200, and Southern Philatelic Association member No. 221.

Circulating Letter C, containing letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, was sent out September 3.

Your humble servant has been made representative for South Carolina in Branch 40. We wish to thank Mr. Little for the compliment.

Messrs. William S. Chambers, G. Edward Harrison and Howard E. Bokman have been elected respectively second, third and fourth vice presidents of Branch 4.

Good News should have a national club, and should give each and every one of its subordinate clubs a number. Them's my sentiments. Take them for what they are worth.

Branch 1 has had but two notices in Golden Days since the G. D. C. A. was organized. It should be the first, as its number signifies. We have not heard from Branches 2 or 3 for some time, either. Wake up! Wake up!!

We wish to second the nomination made in the last issue of Forest and Field by Bro. Will Chambers, or Frank E. Merritt, jr., as secretary of G. D. Forest and Field Staff Association, and in turn to nominate Bro. Chambers as president.

"Charles Henry Hesse, a well known Baltimore attorney, and an honored layite — 'Alas I have just been reading that well known story of the father of our country, and therefore I can not lie; so this piece can go no further. Such is life

Our Washington friend, Mr. Davis, seems to be against the reorganization of the Golden Hours Club. I think it is the best thing that could happen to it, and can safely say that the majority of Hourites think the same. I'm afraid, though, Mr. Dunn will not reorganize.

Scraps and Patches and Greenfield's Monthly will shortly start departments the object of which will be to expose all club frauds. We have been in need of a fraud exposé for some time, and let us now hope

that our clubs will be cleansed of all imposters, and that the golden age of clubdom is at hand.

Howard Bokman, our Baltimore friend, does not exactly stick to what he said a few weeks ago, if he will excuse our mentioning the fact, for we notice that, although he strongly urges us to banish Hesse from our thoughts, and not mention him in the papers, that he continually mentions his name in last issue.

In last issue Mr. Merritt asks where the young lady G. D. C. 2, members are, and says that they must have gone to a summer resort. With the exception of Misses Souder, McClure and Lee, we should say that the lady Dayites have stayed at that summer resort all winter and have not returned yet. We expect to see more of the fair members active the coming winter. They will receive a hearty welcome.

Following is a list of the surnames of our members, alphabetically arranged. Aherne, Anthony, Baldwin, Ball, Bixby, Began, Bokman, Browne, Burnham, Camalier, Chambers, Dicks, Donnelly, Durrant, Dyer, Egan, Elverson, Gallup, Gullerman, Gunter, Handy, Harrison, Hazen, Hemingway, Hicklen, Hilger, Hobbs, Hofrichter, Hubbard, Huguenin, Kelly, Leacock, Lee, Lichty, Linenfelter, Little, Madison, Marsh, McClure, Meade, Merritt, Mitchell, Moore, Murray, Nash, Paul, Perrette, Phillips, Preston, Rich, Rickardo, Robb, Robbins, Luggles, Sedley, Shattuck, Souder, Steger, Thirlen, Trues, Turner, Ulrich, Uthauk, Wallace, Westermann, Wetherington, Wolf and Young. There are two McClures, two Moores and three Huguenins. The honorary members are Elverson, Gallup, Handy and Marsh.

What means this tremendous war
Of persons in front of the door
Of the sec. of G. D. C. A. 4 —
To join it?

It means they all want to join,
And each has his little coin
In the shape of ten cents, gold!
To join it.

EDGAR B. HUGUENIN.

MORE GOOD WORDS.

Says The Item: "Bright and newsy are the July numbers (15 and 16 of Forest and Field. If this paper continues to improve, it will soon leave other club publications far behind."

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FROM CAPE MAY.

An Interesting Letter from a Famous Jersey Summer Resort.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Sept. 2.—"After September 1 the city will be locked up." This and kindred remarks have been heard frequently of late, all of which simply mean that the hotels will be emptied and the trains loaded. The exodus began most truly this morning, and while hundreds will go, there will be a few left, for there are about three thousand who are inhabitants of this place, and not all the visitors will leave till October 1. The business at this old resort has been good this year, yet a glance at the vacant houses tells you it has not been what it once was. Yet the reason is hard to find, though public-spirited men are discussing the subject, hoping to find it and remove the hindrances. The beach certainly cannot be surpassed and by many it is pronounced the finest in the world. Judging by the crowds who have gone in daily, it is appreciated by all who come.

It is not only a pleasure resort, but a very interesting one. A lover of the water and all that pertains to it will find his wants satisfied. A ride of two and a half miles on the electric cars takes you to Cape May Point, where is located one of the finest light houses our country possesses. This is 120 feet high, and it takes 212 steps to reach the light. It was made by Henry Lepante of Paris, France, and completed September 1, 1859. The lamp burns two quarts of oil an hour. The burner has five circular wicks, one placed within the other. The bowl of the lamp holds ten gallons of oil. This lamp is 10 candle power, and when magnified, 63,000. The light can be seen on a clear night about 25 miles. About the lamp are 16 lenses, towards which the light is focussed by the aid of 656 cut glass prisms. The cost of the glass alone was \$30,000. It is a flash light, the lantern revolving so that the flashes are of one half minute duration. It is run by clock work. Standing at the top of this light house one can get a magnificent view of the surrounding country. The "point" is seen plainly. The ocean and Delaware Bay so nearly meet that it seems almost like an island. In one part the neck of land is only eight miles.

Looking south we can see the light house of Cape Henlopen, a distance of 12 miles, and as the day was very clear we saw, four miles beyond that, Rehoboth. Night here at our feet can be seen distinctly where the ocean and bay meet. This forms what the sailors call the "rips."

Leaving the light house, we walked along the beach and soon came to the cottage which ex-President Harrison owns, but it is unoccupied. A little farther on is John Wanamaker's. This is being enjoyed by his relatives, he being in Europe. Both of these houses are much alike three stories, porches all around the house

of first and second floors. They are very pleasant, but probably not as enjoyable as some years ago when the beach was further from the houses. The water has washed in till now there is scarcely room for a drive way in front. The impression is that in front of Mr. Wanamaker's there is no room at all for a carriage to pass.

In the same vicinity as the light house is found a Life Saving Station. There are but 16 of these in the United States, and three being located in this section, tell one much of the danger lying near. To be sure this is a point, and one is needed on each point of the point. The equipment is complete and interesting. A large life boat of the most improved pattern, occupies an honored place in the center. It is in this that the life saving crew hasten to a wreck. Suspended from the ceiling near by is a life car, in which people can be safe from the water and at the same time have breathing room. Air enters by little perforations at the top. On the floor near by are two cannon, to be used when needed to throw out the life line. This line itself is quite an ingenious affair. First is shot out a very small line which is fastened to the wrecking boat. Connected with that is a larger one, then a larger and so on till real heavy lines are hung over the danger for rescue. A reel not unlike a hose cart reel unwinds this rope.

MAIL SERVICE BY PIGEONS.

There is an organized pigeon post between Los Angeles, Cal., and Avalon, on Catalina island distant some 50 miles. The birds bear messages back and forth daily and for speed are only beaten by the telegraph or telephone, neither of which are in use between Catalina and the mainland.

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An Interesting Letter from a Famous Jersey Summer Resort.

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It is not only a pleasure resort, but a very interesting one. A lover of the water and all that pertains to it will find his wants satisfied. A ride of two and a half miles on the electric cars takes you to Cape May Point, where is located one of the finest light houses our country possesses. This is 180 feet high, and it takes 212 steps to reach the light. It was made by Henry Lepaute of Paris, France, and completed September 1, 1859. The lamp burns two quarts of oil an hour. The burner has five circular wicks, one placed within the other. The bowl of the lamp holds ten gallons of oil. This lamp is 70 candle power, and when magnified, 67,000. The light can be seen on a clear night about 25 miles. About the lamp are 16 lenses, towards which the light is focussed by the aid of 656 cut glass prisms. The cost of the glass alone was \$30,000. It is a flash light, the lantern revolving so that the flashes are of one half minute duration. It is run by clock work. Standing at the top of this light house one can get a magnificent view of the surrounding country. The “point” is seen plainly. The ocean and Delaware Bay so nearly meet that it seems almost like an island. In one part the neck of land is only eight miles.

Looking south we can see the light house of Cape Henlopen, a distance of 12 miles, and as the day was very clear we saw, four miles beyond that, Rehoboth. Right here at our feet can be seen distinctly where the ocean and bay meet. This forms what the sailors call the “rips.”

Leaving the light house, we walked along the beach and soon came to the cottage which ex-President Harrison owns, but it is unoccupied. A little farther on is John Wanamaker's. This is being enjoyed by his relatives, he being in Europe. Each of these houses are much alike three stories, porches all around the house

of first and second floors. They are very pleasant, but probably not as enjoyable as some years ago when the beach was further from the houses. The water has washed in till now there is scarcely room for a drive way in front. The impression is that in front of Mr. Wanamaker's there is no room at all for a carriage to pass.

