



THE PHILATELIC EXPRESS.

IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

VOL. I.

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No. 1.

A PHILATELIST'S PORTRAIT GALLERY.

The stamp collectors of to day are specialists, and from experience I can say, that there is more pleasure to be derived from being a specialist than to collect stamps on the old plan; which was to collect the varieties of all countries, a plan that will always discourage stamp collectors. After years of labor and at great expense the collector on the old system will find many blank spaces in his album. A specialist can form a collection of stamps, and keep up with the times in regard to new issues.

There are a great many ways of being a specialist. The best way to be a specialist is to form a plan of collection, that will ultimately be successful, in regard to completeness. The subject I have taken, A Philatelist's Portrait Gallery, is a form of *specialism* in a collection I have recently purchased, with the exception of two stamps (and those are attainable) the collection is complete to 1884.

The collection is composed of adhesive stamps bearing three quarters or full face portraits. The United States, Confederate States, South America and Sandwich Islands are well represented. Queen Victoria is best shown by stamps of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. The United States portraits are seventeen in number, there being nine varieties of Washington, two of Jefferson, two of Lincoln, and one each of Franklin, Jackson, Taylor and Garfield. And considerable taste is shown in the grouping of the portraits; across the front cover of the album, in gilt letters, is the above title.

A collection on this plan, should be of unused specimens, as cancelled stamps mar the beauty of the collection. I do not claim this as the best way of collecting, it only shows one of the forms of *specialism*. J. H. LYONS.

NOTES.

The American Philatelic Association list of members shows the Secretary is incapable of the office. As a list of addresses it is of no value. It gives my address at a place where I have not resided for over a year. One other credited to Portland has been in Massachusetts for the same length of time. Another member resigned many months ago. These errors would not have occurred had the compiler of the list been a reader of the Association Journal. For the length of time the members waited for it it should have been a good one.

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Although we do not fancy the manner the former Trustees did business, we will say that as an Exchange Superintendent Mr. Sterling suits the Portland Branch. As exchange manager we know how poor that part of the Association has been run. We sent some sheets to the exchange department, and in about eight months we received them back. were salable stamps priced at from 25 to 50 per cent. below standard prices. The sales would not pay the cost of the sheets. They were credited with having been sent to five branches. At some trouble and expense we investigated it, and found they had never been outside of New York. This is what Corwin is pleased to call "able management." Corwin's criticism on the A. P. A. has another side to it, and as the ball has been started, why keep it going and perhaps we can get the Association working in good shape.

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EDITORIAL.

We publish this paper in the interests of stamp collecting and to advertise our stamp business. We intend to review and criticize all stamp journals that publish anything of interest to collectors. As a member of the American Philatelic Association, we wish to advance the Association to the high place it should occupy, and only wishing its welfare we shall criticize anything we consider detrimental to the A. P. A. We intend to make this paper of interest to stamp collectors, and as a messenger of the latest philatelic news.

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J. H. LYONS.

REVIEW FOR MAY.

Durbin & Hanes' new catalogue will find favor with all collectors of watermarks. The stamps of each country are listed and many stamps are priced, that other catalogues do not price. And on the whole comes near being a perfect catalogue of stamps.

The *American Philatelist* for May contains little of interest, except an article on St. Vincent and her stamps and the Association news. The Trustees finally give up the substitution case, owing to the long time that has elapsed. If we had been on the board of trustees, we would have had a try at it, any way.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* for May is the most interesting stamp journal there is. It contains an article on the reprint stamps of Tasmania, which alone is worth the price of subscription. Also an able article on watermarks by Coolidge. An interesting feature is the illustrated chronicle. This journal publishes a catalogue by Major Evans, which is the most complete catalogue published in the United States, and as we have always praised Evans' catalogue to collectors we are disappointed to see him catalogue the Samoan stamps. Major Evans is requested to investigate the Samoan stamps and he will find they are of no value to stamp collectors.

The *Philatelic Gazette* for May gives nearly the whole paper to replies to the "Criticism on the American Philatelic Association" by Mr. Corwin, and promises more in subsequent issues. The Secretary of the Chicago Philatelic Society sits down on J. R. Hooper, of Ottawa, for advertising as a member of the A. P. A. Has never been one, and the prospects are, never will be. He is the latest Hill champion. Calling Wolsieffer a "fluke" and talking about those "Jubilee" sets is rather out of place, when you come right down to business. We have read the evidence presented from time to time, and the facts are very strong that Chalmers was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp.

SOME A. P. A. MATTERS.

"Boss Kicker" Corwin is apparently very sore over the recent change made in the Exchange department, which was sadly needed, and is now boycotting that department. Still some members claim he has the welfare of the Association at heart, which is doubtful.

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It is pleasing to read the reports of the Trustees, being as it is something that the old Board never did, probably as they never did enough work to make a report necessary. I would like to see the new Board push the substitution case neglected by the old Trustees, it is not too late if the old Board give over all the results of their investigations which I have doubts if they have done. Any way the case has been handled in a manner which is a disgrace to both the Trustees and the Association, and the members must still know that there is among them one who will stoop to such mean contemptible cheating.

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While the members of the American Philatelic Association are enduring the bungling manner in which the present incompetent Secretary is (or is trying to) conducting his duties, some one suggests that as that office entails upon its holder an unlimited amount of work that he should be paid \$500 per year for his services, or in other words about one-third of the gross receipts of the Association. The present salary is plenty if not too much, and there is to-day more than one member who would willingly perform all the duties of that office in a much more satisfactory manner than it is being performed. Care should be taken at the next election that no incompetent person gets this highly important office,

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No. 2.

USED OR UNUSED STAMPS.

This has been the theme of many articles in various stamp papers, and each kind have their votaries. I find some want nothing but used specimens, while others will only have unused. Now in the collecting of stamps, of any country, the first aim should be completeness, which the collector of unused alone can never accomplish.

A plea the collector of cancelled specimens brings forward is that unused are liable to be counterfeits or reprints. Which is equally true of used. The party capable of engraving a fine counterfeit is also able to forge the cancellation, and here is where philately comes in. A thorough philatelist should endeavor to be able to tell a counterfeit or reprint, which in some cases can only be done by a thorough knowledge of the stamps in question. In collecting, the condition is always taken into consideration. For instance take coins and the finer the specimen the more valuable. I therefore claim a collection of unused stamps is of more value. The following is taken from an article in the *Curiosity Collector*, the writer says, "Neither do I care for unused. They have no history connected with them, they have never performed the duty which they were designed for." "Not for the value they represent, but for the service they have done." Which is nonsense. I collect unused stamps because they are nicer in every respect, and it is more than an equal chance to guess it right by saying that the writer of the article in question has in his collection a nicely cancelled specimen of a \$1 Hawaii that never performed any service, as the majority of them offered for sale were cancelled to order by an obliging official.

Now take the stamp that has done "service" disfigured with marks of cancellation, the ori-

ginal gum destroyed and presenting a shabby appearance; take a 6d. Victoria in all its virgin purity, every line of the engraving clear and distinct, its color unmarred, the original gum on the back, in fact a nice clean new stamp. It *would have* brought me a letter from whence it came. One is defaced the other is clean, which is preferable the used or the unused. I suppose some collectors will prefer the used, on the ground that the unused will cost five times as much as the cancelled specimen.

I am not collecting stamps on the plea of economy and if I collect a used specimen of current issue I live in hopes to discard it some day for an unused one.

I have seen more than one collection that the owner claimed to be proud of and they contained cancelled ½d. and 1d. of current issues, in a condition that I considered a disgrace to any collection. Stamps that could be bought unused for a few cents each. The best way is to collect both used and unused, giving a preference to unused, and having only fine cancelled specimens of stamps that you are unable to obtain unused. J. H. LYONS

REVIEW FOR JUNE.

The *National Philatelist* for May contains an interesting article on "Philatelic Literature." The *N. P.* seems to have been asleep for several months. The May number commences Vol. 2 with R. W. Burchard as associate editor. An article "Something About Proofs" is copied from the *Philatelic Gazette* for Nov. 1887.

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The *Quaker City Philatelist* for May contains little of interest to collectors. We may expect some more of the Chalmers-Hill controversy as Henderson is now editor and manager.

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The *Rhode Island Philatelist* for May has an article "Our Hobby" by Alvah Davison, and promises some interesting articles in the future.

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The *American Journal of Philately* for June has two continued articles of interest to collectors, one on "The Early Trinidads," the other a paper read before the Philatelic Society London on "The Adhesive Stamps of Ceylon" by Thornhill. The chronicle of new issues has many illustrations.

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The *American Philatelist* for June contains little of interest outside of the Association news. There should be members enough capable of sending interesting letters or articles for publication. Although the members are not all gifted with the pen, as Tiffany, Evans, Corwin and other writers, they can make the journal of great interest.

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Philately for May is a great stamp journal, *i. e.* 9x11 inches. All the articles of interest are copied from other papers. The editorial alone is worth the price of subscription, as a work of art, showing what can be done with the large words of the English language, and closes with a paragraph that brings to mind "consistency thou art a jewel."

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The *Dominion Philatelist* for May is a bright paper, from Belleville, Ont. An article by Acadia shows that Corwin's criticism has even struck "across the line." It also shows that the writer of it does not know much about the A. P. A. as it contains the following "Has it ever occurred to Mr. Corwin that the A. P. A. may be getting too big, too unwieldy, that it may outgrow its usefulness as an association." The above is open to criticism in several ways, we will suppose the writer intended to convey the idea that the Association might become too large for our Board of Trustees to manage. In a case of that kind the remedy is very simple as it can be divided into sections and still be the A. P. A., and its usefulness as an association can only be increased by its growing. The only thing Aca-

dia and I seem to agree on is the Association is to be congratulated on securing the present Exchange Superintendent.

NOTES.

We recently saw a genuine 6d. Canada unperforated on the original letter, postmarked Quebec, April, 1856. The peculiarity is the color which was a genuine BLACK.

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The *Flour City Philatelist* advertises a party as a fraud in the same issue they publish an advertisement from the same party. Our readers can draw their own conclusions.

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The Treasurer of the A. P. A. having resigned the members should elect for this office one capable of filling it. We have had enough of officers who accept the office and then sadly neglect their duties. In the past there has been objections to dealers having office. I would prefer a responsible dealer as an officer as he would be more likely to conduct the affairs in better shape. By being an incompetent officer he would injure his reputation as a dealer. The collector has no interests at stake, after a few months of slipshod way of doing business resigns and may offer as an excuse stress of business, etc. There is one dealer, a member of the Association, who would (if he will accept the office) make a good Treasurer. From experience I can say that for promptness in business affairs he is a good one, his name is E. B. Hanes of the reliable firm of Durbin & Hanes.

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For the benefit of some of the stamp journals and the American Philatelic Association members at large we would say that radical changes are necessary in the conducting of affairs of the A. P. A. Corwin's criticism, written in the proper manner and by a disinterested party would have been entirely proper. The criticism may yet be the means of vast improvement.

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J. H. LYONS.

JEWETT'S CORNER.

It looks to me now as though the present Board, of Trustees of the American Philatelic Association are the ones at fault in the substitution case and not so much the old Board as I intimated last month. It looks as though the present Board may be benefited by dropping it.

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A person with the advertising support that the publisher of the *Flour City Philatelist* evidently has should be able to furnish his readers with a higher and better grade of of reading matter than contained in that paper. The slang used does no good to philately or anything else.

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Since No. 1 of this paper went to press my entire stock of philatelic literature has been sold to the Nebr. Philatelic Pub. Co., of Milligan, Neb. They have issued a complete price list of the same and if you are a collector of publications on our subject you will do well to send for list to the above address.

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The Portland Branch of the American Philatelic Association have up to date been unable to obtain a settlement of accounts with the Ex-Superintendent of the Exchange Department or to get any explanation of the failure to do the same. Other members are reported as being in the same predicament. Such matters should be looked after by the proper officers. To make a success of the Association more attention must be paid to the trustworthiness of its members and officers than is at present done. Numerous instances recently brought to my notice show that being a member of the association and putting the letters A. P. A. after one's name don't show that he is honest and trustworthy and that there are dishonest persons inside as well as outside of the Association. I hope at the next convention this question will be brought up and settled and the number of cases existing now will be summarily dealt with. W. W. J.

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" 2d	06
" 1d	04
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" 1d	03
" 2d	06
" 1sh	30
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St. Vincent, ½d	02
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" 2d	07
Trinidad, ½d	02
" 1d	03
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WATERMARKS.

Watermark, a design wrought into the pulp of the paper, during the process of manufacture. A light wire cylinder, having the design of the watermark in raised wires, upon its surface, presses upon the pulp, while it is still soft and before it goes through the rollers. The wire cylinder is called the "dandy roll."

Watermarks were undoubtedly adopted to prevent counterfeiting. The study of watermarks is a subject of Philately that has not had the attention devoted to it that it merits. The day will eventually come when standard catalogues, will list and price the various stamps according to their watermarks. Collectors will find it an interesting and important study. Interesting, for it distinctly shows the different issues of what would otherwise be the same stamp. Important, because in some cases it distinguishes between reprints and originals, as Tasmania 1872 issue, where the only difference is, the reprints are on unwatermarked paper.

No collector can have a complete collection of the various English Colonies, who does not study watermarks. Take for instance the stamps of Jamaica, and use Scott's catalogue or an International album for a guide, and when you have obtained all catalogued and filled the spaces in the album you are still three short of a complete collection of the stamps of Jamaica. And those three are as much a distinct issue as any you have obtained. Following the same plan in collecting the stamps of Victoria, you would *only* lose thirty distinct varieties. Therefore a study of watermarks will increase your collection in numbers as well as value, for undoubtedly you can find many among what you now call duplicates.

