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EMBLEMS OF ANCIENT ORIGIN

BY J. C. ZERGA

A fascinating study of the antiquarian is the tracing of many of our modern emblems to their original source; emblems now used as ornaments were in the past symbols significant of great things. The cross for example is one of the most familiar as well as venerated symbols. This we trace back to the ancient Egyptians with whom it signified immortality, the form first used was the T form or the Tau cross and this was adopted by the early church. Numerous forms exist, the Latin cross, known as the cross of Calvary, the idealized Greek cross, the interlaced Celtic cross, the triple cross, the cross of St. Andrew, the Gammadion, made of four gammas, and the Maltese cross. The latter is one of the most popular and interesting forms. This is formed by four arrow heads meeting at a point, the eight points seeming to symbolize the eight beatitudes. The name Maltese is still associated with it because of the fact that it was the badge of the famous Knights of Malta in the Middle Ages. The original cross was white with a narrow gold edge and bore the motto. *Pro fide, pro utilitate hominum.*" (for faith, for the good of man.)

The single and the double eagle so common to day is another ancient symbol. As a national emblem this typifies war and power. We find this carved on the

relics of ancient Hittites civilization of the old Testament. The Persian standard in 401 B.C. had upon it an eagle perched on a spear, while the eagle in gold or silver was supreme on the Roman standard, as well as the emblem of the Holy Roman Empire and the symbol of Napoleon. In early Christian art the eagle was the symbol of St. John, typifying his divine qualities. The double headed eagle as the emblem of Austria and Prussia was said to have been introduced by Charlemagne to suggest that both the Roman and the German were under his control. The eagle has also been on coins by the people of Seleucidae in Syria and by the Ptolemies in Egypt.

The graceful fleur de lys, the royal insignia of France is traced back to the Merovingian kings. The origin of this device is much disputed, by some it is supposed to represent a lily and by others the iron head of some weapon. Two charming stories however have come down to us concerning its origin, one says that when Clovis was an infant an angel appeared on the day of his baptism and brought him this flower and so forever afterward it was worn by Clovis as a symbol of the Blessed Trinity. The other legend states that when the chieftains were proclaimed sovereigns instead of a sceptre they held in their hands a lily. Up to the time of

Charles VI the royal banner was completely covered with the so-called Bourbon lily but during his reign a change was made and only three fleur de lys in gold were placed on the blue field of the banner. This insignia is closely woven with French history, it plays its part in the times of pomp and festivity as well as in those of tragedy and sorrow. The use of this emblem is not exclusively confined to France as it is frequently found in English armory and has been used by the Greeks, Romans, Spaniards and Germans. Up to the time of George III when it was abolished, it appeared as a quartering in the English royal arms.

The swastika that has been so popular as an ornament in the last few years, has an interesting history, it is in the form of a modified cross and was extensively used among the prehistoric races and common to all religions. The word "swastika" is a Sanskrit word meaning happiness and good luck. In India the swastika is the emblem of the fire-god and is found profusely engraved in the temples of Buddha. The Chinese call the sign "Wan" and it is held in such esteem as to often be the signature on royal gifts. In Japan it is held as a sort of talisman and is frequently used for decorating. The emblem is placed on the breast of the dead in Thibet. The sign was used in Egypt, Babylon, and it is even found engraved on the relics of the Swiss Lake Dwellers. In the old Runic monuments it was the symbol of the god Thor's hammer; In Greece it was painted on urns and engraved on coins, and is still used on the vestments of the Greek churchmen, moreover in the Western Hemisphere we find it in the early civilization of Peru as well as woven in the baskets of the American Indians.

The emblem did not end with paganism, but it is found in the catacombs where it was called "signum" and was interpreted as "faith in the crucified" and it continued to be used throughout the Mediaeval ages. In paganism this was the symbol of the sun-god and in early Christian art of the Holy Ghost. In some cases it was said to represent a revolving wheel supposed to be the lightning wilded by the Deity.

J. H. Kennedy, who recently returned from Missouri, brought back with him a dark, green, square bottle which was found in a hollow log full of brandy, during the first year of the Revolutionary war. The bottle was found by Matilda Stone and passed from generation to generation as follows: To her daughter Mrs. Howard, then to Mrs. Howard's daughter Mrs. Kennedy, from her to her son J. H. Kennedy and from his hand to his grandson Will Kennedy of this place who has the bottle in his possession, the bottle being found by his great-great-grandmother.—Plymouth Scribe.

Valuable records of the war of 1812 at first reported to have been destroyed in the fire of the Capitol at Albany, New York have been found.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, has recently acquired one of the finest collections of colonial hats and dresses known. Gowns and millinery of the best kind of that period are represented including fine old embroidery and laces.

At a recent auction in Philadelphia a letter of George Washington was sold for the sum of \$100. This is a higher price than is usually paid for such letters.

RELICS OF SOME CALIFORNIA ISLANDS

BY CAPT. W. L. WHITE

PART II

On lonely San Nicholas Island, ninety miles off shore from San Pedro, California are found the most remarkable Indian shell mounds known. One of them being nearly six miles long by one mile wide. The winds shifting the sand thereby constantly changing the height and shape of these mounds. The mounds are filled and covered by millions of abalone shells of different species. These mollusks were used as food by the natives while some of the shells were used as dishes, the air holes in the shells being filled with melted asphaltum. Scattered among the shells are found the bones and skeletons of these ancient people, the mounds having been used by them as burial places. Researches show that they were buried by placing them two by two facing each other in a sitting posture with the hands clasped over the head with much if not all of their personal effects being buried with them. One finds an immense amount of very interesting relics of many types in these mounds. The Islanders being a race that depended on the sea for their support, spent much time in the making of, and using various types of spears, fish hooks and lines for fishing. The spears are quite heavy and were made of the bones of whales, sharks and other large fish, the handles were in some cases made of drift wood or from the trees that at that distant age partly covered the island. These spears were highly polished by constant rubbing on stone and in this manner were sometimes made pointed and sharp. Flint spear-heads have been

found but compared with the bone spears are considered rare. The odd and really beautifully made shell fish hooks must be seen to get an idea of how the strange wild islanders fulfilled their wants in this line. Many of the hooks contained not only a barb, but were formed like a fish and being made of bright colored shells when placed in the water appeared not unlike a small living fish. The writer as well as other relic hunters have tried these hoods and find them equal to the manufactured hook of the present day. The fishing lines were made of the tough kelp a sea plant found growing in immense beds about all the islands off the California coast.

The kelp was peeled and no doubt rubbed and cured with some kind of oil. Some of these ancient fish lines are found in a fine state of preservation and still pliable and capable of being used. It appears that they were covered with some sort of oil and others are found covered with a coat of asphaltum, this would tend to preserve the line. Quite a few of these fish lines have been found, sometimes they are found nicely coiled up in small baskets or abalone shells. The so called jewel boxes found on this island are simply mated abalone shells cemented together. There are also found many bowls and pestals and ollas or water jars being mostly made of sand stone and many relics of fantastic shapes made of shells, hardwood, whale bones, shark teeth etc. The writer remembers seeing a monster abalone shell

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REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS

In reviewing the scientific progress of the past year *The World Almanac* says, "Drs. M. O. Richter and K. Koritsky announced the discovery of the site of the famous Cyprian temple of Aphrodite Astarte. Dr. Richter believes that the antiquities to be unearthed will prove so numerous that it will be necessary to erect a special museum for them.

Prof. D. Vagliere while excavating at Ostia, Italy found the sarcophagus of Quiriacus the first bishop of Ostia who was murdered with several followers in the year 268.

The highlands of Moab Arabia have been the field of much archaeological activity. Near the ruins of El Hudr a number of large monoliths, some over eighteen feet high were found which the Arabs of the district could not account for.

Excavations in Babylonia under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania have brought to light a number of Aramaic incantation bowls. The bowls are inscribed with magical incantations which were believed to have the power of driving out evil spirits from the bodies and homes for whom they were inscribed.

Thirty complete skeletons were unearthed in the Topango Canyon, California and anthropologists have been endeavoring to discover the prehistoric age to which they belong. The bones indicate that the race were about the size of the average man of the present day, but have low and retreating foreheads while in front of the ears is a peculiar horn-like development.

Divers gathering sponges off the coast of Tunis, Africa came across a large number of marble and bronze statues among

them a marble bust of Aphrodite. The statues were part of a cargo of a ship bound for Italy but wrecked about 2,000 years ago near what is now the port of Mahdea.

Dr. Luigi Pernier explored an early Greek city on the island of Crete. Among the ruins were inscribed stones and terra cottas, the most important of all however was a stele representing a standing figure facing the right clad in a tightly folded robe.

In a paper read before the French Academy by Professor Paville the results are given of an exhaustive examination of the Egyptian evidence for the belief that the Jewish Book of Law usually identified with Deuteronomy, discovered in the walls of the Temple of Jerusalem during the reign of Josiah was placed there by Solomon.

More antiquarian treasures have been found at Tarranto, southern Italy. Since excavating was started in September 1908 over 400 tombs, valuable potteries showing a high degree of perfection in ceramic art and fragments of clay statues of the third or fourth century B. C. have been unearthed. Many of the statue fragments have been carefully assembled by Prof. Quagliati and placed in the Museum at Tarranto.

Cardinal Rampolla in his searches among the manuscripts in the Vatican library is reported to have come across a Latin hymn written by Charlemagne King of France on the death of his son.

Prof. Butler of Princeton University with several assistants began excavating the city Sartio which is five hours distance by rail from Smyrna, Turkey. The work there will last about three years or until the city is laid bare.

MINERAL FRAGMENTS

Lithium is the lightest metal known.

Hessite is a silver telluride, when part of the silver is replaced by gold it is called Petzite.

One of the principal uses of chrome ore is for hardening steel, it is also used with nickel in the manufacture of armor plate.

Arsenic is chiefly obtained from arsenopyrite or "mispickel" much of the arsenic used in the United States is imported.

Mercury is found native, usually in globules scattered through the gangue, sometimes found accumulated in cavities. It has also been found alloyed with silver forming native amalgam.

It is said that ten tons of pitchblend are used to produce one gram of radium salt and that over one thousand crystallizations are made before the radium chloride is ready for use.

Platinum was first discovered in 1735 in New Granda now the United States of Colombia, it derives its name from Plata, a spanish word meaning silver,

Hyacinth, is the name given to the transparent orange varieties of Zircon which are used as gems. These gems are about equal to the topaz in hardness, the composition being silica and zirconia with a little iron usually present.

Hornblende is an aluminous amphibole of a greenish to black color, Hornstone is a crystalline variety of silica, similar to flint, sometimes called chert. These two minerals are sometimes confused.

Three varieties of Mica are found in the United States, Muscovite, Phlogopite,

and Biotite. Muscovite is the only mica mined for commercially. The principal uses of mica are, used in paints, as an absorbent for explosives, in the manufacture of wall paper and also used in some lubricants.

Ozokerite, a mineral wax or paraffin, usually found in the vicinity of bituminous or petroleum deposits, is principally used in the manufacture of certain kinds of shoe blacking and making phonograph records. It is also refined into ceresin and has been used as a substitute for beeswax.

Palladium a metal usually associated with platinum is of a steel gray to silver white color, when polished has a steel like luster and does not tarnish, this metal has been used for making certain surgical instruments, and pen points, it is said that there were three and one fourth pounds of this metal used in the French crown.

Although the metal tantalum has been known for a century, it was not obtained in a pure form until 1903, when it was reduced in the electric furnace. Tantalum has been used for filaments of incandescent electric lamps, but it has not been found to equal the metal tungsten which is now used to a great extent.

The greatest silver mines in the world are the Broken Hill Mines in New South Wales, having produced over \$300,000, 000. worth of silver. These mines were first discovered in 1869 and are still good producers, the silver-lead ores being worked by the open cut system or quarried.

A WORD TO THE BEGINNER

BY ELMER S. SEARS

Note: The following article is written with a view to advocating the science of numismatics to anyone who wishes to take up some hobby as a pastime and is not sure just what science they wish to follow. Shall try to point out the advantages and disadvantages of coin collecting and try to warn him against some of the frequent mistakes made by the younger collectors.

One of my cotemporaries has used the following phrase, "Better wear out collecting coins than rust out creating creditors."

It seems to me that for the beginner there should be no hesitation about taking up the study of coins. It is a mistaken idea with many that to be a coin collector requires a large capital. It is true that to make a complete collection of coins of the world would require several Hundred Thousand Dollars but out of probably 5,000 coin collectors in the world not over ten have ever attempted or ever expect to make up a complete collection.