In the same vicinity as the light house is found a Life Saving Station. There are but 100 of these in the United States, and three being located in this section, tell one much of the danger lying near. To be sure this is a point, and one is needed on each point of the point. The equipment is complete and interesting. A large life boat of the most improved pattern, occupies an honored place in the center. It is in this that the life saving crew hasten to a wreck. Suspended from the ceiling near by is a life car, in which people can be safe from the water and at the same time have breathing room. A r enters by little perforations at the top. On the floor near by are two cannons, to be used when needed to throw out the life line. This line itself is quite an ingenious affair. First is shot out a very small line which is fastened to the wrecking boat. Connected with that is a larger one, then a larger and so on till real heavy lines are flung over the danger for rescue. A reel not unlike a hose cart reel unwinds this rope.

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OF THE
GOLDEN DAYS
AND
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EDITED BY
HOWARD E. BOKMAN,
OF BALTIMORE, MD.

Club news, notes, sketches, or anything of in-
terest to the readers of this department, kindly
solicited from all.

PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

The collectors' department of
Branch 5 has been dropped. If it
was a success or not we cannot say.

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very good sketch of the life of
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Chambers.

Good News subscribers seem to be
on the decrease. They are distrib-
uting sample copies in Baltimore,
heralding the letter O contest.

Branch 4 honored the editor re-
cently by electing him fourth vice
president. He tenders his thanks to
the officers for the distinction.

Prof. Bunco Bill asks some Balti-
more Dayite to "soak" Ed Harrison
with a brick. I am pleased to state
that I have carried out his wishes.

Our Brooklyn Hourite, William
H. Quick, jr. is engaged to edit a
puzzle department in Leaves from
the Press. They secured a good
man.

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long time.

The latest Golden Hours Club is
745. J. Frank Weigel is secretary.
The editor of this paper was honored
with a membership and received a
beautiful card.

Golden Days Branch Officers'
Club is billed to do good work this
winter, and we hope that it will
succeed in ousting all the frauds
from the organization.

G. Edward Harrison (Branch 16)
is one of the worst base ball cranks
I know. When the Brooklyn shut
out Baltimore, Ed nearly fainted
when I told him the score.

The editor had his vacation the
last week, and just returned; there-
fore, he is ignorant of the doings of
the club, as he was in a hayseed
town where Golden Days could not
be bought.

Among the exchanges received
were The Gem, and Ink Drops. The
Gem is bright with news, but Ink
Drops was full of news concerning
the convention of the A. P. A., with
no club news at all.

A Pearl Little is starting bad in
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INDIAN SUMMER NOTES.

—In 1797 there were coined two varieties of eagles.

—The half dime made its first appearance in October, 1792.

—The half eagles of the coinage of 1797 include three distinct types.

—Boston is, after pneumatic mail service. She'll get it, because it's Boston.

—C. L. Moreau's eighth sale takes place on October 19, with a very good lot of U. S. stamps.

—The western philatelic papers contain more real news in every way than do the eastern papers.

—The philatelic political pot has ceased boiling, and those elected want to get down to business.

—The Gem of Harrisburg, Pa., is a very neat amateur paper and contains a "Philatelic Corner" of interest.

—The new cancelling machine is in use in New York and everlastingly cuts into the envelope. Be careful what you put in your envelopes hereafter.

—There are some who have a good word to say for FOREST AND FIELD, and we thank them very much. We give fresh and up to date news, and our patrons evidently appreciate it.

—The Post Office drops in occasionally. The August issue starts what they term a "Comprehensive Catalogue" on U. S. stamps, and is certainly a fine thing for the variety collector.

—Maxilian Maitret, who was arrested in New York charged with manufacturing counterfeit Haytian stamps, was a member of the American Philatelic Association, and has been expelled by order of the trustees.

—B. S. Norris, in the Evergreen State Philatelist, speaks on wrapping philatelic papers. This is something that the publishers neglect. We have often received papers in such shape that they were hardly fit for the waste basket.

—The American Philatelic Association convention at Clayton, N. Y., resulted in the following: President, J. K. Tiffany; vice president, Alvah Davison; secretary, C. W. Kissinger; treasurer, N. W. Chandler; secretary, W. U. Stone.

—The papers have again got the picture craze. The Springfield Philatelist for September contains those of Judson N. Barton of auction fame, J. W. Miller Schmitt, the philatelic politician, and W. H. Kessler, Jr., the only original publisher.

—P. S. of A. convention election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. W. Kissinger; vice president, S. H. Hamilton; secretary, W. H. Barnum; treasurer, L. W. Moth; trustees, H. F. Bartelee, H. Moeller, W. MacMullen of Portland, Oregon; convention seat, 1896, Minneapolis.

—A scientific philatelic journal that made its debut recently gave the editor's name to the Post-office Department as a subscriber, when he was not. Publishers who will wilfully lie to gain a point are not to be trusted, and certainly not entitled to second-class rates.

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HOWARD E. BOKMAN.

SWEET SIXTEEN'S DOINGS.

Prof. Bunco Bill, our honorary president, is quite a humorist.

We have discontinued our corresponding and philatelic departments.

Charles Henry Hesse, formerly 14, says he all right. He is, from his head up and feet down.

C. N. Wallace, one of the leading members of Branch 4, G. D. C. of A., has joined our ranks.

Edgar B. Huguenin, 86, has followed in the foot steps of the honorary president of this branch, Prof. Bunco Bill, and is now a poet.

William S. Chambers, 49, is thinking of joining the N. A. P. A. Don't do it, Will. The writer sent \$1 to join, and the officers did the rest. (This is a joke. Full particulars or receipt of stamp.)

We would like to hear from "Baby Ruth," "Miss Music," "Patrick Pants" and "Prof. Philatelic." These old time writers are still in the field, but we hardly ever notice their real names in Golden Hours.

Will C. Price, 150, recently "roasted" the writer because we mentioned the word "girls" in one of our letters to him. He also remarked that all Hourites he has corresponded with, jumped off on

"girls" after a few letters. Oh, Well! such is life.

Miss May L. Liberty, 582, says she hopes the writer will commence to read her letters long before lunch time, because she is haunted with visions of a young man in a crowded lunch-room, trying to eat his lunch and devour at the same time the contents of an open letter near his plate.

G. EDWARD HARRISON.

HOW THE WIND BLOWS.

Blowings and Sighings from All Sections of Clubdom.

Look out for a clubites' handbook. One is being written.

An up-to-date branch of the G. D. C. A. from Philadelphia!

What is the matter with the Order of Golden Daisies? Not dead, I hope.

No national officers for the Golden Hours Club! Well, here's another against Hesse.

The Golden Hours Club has its club poet, and why not the G. D. C. A.? I present Bro. Huguenin with the golden bowl.

I have been dilatory in my correspondence, but nope to catch up before long. Those expecting letters please be as patient as possible.

G. D. C. A. No. 5's new secretary, Eimer E. Waite, of Old Mystic, Conn., has been ill, but is now much better. He is a hustler, and will make 5 a banner club.

We expect President Harrison will appoint some good men (and perhaps ladies, too) to fill the vacant offices in the Golden Days Branch Officers' Club (No. 53).

Miss Anna M. Lee of Washington, D. C., who has been visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia, has returned home after having had a very enjoyable time.

Bro. Nash was one of G. D. C. A.'s greatest workers, and all Dayites will miss him. He was one of the foremost in the organizing of the Golden Days Branch Officers' Association.

Two of the "Big Four" are gone, but the remaining two, Recorder and Club Register, seem to be in a very healthy condition. Both publications promise us special numbers. Recorder will celebrate its anniversary, while Club Register will extol the seventh year of Golden Hours Club's existence.

I wish to thank all friends who nominated me for president of the FOREST AND FIELD Staff Association. My vote is as follows: For president, Howard E. Bokman; vice president, Edgar B. Huguenin; secretary, F. E. Merritt, Jr.; official editor, G. Edward Harrison.

WILLIAM S. CHAMBERS.

Our Exchanges.

The Monthly Item has improved wonderfully in appearance. The Collector is the name of a new and really very nice philatelic magazine from Minneapolis. Tid Bits is a neat little monthly from Cohoes, N. Y. Also receive: Dawson's Monthly, The Sunbeam, New Ideas, etc.

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A R E A
R O A D

2- C
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R

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The two last named get a magazine; the first, a year's subscription to FOREST AND FIELD; the second, three packages Concentrated Ink.

VALEDICTORY.