Watermarks have been of various designs, many emblematic, as the Roses of England, the pyramid of Egypt, the Geneva Cross of Switzerland, the Castilian Castle of Spain, the Anchor of Cape of Good Hope; others have crowns, stars, letters, loops, lozenges lines, etc. In a future article I intend to give a complete list of all stamps watermarked.

J. H. LYONS.

NOTES.

One member of the American Philatelic Association advertising another as a fraud and member of the Association looks bad, to say the least. *If* it is a case of fraud, present the case to the Trustees, and have him expelled, then advertise him.

G. S. Walters, Jr., in the June number of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, gives an excellent plan for exchanging stamps on what he calls the "packet system," which has one very bad feature about it, *i. e.* "Price marked upon the back of each stamp with pencil." Now I may be a little particular in regards to my stamps and I have passed many a specimen on exchange sheets because they were marked on the back. The first exchange sheet I ever saw came from Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, and were branded on the back with a private design, used no doubt to identify the stamps. The brand on the back was, and has since been the loss of the sale, to me, of several dollars worth of stamps. Why any collector should deface a nice specimen this way, has always been a mystery to me. I like my stamps to be without any brand except those of cancellation if they are used, if unused they should be perfect.

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EDITORIAL.

The last two numbers of the *Ph. Gazette* are mainly devoted to a discussion of the affairs of the A. P. A. which might better have been left till the Convention at St. Louis, and we hear from reliable authority that the next number of the *Gazette* will be almost entirely given up to the "great kicker," who seems never to be happy unless he is finding fault. We have neither the space nor inclination to enter into particulars, and will only say that we see no good likely to result from all this, but only ill feeling.—*Philatelic World*.

You are right, Mr. Bogert, the majority of the American philatelists care very little about the 'squabbles' in the A. P. A.

In the first place, the whole membership of that Association is but a small proportion of the philatelists in the country, and in the next place, the "squabblers" are a very small proportion of the membership, so why bore the many to gratify the few?—*Philatelic Journal of America*.

Now we think the "great kicker" started out just at the right time, so all members can get a good idea of the workings of the A. P.

A., before the "convention at St. Louis," and when you are solicited for your proxy, you can be better able to judge who should have it. The A. P. A. may be "but a small proportion of the philatelists in the country," but we notice, dealers are catering for their trade.

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The adoption of the improved arrangements for the circulation of the exchange sheets of the A. P. A., shows an improvement on old methods, and it is gratifying to find that the new superintendent is endeavoring to better the condition of affairs.

REVIEW FOR JULY.

The *Philatelic Gazette* for June contains "A Member's View," by the well-known philatelic writer, J. M. T. Partello, after a careful perusal of the article, we arrive at the conclusion that Lieut. Partello must be what they call an easy going man. Mr. Cuno was "bounced" from the National Society for the same reason he has been dropped from the A. P. A., non-payment of dues. In regard to the "bond," we believe in strictly *business* principles for any association. In regard to Mr. Feldwisch, he openly violates the constitution, and there was a plan all fixed to call him from his "high perch," which would have made it interesting for him. As he came down the plan was given up. We, of the East, equally deplore the unhappy situation of the Association, and our endeavors are, to elect officers who are capable and *willing* to do their *duty*.

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BENEFICIAL OR OTHERWISE.

Much has been and more can and will be said on the present mode of running the American Philatelic Association. Radical changes must be made at an early date or the Association will soon be a thing of the past. The possible advantages of a properly conducted association of this kind are too numerous to mention. As the present Association is run the time and money that is necessarily given to each department is so great that few participate and these soon become disgusted and discouraged and finding that the only benefit is the official journal, resign and then subscribe to the *American Philatelist*. By doing this each individual stamp collector will save \$1.50 on dues alone which goes a long way towards paying postage on approval or exchange sheets.

What I would like to see is a more careful use of the funds of the Association, a cheaper and fully as satisfactory management. I have neither the time nor space to point out the numerous changes that would be beneficial to the members, but will mention now only what presents itself to mind.

There are many methods of having an election, some cause little or no expense or work, others are attended with great expense and a large amount of work, the latter class includes the present method. A cheaper and I cannot see why it would not be as satisfactory, is when an election is to take place to have the nominations published in the official journal and a notice calling for all votes to be in before a specified time. All members receive the journal and would therefore receive notice of the election, and can then send in their vote. This would put the Association to no expense and be the means of saving \$15.00 or \$20.00 on each election beside a large amount of work for the officers. Now would not this amount if expended in the management of some of the departments be more valuable and beneficial to the members than to have it extravagantly spent in the present manner. Beside the

money saved by this method, considerable labor would be saved the Secretary in addressing and stamping envelopes, etc. Let us see for instances what the amount saved on one single election would do for the exchange department. It would reduce the expenses so that the sheets could be sold for one or two cents each, which is as much as the members should be made to pay for them. At the present price, after a member has purchased his sheets, paid postage on filled sheets sent in, unless the stamps are marked away up or a large quantity taken the member scarcely comes out whole on sheets sent in and after a few trials will give it up and finally the Association, and return to the old method of exchanging.

I do not care to see the Association act stingy or miserly with its funds, but I believe that to keep the members interested and hold them together they must be given some benefit without paying more than they are worth for them. Much more can be said but I have not the space this month. W. W. J.

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[REVIEW CONTINUED FROM THIRD PAGE.]

The *Tribune* for July contains a letter from J. R. Hooper. He claims to be a member of the Amsterdam Philatelic Society, and says the printer made it A. P. A. instead of A. P. S. If he is a member of the Amsterdam Philatelic Society it is rather hard on the A. P. S. as we supposed their members were all gentlemen.

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REMINISCENCES OF A COLLECTOR

PART I.

Thinking that a few incidents of my stamp collecting may be of interest to collectors in general, I have contributed this article to the *PHILATELIC EXPRESS*. Although I have been a stamp collector for many years, I have not till within a few years, made the acquaintance of any philatelist. The collectors of today have many facilities for information on all points in relation to stamp collecting. I never saw a philatelic paper or a stamp catalogue till 1886, and a short time afterwards made the first acquaintance of a stamp collector. If I had years ago run across a philatelist, or a good stamp journal, what a vast difference it would have made in my collecting. Although collecting in a quiet way and uninformed in regard to stamps, I have a collection that I am very proud of, especially the stamps collected years ago, as many of them are now considered rarities. My collection to-day numbers nearly 4000 varieties, and the largest part of it has

been obtained since becoming a member of the American Philatelic Association, by the exchange of duplicates and the purchase of several collections. As near as I can recollect I must have commenced collecting stamps in 1865. [TO BE CONTINUED.]

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IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

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COMMENTS ON THE "OPEN LETTERS."

NOTE.—This article was contributed to and accepted by the Philatelic Gazette, several months ago. Owing to want of space they have not published it. We present it to our readers.

Letter number one offers a plea for specialism of the worst form. Specialism has to a certain extent become necessary, and I think more pleasure is to be derived from it than to collect promiscuously. There are many forms of specialism and at some other time I will write of what I consider the best plan of collecting. It is only natural that a collector should have patriotism enough to collect the stamps of his own country. But the idea of "a true and earnest *philatelist*" being satisfied with a collection of U. S. stamps. For historic value I collect the 1869 issue, (portraying, as they do, the improvements in the mail system and the two most important events in the history of America). The stamps of the Confederate States, and if I desire a historical relic of the revenue I can collect the U. S. revenue stamps; and because Stevens made Vegetine, Herrick, plasters, and Redding, salve, I must collect these medicine *labels* for their historic value. History; bosh. And they call it Philately. For artistic effect and superior engraving I collect the stamps of South and Central America. For "fascination," in collecting varieties of paper, I collect the stamps of Mexico. And I have never seen a medicine label but what I would be pleased to exchange it for a Sidney view. Over twenty years ago I collected varieties of U. S., in color and grill. No question but that philately has advanced, but never by the collecting of medicine labels. Tiffany's history of U. S. stamps has done more for philately than all

the revenue catalogues that ever will be printed. For a little "fascination" at very little expense, try the collecting of the early issues of the three cent U. S.; for shades, try the 1876 issue of France, and see if medicine labels will furnish an equal amount of fascination.

Letter number two, I shall offer no comment on for in the main it is right, though it is sarcastic.

Letter number three, (D. S. W.), the writer of number three acknowledges in part the assertions of number two, and what is more important admits that, "the collecting of match and medicine stamps is one of the latest *fads* of Philately." I therefore can offer no comments on the letter. It is the *fads* that I do not believe in. Will it be progression for Philately, to collect medicine labels.

Letter number three, (J. A.), the writer on the start shows that he is not a careful reader, and his conclusions plainly show they are erroneous. I will make a few quotations from his letter: "They are simply stamps. They represent money as postage stamps do, they are therefore as worthy of collection and historic, if not more so than postage stamps are." So Byam, Carleton & Co. wrapped their matches up in a stamp, I always thought they called them wrappers. I can remember when a boy of going to the grocery store, and buying the necessaries of life with postage stamps, which were accepted as money in all parts of the city, and of the North. I doubt, if in the history of the world, a like instance can be found, where postage stamps circulated as money and was willingly accepted as such. Now suppose, at that time I had had a pocket full of uncanceled medicine labels, could I have made any purchases? They are worthy of collection, certainly, for what they are and nothing more. They are historic, of what? Patent medicines, plasters, perfumery and the various manufactures of matches. I remember,

several years ago, of seeing a collections of buttons on a string, only one of each variety. They were historic, representing a history of the various styles of buttons, from the day buttons were first made up to the day of collecting. "As worthy of collection as postage stamps." Great minds differ, I am a collector of postage stamps and I contend that postage stamp collecting is far ahead of the collecting of revenue stamps of any kind, and to place medicine labels on the same level, or to contend, "that they are as worthy of collection as postage stamps, or more so," is (to my mind) like comparing the gold with the dross. What has the medicine label done that makes it as worthy of collection as the postage stamp. It was a means of revenue at a time when a revenue was needed, *and for many years after*. In other words, it was a tax. One of the writers of the open letters says, "They were printed with the blood of a million men and canceled by the iron letters that bound four millions of our fellow beings," which is such a flight of imagination that I do not wonder that philatelists have been called "cranks." They were printed in ink, and the majority of them wretched daubs at that. Canceled with a rubber stamp and some by pen and ink. Mr. Adenaw would have me believe they are equal to postage stamps. The postage stamp at the time the medicine label was issued did more real service and carried tidings of good and evil misfortune to millions of human beings. If I were a Tiffany, or an Evans, I might enlarge upon the subject. I can only request the philatelists of to-day to consider what a postage stamp will do, you simply put the stamp upon the letter, and, if you live in a city, you drop the missive in the box on the adjoining corner, then all your responsibility ceases, the little stamp carries your letter, containing it may be a message of love, disaster or a plain business transaction, to its destination, which may be thousands of miles from the sender. *Are* medicine labels as worthy, or more so, of collection than postage stamps? As to the inscriptions on the

medicine labels, I can only say, *honi soit qui mal y pense*. Those collecting for fun, profit, etc. are not philatelists.

Letter number four, I have read, but cannot find the "enthusiasm." I have an oleomargarine label, if I save it for the heirs for their instruction on the adulteration of food, that will be all right, only don't call it something else. My advice to philatelists, so as not to have any "vacant niches," is to use a blank album. Prospective profit on investment, \$ \$ \$ \$.

Letter number five, is a letter that I wish every philatelist might read, especially the part of it that says "We have been called 'cranks' long enough." I am afraid the philatelists of America are not what they should be, and with the medicine labels, double perforations, Samoan stamps, etc., philately cannot but degenerate. I have for many years collected postage stamps, and it has given me great pleasure, and to promote philately to the place where it belongs, is my desire.

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In almost any philatelic paper or journal, one picks up, he will find something about dishonest dealers, approval sheet frauds, stamp substituters, etc., but there is another fraud to whom I would like to call attention and that is the so called publisher or editor who advertises to publish a philatelic paper at a certain price, and twelve numbers guaranteed or money refunded. Now I have nothing to say against the man who tries in good faith to keep his word, but perhaps after several issues finds he is in debt and cannot do otherwise than suspend, for this editor I feel a sympathy. But, if a paper has already suspended publication and any one sends to its proprietor the subscription price, not knowing the paper has failed, then I think an honest editor should return the money, less postage perhaps, whether the subscription price be one dime or one dollar. I am sorry to say that I have not fared thus. I can count thirteen different papers to which I subscribed in the last year of which I never received a copy nor could I get the editors to answer any question concerning their silence. Often I did not think of the small amount invested but only wished to keep complete files of the papers. So, finally I think that if others are treated with the scant courtesy I have received, there will be a black list of philatelic publishers, as well as dealers and collectors. A. P. A. No. 385.

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PART I CONTINUED.

As I have recollections of several researches in an old desk and several trunks, in my grandmother's attic, and many of the old collectors will remember how an old fashioned attic looked, there was an old spinning wheel, bundles of herbs hung up on nails driven into the rafters and several logs of colored wood, called logwood. As a result of various researches, I obtained several hundred stamps, issued from 1851 to 1863, mostly low values. Locals were discarded, as I looked upon them as nothing more than labels. Portland's disastrous fire of 1866 destroyed the old house, and hundreds of others. If it were not for that reason, I think many an old stamp of good value might be found. In 1869, I went to work in a watch, jewelry and variety store, the largest of its kind east of Boston. At that time, as with the average boy, a dollar was "large as a cart wheel," and was about as difficult to obtain. (To be Continued.)