The first point to be considered, of course in this, as in anything, is "How much can I spend?" For the new collector there are a few "don'ts" which might be well studied out before he attempts to spend his good money; a few of these are as follows:

Don't buy poor specimens.

Don't buy trash, commonly known as junk.

Don't try to complete your collection the first year.

Don't try to buy everything that is

sent you.

Don't ask a dealer to send you a thousand dollars worth if you cannot expend but \$2.

Don't buy of irresponsible dealers because the coins seem to look cheap to you.

Don't buy coins you don't see as you will be frequently and badly disappointed if you do.

Don't try to collect too many series. One series in the United States coinage well looked after will bring greater returns both in the pleasure derived from it and the money secured from selling your collection if you confine yourself to one or two particular series and complete them as you feel able.

Don't let a rare date go by for the sake of filling in a lot of common dates. Always remember that you can buy the common dates any time. The rare coins are the coins which are seldom offered. The late DeWitt S. Smith, who formed one of the finest collection of the United States and Territorial coins ever made in New England, and probably in the United States, used to say, "The time to shoot bears is when bears are around," and that he was right was proved when upon his death his collection was disposed of and brought probably three times what it had cost him, although the writer often heard many comments upon the inflated prices which Mr. Smith paid for some of his specimens, but he appreciated the rarity of rare coins in superb condition and it is these coins which appreciate the greatest in future years and which are always salable whenever they come up on the market.

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French devoted to stamps. We should
think that it would be a regular gold
mine for the collector who is looking for
foreign exchanges as many appear in its
columns.

J. C. Zerga who has written an article
each month for The Collectors' Monthly
since beginning publication, has in prepa-
ration several other articles which will
appear in this journal having agreed to
write exclusively for The Collectors'
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Alfred Boyle of the Collector's
Review complains that articles have been
copied from his paper without having
been given credit. Same here, we have
seen our notes in a prominent collectors
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STAMP NOTES

BY C. E. JENNEY

There is a footnote in Scott's catalogue at the end of the 1906-7 issue of France that is not very clear to the uninitiated. The first paragraph refers to a very minute variation; But the second paragraph in which there is a misprint, refers to a quite noteworthy variety. The 10c red and the 35c violet of this issue exist with the word "Postes" in very thin hair-line lettering. They are also found in the heavy lettering, the same as shown in all the other values. The two 10c varieties are both common but the 35c with the heavy lettering seems hard to locate usually.

It is announced that Louis Barrett will published revised descriptions, of the dies of the 2c 1903 U. S. envelopes in one of the magazines soon. Bryant Pollard also is issuing a revised edition of his price list of these. As Bartel's catalogue now enumerates them (though not describing or pricing them) collectors will soon be able with the three works together, to get a pretty good understanding of this interesting issue. The writer has for several years had his own descriptions, list and estimated values typewritten off for his own guidance.

The effect of an advertisement for stamp collections in the daily paper is some times surprising. It usually stirs up considerable interest and inquiry, but it is seldom that such results are brought forth as an instance just under the writers knowledge. It brought to light a most remarkable collection of stamps, the work of fifty years of collecting. It had been a collection of 30,000 varieties but only

a few of the countries had been retained the balance being sold to complete these countries and they were practically complete, even to many shades. United States, in all the special printings and non-grills; Canada (complete except the Connell); Newfoundland and Nova Scotia; Cuba; Hawaii and a few other countries all in the cream of condition, a large proportion unused, many in pairs and rarities on the original covers, made it a sight not oftenseen. But in addition to the attractiveness of the stamps, they were mounted on very large loose sheets which were decorated with hand paintings of scenery, and with scroll-work and vignettes in and around the stamp spaces done by the owner who is no mean artist. It was the handsomest thing in stamp collections I had ever seen and could not fail to interest even those who had not the slightest interest in stamps. The early Hawaiian numerals had been purchased by the owner direct from the Honolulu post-office when they were in use, and many of the other stamps obtained in a way very interesting to learn direct from the lips of the owner.

The more or less advanced collector undertakes the collecting of shades mentioned in the catalogue and also such others as he may find of the scarcer stamps. Younger collectors should take a lesson there-from and not limit their shades to the scarcer stamps, but save the two most varying shades they can find in their large lots of the very common stamps. They may prove desirable some day. If the printed album does not hold space enough, blank sheets can

be very easily provided and these extra pages often become most interesting.

I have recently seen a very attractive collection of "Permits" cut square, but arranged so well that the varying sizes did not give it the heterogeneous appearance that would be supposed. It will pay for collectors to not overlook this side line. Because a thing is more or less common it is not to be despised. The department stamps were once a drug and too common to be much cared for. Get together a good collection of permits, of pre-cancelled, or of penalty envelopes and if you ever get tired of it you will find some one who wants it.

How many collectors have noticed Belgium No 48a. This is the 25c ultramarine stamp with the figure 5 in the upper left corner ending in a sharp thin line instead of the curled ball. You are likely to have a dozen of these normal varieties lying around. Look through them for the error.

I have been interested for some years in the collecting of Jamaica stamps which show the town cancellation numbers or postmarks on them. Some of the towns now obsolete (at least by the original name) are hard to get but quite a large collection can be made as it was the custom rather than the reverse in Jamaica to strike its postmark on the stamp rather than on the envelope.

Neatness and method add more value to a collection than scarcity of the single specimens, as a rule. This should al-

ways be remembered. The pursuit of the desired specimens brings the interest to the collector, but its interest to those who look over his collection lies in the care and notation he has employed. Stamps acquired from sources of more than ordinary interest should have this information written on the space they occupy, for the information of others. Or if any variety is obscure and not likely to be noticed this fact should be recorded beneath it.

How many of the towns and cities famous in history, will the postmarks on your common European stamps show? Look them over. The stamps are not the whole thing; when and where it was used is not the least part of the real interest in a collection. I have little sympathy with the collector who collects only unused specimens. He is an art collector, not a collector of historic souvenirs. I know of one collector who spends all his philatelic energies in gathering a collection of stamps showing the full postmark of the town where it was used, with date. This is not a bad idea, and requires some patience in the case of certain countries. For instance, in this country it is the instruction of postmasters not to strike the town name on the stamp but to cancel it with a separate mark or "dauber".

With a good portion of world interest headed this way, in view of the Exposition in San Francisco, it ought to be a good period for collectors, both in the way of meeting collectors of other parts and in the added interest such will bring in local circles.

RELICS OF SOME CALIFORNIA ISLANDS

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from a San Nicolas mound, that was at least fifteen inches in length and about six inches deep and the air holes were filled with pebbles set in asphaltum and quaint etchings showed around the edge. Some of the bowls from these mounds are very smooth and highly polished. A few of these bowls have been found that were made of serpentine where the material was obtained by these ancient people remains a mystery as none is found on the island. It is said that serpentine is found on Catalina Island, if this is true they could have easily obtained it from there. That the islands, were of artistic temperament is shown by the wonderful small heaps or pyramids of highly polished pebbles that were constructed in many places, some were of odd designs, others nearly alike, this being done by colored stones or polished pebbles that are found on the beach. Some of the odd stones used in the pyramids were peices of the trunks of the stone trees from the stone forest of San Nicolas. This wonderful stone forest, were never real trees, but are simply the cores or parts of sandstone hills that the winds and rains have removed the softer parts leaving only the hard centers or cores which are in fantastic shaped pinnacles and spires and such is the stone forest of San Nicolas.

The Island itself is but a mountain containing many wonderful canyons with their many colored cliffs. It must be visited to get an idea of what it is like, its fogs, wailing winds, shifting sands and solitude.

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SOMETHING ABOUT JADE

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One of the most picturesque features in the garb of the Chinese lady is the predominance of jade ornaments, the jade arm bangles, ear-rings, hair pins etc., she may on rare occasions wear other stones, but jade generally takes precedence and this is equally true of the men. In the Chinese bazaars jade is usually the only stone exhibited, imitation or genuine it there. If you price it however you find the elaborate rings, fobs and pins to cost from \$2. to \$5. and the merchant assures you to the utmost of his pigeon English that the jade is "genooine." What then you say of the marvelous ear-rings in China sold for thousands of dollars but he looks at you with an uncomprehending stare.

Jade is to the Chinese what the diamond is to the American. J. Dyer Bull says in "Things Chinese" "The Chinese look upon jade as emblematical of most of the virtues and from the excessive admiration they have for it, it is natural that they should have largely used it in their ceremonious language; for instance in addressing a man his daughter is styled "a jade girl," his hand "a jade hand"; "a jade foot," means his coming, or "I hope you will transfer your jade" means, I hope you will come."

The stone mostly used is a variety of aluminium-sodium-silicate called jadeite, and by the Chiuese "yu-chi" (Nephrite

a magnesium-calcium amphibole and Prehnite a hydrous calcium aluminium silicate are also used and pass as jade.) The jade is valued according to its color, the finest being a greenish-white. Khoten yields the greatest quantity, Khoten of the famous jade lake where on the fifth day of the fifth month all the inhabitants gather to collect jade. It is a curious fact that the Chinese will not purchase jade that comes from abroad, shipments that have gone forth with remunerative prospects have found no market the people hold that the jade is not the same. When or how jade came into favor we do not know, it is mentioned in the Ancient Book of Rites and we know that it was highly prized in the Middle Ages for Williams quotes a writer of 1602 as saying, "There is no article of traffic more valuable than lumps of a certain transparent kind of marble which we from poverty of language usually call jasper. Out of this marble they fashion a variety of articles such as vases, brooches, for mantles and girdles which were artistically sculptured in flowers and foliage, certainly have an effect of no small magnificence. These marbles (with which the empire is now overflowing) are called by the Chinese "Iusce." There are two kinds of it the first and more valuable is got out of the river Cotan, almost in the same way in which

divers fish for gems and this is usually extracted in pieces about as large as flints. The other and inferior kind is excavated from the mountains."

An endless variety of articles are made from jade, cases for fans, chop sticks, knives, jeweled hair pins, arm bangles, broad thumb rings, vases, bric-a-brac, belt clasps, seals and idols and even coins. The famous emperor's necklace is made of pieces of jade the size of a cherry interspersed among coral. From large flawless pieces cups and goblets are made and upon these very often stanzas are carved, sometimes in praise of jade itself. Jade has even been put to medicinal uses, although the Chinese have not been the only ones to do this for the Spaniards called the stone "pietra di hijada" (kidney stone) and thought it efficacious in warding off disease.

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CURIO NOTES

The oldest known human body is in the Egyptian Gallery of the British Museum. The body was found coated in bituminum in a grave by an Arab on the bank of the Nile in upper Egypt. It was surrounded with implements and weapons of neolithic type none of which bore inscriptions, thence it can be easily traced back to the prehistoric stone age of Egypt. The man has auburn hair and it is possible that he belonged to the *Trenennio* race often mentioned by the Egyptians who had blue eyes and yellow hair.

One of the finest collections of war weapons is to be found in the Museum at Lucerne, founded by M. Bloch. A most extensive variety of weapons is displayed there are arrow-heads, hooped cannons used in the fifteenth century, Swiss pikes used by Swiss herdsmen, suits of armor from the Middle ages and Maxim guns. Not only weapons but models of battle-fields and the mechanism, science, art, and statistics of war are here.

Mrs. Bury Palliser's book on lace gives a fascinating little story on the origin of the famous Venetian point lace. The legend runs that the sweetheart of a Venetian Mariner while waiting for her lover's return used to beguile the hours with crocheting the simple "pantos" that the women made in those days. At one time her lover brought her a branch of white coral from distant seas and she was

so impressed with its beauty that she reproduced it with her needle and in such a way was created the marvelous Venetian point, that even machines have never been able to imitate successfully.

A recent development in Egyptian research is papyrus hunting. Extraordinary results crowned the attempts of the workers in the Fayowm towns among the "finds" are the "Logia" or "Sayings of Jesus," a poem of Sappho, a play of Menander, a letter of Hadrian, tax receipts and numerous private letters.

The oldest statue in the world is said to be that of an unknown king Daddu found in a temple at Bismya near Bagdad. Mr. Banks of the University of Chicago called it by far the most perfect and graceful statue yet found in Babyolonia. He describes it as follows, "The statue including the low pedestal upon which it stands is seventy eight centimeters high and eighty one around the bottom of the skirt. The upper part of the body is entirely naked; lower part is clothed in an embroidered skirt of six folds held up by a band and fastened behind. The back and shoulders are gracefully formed, the arms at the elbows are free from the body and the hands are clasped before the waist. The well shaped head is without hair and the face is beardless; the eyes and eye-brows are now hollows in which precious stones were set.