Owing to the fact that I have been chosen editor of the Elkin Times, a weekly paper published in my town, I will have to retire from Puzzledom for a season, and this will perhaps be the last issue of the Mystic Circle. If enough solutions are received the department will perhaps appear in the October number, giving the names of the prize-winners to August puzzles. Thanking you one and all for the interest you have manifested in the Mystic Circle, I am, very respectfully,

KENT KLASBY.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Time and tide wait for no man, but if it did some of our club members would get there late just the same.

Some of our would-be members "guesses" they will join a branch club, because they are too lazy to think.

'Tis said that the Gotham boot-black readers of Golden Hours, have organized a protective league. It should prove a "shining" success.

We now have thornless roses and seedless oranges, but what our clubites (except those residing in New Jersey) most want in summer time, is stingless mosquitoes.

'Tis whispered that a well known Dnyite serenades his "little angel" (as he calls her) every night. If he keeps it up, his family will have to hang out a sign "Boy Wanted."

The Kangaroo is the name of an amateur paper published by one of our foreign branch officers. It is n. g. and we're positive that "he" will soon "hop" out of existence.

We notice that our friend Huguenin has become a poet. Well, Well! Well! who would have thought it? After a while we suppose he will have his hair cut long, like the rest of the waste-basket fillers.

It is now a rule of the Golden Hours Club that no one can hold office in two branches. There was a time when Hesse (where have we heard that name before?) was president of nearly all the Maryland Branches; but thank goodness, that time is passed.

The writer was asked, some time ago, if "Nova Scotia was the capital of Alaska," and "How many cities are in London." The questioner was a personal friend of the writer, so we did not get mad; but told him to find out from "Scriptus."

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NEWS FROM BRANCH 4.

The Ins, Outs and Doings of a South Carolina Club.

Roy W. Meade, 29, is a newsdealer in Stauwood, Wash.

Only three members voted in the "best letter writer" contest.

One of our circulating letters went to the dead letter office.

If Branch 4 had lived twenty days longer, it would have been a year old.

There will be no story-writing contest, on account of our disbandment.

At the time of our disbandment we had 74 members, in 25 different states.

Ye sec. wishes to thank all members of letter G for their kind words.

William J. Browne, 28, of New York city, left home last month for boarding school.

R. Dicks, of Chicago, Ill., 41, draws figures quite cleverly with a few strokes of a pen.

Since January 1, 1895 we have sent out 26 circulating letters, but only 10 have made the rounds safely.

Do you want to work night and day, without getting a cent of pay? If so, start a circulating letter club.

Circulating letter G finished up on September 30. G contained Misses Lee and Madison, and Bros. Camaller, Ulrich, Guldeman and Merritt.

The following was the number of Branch 4's members by sections: Middle States 20, Southern and Central States each 16, Western States 11, and New England States 9.

The following letters finished making the circuit since the middle of September: September 20, letter F, containing Misses Douglas and Anthony, and Bros. Dyer, Durrant, Browne and B. Moore; September 21, letter D, containing Misses Anthony, Auerue and Roob, and Bros. Saattuck, Highten and Wolf.

Pennsylvania had the largest number of G. D. W. C. L. C.'s members. She had 10; New York was next with 6; Ohio, Iowa, Massachusetts and Maryland each had 5. Since our last report members joined from the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. We had three members in the national capital.

We wish to correct a typographical error in that most interesting (?) poem (?), which was published at the end of our notes in September 15 issue of FOREST AND FIELD. The last word on the first line should have been "war," not "was." We have been informed that the printer who set it up was so carried away with it that he is now on his way to the insane asylum.

FAREWELL TO OLD BRANCH 4.

Dear Members: You were informed in the last circulating letter of my resignation, and that if no other member could be found to take the position of secretary, we would have to disband. No one was found, and so this day (October 1) we have disbanded. I wish to thank all members, and especially officers, who have helped to make the Golden Days World Circulating Letter Club (No. 4) the success it was.

Very truly yours,

EDGAR B. HUGUENIN, Sec.

THEIR SAYINGS.

You cannot have known these clubbies well if you have not heard them make the following remarks:

"See?"—"Dick Taunderblood."

"I'm a honey. I am."—"Smart Aleck."

"Did you say clubs?"—"Davy Jones."

"We charge you only \$5 initiation fee."—"Your Uncle Hezekiah."

"I've been active ever since the G. H. C. started."—"Mary Land."

"We don't want no Dagoes in our club."—"G. Whizz."

"I hear a nigger joined one of our branches."—"The Great and Only."

"Boo hoo!"—"Rev. Spikes."

"I run all the successful clubs."—"Miss Bootiful."

"Gimme a snipe."—"Tom Catt."

"D—!"—"The Chicken."

"I don't like that mug you've got on you."—"Charley Hoss."

"I'm a bird."—"Fribby."

"I don't like niggers."—"Wild Boy."

DIXIE DAYITE.

What Our Friends Say.

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The pure white lotus is the royal flower of Siam and is always borne before the King in state processions. For a subject to carry one or have one carried before him is high treason.

Pat Rooney and Prof. Philatelic, A. 43, have reorganized their branch club, and we trust they will contribute as regularly to our club journal or to day as they did to the gone but not forgotten.

SWEET SIXTEEN'S DOINGS.

Clyde Huston, E. 563, has resigned.

Walter V. McCloy, E. 592, is now in the printing business.

Al Miller, E. 533, is now secretary of Branch 34, G. D. C. of A.

This branch now has 108 foreign members, in 33 different countries.

Our honorary president, Prof. Bunco Bill, is now visiting friends in Baltimore.

Yours truly is now mailing circulars in exchange for job printing. Give us a trial.

We now have 593 members, and like the Oriole ball cranks we're "rooting"—for more.

Howard E. Bokman, A. 95, sec. Branch 51, G. D. C. of A. has issued a new list of members of his club.

Prof. Bunco Bill, B. 167, is now hard at work inventing mottoes for some of our branch clubs that need them badly.

Edgar B. Huguenin A. 83, wants "Your Uncle Ed." to join the C. M. A. but as we know a thing or two, we will probably not do so.

Albert Maddox, A. 4, ex-treasurer, has joined Council 2 of the Baltimore Literary Society. Friends of the cause can read our meeting between the lines.

W. O. Crosby, E. 565, has organized a non-secret patriotic order to be known as the Order of America. He has also established a "National Home for American Orphans."

Patrick Pants and Baby Ruth, two of our leading members when we were known as Branch 204, G. H. C., will shortly return to the fold again and will contribute to our leading club journals.

We have received word from the N. A. P. A. that our application for membership has been accepted, subject to the approval of the Association at their next convention assembled. Does this mean that we will have to wait until July, 1896, before receiving any benefit for our money?

G. EDWARD HARRISON.

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A SPECIAL NUMBER.

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ON the fourth page of this issue will be found a most interesting article on "Amateur Journalism in the Golden Hours Club," from the able pen of Editor Harold E. Denegar, of the Club Register. Mr. Denegar presents his views on the subject in a clear and concise manner, and our readers cannot fail to be interested in his penitentiary.

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Result of the Vote to Date.

Several writers on our staff are yet to be heard from on the vote for officers of the FOREST AND FIELD Staff Association, and the result can not be given in full till next issue. Following is the result to date:

For President—Huguenin 1, Chambers 2, Bokman 2.

For Vice President—Reed 1, Huguenin 4.

For Secretary—Chambers 1, Merritt 5.

Those of our staff who have not already voted will please send their choice to this office immediately.

We have received Timbrophile Poitevin, for October, from Poitiers, France. Our French is just a little rusty, therefore we haven't read much of it. Its typographical appearance is far ahead of many American stamp monthlies.

CLUB CHAT

OF THE
GOLDEN DAYS
AND
GOLDEN HOURS
ORGANIZATIONS.

EDITED BY
HOWARD E. BOKMAN,
OF BALTIMORE, MD.

Club news, notes, sketches, or anything of interest to the readers of this department, kindly so fitted from all.

PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

Branch 69, G. H. C., is now one of the leaders.

Branch 459, G. H. C., is to issue a new paper in place of the Recorder.

Branch 710 G. H. C. has 14 members, which is very good for a local club.

"The Good News Club," as it is reported, is slowly but surely "going to the dogs."

A new paper will be out this month called The Club Philatelist. It will be published semi-monthly.

Alabama, Arkansas, and Florida want to get a move on themselves, if they want to be of any consequence.

Baltimore people are getting on to Hesse. He was recently dismissed from the Chesapeake Cycling Club, a local bicycle club.

Edward F. Suhre is very anxious to hear from all Hourites residing in Missouri. His address is 2423 S. 12th street St. Louis, Mo.

Now that the vacations are over we expect to see a boom in club circles, which will be very welcome as the summer was very dull.