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No. 5.

Stamp Collecting.

A person who has a *mania* for collecting stamps is known technically as a philatelist. The collecting of stamps is called philately, and numbers among its *devotees* many prominent men and women throughout the whole world. It has journals and societies devoted to it in England, France, Germany, Holland, Sweden and America.

There are several plans of collecting, the French system is to collect every variety of shade, color, paper, perforation, etc.; the English system is only a slight change from the French; the American system is to collect one variety of each stamp, and probably more collections in the United States are formed on this plan any other.

A collection on the French system is of great interest to a thorough philatelist, but is too expensive for the average collector. A collector must be the possessor of a standard catalogue and an album is also necessary. For a general collector a printed album is best. For a collector who makes a specialty of any countries, a blank album is better, as he can use his own tastes in the grouping of various issues, untrammelled by the designed spaces of the printed album.

To be a wide awake and successful collector you should also subscribe to several of the stamp journals, as there is no stamp journal but what contains some information of value to collectors. From a perusal of the various advertisements in the different stamp papers you will learn where bargains can be obtained, and also, where to be able to dispose of, to advantage, any valuable duplicates you have. Remember there are reliable dealers in America who will do better by you than foreigners. J. H. L.

Proxies of the A. P. A.

There is considerable activity shown by several of the prominent members of the American Philatelic Association, in soliciting proxies. The following members are in the field:

C. B. Corwin,	J. W. Scott,
E. B. Sterling,	H. L. Calman,
J. K. Tiffany,	W. A. MacCalla.

Mr. Corwin advocates the abolishing of individual circuits and favors a plan for exchange modeled after the Dresden Society. Mr. Sterling is in opposition to Mr. Corwin on the individual circuit. The exchange dep't of the A. P. A. has not given good satisfaction. It being the vital part of the Association, some changes must be made in order to keep alive the Association. It seems to me that individual circuits and branches, conducted under the right rules are the proper means. Both have in certain cases unequal advantages to members. There are cases when only one of them can be justly used. The member of a branch society receives a larger assortment of stamps, at less expense, than if he was on individual circuit. In cities branches can be made to work at good advantage. In cases of members being at a distance from each other individual circuits are better employed, as the expense is too great for scattered members being on branch circuits. Under the present way of management branches can never be made to work successfully. The Portland Branch was formed with the understanding that all members should transact all exchange business through the branch. In the course of time I found one member had sent in 175 sheets on individual account. Having interpreted the by-laws of the A.

P. A. in a different light. I inquired of Mr. Sterling and received an answer saying that branch members can also do exchange business individually. Now I claim, from experience as a manager of a branch, that a branch can not be successfully run under any such rules. Either abolish the branches or compel members of branches to do their exchange business through their branch. And if I did not have good reasons to think that the former management of the exchange department was run in the interests of Mr. Corwin, he would have received my proxy. Mr. Sterling I consider an able manager, his ruling in regard to branch members doing business individually I consider wrong. His decision in regard to members writing on the sheets I consider perfectly proper, as in the former management I have seen sheets with the margins written over with slang, etc., which was a disgrace to any association. Mr. Calman sends out a circular-letter the pretence of which is that Mr. Scott and Corwin are working together for their personal interests. Mr. Sterling also hints at the same idea. Mr. Calman also sends out a blank proxy in favor of Mr. Tiffany, should members object to himself as a dealer. Mr. Scott, I am not personally acquainted with, from correspondence with him in regard to affairs of the Association I have always received courteous answers. He advocates plans for the benefit of the Association that meet with my approval, and from his reputation as a dealer and collector, I have no doubt but that the interests of the Association will be looked after. The Chicago Philatelic Society also appoints a committee of five to receive proxies. One of the committee being selected to represent the Hill side of the Chalmers-Hill controversy.

From the above lot of delegates it will be very difficult for many to choose, as they are all considered good men.

The A. P. A. Convention.

Yes, another convention is about here, and again I cannot go, and again, I suppose, I shall be unable to learn what business is done. Is this as it should be when a member is so situated that either from lack of time or money he is unable to attend the conventions, as is the case with the great majority of the members of the American Philatelic Association. They are allowed a voice in the proceedings by having some attending member act as their proxy, and I will say right here that this privilege is most shamefully abused and much wrong done. When the convention is over with, only those members present know what has happened, the rest of the members get only a partial report of the proceedings. Why should they not have all, if there is anything that the public at large should not know, so that it would not be well to print it in the official journal, then why not issue a special official circular to the members. There was at the last convention, held in Boston, a secret session. What happened while it was convened is of interest to nearly every member of the Association, yet how many of them ever found out *all* that came before that meeting, we know a member was expelled and that the question has since been brought up and discussed. Now only the few members that were able to attend last year have a thorough understanding of the case as they heard the charge and testimony, and are competent to discuss the subject understandingly. Now why should not every member know all. Then there are the full reports of the different officers, they should all be published entire and circulated to members at the least calculation, if not published in the official journal. I hope to see this question brought before this year's convention. A. P. A. 102.

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The editor of the *Quaker City Philatelist* wants the American Philatelic Association convention to take some action on the Chalmers-Hill controversy, and advocates the appointing of a committee, evenly divided between the supporters of the gentlemen in question, with the understanding that their report shall be printed in the *Am. Philatelist* at least two months before the next convention, for the instructions of proxies. Now the above is a good idea, and a nice way to settle that vexed question, Who invented the adhesive postage stamp. We are a Chalmers man, but we are also open to conviction.

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After two and a half years of existence, one of the best stamp journals of America has passed over to the great majority. Another example of the old story, the collectors will read and accept all the sample copies but will not support a good stamp paper. In other words the *Halifax Philatelist* has discontinued publication, unexpired subscriptions, etc., filled by the "*Dominion*."

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We have seen the proof pages of part of "The Stamp Collectors' Dictionary and Guide," and will say it is the best book in that line, we have ever seen. In other words it is a "daisy."

Reminiscences of a Collector.

PART I—Continued.

I bought at the post office, in 1869, 10 each of the 1, 2, 3 and 6c. and one each of the 10, 12, 15 and 24c., 1869 issue; and in the last few years I have been sorry that the purchase was not larger, and of higher values. At that time playing cards, perfumery, etc., all had a revenue stamp attached to each package or bottle, and whenever I sold a pack of playing cards I always tore off the revenue stamp, and thus I obtained a general assortment of Dougherty's, Goodall's, Hart's, Lawrance & Cohen's, Levy's, etc. playing card stamps. I might have had hundreds of them just as well as not. In the store was a large drawer containing old drafts, bills of lading, policies, etc., the accumulation of many years of successful business. On stormy days, I systematically went through the lot, I only kept one of each variety. What a prize that drawer of old papers would be today for a stamp collector.

Queensland, 1860.

A notice discovered by A. F. Bassett Hull, gives the above date for the first issue.

GENERAL POST OFFICE BRISBANE.

September 21, 1860.

It is hereby notified for public information that a supply of Queensland postage stamps has been received from England, and will be issued on the first day of November next, from which date the New South Wales postage stamps at present in use will no longer be acknowledged upon letters posted within this colony. All letters, therefore, posted in Queensland after the 1st of November, bearing the New South Wales stamp will be treated as unpaid, and will accordingly be opened and returned to the writer.

R. R. MACKENZIE.

New Issues.

Not being a collector of surcharges, etc. we chronicle only legitimate issues of adhesives.

BULGARIA.—1 lev, carmine.

GAMBIA.—2d., orange; 6d., blue.

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SWEDEN.—5 ore, green; 10 ore, rose; 20 ore, blue.

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VOL. I.

PORTLAND, ME., NOVEMBER, 1889.

No. 6.

SECOND-CLASS POSTAGE.

The Kind of Stamps Used for This Sort of Mail Matter.

"How is the postage on second-class matter paid?" is a question often asked at the New York Post Office. The rate of postage is 1 cent a pound: but as observation teaches that second-class matter is not stamped, the query is naturally raised as to how the postage on this class of matter is treated. The public never sees stamps used for the payment of second-class postage, except as a curiosity in the collection of a philatelist. Unlike all other kinds of postage stamps, they never reach the public through the Post Office. They are not so rare, however, among collectors as to bring very high premiums. The smaller denominations are in good demand, and are sold for sums considerably in advance of their face value, but the higher denominations cannot be disposed of at par.

It is customary for a publisher whose journal or periodical is entered as second-class matter to keep on deposit at the Post Office a sum sufficient to cover the immediate expenses of mailing. If he mails 1,000 pounds of matter, he is given a receipt for that amount, and on a stub from which the receipt is torn is placed \$10 in postage stamps. The form of stub and receipt book is uniform throughout the country, and at the end of each quarter all the stubs are forwarded to Washington. The canceled stamps on the stubs represent the revenue received on second-class matter for the particular quarter which they cover.

It is not required that a publisher shall keep a deposit at the Post Office, but ex-

perience teaches that it is the wisest plan to follow. Newspaper and periodical postage stamps are the most numerous and run the highest in denomination of any species of postage stamps issued by the Government. The lowest denomination is 1 cent and the highest \$60. The full list is as follows: 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 96 in cents; in dollars, \$1.92, \$3 \$6, \$9, \$12, \$24, \$36, \$48 and \$60. Of this class of stamps there was used at the Boston Post Office for the last fiscal year \$101,401.73, representing 10,140,173 pounds of second-class matter mailed. The prevailing colors of these stamps are shades of red and green—the Post Office Department seems very partial to green—varying according to the denomination, and each bears in the center the figure of a beautiful and scantily-attired female. E. A.

The Newspaper stamps of the United States are as follows 1 to 10 cents inclusive have an emblematical figure of America, after the statue on the dome of the Capitol, color, black; 12 to 96 cents inclusive, have a figure of Astræa, Goddess of Justice, pink; \$1.92, Ceres, Goddess of Agriculture, brown \$3.00, Goddess of Victory, vermillion \$6.00, Clio, the Muse of History, blue \$9.00, Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom, orange \$12.00, Vesta, Goddess of the Fireside, green \$24.00, Concordia, Goddess of Peace, purple \$36.00, Figure of Commerce, red \$48.00, Hebe, Goddess of Youth, brown \$60.00, Figure of an Indian Maiden, purple.

The writer (E. A.) of the article, is evidently not posted on Mythology, and also appears to be a non-philatelist. Editor.

Although *Philately* is only seven months old it has made three changes in ownership.

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A. P. A. Notes.

Our candidate for Secretary of the A. P. A. is Millard F. Walton, of Philadelphia, Pa. We have found him to be prompt in business transactions. We want a Secretary that will do business in that way.

The A. P. A. convention made many changes in the By-laws, etc. Everything seemed to go along nicely and Sterling and Corwin seems to have shaken hands across the "bloody chasm." The A. P. A. if conducted properly should be a good thing for collectors.

Driftwood.

W. F. Dent has sold out his entire stock and retires from the business.

Germany, Italy, Sweden and Austria are about to issue complete new sets.

From a letter received Oct. 16, from the Postmaster General of Hayti, we are informed of the election of Hippolyte as president, and that a change will shortly be made in the postage stamps of that republic.

"Stanton's Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Canada" is out at last. Not having received a copy for review we cannot state whether there is any valuable information in it or not.

The *Philatelic Era* for October is at hand, six pages price 15 cents. Published by Pickard & Eustis, 46 Cushman St., Portland, Maine.

We have received a catalogue of an Auction sale of 1302 lots of stamps, to be sold by Bangs & Co., in New York, Nov. 6 and 7. Among the lot are many valuable stamps.

The present special delivery letter system is practically worthless as a method of rapid communication. The letters frequently are not delivered any sooner than are ordinary letters, and on Sundays in the most of the large cities are not delivered at all. They should either be what they pretend to be, or else the system should be abolished. At present it is a first-class humbug.

There were issued during the year 1888, 431 adhesive stamps as follows: America 179, Asia 111, Europe 68, Africa 55, Australia 18, total 431. The year 1889 bids fair to exceed this number. For the last four years the average yearly issue of adhesives alone is over 500 varieties and when counting envelopes, etc., will make over 800 varieties per year, showing a collector can find all he wants to do to keep up with current issues.

THE PHILATELIC EXPRESS.

Luis, King of Portugal, died Oct. 19. It will be next in order to have a new stamp bearing the portrait of the Duke of Braganza, the eldest son of the King, who succeeds to the throne and who will assume the title of Carlos I.

The subject of registered package envelopes, and the treatment of registered matter generally, was the subject of careful consideration at the recent meeting of the division inspectors of the Post Office Department. As a result a system of consecutive endorsement by all through whose hands registered matter passes, was adopted. At present employees are in the habit of signing their names with a hand stamp, without any special reference to consecutive order, so that it is has been utterly impossible, in many cases, to follow the course of the package, and so fix the responsibility for loss. Some system which will prevent the frequent loss of registered mail matter is imperatively demanded, and it is to be regretted that nothing was done at this meeting relative to the adoption of a different registered package envelope, as the one at present in use is not at all suitable for the purpose.