BRIEF MENTION

When King George and Queen Mary arrived at Edinburgh, Scotland, they were presented with the keys of the city, being the same keys made in 1628 for presentation to Charles I. The keys are of silver.

A new arrival in the field of philatelic journalism is the Precancel Monthly published at Paris, Ky. in the interest of precancels.

Acting Governor Ernest R. Ackerman has presented the State of New Jersey his fine collection of Continental currency. It is said that the set is complete, except the six dollar of September 26, 1778.

H. L. Lindquist of Chicago will soon resume publication of The Collectors' Journal which was published by him in 1909.

Among the interesting autographs offered for sale by Walter R. Benjamin the well known autograph dealer of New York is one of Raphael the great Italian Painter, which is a signed receipt for painting done in the Vatican and bears the seal of Pope Leo X. The price asked is \$500. which does not seem excessive considering the rarity of the document.

It is said that J. P. Morgan has offered \$10,000,000 for the priceless relics of Mathias Corvines, king of Hungary in the fifteenth century.

Collectors will have to keep busy from now on to keep up with the new issues of England and her colonies, not with stamps alone but coins as well.

The summer quarterly number of The American Society of Curio Collectors will soon be out. Published by Corinne B. Wolverton, Osage, Iowa.

Another quarterly which is due to make its appearance is The Archaeological Bulletin published by The International Society of Archaeologists, Owing to the ill health of its Editor Allen Jesse Reynolds it will not appear until the latter part of this month.

Aluminum coins are now used in Uganda and Nigerian protectorates, Africa. The coins are preforated so that the natives can string them together.

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RELICS OF SPAIN'S ARMADA

When after its defeat in 1588 the great Armada of Spain fled from the English ships around the wild coasts of Scotland and Ireland most of the men-of-war went ashore. Among these was the *Florencia*, which has lain at the bottom of Tobermory Bay for more than three centuries. Recently a company was formed in England for the purpose of retrieving the treasures that are supposed to lie in her hold and divers have brought up interesting relics. The coins found are slightly larger than half dollars and are in a remarkably fine state of preservation. Another interesting relic is a medal of silver supposed to have come from the rosary of a priest of whom there were several on board. It is black with age, but the cross and the crown of thorns stand out on the reverse as plainly as the lam and pearls on a modern half crown. On the obverse is a portrait of the "Victorious Christ," supposed to be the only true likeness of our Saviour, taken from one cut on an emerald by command of Tiberius Caesar and sent by one of the Turkish Sultans to Pope Innocent VIII for the redemption of his brother, then a captive of the christians.

These relics were discovered in a part of Tobermory Bay where a bed of shells from three to five feet thick lies below a thin layer of soft silt. The divers had to pierce the shell-bed with their picks, but their labors were amply rewarded. One theory of the presence of the shells is that when the *Florencia* went down the oysters and other mollusks settled on the spot attracted by the food provided

by the bodies of the seamen and the provisions on board. In the forthcoming operations the shell bed will be gradually blasted away and the promoters have every reason to hope that their labors will be rewarded a hundredfold by the treasure which the Pope of that day gave to Spain in her attempt to crush the power of Elizabethan England. The *Florencia* is reputed to have had "thirty millions of money on board." Silver "pieces of eight" are worth about a dollar and a quarter each and gold "pieces of eight" at \$25 so that if only a tenth of the reputed thirty millions were forthcoming there would be a yield of something like \$3,750,000. Gold cups, silver plate and crucifixes are also believed to be on board, as well as the crown—which one diver says he saw among the timbers—that the Pope intended should be used at the Coronation of Philip of Spain in London.—Harpers Weekly

An autograph letter written by Martin Luther which was recently purchased in Germany by J. Pierpont Morgan for the sum of \$25,000, has been presented by him to Emperor William, who conferred on Morgan the Grand Cross of the Order of the Red Eagle. The letter was written by Luther in 1521 to Emperor Charles V but its contents were such that no one dared to deliver it, so it is said that the letter never reached the emperor.

A very large statue of Venus has been found in the ruins of the 'Roman theater at Ostia,' about eighteen miles from Rome. The statue is no doubt the work of some Greek sculptor, it is semi-nude and in a fine state of preservation.

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An unique publication as to size. The Vest Pocket Philatelist published by Dr. H. A. Davis, of Denver, Colorado, has been received. Evidently the Doctor believes in small doses for his publication measures only two and three quarter by three and one half inches, the contents are good therefore we could stand his medicine oftener than once a month.

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A copy of The New Yorker published by Stryker and Oldehof, Westfield, New Jersey, is at hand. This journal is devoted to stamps, the leading article in the June number is "Part Perforate and Imperforate U. S. Stamps" by the well known philatelic writer, L. G. Dorpat.

Among the publications received we cannot fail to mention two weekly stamp journals that are always welcome visitors. They are Redfields Stamp Weekly published by The Redfield Publishing Co. Smethport Pa. and the Philadelphia Stamp News published by Percy Mc Graw Mann, 1708 N th. 18 th. St. Philadelphia, Pa.

PHILATELIC NOTES

BY C. E. JENNEY

Bavaria has taken a decidedly novel step in the stamp-issuing line. Since the first numeral issues it has kept to the one heraldic design unchanged until the present time, but a new set has just appeared that is totally different from anything ever issued by any country. The design is very simple artistic and the leading feature is the head of the aged prince regent now long past the allotted three score and ten but still a sturdy old man as evidenced by the likeness.

On the 17th. of May the San Francisco post office put into use a new post mark of rather striking design to advertise the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Instead of the usual wavy flag it is a rectangular flag with the star field having the motto "World's Panama Pacific Exposition 1915" and the stripes being represented by horizontal lines. As it is likely to continue in use for several years every one will have an opportunity to see it.

At this writing there is a new Republic to the South of us, the Republic of Lower California. Taking advantage of the troubled state of affairs in Mexico, they have attempted to set up a government for themselves in this peninsula. It is not likely to survive to the postage stamp stage.

The express franks of the early days in California are particularly interesting western collectors. I have just come into possession of several of the Feather River Express that are very interesting. One of them has in addition in the left corner the printed card of Wells, Fargo & Co., stating it is capitalized for \$500,000. It has grown some since then.

June 22 is to witness the appearance of a new set of stamps for Great Britain. The date of the coronation of George IV is fixed for the issue of the new set with his portrait on it. And doubtless soon after we shall be coining a new philatelic term for new issues for all the colonies; we have had queen's heads, king's heads, multiple C. A.'s and next it will be "Georgies".

More and more old entries appeal to me, especially historic ones of our "gold days". Many of the queer named towns postmarked on the envelopes are of towns now not on the map. They have changed name or disappeared entirely, relics of a pioneer period.

An examination of a considerable number of the 5c and 10c stamps of our 1847 issue on the original covers brings out the facts that in those days the postmarks seldom showed the year, simply the day and month but that the methodical recipients almost invariably endorsed on either face or back the year.

Pre-cancelled stamps do not seem to be in such vogue in the West as in the East, and in consequence, western pre-cancels are more in demand. Perhaps the reason for this is that firms with a large established mail trade are more apt to be found in the older communities.

California state revenues are always in strong demand and anyone finding lots of these among old documents will have no trouble in disposing of them to good advantage. The circular stamps, while to many not appearing as very good examples of stamps, to the initiated are known as desirable property.

MINERAL FRAGMENTS

Sodium is the most abundant of the alkaline metals.

Radium has been found to exist in sea water taken from the coast of Ireland.

Schist and slate are the same in composition the difference being in structure.

Cryolite is found in commercial quantities in South Greenland. It is used in the manufacture of sodium salts also for certain kinds of porcelain and glass.

Plaster paris is made from pure gypsum which is a hydrous calcium sulphate. The gypsum is finely ground and calcined at a temperature less than 400 degrees F.

Jet, is the name given to a black variety of coal, compact in texture and takes a good polish. It is used in jewelry.

The word, crystal was first used by the ancients for pure pellucid quartz. It is from the Greek word "krystallos" meaning ice.

Bromine usually occurs in nature associated with sodium. Bromine is found as sodium bromide or magnesium bromide in some rock salt beds and is also found in some artesian salt wells.

The true topaz is composed of silica, alumina and fluorine, it derives its name from "Topazo" which means, to seek. It was given this name owing to the fact that the ancients first found topaz on an island in the Red Sea which was often covered with fog and hard to find. Light yellow quartz crystals are often

cut and sold for topaz. What is known as the oriental topaz is a yellow variety of sapphire.

In 1877 the Comstock lode, Nevada, is said to have produced \$36,301,539 this being the largest yield for any one year. As near as can be ascertained the total production up to date is over \$400,000,000.

One of the oldest mines in the world is that of Freeberg, Saxony, having been worked for a practically unbroken period dating back to 1163. The mine is the property of the Saxon government and the minister of finance has announced that the mine will be closed in 1913, owing to the depreciation in the value of silver the mine being operated at a loss.

Diamond mining near Kimberley, South Africa, has been carried on at a depth of over 1500 feet. The rock is about as hard as ordinary limestone and the blue ground in which the diamonds are found is only in limited areas.

No doubt the highest mine in the world is the Santa Barbara, in Bolivia, South America, being at an altitude of over 18,000 feet above sea level.

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COLLECTING ON CLEMENTE

BY CAP. J. L. WHITE

(CONCLUDED FROM LAST MONTH)

Hanks was yelling from afar and waving his arms like a windmill. He had been walking around the sides of the canyon, near its mouth and found one of the lone burial mounds, these being frequently found about the Island. Hank dug like a badger with an oyster abalone shell, soon he came upon bits of shell and then the skeleton itself. Near the skull lay what were at one time strings of olive shell beads and shell money, there were also abalone shell charms of a large size, a fish spear of bone, two or three small bowls containing what seemed to be seeds, some polished pebbles, a rubbing stone and a half dozen spear points. Hank said, "Guess I'll just take along this here skull to a doctor friend of mine in Pedro, he's been wanting one for a year, this one's complete and a fair size too."

And so it went all day long, we went from place to place now finding a mound, then a camp site, or along the beach where a few good sinkers were found. Scattered all over were broken bowls and pestles of different shapes and sizes. They were in those days so common that we did not carry away many, only a few of the best ones or those showing extra fine workmanship. About the camps were to be seen thousands of broken shells, showing uses in different ways,

bits of crude pottery, broken arrow and spear points, old abalone shells with the air holes stopped up with asphaltum and tiny bowls made of serpentine beautifully polished. Our collecting day drew to a close only two soon, at sun down we pulled out to the schooner, cooked a meal, packed up our hundred or more relics and just as the moon came up in the east we set sail for our port sixty-five miles away.

On going on deck with my head just above the cabin slide, I saw Hank, long limbed, ungainly looking, sitting on the wheel box, in his hand was the Indian skull he had found. He was dreamily turning it over, thinking no doubt of the Indian when alive and his Island home. "Ha! Ha! Ha!" said I, and Hank started out of his dreams of the past, half turned letting go the wheel, the schooner rounding up a big sea gave a mighty roll causing Hank to grasp the wheel box to keep from going over board and to let go the skull. It went rolling and bounding about the deck, then as the schooner righted itself on a great rolling swell, it went over sinking in a mass of foam and bubbles. A swirl of water showed for a moment and Hank's Indian skull was lost forever.

"Dang it all, Cap'n but you did sure give me a start, I thought the old skull

itself was giving me the Ha! Ha! We sat on the cabin top and wheel box for hours talking of the tribes that once lived on the island, of the sacks of skulls that Captain Olson found in his cargo in place of sacks of lobsters. It was this way, he had a bunch of fishermen camped on the island one of them was a queer fellow always fooling around digging up bones and like stuff. And had it seemed filled two sacks with choice skulls and brought them aboard the vessel along with his sacks of lobsters, intending to get the skulls to port and sell them. Olson found them one night when he went into the hold after a coil of new rope. Being in his cups, he let out yells that well nigh split open the boat.

Hank and I had a good laugh over the story and he started to spin real yarns of years spent in the low country of the northwest, of Indian tribes untamed, of the scraps he had been in with them, their war dances and how they lived, their odd legends and tribal tales. Then I told him of the wild tribes in Panama, Central America, and Mexico, of the roamings over the Devilish Desert Trails, of the Indians who live away out there in the silence and the sand. So passed our midnight watch. At three o'clock we rounded the point of Catalina her chalky cliffs seeming almost within reach but we knew they were miles away. Onward we sailed under the fading light of the moon, until far in the East burned the morning star its bluish light casting strange patches of dancing light across our sails. Below the boys were sleeping while two of us drove the schooner across the channel, thirty miles to port. It was a night long to remember; a life to live again. Sometimes I wonder if like Hank's

Indian skull do the skulls of the boys we had aboard that night roll somewhere on the sea bottom of some far away shore, Ship mates! I wonder where you are.