The club library, which will be one of the main features of the National Officers' Association, is something that should be pushed along.

Prof. Bunco Bill, honorary president of Branch 16 is now in charge of the correspondence department of the Gem. He is a queer personage.

We regret exceedingly to hear of the disbandment of branch 4, G. D. C. of A. But, of course, with Bro. Huguenin out of it, they had good cause to do so.

We hear that Bro. Huguenin is going to sever his connection with Golden Days clubs and his way to boarding school. Ed, please verify this report.

Arthur E. Martin, one of the leading members of the Australian G. H. C. for the Promotion of Intelligent Correspondence, has been elected an officer in the A. A. J. A.
HOWARD E. BOKMAN

BIRDS OF PARADISE.

The bird of paradise is found wild in India and Central Africa. It was so called not on account of its beauty but from the fact that the earliest dealers cut off the ugly feet and legs of the living specimens and gave out that the bird came from the other world and did not alight in this so it had no use for feet.

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—The Stamp Journal is very neat and spicy little paper, and deserves success.

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—The Philatelic Era in its new form looks well. It's a decided improvement, Mr. Jewell.

—Embossed stamps are those on which the design is in relief or raised above the groundwork.

—An exchange says The Springfield Philatelist has sold out to the Sucker State Stamp.

—Revenues are again the rage, but it takes a man with a good revenue to get them complete.

—H. A. Bricker of Bellevue, Pa., has announced his S. of P. Official Hand Book to appear November 20.

—Seneca Philatelist hails from Seneca Falls, N. Y.; very neat and up-to-date. A. J. Littlejohn is its editor.

—Don't invest too much in unused 8c. Columbian stamps. They were offered recently for 5 per cent off face value.

—C. T. Reed's price list for October is at hand. Quite a few bargains are offered in foreign but not in U. S. Stamps.

—Why does opening a letter resemble a strange way of entering a room? Because it is breaking through the sealing.

—The Lone Star State Philatelist has commenced its second volume, on better paper and with an improved typographical style.

—Miss Anna Willness Williams, a teacher in the Philadelphia public school, is the original of the face on the U. S. silver dollar.

—An exchange says the first stamp roll error was discovered in

1854. Who was the discoverer and was it in Pompeii or Rome?

—Minerva Eversoll, a 17 year-old Italian girl, carries the mail of Barrough Valley, a remote neighborhood about 50 miles north of Fresno Cal.

—The Penny for September has arrived, rather late, with a report of the P. S. of A. convention. But as Kissinger has been off on a political vacation, we all know how tired he must be.

—The S. S. of A. Exchange Department sold 40 per cent of the stamps placed therein, and the A. P. A. about 29 per cent. Now, is the children's society good or not? The kings can't always rule the earth.

—We have received a number of papers this month but as they had that disgraceful "Sample Copy" stamp on them, we thought they might come in handy to kindle the fire with this winter so did not review them; thanks just the same.

—R. Swell Bearslaw, of North Lansing, is the oldest postmaster in service. He has been in office since 1828, and is now eighty-three years old. It is hardly likely that any one will try to rob the old man of his position, seeing that, after sixty-five years' service, he only gets \$170 a year.

Reviewings.

Club Ideas is from Buffalo. Its principal feature is a club chat department.

The American Monthly is a well edited and interesting amateur paper from Cobleskill, N. Y.

Home and Abroad, from Philadelphia, Pa., is another newcomer in the amateur field. It is well printed and has several interesting features.

Leaves from the Press for September has been received. Its pages are replete with well written and well edited matter, and it is one of the neatest appearing papers on our list. The consolidation of Scraps and Patches with Leaves from the Press was a good move, and will undoubtedly be the means of giving to amateur journalism a representative of which it may well be proud.

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By Prof. Banco Bill, Author of "Hungry Mike and Towser," Etc.

CHAPTER I.

"Help! Help!"

This distressing cry rang out on the cool evening air. (It would have been warm only autumn's thermometer took a sudden drop—into the water cooler.) On the beach stood a fair maiden (they are always fair in print) who had only seen sixteen summers. (she was blind for 10 or 12 years.)

She was all by her lonesome.

No one was in sight except the bold bad villain who had her by the throat and was slowly but surely choking her to death.

"Help! Help!" she cried.

Will no one save her?

"Grind down," he hissed, or "by all the people who owe me money, I'll kill you at once."

"Base wretch," she answered, "if you do as my name is Emmerella Morrison, I'll never speak to you again."

How terrible!

(Continued (with) in our next.)

"Egg-sactly!" what he had them for. "We'll lay for you," chuckled the beans to the farmer old and gray, as he drove them to the chicken coop and went and raked the hay.

HOW TRUE.

Some men have various natures.

Some never cure to roam.

But the legless men are the ones

You can generally find at home.

A SUGGESTION.

The boys and girls of the G. D. C. A. should always try to be happy and gay.

For they will soon have plenty of worry and strife.

To follow them down the stream of life.

PROF. BANCO BILL.

NIGHTINGALES SOLD FOR FOOD.

M. De Parville, our Paris correspondent says, asks for the suppression of bird markets. He counted in one Paris bird market last May 200 nightingales, hundreds of pinsons, charming little songsters peculiar to French woods and fields, and 2,000 finches. Shiploads of quails are sent from South Africa to France for the food markets. The gaur, heron and bird of paradise are becoming rare. The plover must soon disappear, its wings being a favorite trimming for hats, and its eggs a supper table delicacy. The white of its eggs has also when dried and hardened, great industrial value. Imitations of meerschaum have been made with it. Japan is the only country that shows itself well alive to the value of all the birds. Every species is now protected in the nesting time. M. Picheu, an authority on bird life unites with M. De Parville in demanding protection for all birds in the nesting season. They are man's one auxiliary against the insect—London Daily News.

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AMATEUR JOURNALISM

In the Golden Hours Club—What Editor Denegar Thinks About It.

From an amateur point of view, journalism as it is to-day in our organization has most certainly made wonderful progress since the season of 1891. When we look at the club papers of that time and compare them with those of to-day, we stop and wonder if we are now on the last step of the staircase which leads to perfection, and if all possible improvement has been attained.

Three years of practical experience in the Golden Hours Club, and two years of journalistic training, part of which has been gathered as editor of the Club Register, gives me the authority to say that improvement has not yet reached its limit, and that with each issue of our leading representatives there is a marked improvement exhibited which an enterprising and experienced editor alone can produce.

Correct grammar and spelling do not wholly constitute the great improvement of which I speak, for to some extent they are secondary condition, as a paper, to gain any honorable distinction from a certain class of amateur publications with which this country is flooded, must necessarily be correct in its grammar and spelling, though mistakes are very liable to occur through faulty manuscript or a careless printer. As for manuscript, it is the duty of the editor to see that every word is correct and that the expression is suited to the subject.

Not one sheet of the manuscript received in the office of the Register is ever seen by its printer. It is carefully gone over, sometimes many changes being necessary, re-copied in ink on a proper size of paper, each article classified and assigned to its position, and the whole then sent to the printer, the original manuscript being placed away for preservation, in case the other copy is lost in transmission through the mails.

In the character of the contents is where the improvement has its origination. Strictly speaking, a club paper is a journal published for the dissemination of local news throughout the organization. A year ago, if a paper contained a short story of more or less value, a club notice, four or five old jokes and a page of advertisements it was called a club paper. Not so to-day, however. To gain any kind of a reputation, an editor of a paper in these times must have push, and plenty of it, too. He must be ever on the alert for breezy articles on some topic which will arouse the members. He must gather in all the news he can, carrying on an enormous correspondence, so as to be in touch with every secretary of any prominence, and give an account of every new move on their part. He must be a person of considerable intelligence, so as to be able to judge the value of the contribution which he receives for publication. He must be able to write a good editorial (and I am sorry to say that such writings are as scarce as subscriptions), treating his subject in a sound, sensible manner, not wasting any words in a eloquent introduction, but coming to

the point at once. He must have a pleasant disposition and not resort to too much criticism, for I have found that it does not pay.

To a person about to launch an amateur publication, I would say: "If you haven't sufficient capital to run your paper for a year or more without relying on your subscription list to carry you through, don't make the attempt." I was only too well aware of this fact when I brought forth the Register, but by push and enterprise it is now on a self sustaining basis, and should the worthy editor continue in life, that paper will exist as long as he does.

In the papers of to-day, practical experience has taken the place of inexperience. The style writing is entirely different, and the papers are a credit to the organizations whose advantages have made it possible for the editors to gain a knowledge and experience which make it possible for them to turn out such literary productions. The leading papers of to-day do not receive the hearty support which should be accorded them by the members of the organization which they represent. Twenty-five cents a year, the average price of the monthlies, is little enough for such a paper as can be had for that amount. I have sent three sample copies of the Register to a party living in New York city, and he writes that he does not know how he would get along without the paper, sending the letter with these words: "Don't forget to send me a copy of the October issue." I haven't the slightest idea of sending him another copy unless he subscribes, for the organization is so large that one copy will do a great deal more good if placed in the hands of one who has never seen the publication.