Postmaster-Gen. Wanamaker has awarded the contract for furnishing adhesive postage stamps for the four years beginning on Jan. 1 to the American Bank Note Company of New York, the lowest bidder, Mr. Steele, of Philadelphia, having failed to comply with his proposal. The award was made for stamps of a reduced size, the new stamps being about one-eighth smaller than those in present use. The design will be changed to conform to the reduction in the size of the stamps, and new engravings will be made throughout. The new contract also calls for some changes in the colors. The one cent stamp will continue to be printed in blue, the two cent stamp, now

printed in green, will be printed in carmine, and changes be made in some of the other denominations.

The post office inspectors of the United States, who are in conference at the Post Office Department, have met for the purpose of discussing better means of detecting fraud and dishonesty in the mail service, and of sending money and valuable articles through the mails. Much of their time has been occupied by considering the question of adopting an improved form of registered packages. Some time ago the Post Office Department advertised for samples of improved packages, and about one hundred different kinds were submitted. What was wanted was a form of envelope that could be made at small cost, and yet could not be opened without being destroyed. The department officials rejected all but one of the samples as not combining these requirements. The reserve sample was submitted to the inspectors, who showed that it could be opened, rifled and resealed as readily as the old form. It is probable that no change will be made at present, or that a form of package that has met with much success in England will be adopted.

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IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

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PORTLAND, ME, DECEMBER, 1889.

No. 7.

Stamp Portraits.

By J. H. LYONS.

NOTE.—In presenting to the stamp collectors this list of portraits as found on the adhesive postage stamps of all countries, the following remarks will not be out of place. When the same portrait appears on several stamps of the same country, I mention only the stamps, which I consider bears the best likeness. I make a few exceptions, where the stamp shows the difference of age in the likeness. As the stamps of the various English Colonies have a likeness of Queen Victoria, it would only be a repetition to mention them, I shall mention Queen Victoria, as portrayed at different periods of her life. And as the collecting of stamp portraits is one of the forms of specialism in stamp collecting this article may be of interest to collectors.

UNITED STATES.

Name.	Date.	Value.	Color.
Franklin,	1851	1c.	blue.
Washington,	1855	10c.	green.
Jefferson,	1861	5c.	brown.
Jackson,	1863	2c.	black.
Lincoln,	1866	15c.	black.
Clay,	1872	12c.	purple.
Webster,	1872	15c.	orange.
Scott,	1872	24c.	violet.
Hamilton,	1872	30c.	black.
Perry,	1872	90c.	carmine.
Stanton,	1872	7c.	vermilion.
Taylor,	1875	5c.	blue.
Garfield,	1882	5c.	brown.
Seward,	1873	\$2	State Dep't.

CONFEDERATE STATES.

Name.	Date.	Value.	Color.
Jackson,	1861	2c.	green.
Davis,	1862	5c.	blue.
Madison,	1862	10c.	blue.
Calhoun,	1862	1c.	orange.
Washington,	1863	20c.	green.

ANGOLA.

King Don Luis,	1886	5 reis	black.
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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

B. Rivadavia,	1864	15c.	blue.
M. Belgrano,	1868	10c.	green.
" "	1878	16c.	green.
Jose San Martin,	1868	15c.	blue.
" " "	1878	24c.	blue.
A. G. Balcarce,	1873	1c.	violet.
M. Morem,	1873	4c.	brown.
C. M. de Alvear,	1873	30c.	orange.
" " " "	1878	25c.	carmine.
G. A. de Pasadas,	1873	60c.	black.
C. Saavedra,	1873	90c.	blue.
V. F. Lopez	1877	2c.	green.
V. Sarsfield,	1878	20c.	blue.
J. J. de Urquiza,	1888	½c.	blue.
J. Celman,	1888	3c.	green.
B. Rivadavia,	1888	5c.	carmine.
Samiento,	1888	6c.	red.
Avellaneda,	1888	10c.	brown.
J. San Martin,	1888	15c.	orange.
V. F. Lopez,	1888	2c.	green.
M. Moreno,	1888	30c.	chocolate.
Dorrego,	1888	40c.	slate.
Gen. Mitre,	1888	50c.	blue.
V. Sarfield,	1888	1c.	brown.
B. Rivadavia,	1889	5c.	red.
J. J. de Urquiza,	1889	½c.	blue.
J. B. Alberdi,	1889	12c.	blue.
J. A. Roia,	1889	20c.	green.

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Our candidate for Secretary of the A. P. A., Millard F. Walton, is elected. The following is the official vote:

Millard F. Walton,	182
S. B. Bradt,	80
H. O. Harris,	77

Driftwood.

The *Curiosity Collector* with the December number ends Vol. 1, and has a cover. We are glad to see our friend Bartlett is prospering.

Another one of those whose portrait adorns a postage stamp has gone over to the silent majority—Jefferson Davis. See 5c. stamp, 1862, Confederate States.

From the annual report of the First Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson, the number of postoffices in operation on July 1, 1889, was 58,599. 1,623 in excess of the previous year.

There is no doubt but the best stamp paper published is the *Philatelic Journal of America*. This is no puff, as we subscribe. Price 50 cents. C. H. Mekeel, publisher. St. Louis, Mo.

We have received a copy of "Stanton's Catalogue of Revenue Stamps of Canada" and find it complete. It ought to find a ready sale among the collectors of revenue stamps. F. J. Stanton, publisher, Smyrna, N. Y.

The "Philatelic Column" in *Plain Talk*, edited by Alvah Davison, is always full of news. It is a pity his services were not secured by some paper devoted entirely to philately. He would make a good note editor for the A. P. A.

The *Southern Philatelist*, Luhn & Hadre, 44 Broad St., Charleston, S. C., is also an interesting and interprising paper as they send a slip announcing the election of Walton, which we received the same day that we received the official vote.

THE PHILATELIC EXPRESS.

The *New York Philatelist* is a neat and interesting paper of eight pages, published by Kiessling & Co., 334 First Ave., New York City.

One of the nicest and most interesting of the stamp papers is the *Dominion Philatelist*, 12 pages and cover and published at the low price of 15c. Address H. F. Ketcheson, Belleville, Ont., Canada.

We have received a copy of the *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* 16 pages and cover, F. N. Massoth, Jr. publisher, Hanover Centre, Indiana. The Xmas edition will be from 24 to 32 pages. The former editor and publisher Voute, contributes what he terms his "Literary Mite" and says the oddness of contributing to a paper formerly his own, has put him off his base. Try some of Moxie's.

With each issue of the EXPRESS we find changes are made, some by death, revolution or politically, which effect Philately. In our last issue we mentioned Hayti and Portugal. Since then the Empire of Brazil is no more. Today it is the United States of Brazil. In 1807, when Napoleon I was conquering Europe and the French entered Portugal, its king and queen, John VI and Donna Maria, fled to Brazil, which was then one of their colonies. When Napoleon fell they returned, and within a few years their son, Dom Pedro, was made regent of the colony. Soon after, a revolution occurred, the country became independent, and Dom Pedro was crowned its first emperor. He abdicated in 1831 in favor of his son, Dom Pedro II, the recently deposed emperor.

Near Portland (Me.) is a small village. We understand the Postmaster and assistant are recent appointments. A few weeks

ago the Postmaster changed his residence, and left the office in charge of a young lady assistant. In the vicinity there resided a stamp collector, who was well posted in regard to the above facts, and so called at the office to purchase some postage due stamps, the sale of which is not allowed. The young lady in charge offered the stock of postage due stamps, but owing to their being gummed together, the collector would not buy, and asked if that were all they had. The answer was: "We have some newspaper stamps" and the stock was brought forward for inspection. The stamps ranged from 1c. to \$3, to the face value of about \$10. The stamp collector bought the entire stock.

"The shades of night were falling fast
When through an eastern village past"
The postmaster, moved at last.

Our readers can picture to themselves, the post office business of a straggling country village and the joyous news the Postmaster received on his return of increase in trade, the assistant having sold stamps to the value of over \$10, which must have been a large sale for the office. And then picture to yourself when the Postmaster is informed that the stamps sold were newspaper stamps, for the sale of which there is a fine of a large amount. We understand that the stamp collector has, by mail, been requested to call at the office on important business, but up to date has failed to respond.

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PORTLAND, ME., JANUARY, 1890.

No. 8.

A Call on a Stamp Collector.

We called on Mr. E. C. Farnsworth, of Portland, Me., the other day, and had the pleasure of viewing his various stamp collections. Mr. Farnsworth is what may be properly called an enthusiastic stamp collector. He is a specialist and yet not a specialist, this may seem a little strange to our readers, and we will call it a paradox. He collects all stamps issued previous to 1886. One collection consists of only used stamps. Another of only unused stamps, and another collection is composed of match, medicine, and card stamps. And it might be said he makes a specialty of match, medicine, and card stamps, and oddities in U. S. postage. The first album we looked at, was one of Scott's International, printed on one side of each leaf, we mention this as we shall have occasion to show what use the blank pages were put to. The album contained only used stamps, and we should say was an eighth edition, as it contained U. S. revenues. The U. S. postage and departments were nearly complete, and the early U. S. envelopes were simply perfect. Of locals there were a great many. The U. S. revenues were there, from 1c. to \$50, perforated and unperforated. On the opposite blank page were oddities in part and double perforation, changlings, and wide margins. One having the engraver's name inside the perforation. On the page opposite the Confederate stamps were the stamps on the entire original envelope. Among the U. S. adhesives, were blocks of from 12 to 16, of the early issues of one and three cents. The U. S. postage oddities were a splendid collection.

Among the foreign stamps were several of each of Canada 6d., Nova Scotia 3 and 6d., New Brunswick 3 and 6d. On the opposite pages to the foreign stamps were arranged artistic designs of revenue stamps of those countries. We noticed particularly those of Mexico and Canada. As we turned to Great Britain, we found a reconstructed sheet of 1841, 1d. red, of 240 stamps, 12 stamps in width, and 20 in length. And run by letters A to T in length, from A A to A L in width. The next album similar to the other, contained only unused, and although not so complete as the other, had such stamps as 1857 5c. red-brown, and several 90c., and a block of 36 1867 3c. double perforated, a block of 24 1851 1c., and blocks of current issues and department stamps. The oddities of perforation were many. The "off set" or counter impression on U. S. envelopes were there from a 1853 3c., to the current issue, and could be numbered by the dozens. The best one was a 2c. black of 1863. An oddity we noticed was a current 2c. green on buff envelope having two stamps, one below the other. On the blank pages among the foreign stamps were fancy designs, composed of unused, sometimes from 25 to 50 of one kind being used, and in other designs, different values of the same country were employed, which made a very pleasing effect of colors.

The collection of match, medicine, and card stamps of the U. S. were legion, there being old paper, watermarked paper, silk thread, colored paper, and match wrappers. Not being a collector in that line, I paid not so much attention to them.

Although the collections contains no stamps considered great rarities, they are very valuable and interesting collections.

THE PHILATELIC EXPRESS.

Mr. Farnsworth has been a collector for many years, and has bought several collections and stocks of retired dealers. He will not sell any stamps for cash, but is always ready to exchange his duplicates for stamps for his collection.

THE EDITOR.

Stamp Portraits.

BY J. H. LYONS.

[CONTINUED.]

AUSTRIA.

Name.	Date.	Value.	Color.
Francis Joseph,	1867	10kr.	blue.

AZORES.

Surcharged stamps of Portugal.

BELGIUM.

Leopold I,	1849	10c.	brown.
“ II,	1869	8c.	lilac.
“ II,	1884	10c.	rose.

BRAZIL.

Dom Pedro II,	1866	10 reis	red.
“ “	1878	10 “	vermillion.
“ “	1878	300 “	gr'n & orange
“ “	1879	700 “	red-brown.
“ “	1884	100 “	lilac.

CANADA.

Prince Albert	1859	10c.	violet.
Jacques Cartier,	1859	17c.	blue.

CAPE VERDE.

Don Luis,	1886	5 reis.	black.
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CHILI.

Columbus,	1868	20c.	green.
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CONGO FREE STATE.

Leopold II,	1887	50c.	chocolate.
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COSTA RICA.

Gen. Fernandez	1883	2c.	carmine.
President Soto,	1887	5c.	purple.

CUBA.

Name.	Date.	Value.	Color.
Queen Isabella,	1868	40c.	rose.
King Amadeus,	1873	12½c.	green.
“ Alphonso,	1876	25c.	lilac.
“ “	1880	50c.	brown.
“ “	1888	1mil.	black.

CURACAO.

King William III,	1873	50c.	violet.
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DUTCH INDIES.

King William III	1868	10c.	carmine.
“ “ “	1869	10c.	brown.

FERNANDO PO.

Queen Isabella	1868	20c.	brown.
King Altonso,	1882	2c.	rose.

FRANCE.

Napoleon III,	1854	80c.	rose.
“ “	1868	40c.	orange.

FRENCH COLONY.

(NEW CALEDONIA.)

Napoleon III,	1858	10c.	gray.
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Great Minds Differ.

It is a difficult matter for us to see wherein J. H. Lyons' "Stamp Portraits" will benefit the philatelic public, as the article is only a question of a little study." —*American Stamp Journal*.

The PHILATELIC EXPRESS for December begins a very interesting article, called "Stamp Portraits." It gives a list of the portraits as found on the adhesive stamps of all countries.—*The Post Card*.

The PHILATELIC EXPRESS publishes a list of stamp portraits. A good idea, and we wonder that such has not been attempted before.—*Tribune and Advertiser*.

Any article in regard to philately that is a question of study, must necessarily benefit the philatelic public. Editor.

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EDITORIAL.