NEW YORK INDIAN RELICS

BY LESTER BILL

How many of you collectors of Indian Relics have a complete set of weapons and implements found in New York State? Very few I dare say, as flint relics from this state are very much sought after, and desired by all collectors. We will try and describe the sights along the beautiful Hemlock Lake. Along this lake and on the steep side hills, is said to have been a great manufacturing camp and favorite hunting grounds of the red men of long ago. The ground in various places, is literally strewn with fragments and clippings of flint which have been dragged and scattered from end to end, by tillers of the soil.

The relics picked up along the south end of this lake are very interesting, indeed. Beautiful specimens of arrow points of white, dark blue and dark colored flint have been found in large numbers. Skinning stones, celts, spears and a few large spade implements. Those made of brown stone are occasionally picked up in perfect condition.

The arrow points run from one half up to five inches and are very finely made, some are notched and some have stem bases. Flint drills are often found, but the writer has spent days and weeks hunting relics on these grounds but has never found a perfect one yet. A farmer was mowing hay along a side hill and all at once the mower stopped, upon investigation he found tightly wedged between the guards of the mower a large flint pipe which had stopped the machine

This pipe was about the size of a small musk melon, made from a piece of blue flint, where the stem was inserted was plastered some kind of yellowish clay. A few stone dishes and pestals have been found but no scrapers.

So collector you may feel proud if you have a collection of perfect relics from this state, for some pieces are very scarce and most of them are found slightly damaged having been mostly found on top of the ground and open to all

danger of being broken. Every time a field is plowed up, there is sure to be arrows and other objects turned up, and after a hard rain show up very plain and can easily be found. Some flint relics have a very faded color on one side this is due to having lain exposed for many years. Many chapters could be written about these old time Indian hunting grounds and about the relics found but in a limited article like this only a few things can be mentioned.

COIN NOTES

The inscription "In God We Trust" was chosen by Secretary Chase for our coins in 1861, at the instigation of the Rev. M. R. Watkinson of Pennsylvania. Several mottoes were prepared and this was found to be the best. It was first placed on the coins in 1864 the first to bear it being the two cent piece.

The earliest coins or "dumps" as they are called, are said to have been struck at Lydia in Asia Minor; these were mere balls of metal, distinguished as measures of value by certain crude marks. Several centuries passed before the coins resembled in any manner those of the present day. The devices employed on these ancient coins were all more or less religious for example, those of Pheidon, King of Argos were engraved with a tortoise the symbol of Venus, goddess of the sea; hence protector of trade.

In the Metropolitan Museum of art in New York is the famous Ward Collection of Greek coins. The collection consists of 1,000 pieces embracing the Greek colonies in Spain and Gaul, Magna Graecia and

Sicily, Crete and Asia Minor, besides Greece proper. It is accompanied by a scientific catalogue done by Mr. Hill of the British Museum. Collections of ancient Greek coins seem to be steadily diminishing, "finds" are becoming more infrequent, the few that occur being at once absorbed by the Museums here and abroad.

The art of counterfeiting coins has been carried to all manner of extremes in the East. We hear of a factory on the banks of the Nile where scarabs are turned out by the score. Becker of Berlin displayed unusual cleverness in counterfeiting rare coins, only experts at the British Museum have been able to detect some of his counterfeits.

The decadrachms of Akragas, (now Girgenti) in Sicily with their design of an eagle which far surpasses our own in skill and grace of outline, are said to be from the point of view of noted numismatists, the most artistic coins ever minted. They date back to 406 B. C.

CURIO NOTES

In 1883 through the efforts of three members of the Austro-German Alpine Club cave exploration (speleology) became a science. It offers different branches of interest such as paleontology, a study of the life of primitive man, geology, the origin of formation, mineralogy, the relation to metallic veins, meteorology, thermometrical and barometrical variations, terrestrial physics, experiments on gravel and hydrology.

The most interesting periods of Egyptian art were the twelfth and thirteenth dynasties. Excavations at Abydos have brought to light bronze statues of Osiris of rare beauty. One of the most exquisite specimens is a child with pure perfect features wrought on an ivory seal. Some of the cases found are such fine workmanship as to be suggestive of Greek art.

The miracle shrines of St. Anne continue in attracting pilgrims to this day. The first of these is in Brittany, that place of "mystical religion," founded in 1623. Before the church stands a stone fountain with a statue of St. Anne in the center. The waters of this fountain are famous for the cures effected on sore eyes and crippled limbs. The second shrine is that of St. Anne de Beaupre near Quebec. This was founded in 1650 by a few Breton sailors. For St. Anne is known as the patroness of sea farers. The statue of St. Anne within the Church holds in the hand a golden reliquary containing a bone of the saint. The

pedestal is surrounded with the crutches of those who were made whole by the miraculous saint. Magnificent jewels given as gifts adorn the statue.

The noise or roaring, in sea shells is due to the shape and polished surface of the inside catching and magnifying all the sound vibrations of the air.

The pearls found on the Gulf Coast of Lower California are said to exhibit a greater variety of colors than those in any other part of the world. The chief colors are black, gray, red, bluish-green and yellowish. They have a fine luster and many of them are large and of the most perfect shape. The pearl fishing industry is carried on quite extensively.

A collection that has become a permanent feature of the White House and placed under the Bureau of Public Buildings and Grounds is the collection of presidential china. Here may be seen the Washington decanter with its Washingtonian trait of being "Substantially good and majestically plain, made to endure," a goblet of John Adams, the celebrated chests of silver of the Baron de Tnyll purchased abroad by Monroe for Jefferson, a candelabra of Mrs. Madison and so on through the line of presidents, something pertaining to each. Disinterested friends who had inherited presidential china contributed pieces to the collection and it now bids fair to be one of the most interesting in the United States.

STAMP ITEMS

BY C. E. JENNEY

Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole in the Philatelic Gazette writes of the United States Guide Dots but his notes are neither new or complete. Most of the points on which he confesses ignorance are matters of knowledge to the well posted California philatelists. For instance, in his last paragraph he states that he cannot find trace of any guide dot on the 5c. brown, Garfield, of 1882. This is one of the plainest examples of the guide dot and it is found on practically every stamp one runs across, though in rather an unusual place. It shows on the white outer margin at the top about four millimeters inside the upper right hand corner. It is also found on the blue 5c. stamp of 1888 in the same position. The matter of these guide dots was taken up quite fully in the old Philatelic Californian, which had a most competent staff of expert stamp collectors.

I have become interested in the collection of the various numbered cancellations of the United States stamps. These occur on all issues from 1872 through the current issue. The numbers are large numerals usually in the centre of oval bar cancellations or sometimes in the centre of double lined ovals. I believe they occur only at the larger offices and their particular significance I do not know. They run from one up into the hundreds, just how far I do not know and as many of the numbers are missing from my collection I do not know whether they are complete in sequence but judge they are. Besides the numbers the letters of the alphabet are used complete.

The beginning of school should mark a renewed interest in stamp collecting. Older collectors and dealers can foster the continued interest in our hobby by inoculating in a few of the younger generation the stamp virus, which will readily become contagious in the schools.

There is now doubt that pre-cancelled stamps and also the permits are obtaining a hold on collectors. The latter are really of more interest than the former, though not so readily arranged in an attractive and compact form. Moreover, as they are not adhesives, the cut square proposition complicates matters.

There is little to note in the current U. S. envelopes. The Dayton dies are almost entirely disappearing from the mails, the inference being that only a few remainders are being used and that the dies are permanently retired if not destroyed. There are therefore many of them that will be of great scarcity and a few of first rank rarity. And yet it is not at all impossible that one of the missing bulls may yet turn up in some out of the way place.

Letters from South Africa, written by people with philatelic proclivities, are apt to bear, in these days, wonderful conglomerations of stamps. We have just seen one from the Cape of Good Hope with several Cape stamps, a Natal, an Orange Free State and a Transvaal. The granting of permission to use the stamps of one country in any or all pending the issue of the United South Africa set, has led collectors to make up strange and unnecessary combinations, which however

are records of the transition period.

A new watermark on the current 1c. and 2c. U. S. envelope is just reported, the main feature of which is the change of date to 1911. This will set collectors of entires again to watching for all the various sizes and colors, but will not affect collectors of cut square specimens. It seems quite late in the year for the date to first appear.

According to the publisher's announcement, the advance sheets of the new catalogue should have been mailed in August, but we have not heard of any being received at this writing. Possibly however, before this appears in print we may be discussing the new prices and the revival of interest that always follows be full upon us.

The post office authorities have granted the use of the Panama Pacific Exposition cancellation stamp in addition to San Francisco where it is already in use to the following cities: Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, Berkeley, Alameda, Pasadena, Stockton, Fresno and Bakersfield.

A love letter written by Napoleon Bonaparte to La Citoyenne Bonaparte was sold in Germany some time ago for \$725.

A flying postal service has been started in England. The British post-office authorities are testing this mode of transportation to be used in case of war, or rail road strikes. The first service was started between the Hendon aerodrome and Windsor Castle the distance being a little less than 20 miles. The first delivery consisted of over 100,000 postal packets and the trip was made in eighteen minutes.

A writer in the Oakland Tribune, a daily paper of this city has the following to say in regards to H. J. Crocker the well known Philatelist.

"H. J. Crocker has been advised I am told, that he is to be among the first of stamp collectors out side of London and one or two other British cities who is to receive several of the new stamps about to be issued to commemorate the beginning of the reign of King George and Queen Mary. They are to bear the effigy of King George. Mr. Crocker has been a philatelic enthusiast for many years and his collection of stamps is said to be valued \$50,000. Some day, it is surmised, it will be presented as a gift either to Stanford or the University of California. In the summer of 1906 Mr Crocker was one of the exhibitors in London at the exhibition of the Royal Philatelic Society and was one of the prize winners. It was on that occasion that he met King Edwards, the Prince of Wales, who is now King George, and the Earl of Crawford. The two latter having fine stamp collections and Earl Crawford had just succeeded King George as president of the Royal Philatelic Society. At the time of the London exhibition of 1906 King George as Prince of Wales was the active president of the society. It is through the kindness and attention of Earl of Crawford that Crocker is to be among the first to receive copies of the new stamp. Note: The stamps mentioned above are undoubtedly the recent new issue.

At a recent sale in London of autograph letters of notables, were offered for sale some letters which brought some interesting sums. A letter by Mary Queen of Scots realized the sum of \$5125.00 while one of Queen Elizabeth was sold for \$1725.00.

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It is customary among newspapers when articles are used from another paper to give credit, that is the name of the paper from which the article was taken is generally placed at the end of article, we are sorry to say that this custom does not seem to be very popular with a certain class of journals. One of the leading collectors' magazines has been using our notes month after month without giving the least bit of mention. Of course we do not care but it is getting awful monotonous and when patience ceases to be a virtue with us, we are going to say something that might not be very mild.

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Another stamp paper which we are glad to welcome back to life is the Collectors' Journal of Chicago. This city has had the reputation in the past of not being able to support a philatelic magazine, but we know it certainly will support a magazine of the class of the Collectors' Journal.

A journal that deserves special mention is the Southern Philatelist, its August issue which was an anniversary number contained many interesting articles. Another journal to get out a special number in honor of the American Philatelic Society convention was the Collector's Review of Prosser, Washington.

We have seen many coin books, but the California Coin and Stamp Book published by Alfred B. Jacob of San Francisco is the best we have seen yet.

THE ARCTIC MOUNTAIN OF IRON

"Sweden has been trying to sound with diamond drills the depths of the magnetic iron ore piled up in great hills near the town of Kiruna, Lapland. Borings have been made to a depth of 754 feet, the bottom specimens are rich in ore, and there is no indication at what depth the ore is likely to peter out," says the New York Sun in an editorial. "These are practically small mountains of the finest iron ore. There are two of them, Kirunavaara and Luossavaara, and development work is as yet confined to the first. The borings at Kirunavaara indicate 750,000,000 tons of ore on that mountain, and probably many millions more lie below the zone of present exploration. The quantity in sight is more than three times as large as the estimated amount of ore in the famous mines at Gellivara, also in this Arctic iron region and about sixty miles away. Not only is Kirunavaara the greatest single depository of iron ore yet discovered in any part of the world, but its large content of the metal is also very remarkable. The upper third of the mountain is nearly pure magnetic, and there are few indications of less than 70 per cent of metal as far as exploration has extended. Of the two Arctic railroads in the world one is hauling coal from the Spitzbergen mines, about two miles to the sea, and the freight of the other is iron ore from Gellivara and Kiruna to the Atlantic port of Narvik. Kiruna has shipped an average of 1,500,000 tons a year for the last four years, and the industry is only just beginning. Ten years ago this wonderful spot was nothing but a dreary Arctic waste. A great source of wealth

has come to light in the Arctic. Frequently the approaching exhaustion of the iron supply is announced, but every decade great new sources of iron are found; no doubt other Kirunas yet to be discovered will extend the iron age of man for centuries to come."—San Francisco Chronicle.