Boys, and girls too, for that matter, if you are not a subscriber to either FOREST AND FIELD or the Club Register, send 50 cents to the editor of this paper and you will receive both papers for one year. This is a most liberal offer; and I will be pleased to send a sample of the Register to any one sending their address to box 650, Long Branch, N. J.

In concluding this article I wish to say one thing more, and that to secretaries of branch clubs. If you know any little item of news, no matter how unimportant it may seem to you, send it to the editor. He can use it to good advantage. If your branch issues a new card, send one to the editor and he will tell his readers what it looks like. Maybe some one will see the item and join your branch. Bear in mind that an editor's life, even on a small amateur monthly, is not one of perpetual joy and bliss, but one of hard-earned honor, every bit of which he deserves. It lies in your power to lessen his burden and create a feeling of happiness by doing all in your power to assist him. It remains with you to say whether you will do it.

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FOREST AND FIELD

New Series.

UTICA, N. Y., NOVEMBER 30, 1895.

Vol. I, No. 24:

FROM NEBRASKA.

Bits of Philatelic Chat from a Far-Away Western State.

New stamp papers seem to be coming to light each month.

C. E. Severn had a fine article on stamp papers in a recent number of *Printers' Ink*.

England was the first stamp issuing country, in 1840. The United States came in in 1847.

A movement is being made by collectors and societies to have the government sell the presidential stamps.

The Chicago Ledger of November 1 gave cuts of Miss Brown, the million stamp girl of Kanessville, O., also parties who helped get up the idea.

It is reported that a lot of 24c. of '69 or '75 issue of United States stamps were sold at the North Bend, Neb., post-office to an Omaha party at face value.

L. G. Quackenbush of Oneida, N. Y., one of America's leading philatelic writers, has accepted a position with E. C. Stearns & Co., cycle manufacturers. He will handle the racing end of the Stearns advertising.

It may interest stamp collectors to know that the first dealer, who began in 1852, was J. B. Morris of Brussels, Belgium. He also first published a stamp paper, *Timbre Post*, in 1862, ten years after he began to deal. He issues the largest catalogue of any one, it being several inches thick.

Can any of *FOREST AND FIELD*'s readers tell me where H. C. Shafer of Burlington, Kansas, has gone? He was an organizer of *Good News*, *Golden Hours* and other clubs, and also in the stamp line. Also, information wanted of Miss L. M. Miller, secretary and treasurer of G. H. Cor. Club No. 88 of Detroit, Mich.

No less than a dozen stamp papers are published west of the Missouri river, two being weeklies. Three of above list are published on the Pacific coast, and all are good ones. The whole dozen run better than the average, and the price of each is 25 cents yearly except the *St. Louis weekly*.

Look out for the next—will have something to interest you.

L. T. BRODSTONE.

EXCHANGE NOTES.

Club News is a neat little monthly from Duluth, Minn.

The New Guide of Plattsburg, N. Y. is a welcome visitor to our table.

The Rover of Potsdam, O., with the November number started on its second volume.

The Autumn number of The Albemarle was one of the finest publications we have yet received.

The Gem of Harrisburg, Pa., is O. K. Its October number was by far the best yet issued, and all have been good.

Philatelic Facts, Riverside, Cal., always an interesting little fellow, shows a vast improvement in its last number, both in contents and typographical appearance.

Several amateur publications that have not made their appearance in our sanctum for some time will be dropped from our list after this issue unless they show up soon. *FOREST AND FIELD* is sent regularly to many exchanges, but we don't propose to have the "exchanging" all on one side.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE—

- The Dial.
- Howard on his "bike."
- A copy of The Paragon.
- More subscribers come in.
- Less of this Hesse nonsense.
- Ned Huguenin and his "poetical locks."
- The Gem's 12-page November edition.
- Some of those long-absent exchanges.
- Ed. Harrison and his best girl out on the "prom."
- Some clubite who doesn't like *FOREST AND FIELD*.
- More silver and less stamps sent us for subscriptions and ads.
- Some of those Baltimore clubites after dinner on Turkey Day.
- Why it is that some clubite in Chicago doesn't let the club papers know if club matters are alive or dead in the Windy City.

Back Numbers.

Those who desire back numbers of *FOREST AND FIELD* to complete their files or for other purposes, can obtain them from us at 3c. each except for No. 2, which is 5c. We have all the numbers on hand, but only a few of No. 2 are left.

—The Club Register and *FOREST AND FIELD* one year for 50 cents.

NOTES FROM HIS NEDLETS

Being a Few Items from the Will's of Wisconsin.

Westward the star of clubdom takes its way!

Home and Abroad, after living for a month, has been buried.

Yes, Howard, it is so. Yours truly is going to "push de key."

Nearly all the club papers are getting out anniversary numbers. They are good things.

It is reported on undisputed authority that Ed. Harrison intends leaving us soon. By the great horn spoon, Ed, we will miss you, and on behalf of all clubites as well as myself, I beg you not to desert us. It is further stated that Will Chambers will also leave us. What means this boys? Why are you going to desert us?

A number of Dayites seem to think that because I resigned the secretaryship of Branch 4 G. D. C. of A., I have given up the first vice presidency of the national organization. I fail to see how they came to think that, as I have no intention of leaving the 'dom for the present, and only resigned from "4" as I could not spare the time it required. I will, however, remain first vice president of G. D. C. of A. as long as members think I am fitted for that office.

EDGAR B. HUGUENIN.

More Good Words.

"*FOREST AND FIELD* is by far the best club paper published."—Philatelic Facts.

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UTICA, N. Y., NOVEMBER 30, 1895.

Editorial Comment.

BRANCH 16, G. D. C. of A., at the time of its disbandment stood third in the contest for the club badges offered by The Gem.

Do NOT forget that you will miss the next issue of this paper—our eight page special number—if you are not a subscriber or an advertiser. Better send in your order now.

It is with much pleasure we note the constant and general improvement in The Gem. It is certainly a fine amateur journal, both in appearance and quality. Would that we had more amateurs of The Gem's stamp! Messrs. Longenecker & Weigel, FOREST AND FIELD congratulates you.

With this issue is completed the first volume of FOREST AND FIELD.

Next comes our special anniversary number, which will consist of eight pages. We are safe in promising our readers an edition which will, in point of quality, quantity and variety of interesting contents, eclipse that of any amateur in the United States. Nearly all the members on our staff will contribute something especially for this occasion, and, in addition, will appear articles by several able writers not regular contributors to this paper. DON'T FAIL TO SEE THIS SPECIAL NUMBER. Those who desire to have a copy, and are not subscribers, can obtain one by sending 5 cents to this office. We do not claim to be the only one to have "successfully weathered the storm," but we are still very much "in the field," and intend to stay.

POINTERS PHILATELIC

EDITED BY DAVID B. CROCKETT,
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NOTICE.

In writing letters of inquiry, don't forget return postage. We would like to exchange with all philatelic papers. Please send TWO copies, one each to editor and publisher; we will do likewise.

STRAY SHOTS.

Doctors, lawyers, merchants, chiefs, industrious and lazy,
Have put their money all in stamps;
In fact, they've gone stamp crazy.

—Smyth & Co.'s Monthly Post arrives as usual.

—The Diamond Philatelist occasionally drops in.

—The Pipestone Philatelist for October is quite late, but with a good share of advertising.

—The Canadian Philatelic Magazine is now the only survivor of the Canadian philatelic papers.

—The Midland Philatelist is a new one from Kansas City, Mo., with F. R. Hurst as publisher.

—F. J. Stanton's Advertiser for November has called. It is devoted principally to Stanton's business.

—Filatelic Facts and Fallacies for October contains a good article on the mounting of Western Franks and Locals.

—Berlin has a private post that carries letters anywhere within the city limits, for two pfennigs, about one-half cent.

—Messrs. Hamilton and Beardsley's pictures seem to be going the rounds. The Penny has them in the October number.

—The Springfield Philatelist is now controlled by Messrs. Schmitt, Hamilton and Booth. Plenty of ads but little reading.

—The Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book is announced to appear December 15, and will contain the names of 500 Nebraska stamp collectors.

—The Club Messenger is at hand from Cherokee, Ia. Geo. E. Cleary

has charge of the philatelic department, which contains a goodly amount of news.

—The first Auction Sale Catalogue of the Chicago Stamp and Coin Co., held November 20 and 21, contained a very fine lot of U. S. departments, mostly unused.