With the next number we shall enlarge to eight pages, and we have made arrangements with Mr. W. W. Jewett, formerly publisher of the *Philatelic Herald*, who will take full charge of the advertising department of the EXPRESS. He is capable, we believe of successfully conducting such, in a creditable way, as he is a collector of considerable experience with philatelic papers. Hereafter all mail relating to advertising, should be addressed W. W. Jewett, 502 Congress St., Portland, Maine.

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In order to increase our subscription list, we offer the EXPRESS for one year for 10c., and the following premiums, if received before Feb. 15, 1890. To the first, a copy of the "Stamp Collector's Guide," the third an unused stamp worth 10c., the fifth 5 var. unused $\frac{1}{2}$ d. worth 15c., the eighth a stamp worth 20c. the twelfth an unused stamp catalogued at 35c. the fifteenth ten unused worth 40c.

DRIFTWOOD.

The *Nebraska Philatelist* for January, is a neat 8 page paper with cover. M. K. Mackey, publisher, Pawnee City, Nebraska.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* with the January number commences Vol. 6.

The Western Philatelic Pub. Co., having publishing 17 numbers of the *Philatelic Gazette*, now desire bids for the good-will of the same, with the understanding that the paper shall continue under the same name. The climate of Chicago seems to be against a very long lite for a stamp paper.

Roy D. Hassler, of Nebraska, has been appointed compositor in the government printing office at Washington.

H. A. Ruess has sold out his stock of stamps to E. F. Gambs.

T. J. Mitchell, has an article in the *Nebraska Philatelist*, on large collections, and estimates the number of stamps obtainable, at 50,000. How much better it would be to write an article for postage stamp collectors, and make the number at what it is, about 5,000. Collectors are not all looking for oddities, medicine labels, etc.

The missing A. P. A. exchange books lost in Denver, Colo., have been found. They are said to have been in the express office since May. The Manager of that branch must be a daisy.

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Lock Box 38,

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The Philatelic Express.

IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

VOL. I.

PORTLAND, ME., FEBRUARY, 1890.

No. 9.

Stamp Portraits.

By J. H. LYONS.

[CONTINUED.]

Name. Date. Value. Color.

GUATEMALA.

A native woman, 1878 2r, carmine.
(Surcharged Railway Tax stamp.)
Gen. Barrios, 1886 25c, vermilion.

GUINEA.

Don Luis, 1886 10r, green.

HANOVER.

King George V, 1864 2g, blue.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Kamehameha, III, 1853 5c, blue.
" IV, 1862 2c, rose.
" IV, 1864 2c, vermilion.
" V, 1866 5c, blue.
Victoria Hamamalu'71 1c, violet.
Kamehameha, V, 1871 6c, green.
Kekuanaoa, 1871 18c, red.
(Father of the King.)
King Kalakana, 1875 2c, brown.
" " 1875 12c, black.
" " 1882 10c, black.
" " 1883 50c, vermilion.
Princess Likelike, 1882 1c, blue.
Queen Kapiolani, 1882 15c, lake.
" Emma, 1883 \$1, vermilion.

HAYTI.

Gen. Salomon, 1887 5c, green.

Name. Date. Value. Color.

HONDURAS.

Gen. Morason, 1878 1c, violet.

HUNGARY.

Francis Joseph of
Austria, King of
Hungary, 1872 2k, orange.

HOLKAR.

Maharajah, 1886 ½a, mauve.

SIRMOOR.

Rajah, 1885 3p, brown.

ITALY.

(SARDINIA.)

King Emanuel, 1851 20c, blue.
" " 1853 5c, green.

(KINGDOM OF ITALY.)

" " 1863 15c, blue.
" " 1863 5c, green.
" " 1867 20c, orange.
" Humbert, 1879 10c, carmine.

LUXEMBURG.

King William, III
of Holland, Grand
Duke of Lux' b'g, 1852 10c, black.

MACAO.

Don Luis, 1888 10r, green.

MADEIRA.

(SURCHARGED STAMPS OF PORTUGAL)

MEXICO.

Hidalgo 1864 2r, blue.
Maximilian, 1866 7c, mauve.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE PHILATELIC EXPRESS.

Retrospect.

J. H. LYONS.

What would the stamp collector of the present time, say to buying a Nova Scotia Shilling for \$4, a Sidney View for 75c., U. S. 5c. 1847 for 75c. per dozen, an U. S. 90c. '69 for 50c., a New York 5c. black for 75c., the grilled issue of 1870 for from 1c. to 15c. each. The above prices are taken from a catalogue of December, 1871, of a prominent dealer who carried that class of goods in stock, and I compare the prices of a few stamps, which are collected by the majority of American collectors, with the prices asked for the same stamps to-day.

Countries.	Date.	Value.	Prices 1871.		Prices 1889.		
			Un.	Used.	Un.	Used.	
United States,	1847	5c.	\$.50	\$.08	\$1.50	\$.25	
"	"	1847	10c.	.75	.04	5.00	1.25
"	"	1851	1c.	.02	.01	.25	.10
"	"	1851	12c.	.10	.05	1.25	.75
"	"	1860	24c.	.20		.75	.75
"	"	1860	30c.	.25		1.00	1.00
"	"	1860	90c.	.75		3.00	
"	"	1869	15c.	.30	.04	.75	.30
"	"	1869	24c.	.45	.08	2.00	1.50
"	"	1869	30c.	.60	.20	1.50	1.00
"	"	1869	90c.	1.75	.50	6.00	5.00
"	"	1870	24c.	.30	.05		15.00
New York,		5c. black,	1.50	.75			3.50
B. Guiana,	'62	1c brown	1.25	1.00	6.00	5.00	
Buenos Ayres'	'58,	4p,	19.00	15.00		25.00	
"	"	'58,	5p,	19.00	12.50		35.00
Canada		'51,	6d,	1.25	.30		2.50
"		'57,	1/2d,	.75	.18	1.00	.75
"		'57,	7 1/2d,	1.00	.60	10.00	5.00
"		'55,	10d,	1.25	.60	5.00	2.50
"		'59,	17c,	.35	.10	.50	.25
*Cape Good Hope'	'61,	1d, red,	1.00			5.00	
"	"	" " 1d, blue	15.00			150.00	
"	"	" " 4d, "	1.00			3.50	
"	"	" " 4d, red	15.00			125.00	
New Brunswick,	'51	1sh	8.00	5.00		20.00	
" Foundland,	'57	"	5.25	3.00		40.00	

The above will show the advance in prices for about 19 years. *Wood block.

Driftwood.

We have received of Mr. G. H. Watson of Roselle, N. J., Vol. I of the *Post Card*, which consists of 30 numbers nicely bound in paper cover. Also six numbers of Vol. II for the month of January. The *Post Card* contains interesting news for stamp collectors, besides being of great value to collectors of post cards, and at the subscription price of 15c., and publishing from 3 to 6 numbers a month, we wonder if Watson is a millionaire.

It might be said on the publishing of stamp papers, there is no end. The *Empire State Stamp Journal* is a new one from Trumansburg, N. Y. The editor Lincoln Rappleye was with the firm of the late L. W. Durbin.

The *Philatelic Nonpariel* for January appears with a cover.

The Chicago Philatelic Society now has its own "Official Journal" under the title of *C. P. S. Bulletin*, with S. B. Bradt as editor, and P. M. Wolsieffer of the *Gazette*, as business manager. The Chicago Society is in the lead.

The *Philatelic Monthly* for January commences Vol. 16th and contains "Notes on U. S. Envelopes" that will be of advantage for the collectors of envelopes to read, and we do not doubt but that it will be *news* for most of the advanced collectors.

A new conundrum modified from the *Empire State*. What two men make a specialty of U. S. stamps? E. B. Sterling and John Wanamaker.

THE PHILATELIC EXPRESS.

The National, Brooklyn, and Staten Island Societies are going to combine forces and publish a monthly called the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, in the interest of the above societies. C. B. Corwin, Manager-in-chief, J. W. Scott, Business Manager, R. R. Bogert, C. Gregory, and E. L. Schuman, as Managers. To be issued in March. The managers are all well-known philatelists, and we expect a journal of great interest to collectors.

Prince Amadeus, whose portrait appears upon the 1872 issue of Spanish stamps, died at Turin, Italy, on January 18th. after a short illness. He was a brother of King Humbert of Italy, and was elected King of Spain in November, 1870, after a revolution, which ended in the expulsion of Queen Isabella. He resigned in February, 1873, and was succeeded by Alphonso, XII. He has since lived a quiet and retired life in Italy.—*The Eastern Philatelist*.

The *Stamp Collector's Journal* is a new aspirant from Lake Village, N. H., 8 pages and cover.

The *Philatelic News* for January, has a portrait and biographical sketch of the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp, James Chalmers.

It is an interesting fact that the idea of the stamped envelope is really older than the idea of the postage stamp. Rowland Hill, says an article in an English journal, had no thought of the adhesive stamp at all; it was in a letter to a newspaper that the suggestion first appeared "that perhaps the difficulty of stamped covers might be obviated by using a bit of paper just large enough to bear the stamp and covered with a glutinous wash."

We are indebted to our friend H. W. Boers, of Detroit, Mich., for several items of news, also a New Year's card.

We understand a prominent American Philatelic Association philatelist is going to buy the *Eastern Philatelist*. If he obtains it, we have no doubt but that he will make it a lively paper. As he is considered one of the shining lights of the philatelic world.

The American advertising fiend who destroys the face of nature with his unsightly daubs seems to have a relation in England, for the British Postmaster-General says he is considering proposals for utilizing the backs of stamps for advertisements and thus deriving a revenue from them.

Collectors who are on the lookout for good bargains in the stamp line cannot do better than to try Mr. A. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, Md. Being a collector of over thirty years and a dealer for nearly four years standing, with direct correspondents in all parts of the world, he is better able to supply the collector with his wants than are the majority of the dealers, who use large advertisements to mislead collectors into thinking that they do a large business. His specialty is approval sheets and books for advanced collectors. His own private collection now numbers over 5000 varieties of postage stamps only. Although Mr. Lohmeyer is an extensive advertiser he does not overdo the thing, but places good respectable sized advertisements in the different papers of real value as advertisers. Collectors cannot help seeing that he is situated so as to give them the value for their money. Mr. Lohmeyer is a man we do not hesitate to recommend to you for your patronage. A trial order will bring a prompt and satisfactory answer.

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EDITORIAL.

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The *American Stamp Journal* has been pleased to criticise an article appearing now in the EXPRESS, called "Stamp Portraits." We think the article is of more benefit to stamp collectors than two articles in the January number of the *American Stamp Journal*, under the titles of "Calculations and Investigations" "New England's Philately." There is *nothing* in the first article that is of any benefit to stamp collectors. It seems to be a kick

from one of England's adherents, against Ph. Hiensberger of New York. The second article can best be criticised by taking the only sensible paragraph in the first article.

"But we must not suppose that within our circles we are perfect; by no means, for circumstances go to prove that the very persons we look to for information and instruction, are false to us, or on the other hand, are very poorly informed."

The writer of "New England's Philately," evidently compiled his list of philatelic papers from "Tiffany's Stamp Collector's Library Companion," where they are much better described. And in the case of papers published in Maine, because Tiffany does not mention the *Philatelic Gem*, published in Portland in 1872, the writer also leaves it out of his list. But why he should ignore the *Philatelic Era*, of to-day, is strange, unless he is "very poorly informed." And we fail to see how the stamp collectors can receive any benefit from an incomplete list of stamp papers. The writer also compares the stamp literature of to-day, with that of a few years ago. Take the *Philatelic Journal of America* of to-day, or the American Philatelic Association journal, and compare with the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* of the sixties, with its stamps of Paraguay, its Hamburg Locals etc., and some of the articles about them from the pens of Massachusetts' gifted philatelists. In those days it must have been "Happy New England" for stamp collectors.

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The *Stamp World* for January contains an article by "Vexator," and like the majority of the articles by the "Hill" followers, contains base insinuations. There seems to be among some of the "Hill" party, an idea that because the American Philatelic Association voted to investigate the serious (?) question, that (as one of

them writes) "the Chalmers' bubble has burst." We advocated in the EXPRESS before the A. P. A. convention that the question should be open for investigation, and we have not found any article ever written by any of the Hill claimants, that contained the least bit of proof that Hill invented the adhesive postage stamp. The columns of the EXPRESS are open to any articles on the subject, that contain any sensible facts, from the Hill disciples.

A Notice.

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THE PHILATELIC EXPRESS.

W. W. Jewett, Mgr.

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NOTICE.

PORTLAND, ME., Feb. 11, 1890.

To whom it may concern:

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J. H. LYONS.

READ THIS!

In addition to the above I desire to inform the collecting public that I shall issue No. 2 of the "PHILATELIC LIBRARY" (No. 1 of which met with such phenomenal success) about the last of March. An unexpected delay has been caused in the preparation of the MSS but now work has been resumed in earnest. Already we have received a number of advertisements, and have booked a large number of names for No. 2. Remember that all collectors sending 10 cents now for a copy of the book will have their name, address, etc. inserted FREE. As the book will be a very comprehensive work on "Counterfeits" no collector can afford to be without it. The advertising rates are 60c. $\frac{1}{4}$ page. \$1.00 for $\frac{1}{2}$ page or \$1.50 a page. Dealers who are looking for a good thing in the advertising line should not hesitate giving me an advertisement.

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IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

VOL. I.

PORTLAND, ME., MARCH, 1890.

No. 10.

Notes by the Wayside.

BY RAMBLER.