The relationship of coins and history is a very close one. The history of a country not alone politically but commercially and economically as well, may be traced through its coinage in many instances. Perhaps this holds true applied to Greece more than any other country. G. F. Hill of the British Museum in "Historical Greek Coins" shows throughout the book the influence of political events on coinage. Of the Greek coins it has been said "There are certain coins which contain in in a circle of an inch in diameter, most of the finest qualities of sculpture, the subtlest record of the harmonies of line and form and taken collectively, this coinage gives a better demonstration, of the beginning, the rise, the decay, and the death of art, and perhaps, also a better explanation of the causes of that growth and decline than can be found in all the records and remains besides. Another field where numismatic research has been of value is in the identification of statues. P. Gardner in his essay "Copies of Statues on Coins," in "Corolla Numismatica" discusses this at length.

An autograph signed by Horace Greely dated March 20, 1855 and addressed to Summer Stiles one of the first school teachers in southern Wisconsin has just been recovered from a trunk full of trash in an attic in La Cross, Wisconsin.

MINERAL FRAGMENTS

The chemical composition of Rhyolite and Granite are the same.

Silica is the name given to the oxide of silicon the crystalized varieties being known as quartz while the uncrystalized masses are called chert or flint.

Iron Pyrites is often found in crystals, and is sometimes mistaken for gold and has been called "fools gold." It is practically without value unless used in large quantities in making sulphuric acid.

Japan shipped about 17,000,000 pounds of copper to the United States in 1910. The shipment for 1911 will exceed this.

Vanadium ores are sold on the basis of vanadic oxide they contain. The principal ore of vanadium is vanadinite, a chloro vanadate of lead.

One of the most promising low grade copper mines which has recently began operations is the Ray Consolidated Copper Company of Ray, Pinal County Arizona. 180 acres which have been thoroughly prospected show 80,000,000 tons of 2.17 per cent copper ore. It is estimated that when this mine is in full operation will produce about 80,000,000 pounds of copper annually.

Minerals used in the manufacture of rubber substitutes are elaterite and tabbyite. Other varieties of bituminous minerals similar to the above have been discovered and are used, one of which is called Medgerite.

Barium carbonate of commerce is usually artificial product, although it is mined for in Germany and is known as witherite. Barium Carbonate is principally

used in the earthenware industries.

A cubic foot of Aluminum weighs 165 pounds.

Saltpetre deposits occur in Chile and from there is shipped to all parts of the world, at the present rate of exportation the present known deposits it is estimated will last about 150 years.

Barium sulphate which is known as heavy spar is often used as an adulterant of white lead.

Tellurium a metal of very little use is found native in Colorado, and is a silver white metal resembling tin.

The metals used for hardening steel are nickel, chromium, manganese, tungsten, molybdenum, vanadium, titanium, cobalt and uranium, of these the first four named are the most used.

Novaculite is a quartzite of fine texture used for making whetstones, found in Kansas and South Dakota.

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Potassium is the softest of the solid metals.

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All American collectors of autograph letters who have made important collections in the past fifty years have gained a great profit in money, as well as the pleasure of collecting important American names have doubled and trebled in value in the twenty-five years that I have been in business. In the course of time these names, such as those of Washington, Franklin, Adams, Lincoln, Poe, etc., will become among the impossibilities, and a sale of even poor specimen will be an event of importance. As the United States increases in wealth and culture there will be more and more demand for these letters, and they will quite pass out of the reach of collectors of moderate means. This has already happened in Great Britain, as for example in the cases of Milton, Cromwell, Burns, Johnson, Elizabeth, Henry VIII, and others of that sort. However the modest collector can fall back upon names of less importance and still make a handsome collection. Names of secondary importance sometimes increase in value and may even, because of some extraordinary circumstances, become of the first importance, but as a rule they are apt to fall back as people forget about them.

Clay and Webster, Buchanan and Pierce are about the same as they have been for twenty years past. The ordinary members of the cabinet are if anything cheaper than they have ever been, and second and third rate literary is in very slight demand. At one time there was a fair demand for Governors of the different states, but no one wants them to-day. Perhaps the new meetings of Governors each year will draw attention

to them once more. I have a weakness for States Rights myself as a check on too much Federal power, and I believe that a Governor is and should be a more important personage than he is now generally considered. The States have been electing some good men as Governors of late, and have not merely chosen old political hacks as was too often done. A U. S. Senator has generally ranked a Governor, and I think it should be the other way. Every American collector should have a set of the Presidents with their cabinets, and also a set of the Governors of his State.

There was a time when collectors took more pride in their States and sought for the prominent men which belonged to it. There are many names of great fame in their individual States which are almost unknown outside of those States. Letters of these men should be preserved. I have great numbers of them. Probably collectors think they cannot be had. It might be well to send me a list and note the result. It is particularly well to collect letters and documents relating to your own locality. It is from such collections that local history will be written in the future. Few do it.

It might be supposed that there would be much eagerness to collect old New York documents from the Dutch times onward. I have not discovered it. There is a great demand for old prints of New York, but almost none for documents. The work of a printing press is preferred to the hand work and written thought of the men who made the city and its history. I have great masses of old New York documents from 1680 onward and

seem likely to keep them. There will be a change some time, but in the mean time with the tearing down of buildings and dying out of old families, most of the old New York papers will have been lost.

Old files of the courts and city departments have been sent to the paper mill as being of no value. Within the last year or two this foolish and destructive policy has been abandoned in some cities and an effort has been made to preserve the old records.

The newspapers pay little attention to autograph letters and historical documents, except when Mr. Morgan or some other accumulator with too much money pays an absurd price for some fine doc-

ument. This is exploited all over the country and the result is that every person who has any kind of old letter thinks it of great value. Even if not written by a celebrity, it must be very valuable if a hundred years old, folded in the old way without stamps and bearing postmarks. I can only say that every year I burn such letters by the armful. I have to do it in order to find room to move about in, and I have a large office. Unless a letter has interesting historical contents it has no value whatever if written by a nobody. Age counts for little. I have fine vellum documents five hundred years old which I cannot persuade any one to buy at two dollars. —Walter R. Benjamin in his magazine, *THE COLLECTOR*.

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BY PAUL L. BURKHARD

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Government provide plenty material for specialists as well as the general collector.

As a specialty they are unequalled and an interest in such a collection is always keen. Many collectors are wary of all revenues because they are not listed by Scott. This is unfortunate and many collectors believe the revenues of Mexico and Canada should be listed in *The Standard American Catalogue* as well as those of the United States. However Mexican Revenues are listed in all fiscal catalogues and the *Mendoza Mexican Revenue Catalogue* lists them only and serves as an excellent check list. Owing to the continual demand the prices of these stamps will not long remain at the low price for which they have been selling and the next fiscal catalogue will

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REVENUE STAMPS OF MEXICO (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)

undoubtedly show a decided increase in prices.

The first issue of the Document stamps appear in the year 1874 being very large as were the Federals which preceded the Documentary stamps by a few years. The stamps continue year by year in different colors designs and shapes. At present the stamps are reasonable in size but this was not always so and quite a contrast is presented by the issues of 1874 and 1911. The change came gradually and may be due to economic reasons which is clearly seen by comparison of the stamps. The designs and engraving are of the best and credit is due the engravers. The earlier issues on various papers and with different perforations were supplied by the American Bank Note Co. but the Mexican Government has very creditably supplied the stamps in recent years and they have no superior in quality among the fiscals of the world.

Among the governmental issues are the Custom House stamps (Aduanas), Document (Documentos), Dry goods and hard ware (Hilazas y Tijidos), Federals (Contribucion Federals), Fiscals (Drechos Fiscales), Precious Metals (Metales-preciosos), Government land (Propiedad Raiz), Internal Revenue (Renta Interior), Liquors (Alcoholes), Merchandise (Mercancias Cuotizadas), Schools (Instruccion Primaria), and the Tobacco stamps. Some of these issues have been discontinued and other departments now cover those which have been discontinued. The Federals and Internal Revenues exist with talons which detract from the value when detached but are collected both ways. More will be said in regard to these talons and the governmental

issues as well as the state issues will be dealt with separately in future installments of this article.

Among the rarest and most desirable come the unattractive state issues dating from 1857 to 1895. The early issues while being the least attractive are the most desirable and very interesting. The early stamps were printed from wood blocks and errors exist in many issues. At one time twelve states issued adhesives namely: Coahuila, Cuernawaca, Durango, Guerrero, Jalisco, Michvacan de Ocampo, Morelos, Oaxaca, Puebla, Tezirtlan, Toluca and Yucatan. There are also various surcharges with the town in which the stamps were used surcharged up and down and often with new values. All this adds to the interest of the collectors and the shaping made by the early state issues is not to be beaten.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

According to the *Arauto*, a Portuguese paper of Oakland, the President of the Portuguese Republic has signed a decree permitting the use of the stamps issued by Portugal in 1894, being a commemorative issue, the 4th centenary of the Discovery of India. There are a great many of these stamps on hand so they will be surcharged with the word "Republica" and placed in use. Those intended for use on the Azores will have Azores surcharged in addition to "Republica."

The London and Northwestern railway of England has gathered together at Easton a collection of railway relics such as old time tables, tools, models of early type of coaches, trucks, etc., also old prints of the towns on the route followed by this railroad. Another collection similar to this is in the Museum of Transportation in Berlin.

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workers know how to make it. Probably this specimen of unusual iron was the result of accident rather than design, as far as its resisting qualities are concerned, and it stands today the survival of the fittest, not so much because it was intended to be, as because it proved to be, the most lasting. For it is not likely that a process known to give iron of this kind would ever have been used so seldom, since the importance of a rust-resisting iron and steel was as much appreciated in those days as now. No doubt all the older processes made iron and steel which rusted less—yes, and some of it very much less than what is usually produced today, but there is a great difference between this mere excellence and a resistance to corrosion during thirty centuries such as this column shows.—Everybody's Magazine.

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When William Howard Taft, President of the United States on the 14th day of October 1911, turned the first spadeful of earth at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, on the sight of the World's Panama-Pacific Exposition, it meant the actual beginning of the building of the great fair to commemorate the greatest engineering achievement of modern times, the cutting of a new and shorter course for commerce through the Isthmus of Panama, bringing the Atlantic and Pacific closer together. And now that the great enterprise is fairly launched, it behooves us all to take an interest in its welfare, no matter how small our help may be; and each one doing his share — "THE COLLECTORS' MONTHLY" being interested in things pertaining to stamps and kindred subjects, it is only natural that we would want to give every assistance possible to anything relating to the same.

The plan to hold a great International Stamp Exhibition would be a good thing not alone for Philately but for the Exposition as well, for it would attract the attention of thousands of stamp lovers and would be the means of causing them to journey to our shores. With a great stamp exhibition it is only proper that a stamp

Congress should be held, and lastly, the Panama Pacific Exposition is entitled to all that is due to it, therefore commemorative stamps should be issued as has been customary for the Government to issue on similar occasions. Suggestions have already been offered by the leading Philatelic Journals and the artist's scope in design would be by no means limited as the West offers a large field for selection. The Directors should take action in this matter for an event as important as this is certainly deserving of a set of commemorative stamps.

That the Exposition will be a success is assured for the spirit that built a greater and more modern San Francisco hardly before the ashes of a great conflagration were cold, is the same spirit that guides the destinies of the fair. Moreover the confidence of our president in us should be an incentive as reflected from his speech delivered in San Francisco when he said.

"I congratulate San Francisco, I congratulate California upon their energy and their enterprise and their patriotism and their generosity in seizing this opportunity to commemorate such a great event in the world's history and one that reflects so much credit on the generosity and the world spirit of our American Republic."

CURIO NOTES

One of the finest examples of the French jewelers art of the seventeenth century is a pendant now in the Victoria and Albert Museum. The central figure in the pendant is a gold Madonna in a robe of enamelled blue with gold stars. A delicate white enamelled scroll with tiny blue flowers surrounds the figure and at the top merges into a spray of silver leaves studded with diamonds and emeralds.