—Circulars and price lists have been received from Excelsior Stamp Co., Keyport, N. J.; E. Grafton, Newark O.; Charles Giesler, Alleghany, Pa.; and R. D. Hay, Winston, N. C.

—The International Philatelist double number, Sept.-Oct., has arrived. The contents are quite good, and would be far better if better type was used. It's too old style.

BRANCH 79, G. D. C. OF A.

That is the Number of Forest and Field Staff Association.

Several weeks ago William S. Chambers suggested to the editor of this paper the idea of forming a branch of the G. D. C. of A. to be known as FOREST AND FIELD Staff Association, its membership to be made up of the writers on this paper. The idea met with general favor among our co-laborers, most of whom made their selections for officers from our staff list and forwarded them to this office.

The objects of the association are the mutual benefit, improvement and pleasure of its members, and if all avail themselves of its opportunities, much benefit can not fail to result. Let us work together for the good of the common cause, as well as our individual profit, seeking what information we desire from such fellow-worker on the staff as we think best able to afford it, and all stand ready to assist each other in every way possible, do all we can for the great G. D. C. A. organization, and last but not least, be ever on the alert for something of interest and benefit to the readers of FOREST AND FIELD.

Fellow members of the staff, the editor of this paper extends to you his most cordial greeting. It would afford us much pleasure to meet you all, but as that is entirely out of the question, let us become close friends through the medium of Uncle Sam's service. Although we are busy from early morn till late at night, still we will be as prompt as possible in answering whatever communications we may be favored with.

It appears that all our members have voted who wish, and these are the officers elected:

President—Howard E. Bokman.
Vice President—Edgar B. Huguenin.

Secretary—Frank E. Merritt, Jr.
The final vote was as follows: For president, Huguenin 1, Chambers 2, Bokman 3. For vice president, Read 1, Huguenin 5. For secretary, Chambers 1, Merritt 6.

Curiously enough, our friend Chambers, who was the originator of the idea, is not among the elected. But the next election, which will occur November 30, 1896, may tell a different story.

Now, gentlemen, we are organized. Let us get down to business. We await your pleasure.

THE EDITOR.

CLUB CHAT

OF THE

GOLDEN DAYS & GOLDEN HOURS

ORGANIZATIONS.

EDITED BY

HOWARD E. BOKMAN,

OF BALTIMORE, MD.

Club news, notes, sketches, or anything of interest to the readers of this department, kindly solicited from all.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

Branch 16, G. D. C. of A., has issued list No. 7. It is said to be very fine.

We hope all have had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving, as had the editor.

James Elverson, jr., was elected a member of the Typothetae Union last week.

At present (so we are informed) there is about 9 circulating clubs in the G. D. C. of A.

I wish I were a philadelphian. Golden Days Clubs need a real hard push in the Quaker City.

We hear Miss Viola Souder is something of a puzzler, and about the only lady hustler for the club.

Good News Reading Club of Rankin, Pa., leads in the contest for the silk badges offered by The Gem.

We hear Will C. Price has launched out as a professional. Here's to the success of our old friend.

Alas! when we our wild oats sow
With blood and sweat and toil,
How few of them we ever throw,
On rocks or barren soil.

Respectfully dedicated to the "fakes" of the organization (if there are any, as they will come to grief some time.)

The Club Messenger is offering 10 prizes to its subscribers, such as years subscription to Golden Days, etc., if they will bring more readers.

Branch 79 is the number of FOREST AND FIELD Staff Association. No officers have been named yet, so brother editors get together and vote.

Ed. Huguenin reports one of our club editors being an elevator boy. Anyhow, he has more chance of "rising" in the world than most of us.

If no other Marylanders beside "Ed." Harrison and myself take an interest in the Maryland Supreme Branch, it will have to disband, an action which I would regret very much.

Ed. Huguenin says: "We want a G. D. C. of A. Convention at Atlanta." Of course we do, but (oh that little word) who is going? If we had such a thing about five members would go, and the rest would not, on account of the lack of cash.

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"And will you love me always?" she murmured, as she laid her dainty little head on his manly and throbbing bosom.

"Always," he whispered, kissing her lovely lips.

CHAPTER II.

"And will you love me always?" she murmured, as she laid her dainty little head on his manly and throbbing bosom.

"You bet!" he answered, as he pressed her closer to the \$8 suit he had obtained on the excitement plan.

CHAPTER III.

"And will you love me always?" she murmured, as she laid her dainty little head on his manly and throbbing bosom.

"Sure, Mike!" he responded, as he sipped the nectar from her rose leaf lips.

CHAPTER IV.

"And will you love me always?" she murmured, as she laid her dainty little head on his manly and throbbing bosom.

"Well, (kiss) I (kiss) should (kiss) so (kiss) remark" (kiss), was his reply.

CHAPTER V.

"And will you love me always?" she murmured, as she laid her dainty little head on his manly and throbbing bosom.

"Yes, darling, if you have enough dough for both of us," was his answer.

CHAPTER VI.

"And will you love me always?" she murmured, as she laid her dainty little head on his manly and throbbing bosom.

"How can you doubt my word, darling?" he whispered.

(To be continued next year.)

The reader, no doubt, has noticed a monotonous sameness about the chapters of this novel. It is, however, of thrilling interest in view of the fact that, while the young woman is the same, there is a different young man in each chapter.

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They never speak as they pass by—Ed. Suhre and Oscar C. A. Morgner.

Branch 8, G. H. C. the oldest branch in Chicago, has been reorganized.

R. Ank Dayite, one of our leading amateur writers, has joined our ranks.

G. W. Tremaine, our Fort Dodge Newsite, is said to have had enough of clubs.

Fred. C. Kelch, one of Baltimore's oldest club workers, is soon to return to the 'dom.

Our old friend Will C. Price has some fine articles in the Young People of America.

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"Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay" is dead.

Ditto "Half-past Nine."

But of the old non-defunct branches One of the oldest is 69.

Girls! Yes, Howard, that is a delicate subject for you to dwell on. By the way, I heard that darkhaired baby doll gave you the "go by." Is that so?

Every clubite including your Uncle should learn the following saying by heart: "There is no more expensive luxury in the world than getting even."

No, Will, old boy, "Baby Ruth" is not the one who is going to wed that Michigan Hourite; the reason why because of it is that "Baby dear" is a young man.

It is now said that Andy Montgomery will not return to the ranks again. Why, Oh why did you start that rumor, Will? It came near giving us the heart disease.

Arthur H. Wild and several other well-known G. N. C. officers are working hard for the reorganization of its clubs. They want branch numbers. May success crown your efforts, fellow officers.

We have appointed Arthur E. Martin, 165 Campbell st., Surrey Hills, Sidney, Australia, and Arthur J. Johnson, box 136, Dartmouth,

Nova Scotia, supreme representatives for their respective countries.

Wonder who Ned Huguenin had reference to when he inserted in No 22 of this paper about that Baltimore restaurant? Can it be Howard Bokman? If it is, our friend forgot that pie was on the bill of fare, as Dayite Bokman is said to be the champion pie-eater of Maryland. By the bye, Howard is a perfect "dream" when he is digesting those "dyspepsia helpers." He can put away five pies to my one, and that's no funny crack! See?

G. EDWARD HARRISON.

Answers to Correspondents.

E. M., Brooklyn—Ask E. L. Harrison. He knows more about that than we do.

Al. Johnson, Topeka, Kan.—We publish short club notices in this paper free of charge.

H. M. H., Omaha, Neb.—Howard E. Bokman, 915 Hollins st., Baltimore, Md., will give you the information desired.

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J. A. K., Mobile, Ala.—No, Hesse was never at any time a member of our staff. He wanted to be, but we decided we did not want him.

O. A. Reid, Canton, O.—We can not use it; too long. The theme is good, but too many superfluous words are used. "Brevity is the soul of wit." Try it, and you'll find improvement quite easy and rapid.

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NEW ZEALAND LETTER.

Mr. Read Tells of the Kauri Pine Tree— How Its Gum is Gathered.

The Kauri pine is a tree of which New Zealand is justifiably proud, not only because of its immense size, but because of its value as a timber. Many of these trees reach a height of 150 to 200 feet, with an upright trunk devoid of branch to a height of 70 or 80 feet, and at the girth of 30 feet. I say many attain these dimensions, though some here and there exceed them. To fell one of these giants is certainly a feat of woodmanship. As an all-around timber the Kauri is foremost among the forest-trees of New Zealand and some say of the world. It is very extensively used in furniture-making, especially that kind known as "mottled kauri," which is the result of knots in the timber. Mottled Kauri boards present an appearance of wave lines and knot-centers with radiations, both in light and dark brown colors, which is decidedly handsome.