Well, as people in general must have their "Sunday newspaper," we suppose philatelists demand a Sunday stamp journal. The February number of the *Philatelic Era* is dated the 16th.

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A few months ago, it was my great pleasure to view the stamp collection of a lucky philatelist. An eccentric uncle, dying some years before, had bequeathed him, his property. In rummaging through an old bureau, which had been the property of the uncle mentioned above, he came across an old ledger, containing a number of postage stamps. Although he was not then a collector, he placed the stamps away and gave them no more thought till last summer, when the "stamp fever" struck him. He had collected nearly a thousand, when he recollected that he had another collection, which he again brought forth.

One day I was invited to call and look at his collection. I accepted the invitation. The ledger was placed in my hands, and I opened it, and struggled for breath. I was wholly unprepared for the sight that met my eyes. It was a collection of U. S. stamps. There was the Providence 5 and 10 cent, also two of the New York, and the New Haven. The adhesives were nearly all there, up to 1869. The envelopes were well represented, and the locals were numerous. The collection was then just as he had found it, but he has since placed it in an album with his own

collection. Probably his uncle was once a collector, but for lack of interest or some other reason abandoned the idea of collecting.

I never covet, but how I long for a collection of rare U. S. stamps like that.

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Nas-er-din, the Shah of Persia, is deeply interested in philately. He is the possessor of a fine collection.

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The article entitled "Counterfeits," in the *American Stamp Journal*, is written by "Le Tailleur," which translated, is "the tailor," and this seems like S. Allan Taylor. Why didn't he use a more *mystifying nom-de-plume*? In the article entitled "New England's Philately," which also appeared in the above mentioned paper, the *Stamp Collector's Record* receives a prominent notice as does also the name of Mr. Taylor, its editor. Therefore we conclude that Mr. Taylor was the author of this article. Ah! we are great for conclusions.

Now, the editor of the *American Stamp Journal* states that the author of the latter article collected stamps before the editor of the EXPRESS came into existence. In this he is mistaken. "Rambler" is acquainted with both gentlemen, and judges Mr. Taylor to be Mr. Lyons senior by about three years. Truly! S. Allan must have been a precocious child, collecting stamps at the age of three.

With the March number the *Stamp World* will be changed to *Hubbard's Magazine*, for young America, 16 to 24 pages of reading matter consisting of stories of travel and adventure, articles on stamps, coins, etc.

Stamp Portraits.

By J. H. LYONS.

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MEXICO.

Name.	Date.	Value.	Color.
Juarez	1868	6c, black on brown.	
Hidalgo,	1874	10c,	black.
Diaz,	1879	25c,	carmine.

MONACO.

Prince Charles III,	'85	25c,	green.
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MONTENEGRO.

Prince Nicholas,	1874	7s,	violet.
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MOZAMBIQUE.

Don Luis,	1886	25r,	lilac.
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NETHERLANDS.

King William III,	1852	10c,	carmine.
" " "	1864	15c,	orange.
" " "	1867	20c,	green.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Prince of Wales,	1860	17c,	black.
Mr. Connell,	'61 (?)	5c,	brown.

NEW FOUNDLAND.

Prince of Wales,	1866	10c,	black.
Queen Victoria,	1866	24c,	blue.
Prince of Wales,	1887	1c,	green.
Queen Victoria,	1887	3c,	brown.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Capt. Cook,	1888	4d,	brown.
Gov. Carrington and Gov. Philip.	1888	20sh,	blue.

NORWAY.

King Oscar I,	1857	3s,	lilac.
" " II,	1878	1kr,	green.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Queen Victoria,	1860	12½c,	black,
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PERSIA.

Nasr-ed-Deen,	1877	1sh,	black & lilac.
" " "	1882	50c,	black & grey.

PERU.

Admiral Grau,	1885	5c,	blue.
Col. Bolognesi,	1885	10c,	olive.

A Criticism on the New U. S. Stamps.

Let an impartial critic look over a stamp collection in which are stamps from all the stamp issuing countries, and request him to choose several countries which have issued the most artistic postage stamps, and the United States will be far from the top of the list. This may be rather a bitter pill for some of the United States collectors, but it is never-the-less true. The facts are, in artistic merit the United States stamps have degenerated. The only stamp of the present issue that has any merits is the 10c. green with portrait of Webster. The 2-cent is without any exception the poorest stamp ever issued by the U. S. The collectors attention is called to the 12-cent of 1851 which has a full face portrait of Washington, and a full or three-quarters face portrait on all the new issue would have made a fine set of stamps. And we live in hopes that sometime we shall have a Postmaster General who will have artistic taste enough to give the American collector an issue of stamps, that will at least be fair portraits of those who the designs are supposed to represent. It cannot be said but that there enough subjects from which to choose.

F. L.

Collector's attention is called to one, A. B. S. DeWolf of Halifax, N. B., who has been sending out circulars advertising U. S. 90-cent purple for 10c. And we have had several complaints from local collectors, that he returns their money less the cost of postage. And that he also returns a circular stating his price is 15c. It looks bad to do business this way to say the least, as the circulars first and last have been sent out at a time when the 90-cent purple cannot be bought for 15c. in any quantity.

Shun Surcharged Stamps.

By J. W. SCOTT.

When stamp-collecting first attained prominence about one thousand stamps had been issued throughout the world, and most of the known varieties were within the reach of collectors. Slight variations were not recognized, but few amateurs making a distinction between even perforated and unperforated issues. Then the rage for proofs and essays began, as something was necessary to keep up the interest of collectors while waiting for new issues.

Thirty years has completely changed the outlook for the collector. Now the question is, what can I afford to collect? For it is beyond the means of all except the very wealthy to make anything like a complete collection. Great numbers in this country confine themselves strictly to the stamps of the U. S., and this has had the effect of putting up the price of American stamps so high as to make this branch of philately almost prohibitory, even if the local stamps be excluded, there are still the government provisionals, to say nothing of our newspaper series leaping up twelve dollars at a jump and only stopping at \$60.00. Then the department stamps, who can predict the ultimate prices these will sell at? Fifteen years ago \$1.00 per set for Executive stamps was considered a pretty stiff price, now ten dollars is quite reasonable. By the way money invested in stamps shows much better returns than that invested in the most remunerative real estate.

The chief interest in a collection consists in the fact that our beautiful little labels come from every quarter of the globe, and give a very fair idea of the state of art throughout the world, but if we confine ourselves to one country, or even a group of countries, like the American Continent

or the British Colonies (both prime favorites with collectors), we lose the great charm of variety which is justly called the spice of life.

Now let us see how stamp collecting can be pruned down within the reach of moderate incomes without detracting from its interest as a pursuit or value as an educational medium. In my opinion there is only one way to accomplish this most necessary reform, and that is to throw out all surcharges. Look, for instance, at the streams of vile trash which oozes out from the various French possessions in a steady and ever increasing flow. Or take the West India Islands, Dominica or Trinidad with their wretched half-stamp surcharges. Why does not England, France, Germany or our own country surcharge its stamps? Simply because they are not in want of the few dollars that can be made in that way. Take one of the last surcharges, the half-penny on 2½p. Turks Island. The postmaster stated to a friend that he had returned £180 (\$900.00) which had been sent to him by dealers for these abominations. This is a very large sum for a small place, and a constant temptation for any postmaster to add to the revenues of his office more especially as it could easily be so arranged that nearly all would go into his own pocket.

Now let us look at the investment side of the case, so long as the surcharged stamp is common there is no great danger of counterfeiting, but should it become of any particular value it will surely be imitated, and as the surcharge usually consists of one or two words badly printed in black ink there can be no obstacles in the way of a successful counterfeit.

During the year 1888 two hundred and fifty stamps were chronicled as being issued, and of these eighty-eight were simply surcharges.

Boycot Surcharges!!! or if you buy at all consider them simply as badly cancelled

stamps of the original value, and refuse to pay the just price of a fair specimen unsurcharged. I have no hesitation in saying that if collectors will positively refuse to pay extra prices for surcharged stamps or to admit them into their albums, the year 1890 will show a falling off of at least 75 per cent. in the number of such stamps issued.

Revenue stamps used postally are also making great inroads into the purses of collectors without any corresponding advantage to our albums, but more of these anon.—*The Progressive Philatelist*.

John Wanamaker is a thorough believer in advertising, and his announcements in the Philadelphia papers are owing to their originality and startling character, as eagerly read as the news of the day itself. It is said that the cost of his announcements in newspapers and periodicals amounts to £1,000 a week, and in order to ensure for his advertisements that sparkling originality and crispness which always brings the most favorable results, he employs a journalist, formerly the editor of a well-known newspaper, to manage the literary department of the business, at a salary of £2,500 a year

The parcel post, since its introduction in England, has proved a great success. The report of the postal department, just issued, shows that from 1,000,000 parcels carried annually, at first, the business increased to 40,000,000 last year. The international parcel post is also extending rapidly and now nearly every foreign country is exchanging parcels, as well as letters, by mail, with England. Mexico has just come into the arrangement and another effort is being made to induce the United States to do the same. America and Queensland are now about the only prominent exceptions among civilized nations to adopt the system.

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The issue of the new four and five-cent stamps will be delayed for a short time on account of a difficulty experienced in producing acceptable portraits of Lincoln and Grant. Meanwhile the department will continue to furnish four and five-cent stamps of the old style when called for.

The new six-cent stamp is delayed as the color has not yet been fully decided upon.

The stamps remaining in post offices must be sold, and postmasters must not make requisition for the new stamps so long as they may have a sufficient supply of stamps of the old styles. The old stamps must not be returned to the department for exchange or redemption. Postmasters must not exchange or redeem stamps of the old style remaining in the hands of the public. The stamps of the styles now in use will continue to be recognized equally with those of the new issue in payment of postage. The stamps of past issues which are still valid consist of three different styles, and are known as the series of 1861, 1869 and 1870 respec-

tively. The two issues of stamps made before the war of the rebellion, and designated as the series of 1847 and 1851, were long since declared to be valueless. Many of the stamps of the latter issue are believed to be still outstanding; and they must not be accepted by postmasters in payment of postage. Matter bearing these stamps, and offered for mailing, must be treated as held for postage. There will be no changes in the current special delivery, postage due or newspaper and periodical stamps; neither will the stamps on the stamped envelopes be changed, for the present at least. No specimens of present or past issues are furnished directly by the department. The new series comprises the same denominations as the series in present use to meet existing rates of postage. The stamps differ somewhat in form from those in present use, and are about one-eighth smaller in size.

The designs contain, as the leading feature, the portraits of personages of great eminence in American history. The portraits are in medallion, with a heavily shaded background, and set in an ornamental frame containing the words and figures expressive of the object and value of the stamps. The stamps are printed in suitable and attractive colors from engraved steel plates. The 1-cent stamps contains a profile bust, after Rubricht, of Benjamin Franklin, printed in ultra-marine blue. On the 2-cent stamps is a profile bust, after Houdon, of George Washington, looking to the left, on an oval disc, printed in carmine. The 3-cent stamps contain a profile bust, after Powers, of Andrew Jackson, on an oval disc printed in purple. The 4-cent stamp contains a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, after a photograph from life, three-quarters face, looking to the right, color light brown. The 6-cent denomination has a portrait of James A. Garfield, after a photograph from life, three-quarters face.

The color of this stamp has not yet been fully determined upon. The 10-cent stamps contain a portrait of Daniel Webster, after a daguerreotype from life, three-quarters face, looking to the left, color milori green.

The 15-cent denomination has a portrait of Henry Clay, after a daguerreotype from life. The color is deep blue. On the 30-cent stamp is a profile bust of Thomas Jefferson after Ceracchi; color black. The 90-cent denomination contains a profile bust of Commodore O. S. Perry, after Wolcott's statue; the color is orange.

The whole series is designed and printed by the American Bank Note Company, under the direction and supervision of Third Assistant Postmaster-General Hazen. The number of stamps already ordered of the new issue aggregates nearly 44,000,000, representing \$784,323.

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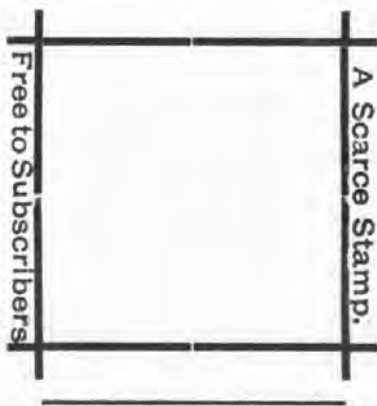
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And this time it is the *Eureka Philatelist* of San Francisco, who gives up the struggle with the Feb. number.

Where Ignorance is Bliss 'Tis
Folly to be Wise.