Plates now commanding a high price are the college plates made by Stevenson. These are dark blue representing four buildings, Hollis Hall, Harvard Hall, Holworthy and Stoughton, another set presents views of University Hall. Yale does not appear on Stevenson's plates but there are three views of Columbia College with different borders, one of flowers and scrolls, one of vine leaves and another of acorns. One of the Harvard plates had an interesting adventure, it was used as a cover for a butter pot by a farmer's wife who was delighted to sell it for two dollars, now it is worth fifty dollars.

An English chair, interesting from the historic point of view is the famous Sir Francis Drake's chair in the Bodleian Library at Oxford University once a part of the good ship "Golden Hind" that bore the adventurous Sir Francis' on his hazardous voyage around the world. Arriving in England after the famous cruise it cast anchor at Deptford Dock and here it was visited by Queen

Elizabeth herself who at the same time knighted Sir Francis. For a long time the ship remained as a "monument to all posterity" in the Deptford Dock and the cabin was converted to a banquet hall frequented by pleasure parties until it was so decayed as to make further repairs impossible. Then during the time of Charles II it was taken to pieces and and from a part of the sound wood a chair was made and presented to Oxford University. An interesting specimen of early Jacobean furniture is the chair of James I at Knole, a storehouse of Jacobean furniture. It is the same chair used by James when he sat for his portrait to Mytens and bears the date 1620, the time the Pilgrims landed in America. The chair is of oak studded with copper nails and was probably gilded as traces of gilt are still evident. It is upholstered with red velvet and a band of gold thread is run across the back. A chair belonging to Charles I presents another type of early Jacobean furniture, this is of oak with a high back and elaborate carvings of floral scroll work and a cushion covered with old Spanish silk damask.

A study of the noted Bayeux Tapestry shows how the men of William the Conqueror were protected when setting forth on a conquest. Their body was covered by tunic and upon this were fastened small pieces of metal, sometimes a rudimentary coat of mail was worn and a metal cap with a pointed top was also worn. The bow, spear and a long smooth sword were the arms used.

COLLECTING SEA MOSSES

BY LESTER L. BILL

A collection of sea curios is not complete, unless it has some fine preserved specimens of the lovely mosses found there. Visitors at the sea-shore often desire to save a variety of these mosses but very few know how to preserve them in a satisfactory manner. There is a very good way to fix them, which meets with approval among many collectors.

The coarse mosses should be first washed clean, then shaken lightly so as to separate each part; then place on heavy paper to dry in the shade, shaking and turning them occasionally so that they will dry light and in good shape. When dry they may be sewed on cardboard in the form of wreaths, crosses or bouquets, and cases can be lined with them, and filled in with tiny shells, star-fish, and other curiosities gathered from the sea shore, thus making them show up at good advantage.

To show the beauty of fine and delicate mosses one should mount them on white cardboard. Any kind of cards may be used; but glazed cards are not so satisfactory, as after a time the moss is apt to loosen and drop off. When gathering moss to mount, it is best not to let it get dry, but if you must, then dry each piece separately, as it is then less likely to get torn. When ready to mount them, have a bucket or pan full of clear water, place one small piece of moss in it, carefully separating the fibers with your fingers, as much as possible, take a card of the proper size for your moss, with your left hand carefully place it in the water under the moss, raising it nearly to the surface of the water, and with a

pin held in the right hand, separate the top spray of the moss, raising that part of the card out of the water.

Arrange the moss first on one side and then on the other, raising it from the water as you complete your work. Dry the cards first by pressing a sheet of blotting paper over them, then place between dry paper or in an old book. A weight should be placed on the paper while they are drying. If at any time the mosses begin to loosen from the cards they may be easily fastened again with a little glue. Such a collection is very valuable and interesting to those that collect marine curios.

STAMP BRIEFS

BY F. V. FREETHY

The American Philatelic Society was organized September 14, 1886.

The New Zealand Collectors Exchange is the only collectors paper published in New Zealand.

Canada first issued stamps April 2, 1851.

"Stepping Stones to Stamp Collecting" has at last been published.

The Precancel Monthly is still doing good work for pre-cancel enthusiasts.

Sweden Philatelic Society was organized September 18, 1886 four days after the American Philatelic Society.

The Weekly Philatelic Review is out. It is a paper in a paper, that is The Weekly Advocate has allowed L. P. Miller, three fourths of a page in which he publishes his Weekly Philatelic Review.

The Metropolitan Philatelic Society has over 300 members. (no deadwood).

REVENUE STAMPS OF MEXICO

BY PAUL L. BURKHARD

CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH

The Contribucion Federales were the first adhesives to appear in the fiscal departments of Mexico. They have existed since 1861 and are imperforate throughout their issue. The stamps were engraved by various companies until 1884 when the government took the contract and has executed the demand to the satisfaction of all including the desires of collectors the world over. The talons do not appear until the 1883-1884 issue and then for three years they were discontinued but finally the talon became a permanent part thereof and since the issue of 1888-1889 has appeared on every issue of the Federales. The purpose of the talon is like that of a receipt, in paying the tax the talon goes to one party and the stamp to the other. These talons are collected separately by many but when the talon is a part of the stamp the value is very much greater.

The first of the Federales issued from 1862-1874 are considered by some in the same class as the various stamped paper of the Republic. Most fiscal catalogues list these early issues and they offer a great field for study besides the fine showy and interesting appearance of the issues. These stamps issued under the act of 1861 measure 90x105 mm. having as their chief attraction an embossed Mexican eagle with the words "Republica Mexicana" embossed over the out spread wings of the eagle. The eagle is enclosed by a circle and the surface without the circle has a woven impression except for the ovals which appear in the four corners of the design, the upper two having the same inscriptions, one embossed on a blank back-

ground and the other in print, the third bears a warning to the effect, "Any one counterfeiting this stamp or paper on which this stamp is printed will be punished by the pain of death," the fourth oval is blank being reserved for the stamp of the issuing office. Between the two upper ovals and over the circle containing the Mexican eagle the words Contribucion Federal are skillfully arranged. The value appears on a bar the extremities of which extend beyond the said circle.

The issue of 1874-75 is called by some the first bona fide adhesive, bearing the profile of Jose Marie Morelos who met his death by execution in 1815 as did many of the great men of Mexico. Over his head which is surrounded by a double line circle the words Independencia y Libertad are inscribed in plain block letters. Over the circle Estados Unidos Mexicanos appear in colored capitals. The lower part of the design, cut off by the dates 1874 and 1875 is reserved for the stamp of the issuing office, and immediately below the value appears in ornamental Roman capitals. There were five values of this issue on white wove unwater marked paper measuring 60x45 mm. and about four times the size of the present issue. The stamps were engraved by the American Bank Note Company of New York.

The issue of 1876 bears the profile of Don Benito Juarez an Indian from the Zapotec tribe but really one of the most remarkable men of the Republic has ever produced and serving a term as president from 1860-64. The issue, as

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STAMP ITEMS

BY C. E. JENNEY

I have recently seen the current issue of Newfoundland, the royal family set and while the idea is a good one the execution is very poor. They look like lithographs and the paper is poor. We must entirely differ from the dealer who advertises it as the prettiest set ever turned out by Newfoundland. In fact, except the recent Guy set (which are guys, indeed) it is the poorest. The stamps actually look worse than the black and white cuts used to illustrate them in the stamp papers.

Fresno, Stockton, Berkeley and several other California cities have adopted the use of the Panama Pacific postmark originated by San Francisco, the words "in San Francisco" being added to the well known design of the San Francisco postmark. We have seen the three above mentioned and think they first went into effect on Sunday Oct. 22.

In Bouvez's History of the Postage Stamps of Alsace Lorraine in the American Journal of Philately of January, 1902 he states there were 167 post-offices in the territory. Can any give us a list of these towns?

The cancellation numbers on the stamps of the U. S. are exciting some interest. There is undoubtedly a reason for them but they do not belong to any one city. Anyone interested in either the numbering or lettering on U. S. cancellations I would be glad to hear from with a view to tabulating those that exist.

Referring to the corner on the 5c. 1847, a recent article gave the holding of Mr. Lord of San Francisco as 5000 copies or thereabouts. Mr. Lord informs me that he has only about 2500 copies. He is still looking for good copies. There has been recent mention of an attempt to plate this issue, but it will doubtless be found quite difficult, even if the material could be secured.

The Postal Savings Bank stamps are a little more plentiful but keen search is going on for the two watermarks, double and single lined. The 2c. seems most plentiful in the double lined watermark while the 10c. and dollar stamps are most plentiful with the single lined watermark. I have recently picked up several good sized blocks of the dollar value. The 1c. value is stated to be out and a friend has stated that he has seen it but it is certainly not common and most of the Bank towns do not know of its existence. The fifty cent value is rather scarce in either watermark. Collectors may now be looking for the stamped envelopes of the Postal Savings Bank on the new watermark paper.

I have recently seen a block of seventeen 3c. Chicago precancels used on one cover. This would seem to be a perversion of the postal laws, unless a very large quantity of identical packages were mailed at the same time, which hardly seem probable. Has anyone met with similar instances?

The 1911 watermark and the U. S. S. E. watermark are said to be used at different envelope printing establishments, which would account for their occurring at the same time. I have in my collection the size 14 amber with the 1911 watermark. This is the size and color that has proved rare in the preceding issues.

I would like to hear from anyone who can tell the towns of Belgium that used the particular cancellation numbers on the first three issues. Evidently each town in Belgium had its own number.

THE 1853 HALF DOLLAR

Time and again the old canard of the 1853 half dollar, or some other coin, being worth a large sum has been exploited through the newspapers. And here they are again. Only with renewed vigor, and with a persistence that threatens to put the "flying eagle cent" and the "nickel without cents" completely in the back ground. Ever since the Chicago convention, at which time it was announced there in the newspapers that an 1853 half dollar was worth \$2,500, the newspapers all over the country have been printing columns in regard to some lucky clerk who had one of the rare pieces, and was now going to take it easy for the rest of his existence. Every dealer and every numismatic society has been deluged with letters from individuals who have been anxious to cash their half dollars at the figure quoted. If more care had been taken originally in regard to the publication of the rarity and value of this piece a great deal of trouble would have been saved and not so many expectations cruelly blasted. Of course every one interested in coins knows that rare 1853 half dollar owned by Mr Granberg is of an entirely different de-

sign to those hundred of thousands in number issued in that year for general circulation, but the uninitiated know nothing of the kind. The piece shown at Chicago by Mr. Granberg is in all probability the only one in existence or, at least, it is the only one that has ever been located. The first record of public sale of this rare half dollar was in 1885, when the Randell collection was sold. The coin brought \$180, and a priced catalogue of this sale bears the memorandum that "H. P. Newlin bought for Garret of Baltimore." This half dollar even though the arrow points at the date and the rays behind the eagle were missing, weighed 201 grains. The half dollar with the arrow points and the rays was issued under the new act of 1853, reducing the weight of the half dollar to 192 grains. The variety possessed by Mr. Granberg was struck under the old law of 1837, which authorized half dollars to weigh 206 grains. The history of the coin after it left Mr. Garret's possession is not known, but De Witt Smith of Lee, Mass. acquired it, and his collection of silver afterward passed into the possession of Mr. Granberg.—*The Numismatist*.

Another Archaeological expedition under the leadership of Capitan Parker has left England for Jerusalem in search of the burial places of David and Solomon. It is proposed to continue the work of the last two years which was stopped by the Moselm authorities who accused the excavators of desecrating the sacred mosque of Omar. It is proposed to resume work in the underground passages of Mount Ophel, which in ancient times was supposed to be the site of the Biblical Zion. The work will be carried on under the supervision of the Turkish Government.

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REVENUE STAMPS OF MEXICO

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the preceding one, gives the inscription Estados Unidos Mexicanos being the last of the Federals to bear that phrase. The issue was engraved by the New York firm and one value appears as water-marked paper being the first to appear thus. The next two issues were also engraved by the American Bank Note Company and the 1878 was the last. The issue of 1877 bears the same profile of Juarez but on a much plainer design with the new inscription Republica Mexicana. The portrait of General Leandro Valle is shown on the issue of 1878. The issue is water-marked as a previous one on wove paper the phrase Renta del Timbre nine times perpendicularly down a sheet of twenty five stamps.

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THE 10 CENT REGISTRY STAMP

From The Star of Washington, D. C. we quote the following: New ten-cent stamps for registered mail will be put on sale December 1, according to an order signed by James J. Britt, third assistant postmaster general.