To judge by the millions of feet of Kauri which leave the shores of New Zealand each year, it would seem that other countries greatly appreciate the value of this very durable timber. It is estimated that the standing stock will be exhausted within 40 years at the present rate of using. And—more's the pity—very few new trees are being planted. And more's the pity, also, that this tree only grows in the very northernmost part of New Zealand, the southernmost limit of its growth being a line a little south of the town of Auckland, where the San Francisco mail steamer calls.

It is from this tree that kaurigum, one of New Zealand's greatest exports, has come. This gum exudes from the roots and between the branches, and being exposed to the air, becomes hard. When the tree dies the gum remains in the ground until it is struck by the prodding spear of the gum-digger, who immediately sets to work to dig it out and put it in his pik au (pronounced pea-cow) which is a bag fastened on his back by means of straps passing through the bag and around his shoulders. This gum he takes to his home whare (pronounced wharry) or hut, where he scrapes the dirt from it. If it turns out to be very hard, clear, and of good color pale or brown, he is especially delighted because he can sell this quality of gum at one shilling or about 25

cents per pound, while the most of the gum he gets brings only half that price. The gum is sometimes taken from the growing tree, but this called "busa" gum, is not so valuable as that which has been in the ground for some time. The ground has the effect of hardening and seasoning it. At the foot of a kauri tree there is generally a heap of decaying leaves and ferns. By scraping this away, pieces of gum are often found which have dropped off the tree or have exuded from the roots. Or the digger or more correctly, climber—will throw a rope over the lowest limb of the tree and with hatchet in belt, sit in a loop at one end of the rope and with the help of a companion haul himself up. The hatchet is used to chop out the gum from the forks of the tree and to climb about the limbs, which are often very slippery.

This climbing for gum is not without danger. Only a few weeks ago, in this district, a young climber missed his footing on a limb and fell from a height of 50 feet on his side. Luckily no bones were broken but he was very badly shaken and was laid up for some weeks. Another young fellow, in falling from a tree, landed on his feet but sunk to his waist in the soft decaying leaves at the foot.

It may not be generally known that this kauri gum is chiefly used in making varnish and also for making ornaments. Hundreds of tons are annually imported in the United States; £5,000,000, or \$25,000,000, is, approximately, the value of the gum that has been exported from New Zealand and chiefly from the port of Auckland.

Gum-digging is the employment of thousands and during the late depression was the means of saving many families from starvation or something near it. In outlying districts north of Auckland, where new settlements have started, gum has indirectly been the "staff of life."

The finding of gum is very uncertain. Here and there may be found a small piece sticking out of the ground but usually the digger must patiently prod the ground with a thin steel spear till he strikes a piece of gum. Sometimes he may strike a "patch" and get 100 to 500 pounds out of it, thereby exciting the envy of his brother diggers for the next day or two. But, oftener, after turning hundreds of sods and walking many miles he is forced to go home with only a few

pounds in the bottom of his pik au. The gum fields usually present a very desolate appearance, having been the site of some great kauri forest which has since been destroyed, leaving no other trace of its existence than the gum and underground logs.

At the rate the gum is being taken out now, the supply will probably not last more than 30 years, when it is to be hoped, the growing prosperity of New Zealand will start other enterprises which will take the surplus labor from the gum fields.

THOMAS READ.

G. H. C. 69's CUSTOMARY QUALITY.

A Few Lines Scribbled by the Secretary of a Former Hesse Club.

"Sweet Sixteen," one of Baltimore's clubites, has entered the mystic gates of Puzzledom.

The Good News National Association of Patriotic and Progressive Young Americans has been reorganized.

Ned Huguenin's desire to become a telegraph operator reminds us of that up-to-date song, "He wanted something to play with!"

A certain western clubite says he don't care how much the amateur club press roasts him. The more they roast the more applications for membership in his branch he is said to obtain.

The writer would like to become acquainted with every Baltimore puzzler and clubite, and they are cordially invited to call at his place of business, N. E. corner Baltimore and Tremont streets, at any time.

Howard E. is said to be learning the culinary art. As our friend is an enthusiastic cyclist, he is respectfully requested by the writer to do all his scorching on his afternoons out. See the point?

F. James Rickards has been appointed secretary pro tem. of this club as I have not the time, at present, to attend to the duties of same. I expect, however, to be "in the swim" again shortly, and my enemies are kindly requested not to shed any tears—of gladness over my withdrawal.

A good thing, so they say,
Is branch 69, old yet gay.
Now, don't you think that it would pay
For you to join us without delay?

G. EDWARD HARRISON.

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Editorial Comment.

THOSE who did not see our eight-page Anniversary Number can obtain a copy by sending us 5c in stamps. We have not many left, so if you want one, write quick.

OUR exchanges are kindly requested to send a copy of their paper regularly to John W. Blake, 839 East Eager street, Baltimore, Md., who has charge of the review department in this paper.

THE writer, as secretary of FOREST AND FIELD Staff Association, would be pleased to receive communications from fellow-members of the staff at any time. Don't be bashful, boys. Take advantage of the op-

portunities offered to members of our association.

If you would keep interest on the doings in clubdom, it is absolutely necessary that you should read a lively, newsy and up-to-date club journal. That's the kind of a paper FOREST AND FIELD is. We don't suspend publication for a month, double up two or more numbers in one, or anything of that sort, but present to you TWICE EVERY MONTH the latest news from the principal club centers, together with many other interesting and instructive features. You can find no better investment for the money than a subscription to FOREST AND FIELD.

TID BITS says: "FOREST AND FIELD needs a rebuke for claiming to be the only amateur in the United States that publishes the most genuine club news." If our friend will kindly refer to No. 23, Vol. I of this paper, he will find in second column of second page these words: "No amateur paper in the United States publishes the amount of genuine club news we do." And we challenge Mr. Friedrich, or any other clubite, to produce proof that our statement is incorrect. If such proof is forthcoming, we will cheerfully acknowledge our error.

HOWARD E. BOKMAN ILL.

The Popular Baltimore Dayite Unable to Write His Usual Letter.

Just before going to press a telegram was received at this office announcing the illness of our Club Chat editor, popular Howard E. Bokman of Baltimore. We feel safe in saying that clubdom's votaries throughout the land join in the earnest wish for his speedy recovery.

SPECIAL.

The publisher of FOREST AND FIELD have kindly given me charge of a new department—The Review Column, which will open in our next issue.

The object of this department is to give our readers FAIR and SQUARE reviews of the various amateur publications. We are sure this will interest our readers, as we will "roast" and "jolly" authors as well as the publications they write for.

The publishers of the different papers are requested to send me a copy of their regular issues for review. Yours truly,

JOHN W. BLAKE,
Review Editor.
839 E. Eager st., Baltimore, Md.

—Now that you are again settling down to collecting after a good summer's enjoyment, don't forget to form a philatelic library. It is of as much help in collecting as your catalogue.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

Club Items and Gossip in and Near the Granite State.

—This being my first appearance on this stage, I make my initial bow to the kind readers I have before me, and trust I shall do nothing to offend them. "All the world's a stage," says the bard of Avon. In view of this, the stage shall be this paper, the public shall be the reader and I will try to amuse and interest them for a few moments.

—Excelsior's the motto of New York State—the Empire State. It is also that of Branch 783, a bustling youngster who is trying to win the good graces of this hard world. Eugene D. Swartout is the secretary, and a hustler, too. Shake, Eugene!

—G. H. Branch 762 has now 40 members, and is having published a book containing the rules of the club, members' names and addresses and other useful information.

—Pike's Peak. From that point comes a little whisper that tells us that Bro. Epperson is sometimes seen on the stage doing his little act. Come east, Rob, and make your metropolitan debut.

—The election of the National Association branch officers takes place this month. All votes are to be in January 10. May the best men win, and boom the association.

—Emile Mercier, the well known Hourite, is director of a dramatic club, and is now touring through Maine, doing all principal cities. He reports having great success, both from a financial and artistic point of view.

—It is reported that St. Paul's fair daisies are good skaters. At that is what the Dick-ey bird says.

—Hearing so much about how long one had been connected with clubdom, I would respectfully give my number—1548—in the G. H. parent association, and would like to hear from anyone who can beat that—that is, whose certificate was issued previous to that number.

—Lovers of baked beans and brown bread, and other characters, are requested to send their names to join Branch 783. This is a strictly up-to-date club whose home is in "the Hub of the universe," the birthplace of the aforementioned articles of diet.

—The writer has not had the pleasure of acquaintance with the other members of the staff of FOREST AND FIELD, but I hope to before long, and would be pleased to exchange cards with all of them.

—As I hear the first warning bell to ring down the curtain I must close, hoping this will prove acceptable reading to all. I make my exit, trusting to appear again before you in the guise of FEDORA.
Manchester, N. H.