The above quotation is appropriately applied to the Editor of the *American Stamp Journal*. He has been pleased to remark that a certain article now being published in the EXPRESS is of no benefit to collectors. We doubt if there is a collector in the United States who can tell whose portraits adorn all the postage stamps, unless he goes to considerable study. The collecting of stamp portraits is one of the forms of specialism; and a very good one at that. Our list was written in the hopes that it might be of interest to collectors of that form of specialism, and *undoubtedly* is a little too far *advanced* for the Editor of the *A. S. J.*, and not having any sensible facts to offer in rebut against our criticism on his January number, takes refuge under a very poor form of journalism. Personal abuse is despicable in the columns of any paper, and especially a stamp paper. Our criticism was on the articles, from a collector's standpoint and not on the writers. Whether the London post office is called one name or another can in no way be of interest to stamp collecting. If Mr. Heinsberger's ancestors came from Europe or Asia can be of no interest to me as a collector. The writer of "New England's Philately" was *not* well posted. Being *well* posted his list would have been complete, *if* he wrote it from memory (as the Editor *claims*) his memory is very poor, as he has seen a copy of the *Era*. A list of like that to be of any value to collectors should have at least the current papers. Written by an old collector we would expect a more perfect list than we should from a recent addition to our ranks. The editor says, "the man who wrote it, was a collector and student of stamps before J. H. Lyons came into existence." When the editor wrote that he made an assertion that he knew

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nothing of. Whether I have collected stamps for one year or ten, was unknown to him. When a person makes an assertion of that kind out of nothing, we are to suppose they—well, our readers can draw their own conclusions. He also gives a list of contents of the EXPRESS for Feb., and we leave it to any sensible collector if they are not of interest to stamp collectors. We know any number of the EXPRESS will compare favorably with his paper. Our criticism on his paper still holds, and when the editor of the *A. S. J.* can show the stamp collectors wherein they are benefited by his articles we will reply, otherwise we have not the time, inclination, or space to enter into any foolish controversy with one whom we consider (in regard to stamp collecting) mentally our inferior. As for his kind offer of a loan of a contributor, we most respectfully decline, as we publish *only articles* that are of *interest* to stamp collectors.

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We have received the *New Jersey Collector* for Feb., 6 pages and cover. Box 302, Plainfield, N. J.

The *Eastern Philatelist* has been sold to F. H. Pinkham, of Newmarket, N. H., who will issue the March number as editor and manager.

The *Yankee Philatelist* for Feb. shows the need of a proof reader. A change for the worst in printers, is the cause of a great many typographical errors.

James Lawrenson, the man who has sworn in every Postmaster General since Jackson's administration, is dying at his home in Baltimore. He is also the oldest employee of the United States postal service, both in point of age and continuous service. On the 22nd of the present month he will be 87 years old. At the age of 16 years Lawrenson entered the postal service of the Baltimore post office, and after 15 years' service was transferred to the general department at Washington, where he has sworn in every Postmaster General since the administration of President Andrew Jackson. When Mr. Vilas was sworn in, Mr. Lawrenson was overlooked, and when the Postmaster General heard of his record he sent for Mr. Lawrenson and was sworn in again.

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POST OFFICE ON WHEELS.

A TRIP IN A MAIL CAR: FROM PORTLAND TO BOSTON AND RETURN.

At exactly 12.41 Friday afternoon the pullman train from the east rolled into the Union station at Portland, Me. Passengers with bags and bundles hurried to and fro, hackmen solicited their fares, baggage trucks rattled along the platforms, hungry travellers rushed to the depot restaurant, and the loud metallic clang of the car wheels under the tester's hammer was heard above the din. Several tons of mail matter in bags and sacks were tumbled out of the mail car and loaded into wagons to be sent to the Portland post office. Then a large quantity of mail was put into the car. The latter had been brought from the local office, and was destined for cities and towns west of Portland.

A few minutes before 1 an (Evening) EXPRESS reporter, armed with a permit, issued by the United States government, entered the mail car and presented the important piece of paper to the head clerk. Mr. Sprague, who by the way is a very efficient and obliging official, said; "It is very unusual for one not connected with the service to ride with us, because we have to keep on the jump; but make yourself at home and keep your eyes open.

The car measured 60 feet in length and every inch was utilized to advantage. The forward end was occupied by cases containing several hundred pigeon holes, marked with the names of all the States in the

Union, the principal cities west as well as the principal towns and cities in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and a part of Rhode Island and Connecticut. Boxes were also marked with the names of other "r. p. o's," or railway post offices such as the Boston & New York, New York & Chicago, New York & Washington, Boston & St. Albans. There was a table 24 inches wide and perhaps thirty-seven feet in length extending along the middle of the car. In front and behind this table were a hundred and twenty or more bags, or pouches, for the postal clerk never uses the term bag. These pouches and sacks hung on frames, open at the mouth and marked, similar to the pigeon holes. In the lower end of the car, occupying 17 feet of space, were piled 50 pouches and sacks securely locked and addressed. These had been made up between Bangor and Portland and were bound from Maine and New Hampshire to the West. By the West is meant at points west of Portland. On each side of the car, attached to the forward door is an iron crane which snatches pouches at stations where the train does not stop. The above describes the car with the exception of small apertures in the side where letters may be mailed at stations.

At exactly 1 o'clock Engineer Waterman started the Boston express on its journey of 109 miles to the "Hub of the universe." As the train thumped over the network of switches and tracks in the yard, the mail men took their places. Head Clerk Sprague and Mr. Soper were at the letter boxes and Messrs. Thompson and Jordan stood at the long table. Mr. Goodwin, the fifth clerk, is known as a "short stop." He attends to

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the closing and opening the pouches and sacks, throws them off at their stations and attends to the catching of the bags.

The pouches and sacks taken aboard at Portland were opened and their contents distributed into the different compartments. Messrs. Sprague and Soper took up the bunches of letters and distributed them with remarkable speed. The first stop was made at Cape Elizabeth depot where a pouch was thrown off and several taken on from the Grand Trunk train of the Portland and Island Pond R. P. O. Then the clerks had to work fast to get the mail addressed to Old Orchard, in the pouch ready to be thrown off.

The same with Saco and Biddeford. At the latter place the head clerk was handed a registered letter addressed to Amesbury, Mass. With the letter was a yellow postal card. The clerk took the letter and card and compared them. The number and address were the same and he made a record of the fact in a book. He then took the yellow card, receipted it and placed it in a box to be returned to the postmaster at Biddeford on the first mail, to show that he had received it all right. He then filled out a receipt on a green card and mailed it to the Amesbury office. When the postmaster at the latter place received the registered letter he was obliged to mail that green card to the head clerk's address so as to show the latter that the precious letter had reached its destination safely.

Mail was received and put off, not only for the stations along the route, but for post offices reached by stage line from them. So it is compulsory for a mail clerk to carry in his head the names of the 1,050 post offices in Maine, 850 in Massachusetts, 560 in New Hampshire, 500 in Vermont and 300 in Connecticut. It is also necessary for him to be able to remember instantly just where the mail should be

put off to reach each post office in the shortest time.

As the clerk ties up the mail for each place preparatory to being placed in the pouch, he must put in a slip of paper with his name printed thereon. For instance when Mr. Sprague ties up a package marked Chicago, he places a slip, 3x5 inches, on top of the letters, like this:

CHICAGO, ILL.
V. H. SPRAGUE
GREENE,
MAY 28th WEST
MAINE.
Bangor & Boston R P O

If there should be a letter in the bunch that did not belong there, the man who opened the package would discover it, make a note of the fact on the back of the slip and mail it to the superintendent. Every bunch of mail in the country is treated the

same and it is compulsory for each clerk to mail the slip with a memorandum of the errors and report them. At the end of the month each clerk receives a report - giving the number of errors. If he averages a certain number he loses his position.

At Portsmouth considerable mail was received. The train waits 10 minutes here and passes the train bound for Portland. The mail received between Portland and Portsmouth addressed to eastern points was transferred to the other train to ensure a quick delivery. While the passengers were bolting the ossified railway sandwich, the clerks worked on with increased activity. Before we reached Greenland the clerk invited the writer to witness the flying catch. The train was thundering over the irons at a rapid speed. Looking out of the car door a mail bag could be seen hanging from a beam erected close to the track. It was shaped like an hour glass. The clerk, who catches the mail, was ready with one

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The Stamp Clerk.

AN INTERESTING STUDY OF CHARACTER
IN A CITY POSTOFFICE.

"I should think you have a pretty easy time in here."

"Well, pretty easy."

"You don't have much to do. Just stand at the window, count out stamps, and take in the money."

"That's all, save the little item of making correct change every time."

"Oh, of course. But that isn't much."

"No, not much, though sometimes half a dozen people, all in a hurry, want stamps at the same moment."

"Yes, to be sure. You must be busy at times, say early in the day, or at Christmas and Easter. But most people could do the work, with a little practice."

"Yes, practice is a great thing, but I've been a stamp clerk for ten years, and yet yesterday I made a mistake in counting out a small number of one-cent stamps. Still, practice is a great thing."

Well, I should like to have your place, that's all. It can't be very hard to sell stamps."

"I wish you had it, as you think it is so easy. But, should you try it a day, you might think differently."

This conversation between two acquaintances occurred in a city postoffice a year ago. The change which has brought about a new administration removed, about a month ago, the old postoffice clerk and installed another man in his place.

The new clerk entered upon his duties the first day with a feeling that selling stamps was a diversion suited to his genial temperament. He hadn't been at the window an hour before he was a sadder and a wiser man.

A woman came up and wanted thirteen

cents' worth of two's and one's, half and half, seven postal cards and a package of two cent wrappers. She had nothing smaller than a \$5 bill.

When the clerk had recovered from the temporary slow fever into which this episode threw him, there was a crowd waiting outside, and all he could hear was:

"Twenty-five cents' worth of twos, please," "Package postal cards." "Dollar's worth stamps, quick." "How much'll that take? Goin' to Canady." "Nuff stamps on that, hey?" "Gimme two twos and three ones, will you? I'm in a hurry."

The young man nervously counted out stamps, weighed packages, consulted the printed schedule for rates in foreign countries and perspired freely. Cold chills ran down his back, for he had a vague idea of giving somebody seventy-five cents' worth of stamps for fifty cents, and of selling a package of postal cards for half price.

The crowd at the window did not diminish, but grew.

A man finally came up in a great hurry and threw down a handful of loose silver and nickels and coppers and asked for—

"Twenty-seven ones, sixteen cents' worth of twos, two and a half packages of postal cards, and the rest in twos and one cent wrappers."

The new clerk choked down a big word or two, mopped his brow nervously with a sheet of stamps, and began counting out a package of stamped envelopes, government official size.

"How many did you say?"

"How many what?"

"Envelopes."

"Envelopes? I don't want any envelopes. Twenty-seven ones, sixteen cents, worth of twos, two and one-half packages of postal cards and the rest in twos and one-cent wrappers. That's what I want and in a big hurry, too. Got to catch a train."

"Sixteen cents' worth of twos?"

"Yes, I said so."

"Oh, well, all—all right! There you are. And—and how many ones?"

"Twenty-seven come, hurry up!"

"Twenty-seven; twenty-seven. Five times five is twenty-five and two is seven—twenty-seven. Twenty-seven. And now, the rest in envelopes, did you say?"

"Envelopes? I don't want any envelopes. One cent wrappers is what I want."

"How many?"

"How many? Well, give me just one. Perhaps you can count that out straight," (sarcastically).

"A one-cent wrapper is two cents."

"All right! I can stand it if you can."

"How many packages of postal cards?"

"Never mind. I can't wait here all day. Besides, there's a crowd out here stretching way around the corner. Just give me my change and I'll get out of here."

When the clerk had recovered from the syncope into which this little transaction had cast him, he spied his old acquaintance, the former stamp clerk, at the window.

"Ah, you seem to be having a pleasant time in here. Please let me have \$2 worth of twos and sixes, \$1 worth of each. And just weigh that little bundle. Going to Honduras. Needs two more stamps, I think. Should think you would have a good time in here. Not much to do but stand up and sell stamps, and give back the right change, hey? You must enjoy your place here. Of course, it will be a little busy early in the morning, or at Christmas or Easter times. Most people could do it with a little practice.—*U. S. Mail.*

City Postal Wagons.

An innovation has been introduced into the postal service at Berlin recently which

is as valuable as it is unique. 10 large postal wagons, with sorting tables, stamping arrangements, and everything else used in preparing mail for transportation, were sent out from Berlin's Station C over 10 routes in the city limits, to collect the contents of the street mail boxes. The officials who accompanied the wagons sorted stamped and bunched the mail brought them from the boxes by a porter, while the wagons were being driven in from the outskirts of the city.

In this way an hour, and often enough, two hours, was saved from the time before required for preparing the mails for the trains. A letter box was attached to the side of each wagon, so that pedestrians in the street could throw in their letters whenever the wagon stopped. These postal wagons have been a complete success thus far, and will be continued in use. Most of them cover their routes in just an hour. The Berlin post officials boast that they now have the quickest city mail service in the world.

If this scheme were adopted in Boston, New York and other large American cities it would be of immense advantage to the business men who would thereby save frequently, many valuable hours by having their mail promptly sent out in season to catch trains which it is impossible for them to reach under the present system.

An Unique Sign.

One of the railroads centering in Chicago has an unique sign in a Madison street show window in that city. A space about 24x36 inches is covered with all sorts of stamps arranged in the "crazy quilt" style. The work is tastefully done and proves quite attractive. The border around the stamps has the company's advertisement.—*C. P. S. Bulletin.*

POST OFFICE ON WHEELS.

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hand on the crane at the car door, while in the other he held a pouch to be thrown off. On rushed the train; the clerk threw the bag and turned the crane, but the pouch was missing. We did not catch it, because the force of the wind from the flying express had dislodged it before the arm could reach out and pull it in. The train never stopped, and whether the bag was ground to atoms beneath the wheels still remains unknown. A report was sent to Boston stating that the clerks failed to receive the pouch at Greenland. It is very seldom that one is missed.

After leaving Ipswich the clerks began to tie up the packages bound for points west of Boston, and when we entered the depot at the Hub, tons of sacks and bags were ready to be transferred to the different roads leaving Boston.

Driftwood.

Putnam Bros., the stamp dealers, have retired from business, having sold out to Durgin of Boston.