Ordinary stamps will be allowed when the new stamps are unavailable. The new registry stamp is three-quarters by seven-eighths of an inch in size and the color is light blue. Above the circle and following its curve the words "United States Registry" appear in two lines, and in the two lower corners the denomination "10" appears within small circles, with the word "cents" between.

STAMP TIPS

BY C. M. CARTER

The 1912 Scotts catalogue which will soon be out will show an advance in catalogue value in German Colonies.

The Jamestown Exposition Issue of 1907 will also be advanced.

iam will have a new issue of stamps which will appear the latter part of December.

The wide awake collector will fill up his blank spaces of King Edward issues at once, as these stamps are bound to advance latter on.

St. Helena will soon have a new issue of postage stamps bearing King George's head.

A new issue for Canada is announced to appear the later part of November.

The Lynn advertiser has changed its name to the New England Philatelist. Edw. L. Weiss edits the new monthly which is entirely devoted to stamps.

SOCIETIES CONSOLIDATE

A new philatelic society has been formed under the name United Philatelic Societies. This Society combines the membership lists of four other organizations viz The American Junior Philatelic Society, The Central Philatelic Association, The Imperial Philatelic Association and the Empire Philatelic Society. The following officers were elected to serve for one year, Dr. H. A. Davis, President A. M. Wright, Vice-President and I. S. Donner former publisher of the Empire Philatelist will act as Secretary-Treasurer. The New Yorker has been chosen the official journal. The society will also issue a Bulletin from time to time the first number to be out this fall.

HAND BOOKS

Philatelic Publication's in the English Language for the year 1909 is the title of the first hand book issued by the American Philatelic Literature Society. It was compiled by Mr. W. R. Ricketts the historian of the A. P. L. S and is from the press of W. M. Linn and Sons, Columbus, Ohio. A book of 100 pages and one of the finest ever published. It is a book that no collector of philatelic literature should be without. Price \$1.00

Julian T. Barber's handbook "Stepping stones to Stamp Collecting" is now on sale at 10c. per copy. It is published by Watkins and Steele of Chicago and is from the press of the Collectors' Journal. We expect the publishers will have a large sale at this price.

Redfield's Stamp Weekly has changed from a four page to an eight page magazine, giving it a much better and neater appearance.

From the Philadelphia Stamp News we learn that the stamps of the new design for the Republic of Portugal have been prepared and are ready for use, the work on these having been accomplished at the mint in Lisbon. As the stock on hand of the Vasco da Gama stamps which were overprinted "Republica" will last about three months. The new stamps should be issued in February or March 1912.

The New Yorker continues to improve and the size will be enlarged in January. The chief feature of the Oct. No. is "The Stamps of Mauritius" by Geo. H. Corbet

MINERAL FRAGMENTS

Palladium is usually found associated with Platinum but has been found in the nickel-copper ores of Sudbury, Canada and has also been found in Brazil associated with some gold ores.

It is said that pens have been made from the metal tantalum, being non-corrosive and having elasticity it should prove a good metal for that purpose.

Marble is a carbonate of lime, sometimes containing magnesia but the term is now used for other varieties of stone.

The Cullinan Diamond weighed 3025 carats, the largest stone cut from it weighs 516½ carats, another of 309 carats and besides about 96 other smaller stones.

Alabaster is the earthly variety of gypsum while Selenite is a transparent variety and satin spar, a fibrous variety.

Manganese is the hardest of the common metals and Potassium is the softest of the solid metals.

The rare metal Vanadium is found in Colorado and is produced as a by-product in concentrating carnotite ores. Vanadinite a vanadium ore is found in limited quantities in Utah.

The principal use of Vanadium is in hardening steel and is also used to some extent in the manufacture of ink, to color glass and in chemistry.

Wulfenite is a mineral composed of Molybdenum and lead and often occurs in very showy masses of bright yellowish crystals. Wolframite is a tungstate of iron and manganese, these two minerals are often confused.

REDISCOVERY OF LOST MINES

An account of the rediscovery of certain lost emerald mines in Columbia is given by Douglas B. Sterrett in an advance chapter from the 'Mineral Resources of the United States.' When the Spanish took possession of that country in the sixteenth century the emerald mines of the Indians were seized by them. Excessive cruelties were practised by the Spanish mine workers on the Indians employed in the mines. In the war of Independence 1816 the country was so desolated that the mines of Cosquez and Somoudoco were entirely lost. A Columbian named Francisco Restrep, guided by a few hints given in ancient Spanish parchment maps, and with little or no knowledge of geology or emeralds, undertook the search for the lost emerald mines. In 1896 he found traces of ancient workings and later the large workings of the lost mines. These mines are situated on a ridge of the great eastern range of the Andes, at an elevation of about 9000 ft. above sea-level. The great open-cuts and tunnels were scattered over an area 6 miles long and 3 miles wide. Some of the working faces of these mines measure 700 to 800 metres on steep slopes; of this, about 100 metres is emerald-bearing and the rest non-productive.—Mining and Scientific Press.

The Mss. of Paradise Lost was sold in London to an American collector for the sum of £ 5000. A deed dated November 27, 1623 bearing the signature of Milton is valued at £ 420. Another interesting autograph of Milton owned by an English Collector is his signature on a marriage covenant between Edward Phillips of London and Anne his daughter. In this document he signed it, John Milton Citizen and Scrivener of London.

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brass	.15	100 different pieces pa-	
Kong Kong, 3 pieces	.15	per—5 cents to \$100	5.00
1908 cent, S. mint, new	.15	—all good to unc	
1909 Lincoln V. D. B.		100 foreign revenues	.25

Read it over carefully something may interest you

OFFERS IN ODDS AND ENDS

15 Argentine	.10	3 Dominican Republic	.05
35 Austria	.10	34 Dutch India (five)	.60
5 Austria (Turkey)	.04	5 Ecuador	.08
2 Austria (Crete)	.04	10 Egypt	.06
4 Azores	.05	2 Fernando Poo	.10
25 Belgium	.10	4 Fiji	.10
5 Bermuda	.08	20 France	.07
6 Bardoor	.10	25 Germany	.08
10 Bolivia	.07	25 Great Britain	.08
12 Brazil	.10	10 Greece	.05
12 Bosnia	.15	10 Guatemala	.08
7 B. Guiana	.07	10 Hawaii	.20
2 Brunswick	.05	15 Hayti	.30
25 Bulgaria	.20	8 Honduras	.30
10 Costa Rica	.08	8 Hong Kong	.10
3 Corea	.06	20 Hungary	.08
3 Crete	.04	3 Iceland	.05
12 Cuba	.05	20 India	.10
50 Cuba	.50	30 Italy	.10
10 Chili	.03	10 Jamaica	.10
10 Ceylon	.14	25 Japan	.15
15 Columbia	.14	10 Luxembourg	.06
8 China	.08	4 Malta	.05
10 Cape Good Hope	.04	50 Mexico	1.00
25 Canada	.15	10 Mauritius	.20
20 Denmark	.07	25 Mexican Revenues	.10
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30 Netherlands	.20
10 Newfoundland	.40
10 New South Wales	.10
20 New Zealand	.10
15 Nicaragua	.12
4 Orange River	.08
10 Panama	.25
10 Persia	.10
25 Peru	.25
8 Philippines	.06
20 Portugal	.06
10 Porto Rico	.15
5 Prussia	.12
15 Queensland	.30
20 Roumania	.06
20 Russia	.18
20 Salvador	.15
15 Serbia	.07
20 Turkey	.15
50 U. S. cut envelopes	.25
100 U. S.	.25

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1-2 p green02
1 p red04
2 p lilac06
2 1-2 p ultramarine08
6 p yellow orange16
1 sh. bistre32

GAMBIA 1912

King George, All unused

1-2 p green .....	.02
1 p carmine .....	.04
1 1-2 p olive and green .....	.05
2 p gray .....	.06
2 1-2 p ultramarine .....	.08
3 p violet on yellow .....	.09
4 p black and carmine on yellow .....	.12
5 p orange and violet .....	.14
6 p dull violet .....	.16
7 1-2 p brown and ultramarine .....	.19
10 p olive green and carmine .....	.25
1 sh. black on green .....	.32

CAYMAN ISLANDS

King George, All unused

1-2 p green02
2 p gray06

BARBADOS

King George, All unused

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1-2 p green02
1 p carmine04
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6 p dull violet16
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" " 4050
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Many of us would be more successful if we were like a postage stamp doing postal duty.--Do one thing and stick to it.

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There is something that never tires us, and still we repeat it month after month. That is our splendid offer of The Collector's Monthly for one year and a twenty five word ad three times for only 25 cents. The twelve numbers of the journal alone are worth more than that, but we throw in the ad for good measure, just to get acquainted. Do you want to know us?

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or's Monthly a fair trial. Space is 25 cents per inch when taken for six months or more, change of ad as often as desired and payable as space is used. If you find it does not pay, you can discontinue at any time. Why not give it a trial?

We are receiving numerous requests for back numbers of Collector's Monthly and wish to state that we have no back numbers on hand. In fact we are short a few for our own files and would like to hear from any one having the April number of Vol. I for sale.

By the death of Henry J. Crocker of San Francisco, Philately has lost a strong supporter and one who was

doing much for the success of the philatelic exhibit to be held at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Mrs. Crocker will carry out the original intention of her husband and have his valuable collection exhibited at the fair, after which, it is said that she intends to make a present of the collection either to the University of California or the Golden Gate Park museum of San Francisco.

The suggestion has often been made that philatelist should have some device or emblem to wear so that they should recognize each other, thus bringing them together, the means of many a pleasant chat and the making of new friends. The World Wide Emblem of Philately



has been designed for that purpose, patterned after the most popular of stamps, the triangular Cape of Good Hope, it has an attractive appearance and will undoubtedly meet the

approval of the many collectors.

According to newspaper reports Postmaster General Hitchcock has approved proofs prepared by the bureau of engraving and printing of the new special issue of Panama-Pacific Exposition postage stamps.

The series comprise four denominations, one, two, five and ten cent. The stamps are about three-fourths of an inch high by one and a sixteenth inches wide. At the top appear the words "U. S. Postage" and "San Francisco, 1915."

The 1-cent stamp is green and in the center appears within a circle a bust of Blboa, discoverer of the Pacific ocean.

The 2-cent stamp is red. It represents the Gatun locks of the Panama canal.

The 5-cent stamp is blue and represents the Golden Gate.

The 10-cent stamp is dark yellow. The subject is "Discovery of San Francisco Bay."

The postmaster general has directed that 80,000,000 1-cent, 150,000,000 2-cent, 8,000,000 5-cent and 5,000,000 10-cent stamps be prepared, and that they be placed on sale in postoffices beginning January 1, 1913.

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THE FATHER OF POSTAGE STAMPS

BY A. R. BODMER

Of course you all know the father of postage stamps, or the first stamp printed, was the One Penny black of Great Britain, issued in 1840. Perhaps we do not fully realize the grandeur, of this splendid exemplification of the printers' art. Little did Gutenberg realize that when he sat in his quiet home and cut designs upon blocks of wood, from which he made engravings on paper, that he was laying the foundations of an art, which would enable men to reproduce their thoughts.

Three hundred and eighty years after Gutenberg's experiments, this masterpiece of printing was issued, and it stands to-day as a model of what a postage stamp should be. Since it was the first stamp ever issued the designers, the printers, the engravers had nothing to guide them in the choice of a design; they had no guide from which they could get an idea as to the right size of a postage stamp. It would not be surprising then if present day stamp manufacturers could suggest some fault in its conception; but nothing of the kind has happened, it stands now, as it did then, a model of perfection.

Good choice was used in the selection of the design, for the best design that can be placed on a stamp is the likeness of the ruler of the country. There is nothing in the design of this stamp that provokes criticism. No part of the design stands out more boldly than the rest, but all is molded together in a perfect harmony of shade and tone. Good choice too,

was used in the selection of the color, as the head appears much whiter and larger against a black background.

There has been no little controversy, as to who invented postage stamps, but the honor is now almost universally conceded to Sir Rowland Hill. So when the government of Great Britain called for proposals for postage stamps, none were really practicable. Fortunately, Mr. Bacon, of the firm of Bacon and Petch, now the well known firm of Perkins, Bacon and Co., was able to manufacture the stamp properly, by employing a method, then used by them in printing bank notes. No pains were spared in making this issue, the best that could be made at that time. Henry Corbown and Charles Heath, the duo which at that time were famous for their productions, were employed to make the design. Cobown was commissioned to make a drawing of the head of the Queen from Wyon's City medal, while Heath reproduced the drawing on a steel plate. The engine turned background of the stamp was turned mechanically, while in the center Heath engraved the head of the Queen. The printing was done by hand in rotary or roller presses, as printing at that time had not been applied to printing from plates in which the lines of the engraving were in recess. The color selected was black and the stamps were to be cancelled with red cancelling ink, which had long been a sign that postage had been paid.