—An exchange says: "Why does not some enterprising individual compile a list of approval sheet frauds?" We presume it's because the philatelic public have enough to do to mind their own business, or at least they ought to have.

STAMP MATTERS.

EDITED BY
D. B. CROCKET
OF AVONDALE, N. J.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Heap on more coal! The wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.
—Scott.

—The Stamp of Groveland, Mass. for November comes to us on salmon-colored paper.

—S. B. Bradt of Chicago is now associated with B. S. Rose, the well known dealer in U. S.

—New papers still arrive. There's nothing like it, boys; air your opinions—it's good for the trade.

—The Springfield Philatelist still improves with age.

—The U. S. agriculture 12c. unused recently brought \$9.60 at auction and the new catalogue price is \$8.00. This goes to show that all stamps are not priced at their actual value.

—Why not use our exchange department?

—A successful business man always advertises.

—Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co. have a very fine lot of stamps to auction this season.

—It's reported that W. A. H. Connor has purchased the entire stock of A. W. Dunning.

—Cut square envelopes do not seem to rise in value. This goes to show the advisability of collecting them entire.

—The Home Worker and Philatelist now has Roy F. Green as editor and Miss Amy L. Swift and Julius L. Cohn as assistants.

—The Pipestone Philatelist for January contains Messrs. Kessler and Bishop's pictures.

—Two hundred and seventy five varieties of stamps and locals is quite a few for a private corporation like the Wells Fargo Co. to issue.

—There are 145 towns in Russia that issue locals, so says an exchange.

—The Baby Philatelist is announced from Elkhart, Ind., also a directory of Virginia philatelists from Norfolk, Va.

—The English dealers are ready enough to accuse the American dealers, but when it comes to proving what they say, they are like the little boy—their mouths are glued with their own words.

—From abroad we get The Advertiser and Messrs. Fisher, Titley & Co.'s Monthly Offers.

—By the time you receive this issue it will be 1896, so I wish all "a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

NOT STU F.

'Tis said that Ned Huguenin wears one of those "Girl Wanted" buttons.

Uncle Sam's loving friend (?) Oscar C. A. Morgner, is said to have enough of the 'dom. We trust our friend will contradict this rumor, as he is too good a clubite to lose.

We have a Sagar Trust, Tobacco Trust, Whiskey Trust, and several other kinds of trusts, and we would like to know why under the sun can't we have a Club Trust? Vermont papers please copy.

Our old friend Will C. Price is said to have visited St. Louis recently to see the elephant.

Ned Huguenin—No compliments, please, old boy.

Some of our club secretaries only recognize an opportunity for the advancement of their club, when it has passed.

Wise clubite is he who does not join a club because it offers a lot of thrash to those joining.

Some of our clubites keep themselves busy prying into the affairs of others.

Howard is right in it with that dark-haired beauty again. She jollied him along for a \$10 Christmas present. Howard must be "dead easy fruit."

My old friend N. dlets, why don't you write to your amateur friend and fellow-clubite? Your former letters were out of sight. But, to tell the truth, I don't think you've treated me right.

The writer who is also known as Sweet Sixteen is now a puzzler, and we trust our fellow puzzlers will not be hard on us at first, as we are green (this does not refer to Greenleaf Edward Harrison) at the business.

Only an icicle lying
There midst the crowd and the jam,
Only a clubite's heels upward flying,
And an angrily muttered —!

Heaven is said to be a prepared place for a prepared people. Wonder if all our clubites are prepared? Don't all speak at once, please.

Run a club in a way that it should not be run and the first thing you know it will go—up the spout.

The following jingle by Prof. Critic refers to Ned Huguenin's article in No. 22 of this paper:

I once did chance to meet
A maiden prettier than all sights,
But the way she did eat
Rivaled that of the Baltimoreites!

The Doctor, Prof. Philatelic, Prof. Critic, Uncle Sam and the Dixie Dayite are all old clubites.

Mary had a little lamb,
But that was long ago;
The Marys that are up-to-date
Wear bloomers, don't you know.

PROF. BUNCO BILL.

A Touching Appeal.

Lives of great men oft remind us
That honest men don't stand a chance;
The more we work there grows behind us
Bigger patches on our pants.
On our pants, once new and spotless,
Now are stripes of different hue;
All because our debtors linger
And won't pay us what is due.
Let us, then, be up and doing,
Send in your note, however small;
Or when the snows of winter strike us
We shall have no pants at all.
—PROF. BUNCO BILL.

ONE WINTER EVENING.

CONCLUDED FROM LAST ISSUE.

After a few common questions and answers about the storm, his luck in selling his papers and such things, he drew the pocketbook out, and told her how he had found it, but said nothing about meeting the lady. He opened it and his eyes at the same time. It was stuffed with bills. Spreading the money out on their old rickety table, he counted it. There was nearly \$50.

Three years before these children had lost their parents in a fire. The little girl had been made a cripple at the same time. The father had been a drunken, shiftless fellow, but the mother had been thrifty, and had almost supported the family. They were both honest, however, and had taught their children to be so. Three years in a rough neighborhood had worn away the parental teachings to a great extent, but enough remained to tell them they ought to find the owner if possible and restore the pocketbook. But the thought of so much money being in their possession, was a strong temptation for them to keep it. The rent would be due soon, they needed clothes for the winter, more coal and better food, and it seemed that there was any number of things that they needed. No one had seen him pick up the money, and if they chose they might keep it and none would be the wiser. They talked of it all the evening and the next day. If the lady had only spoken kindly, he thought, then he would have taken pleasure in returning it; but her words rang in his ears yet. She would not thank him for it, and would turn him over to a policeman. He might leave it at a police station, but he might get caught and charged with stealing it.

After much discussion, they decided to keep it. They needed the money and the owner did not. How many have fallen for the same reason? The boy saw an advertisement in the paper in a few days, saying that a pocketbook of the same description as this one, had been lost, and if the finder would return it, he would be rewarded and no questions asked. He remembered her tongue, and would not trust her. It might be only be a trap to get hold of him and put him in jail, he thought. So he kept the money and spent it on himself and sister.

It was his first wrong act. Others soon followed it. It was easier to take things than to buy them. Many children who have been better off in this world, and have had a father or mother's eye over them have fallen when tempted. It was no wonder that these outcasts should fall too.

The end of it all was, the boy was arrested for some lawless act, and sent to the Reform School. The girl was sent to an institution for homeless children. What their future will be no one can tell; but how much different it might have been if the lady had spoken differently. "Even if they live honorable lives hereafter, the stain of crime will always hang, like a dark cloud, over their lives. And who is to blame for it?"

ADVANTAGES AND BENEFITS

Of the Golden Hours Branch Clubs—By
Edward F. Suhre.

PART TWO—CONCLUDED.

Humane societies are rather numerous among the Golden Hours clubs. It is a noble cause, and should be observed by every true Golden Hourite. Amateur authorship is another advantage that the branches have. Now, here comes a point many of you desire to know—how to become correspondents or writers for amateur papers? Simply this way: by corresponding, using all sorts of subjects and taking advantage of all benefits offered by the branch clubs of which they are members; writing articles upon different subjects, and sending same to some amateur publication, which if satisfactory are published, and so on drift into other subjects. The writers for amateur papers help to promote the literary qualities in the youth of America, and should be encouraged by members subscribing for their papers. We have many prominent Golden Hourites who have begun just this way.

PLEASURE CLUBS.

I will now state about the other class, namely Pleasure Clubs and their advantages. The pleasure clubs consist of such as social, musical, stamp and coin collecting and exchange.

We all love pleasure, at least every American boy and girl ought to. Social branches are numerous, and are for the forming of mutual friendship among the members. The next advantage of the pleasure class are musical clubs. Everybody loves music that is logic, and musical clubs are getting quite numerous. It is estimated that three-fourths of all the Golden Hourites are collectors of some sort. Stamp or philatelic ranks first in the collecting line. Stamp and coin collecting can be classified as one large advantage.

Many of the branches issue auction lists monthly for the benefit of members who are stamp collectors. Exchange is another advantage, but not of much note. Now having told you about the educational and pleasure classes, I will state something in regard to the sporting classes.

SPORTING CLUBS.

Certainly this class does not benefit the weaker sex, but is mostly for boys and consists of athletics, yachting, camping, base ball, etc. What boy Golden Hourite does not delight in taking full advantage of these classes? Well, at least I know that I do, and think others do. There is not much to explain about the sporting class, as every boy knows about it.

I think that I have now explained about the most important advantages of the numerous Golden Hours clubs, and I sincerely hope that all readers who are members of, or intend to join a branch club, understand what a branch club is organized for; and if you will take advantage of all the benefits offered by the clubs of which you are a member, you will be more pleased than you have been.

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