The Treasury was soon flooded with specimens of these stamps, from which the cancelling ink had been cleaned. These stamps were sent in by friends of the new system, who desired to demonstrate the ease with which the stamps were cleaned. It was finally decided to change the color from a black, to brownish red, and to cancel with black ink. But as our

short sketch involved the "One Penny Black", we leave the history of the "One Penny Brownish-Red" to older heads who can discuss the subject more competently than we can; and thus we close our narrative of a stamp which stands in the same high estimation in these days of improved stamp manufacturing as it did in the primeval period of philatelic history.

STAMP NOTES

BY C. E. JENNEY

What may prove to be a rare U. S. envelope came into my possession lately. It is the current 2c Die A, size 5, buff paper, new knife but 1907 watermark. I have not seen or heard of this variety before, although it has been chronicled on white instead of buff.

In collecting the cancellation numbers on the 3c green 1972 (or the other values of that set) it will be noticed that the two sets may be made, one of numbers printed in black and one of numbers colorless set in a black background. These colorless ones are harder to get but quite as interesting.

The new Die E has at last shown up on another than size 13, i. e. on size 5, white paper. It looks as though it might now be found on other envelopes.

A new contract having been let for the manufacture of paper for the U. S. envelopes to the Aetna Mills of Dayton, Ohio, a new variety of watermark appears, evidently to distinguish their manufacture from that of the other two paper companies also furnishing paper. This new watermark is only a slight variation however from the current U. S. S. E. having a dash between the letters U. S. and S. E.

I have found the following envelopes with this new watermark, viz.

- 1c Die A, size 5, white, new knife.
- 1c Die A, size 13, white, new knife.
- 2c Die A, size 13 white, new knife.
- 2c Die A, size 8, white, new knife.
- 2c Die A, size 9, white, new knife.

They are only just beginning to come into use. Whether they will manufacture any other than white paper remains to be seen. The quality of the paper seems to be still poorer than the other two concerns turn out and all of them are much inferior to the grade used in 1907. It seems that the U. S. S. E. watermark was a private idea of the paper manufacturers and only after it was put into use was it discovered by the Post-office department and later approved. This accounts for what always seemed to me a very peculiar watermark, no such designation ever being used before by either this country or any other.

The 10c stamp of the U. S. just retired is found in two very distinct shades, like the 5c buff of 1862. One shade is almost a match for that stamp, while the more common one is yellow.

A recent article in Mekeel's Weekly gives a long list of the Brockport, N. Y. precancelled varieties. Now I

am pretty liberal in my collecting ideas, and do not object to the author's collecting in that way at all but I do think the article would better have not been published as it represents the extreme absurdity of of specialism. When it gets down to commas and periods and distance between the letters of the overprint it is beyond the interest of the average collector. Stamp collectors are showing much tolerance when they, without complaint, submit to considerable of their space being taken up with lists of new pre-cancels (and I am a collector of them myself) but they have a right to object to such uninteresting intricacies.

Canada is preparing to use stamps in coils, for mailing machines. They were to go into use in September but I have not seen any of them yet.

Postmarks on early Californian covers may come to have as much interest and value as the stamps. Many of the gold days settlements have vanished years ago from the map and almost their only record is in the annals of the post-office department.

RARE OLD BOOK FOUND

While indexing the books of the public library of Placerville, one of the interior mining towns of California, the librarian made an interesting find of two bulky volumes that bore the title "Monasticon Anglicanum" published in London 1665. They were written in Latin by members of the Franciscan order and recount the coming of the Franciscans and the founding of the missions on the Pacific coast. No doubt these books may shed light on the early history of the West. The books have been forwarded to the University of California Library. How these interesting old volumes

found their way to the library at Placerville, is not known, but it is supposed that they were brought there by some one during the time of the gold excitement and left there.

NUMISMATIC ITEMS

By L. A. Cardwell

Uncle Sam is preparing to establish one of his laundries for washing currency at New Orleans. This "money laundry" will have a daily capacity of 30,000 bills.

Publishers of numismatic books and papers are invited to send copies to the writer for review in this department. Address Clayton, N. M.

The coinage of gold will be resumed at the Denver mint this fall on account of the growing demand for gold coins.

The Ataiyarn tribe in Northern Formosa is a nation of head hunters and with them human heads is the circulating medium.

We are in receipt of the auction catalog of H. E. Morey of Boston. Among the coins listed are rare U. S. coins, foreign coins, Colonial coppers and large cents. In addition he lists quite an assortment of postage stamps.

We have received a copy of the Numismatist. It is the official organ of the American Numismatic Association and consists of forty pages of well written, artistically printed and well illustrated matter. Every page is brim-full of interest to the coin collector.

The design for the new sized currency and bank notes is being prepared as rapidly as possible. The new bills will be six by two and one half inches against seven and twenty hundredths by three and four hundredths the size of the present bills. It is thought that they will be ready for circulation in eighteen months.

ARCHAEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

BY L. A. CARDWELL

Clayton, N. M.

EASTER ISLAND

Among the worlds' most wonderful archaeological remains, those on Easter Island, in the South Pacific, rank among the first. This Island which is only about fifty square miles in extent is literally covered with great ruins of unknown origin.

Here are found immense platforms built of great stones laid in cement. Many of these single stones weigh in excess of five tons, sea walls thirty feet high and two hundred feet in length, and great terraces on which once stood colossal statues of human beings. As many as a dozen of these images once stood on some of these terraces. They are now thrown from their pedestals and are laying in all directions. Some of these are as much as thirty-seven feet in height but the majority are from fourteen to sixteen feet. Five of these statues are now in the British Museum, having been brought there in 1868. In addition to the above are numerous ruins of stone houses some of which are one hundred feet in length by thirty feet high.

An expedition headed by the noted English traveler, W. Scoresby Routledge, will leave England shortly to study these ruins and if possible, substantiate the theory that Easter Island is part of a submerged continent.

AN AMAZON EXPEDITION

The University of Pennsylvania is preparing to send an expedition, up to the headwaters of the Amazon, for beyond the regions known to white men. This expedition will be headed by Mr. Algot Lange, and the party will consist of some six men. They will carry in addition to the apparatus necessary for such an expedition, a complete outfit for taking moving pictures of the savages of this region.

It is also the purpose of the party to gather all the information possible in regard to the geography and geology of the country, and they will collect ethnological specimens among the different tribes which they expect to visit. These will consist of such articles as bows and arrows, blow-pipes and other weapons; articles of clothes and ornaments; cooking utensils, musical instruments and in fact anything that will show how these people live in their native wilds. The party expects to be in the mountains and swamps of this unknown country for at least three years.

NOTES

We are in receipt of a copy of The Archaeological Bulletin. The Bulletin is published quarterly by the International Society of Archaeologists, and is the official organ of that organization. It is edited by the secretary, Mr. Allen J. Reynolds who shows himself to be a very capable man for the place. The copy received is filled with good articles, with many fine illustrations. A still better paper is promised for the October-December issue.

It is gratifying to the Archaeologist of the country to know that more space will be given to archaeological displays at the show at San Diego, in 1915, than at any previous exposition.

Among other skeletons recently unearthed in a hitherto undiscovered Egyptian tomb, was one of a woman with which was found a ring of five scarabs, one of which bears the cartouche of Shishak, an Egyptian King of the thirty second dynasty, who sacked Jerusalem in the time of Rehobam.

Dr Chas. F. Lummis of the United

States Department of Ethnology, together with Dr. Edgar L. Hewett of Santa Fe, director of the American School of Archaeology, and F. H. Parkhurst, field naturalist for that organization, is now engaged in excavating in the Jemez plateau country of northwestern New Mexico. This is the region, rich in archaeological remains, that was so ably discussed a few years ago by Dr. Hewett in Department Bulletin No. 32, *Antiquities of the Jemez Plateau, New Mexico.*

BOOK REVIEW

We are somewhat of a history fiend, as it is but natural since history is so closely allied to philately; and we try to keep in touch with history, both past, present, and prospective. While looking over some historical works recently we came across one, which is of more than passing interest, as it is more of a philatelic work, than historic. The title of the book which has just been published, is "A Boy of '61". The book is composed of reminiscences of the author, David B. Parker, who was Superintendent of Mails of the Army of the Potomac, and also Chief Post-Office Inspector during the Civil War. Its claim to philatelic recognition lies in the fact that it contains very complete accounts of the inauguration of the free delivery service, and the money order system. It contains a graphic description of the workings of the Railway Mail Service, and the Army Post-office at that time. Among other interesting philatelic notes, it gives an account of the Richmond Post-office. The price of book can be obtained from the publishers, Manyards and Elise, Boston. -A. R. Bodmer

AUTOGRAPHS OF SHAKESPEARE

About the only autographs in existence of William Shakespeare can be mentioned the following. Signature on a purchase deed for a house, 1613, this relic was bought at auction by the City of London in 1841 for 140 pounds. Signature on

a mortgage deed for the same house, 1613, now in the British Museum, signature on three separate sheets of his will, 1616, now in the Principal Probate Registry, Somerset House London, signature to the the deposition of a suit as a witness, 1612, now in the museum room of the Public Record Office, London, an abbreviated signature, "Wm. She" in a copy of Ovids *Metamorphosis* now in the Bodleian Library. It may be added that these autographs are priceless and attract visitors from all parts of the world.

Rich Americans who have been ransacking Europe for art treasures, are turning their attention to China, according to newspaper reports. While China has not the great paintings for which Europe is famous, still its porcelain ware an embroidered silks are not surpassed by any country of the world. Attention is called to a joss which recently sold in London for \$10,000. It is described as having eyes of jewels, a jade necklace and rubies for buttons on its coat. Another curio which sold for the same amount was an embroidery of a cock on silk, any one not familiar with this class of work can not realize the meaning of Chinese patience.

The gulf of California has produced some rare pearls and pearl fishing has been carried on with good results. It is said that some years ago an agent of the Mexican government in exploring the pearl zone to test its richness, in less than three weeks fishing found pearls valued at \$70,000. Among the rare pearls credited to this section is a rose tinted pearl in the Spanish crown valued at \$55,000. Another valuable pearl known as the "Cleopatra" found in 1891 sold for \$17,000. A pearl found here in 1908 sold for \$15,000. The English Company which carries on the pearl fishing, exhibited at the Paris Exhibition a pearl necklace, the pearls of which were found here, valued at 5,000,000 francs.

HENRY J. CROCKER

It is our sad duty to announce the death of Henry J. Crocker, one of the most celebrated and loyal of American Philatelists. Mr. Crocker passed away in San Francisco on October 11th., his death caused quite a shock amongst his philatelic friends most of whom did not even know of his illness. By the death of Mr. Crocker, American Philately sustains a severe loss, as a stamp collector his reputation was not only national but world wide, where ever stamp exhibitions were held he was to the fore as an exhibitor and he could show with pride numerous medals and trophies which his stamp displays had gained where ever shown, it was only a short time since, that his exhibit of rare stamps had been returned from the Exhibition of the Sidney N. S. W. Philatelic Society. The exhibit having been sent there after being shown at the Vienna, Austria, Exhibition, this display of very rare stamps gained high honors at both places.

Mr. Crocker was always ready to extend the hand of good fellowship to his brother philatelists and took keen delight in showing his stamp treasures to any of the stamp collecting fraternity who happened to be visiting San Francisco, he was a Vice President of the American Philatelic Society, A Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London and an active and honorary member of several other Philatelic Societies both American and Foreign, in local circles he was President of the Pacific Philatelic Society of San Francisco, an office he held for a good many years past. Perhaps Mr. Crocker was most celebrated as the owner of the largest and finest collection of Hawaiian stamps in the world, not alone were his Hawaiians the finest collection of that country but this collection was regarded as the greatest specialized

collection of stamps of any country and as such they were awarded the Prince of Wales' Gold Cup at the London Philatelic Society Exhibition in 1906 for the finest specialized collection shown and in competition with such great collections as Lord Crawfords', Great Britain, De Reuterskiolds, Swiss, and Duveens, Mauritius. The collection contains several of the rare Hawaiian Missionarys and the rare Numeral issues complete in re-constructed sheets. Mr. Crocker was the author of a book on these interesting issues, of "Hawaiian Numerals" which was published a few years ago, one has only to glance through this magnificent volume to see what a keen and well posted Philatelic student Mr. Crocker was.

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