Lieut. Partello says, at Fort Davis they have what he terms a military rush just at present, target practice, inspections, etc.

We have received a copy of *Hubbard's Magazine* and we doubt if John can make a go of it, unless he improves on number 1.

Considerable activity is shown by local collectors in trying to purchase the 90-cent purple. It seems to be a case of locking the stable door after the horse was stolen with most of them. One collector was fortunate enough to secure about 350 of them before the rise in prices.

The sorest speculator is Mr. — of Boston, who travels through several of the New England states. At rather a late day he concluded that the 90-cent purple was good stock to buy. After buying about 40 at a low price and being unable to obtain any more, he goes in for unused by buying all the post offices had on hand at Bangor, Augusta, Lewiston, Portland and Boston. At the Boston office he left a few on account of their being part perforated. He called on yours truly, and we were able to inform him where he could buy the unused, and we have no doubt that by this time he has cleaned out another post office of their stock of the 90-cent purple. He states that in about 2 years they will be worth \$3, while we think it is setting it a little low. There is plenty of them at present at \$1.35 unused, and 40 cents used. A word to the wise is sufficient.

At an auction sale of stamps, in New York, on Feb. 10th, a Nova Scotia shilling, used, brought \$21.50. At the same sale, an unused complete set of Executive department sold for \$8.25

"Am pleased to note evidence of the EXPRESS' prosperity." Geo. F. Heath, M. D.

No. The head on the new 10-cent stamp is not a portrait of the Mayor of Chicago. Our office boy who is a student of history says it is meant for D. Webster, but we rather think it is a likeness of the revised and beautiful cut of Gen. Butler. —*Munsey's Weekly.*

The *Eastern Philatelist* still keeps up its record of being one of the best stamp papers although having changed publishers. F. H. Pinkham, Editor and Publisher, Newmarket, N. H.

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We understand the *Universal Philatelic
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a copy, we cannot offer any comments on
it. Perhaps their 12,000 copies would not
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reading, 12 pages of ads. Looks as though
t'would be the stamp journal of the day.
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New York City.

The birthday of Washington was ap-
propriately celebrated by the first public
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stamp, which restores the bright hue of
health to the revered cheek of the Father
of our Country, and shoves the sickly
green horror of the past four years into the
back garret of hideous memories.—*New
York Sun.*

Stamp Portraits.

By J. H. LYONS.

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Name.	Date.	Value.	Color.
Queen Isabella,	1861	5c,	vermilion.
" "	1864	3½c,	bl'k on straw
King Amadeus,	1872	25c. de p,	lilac.
" Alfonso,	1878	25 "	black.
" "	1882	25c,	brown.

PORTO RICO.

King Alfonso,	1877	15c,	green.
" "	1884	3c,	brown.

PORTUGAL.

Donna Maria,	1853	25 reis,	blue.
Don Pedro, V,	1855	100 "	lilac.
Don Luis,	1863	10 "	yellow.
" "	1867	25 "	rose.
" "	1880	5 "	black.
" "	1889	10 "	green.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.

Don Luis,	1886	6 reis,	green.
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Queen Victoria,	1870	4½d,	brown.
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PRUSSIA.

Frederic Wm. IV,	1858	2 s g,	blue.
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QUEENSLAND.

Queen Victoria,	1882	2sh,	blue.
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ROUMANIA.

Prince Conza,	1865	2 pa,	orange.
" Charles,	1868	4 bani,	blue.
" "	1871	15 "	carmine.
" "	1872	1½ "	green.
" "	1887	5 "	green.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLAND.

Don Luis,	1887	25r,	violet.
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In our February number there appeared an advertisement of a Mr. Schneider, of Riga, Russia. This advertisement was copied from the *Philatelic Journal of America*, where it appeared with a notice requesting publisher to insert it. He is now being advertised as a fraud and we would warn our readers to beware of him. We were also unable to collect our advertising bill.

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We hereby notify them that unless a prompt settlement of their account is made or an excuse given for their failure to settle, they will see their names displayed under the head "Delinquent Advertisers." Collectors will then be able to see what dealers are honest and pay their debts, and will as a matter of course give them patronage.

Our readers will do us a favor by mentioning this paper when writing to any of our advertisers.

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Postage Stamp Collecting.

In reading the various stamp journals of recent date, I find many of the writers advocate specialism. And I find from observations among different collectors that specialism has various forms. Some of them are good and a majority of them are very bad. And I also find that the collecting of stamps at the present day, has a tendency to cause a kind of dissatisfied feeling with the collectors, owing, no doubt, to the dealers and the philatelic papers which advocate the collecting of this thing and that, until the stamp collector, from collecting postage stamps, envelopes, postal cards, surcharges, match, medicine and card stamps, proofs and various other article, finally becomes disgusted with stamp collecting and gives it up in despair. In the old days of collecting postage stamps, pure and simple, the collector was far happier, if more ignorant, than the stamp collector of today. This may seem strange, but is nevertheless true. I have seen and conversed with several stamp collectors of the present time, and among them all there is not one who is what I call a stamp collector; one collecting U. S. only and goes in for minute varieties, oddities, etc., and there are hundreds of fine beautiful stamps that he has never seen; another collects U. S. and revenues, match, medicine, and card stamps; another collects all issues of various countries up to 1885, and the fine stamps of the centennial issues of New South Wales, and the Jubilee issue of Great Britain are not found among his collection.

Another collects only English Colonies, and besides losing all the fine stamps of other countries, neglects those of the U. S. And I might recite various cases that have come under my observation, but the above are a fair sample of the present collectors as I find them. Now I respect each man's hobby and if one chooses to collect envelopes and another match and medicine stamps or oddities, I have no desire to find any fault with them, they are additions to postage stamp collecting as it should be.

In the collecting of postage stamps all stamp issuing countries should be represented. More copies of the International have been sold than any other album, and having a place for the stamps of all countries, has been one of the reasons why they have sold so well. The collector having one of these albums finally becomes aware of the difficult task of collecting on this plan, and then goes into specialism. What is wanted is an album modeled after the International with spaces for the regular adhesive postage issues of all countries, leaving out the United States locals, envelopes of all countries, surcharges, revenue-used postally, etc. An album on the above plan will undoubtedly find a large and ready sale. Mr. Lyons of the EXPRESS has under consideration my plan of an album on this system of collecting the postage stamps of all countries and I am in hopes he will publish an album of this kind. The collector of the stamps of all countries is far ahead of the collector of one or a few countries. The collector of U. S. postage and envelopes alone may be able to tell you about the shades, watermarks, dies, etc. My collector will give you a general account of the whole stamp issu-

ing world, and my collector is the gainer thereby. H.

Some time about the middle of February, the postal authorities of St. Christopher issued an official circular which stated that there were no 1d. stamps in that island, and in order to provide for that value a supply of one pennies had been procured from Antigua, which would be accepted at the St. Kitts post office until their own one pennies arrived. We have, therefore, a temporary makeshift which is a vast improvement over a surcharge. The only way, therefore, in which these provisionals may be distinguished is by the cancellation, which, in the case of Antigua, is the well known colonial oval surrounding AO2, or else the post mark of that colony, which lately appears to have been pretty generally used in lieu of the regular canceller, while in the case of St. Kitts the canceller is A12 or else the colonial post mark. The specimen before us bears the A12 cancellation mark and has the regular post mark of St. Kitts, dated March 25th, alongside on the portion of newspaper to which this stamp was affixed.

This is something absolutely new in philately and the action of the St. Kitts authorities is commendable.—*Metropolitan Philatelist*.

This not being a surcharge there will be a golden opportunity to work the stamp collectors, and as they like to be gulled, the stamps should bring a good price. Anything of the above nature will come under the head of oddities and can be of no value to regular collectors. The common sense stamp collector will only want a penny stamp of Antigua.

In our next issue we intend to give our readers a sketch of the London Philatelic Exhibition, which opens May 19th. The article will be written by a well known London collector who will attend the Exhibition.

The New Issue.

Many of the prominent newspapers of the country are trying to make life a burden to our present Postmaster General, on account of the wretched daubs called postage stamps. Already there are rumors of the present issue being retired. And undoubtedly they will at no late day be changed for something better in the way of designs and colors. The following are newspaper comments on the new issue of U. S. adhesives.

WANAMAKER'S BLUNDER.

THE LABEL UPON FRANKLIN IN THE NEW ISSUE OF STAMPS ITS RESULT.

The most recent product of John Wanamaker's management of the Post Office Department is the new series of postage stamps, which are decidedly the ugliest that this country has yet experienced. There is an episode connected with this issue which illustrates the left handed way in which Mr. Wanamaker does things.

It has been noticed that the new one-cent stamp bears the portrait of Benjamin Franklin, but no one who is familiar with the portraits of that practical philosopher would ever recognize the likeness except after a careful examination. The reason for this was the mistake made by the Post Office authorities in sending the American Bank Note Company a sketch of Franklin's head, which was to be used for the block. The artist who was not accustomed to the exigencies of postage-stamp engraving, followed the printed stamp, and in the portrait of Franklin which the company received the head faced the same way in which it does in the stamp—that is, to the left. This was against all traditions of stamp printing, one of the principal rules of which is that the head shall face the address, and this portrait, had it been placed upon the blocks, would have made Franklin face to the right and re-

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gard space with his usual placid expression of contentment.

The engravers of the company at once recognized this and set about remedying it. The portrait was turned around, but here came the difficulty. While Franklin looked like himself while facing the left in the portrait, by no exertion of skill could his profile be changed to the right without entirely altering his expression and making him resemble the putty-faced personification of senility which now appears on the one-cent stamp. The efforts of the engravers who strove to remedy the department's mistake required time, and that is one reason why the issue was delayed some time after it was promised by Mr. Wanamaker.

But the administration was content to accept this libel upon Franklin, and Mr. Wanamaker passed the proofs, so that during the remainder of the Republican term of office in the Post Office Department the country will be forced to regard this sad semblance of the of the good old printer Benjamin Franklin.—*N. Y. Times, March, 1890.*

THE SMUDGY RED WASHINGTON.

A reproachful correspondent addresses to us this remonstrance:

"It is hardly magnanimous in *The Sun* to pitch into the Postmaster General for giving us the new two-cent stamp. Of course it is no improvement on its predecessor, the sickly green. It is a cheap, inartistic little red joker which we are asked to stick on our envelopes. But *The Sun* did it, and let *The Sun* sustain it."

This gives us an opportunity to say that *The Sun* positively and emphatically disavows all responsibility for the color which John Wanamaker has daubed on the new two-cent postage-stamp, or for the change in the design of the plate.

The change in design is no improvement. The old plate was simple, chaste, and satisfactory. It was the design adopted by Gen. Arthur's administration and originally ren-

dered in the dull Venetian red which distinguished the most beautiful postage-stamp ever issued by any government.

All would have been well had it not entered the head of sickly green subordinate in the Post Office Department under Mr. Cleveland to celebrate his own moral and intellectual hue at the expense of George Washington's reputation and of the American public's comfort.

What *The Sun* labored for, backed by a powerful national sentiment, was to secure, first, the abolition of the sickly green; and, in the second place, the restoration of the satisfactory dull red which everybody liked and which met the most rigid requirements of correct aesthetics.

The sickly green went, but the dull Venetian red did not return. Like some other half-baked in elligencies, the Hon. John Wanamaker thought that while accepting *The Sun's* advice he could improve upon its suggestions. He brought to bear on the selection of colors a taste educated in the hosiery department of his emporium; and the bargain counter instinct impelled him to impose upon the people an ink which is not only too florid, but also too gummy. It rubs off. It won't wash. It isn't a fast color.

This is the plain truth about the new two-cent postage stamp. We don't sustain it, except so far as it supercedes the sickly green. The remedy is about as bad as the disease. Considering the new stamp in connection with the new bargain counter postal card of cheap blotting paper, nobody need wonder that Wanamaker has deemed it prudent to insure his life for \$1,500,000.—*N. Y. Sun.*

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" C. "	1875	4c,	" " "
" " "	1889	8c,	green and red.

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Fred'k Augustus, iv.	1851	½ n.g.	blk on grey.
King John,	1885	½ n.g.	" " "

SERVIA.

Prince Michael,	1866	2 p.	brown.
" Milano,	1869	1 p.	yellow.
" "	1881	25 p.	blue.
Alexander i,	1890	5 p.	green.

SIAM

Chulalonkorn i,	1883	1 s.	orange.
" "	1887	8 a.	green & yellow.

SPAIN.

Queen Isabella,	1850	6 c,	black.
" "	1868	50 m.	violet.
King Amadeus,	1872	40 c	brown.
Alphonso xii,	1876	50 c	brown.
Don Carlos,	1873	1 r	blue.
Alphonso xiii,	1889	20 c	green.

SURINAME.

King William,	1873	5 c	violet.
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SWEDEN.

King Oscar ii,	1868	10 ore	carmine.
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Don Louis	1887	80 reis,	gray.
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King George Tubou	1886	2d,	purple.
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URAGUAY.

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IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

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London Philatelic Exhibition.

This exhibition, which was under the patronage of the Duke of Edinburgh and H. M. Postmaster General, opened its doors to the public on May 19th, and after a very successful week closed on the evening of the 26th. The Jubilee of the penny post suggested the undertaking to Mr. Castle, and his ideas were warmly taken up by the London Philatelic Society. The number of entries soon convinced the Committee that large premises would have to be secured, and ultimately the Portman Rooms, once the home of Madame Tassard's waxworks, were secured. For a week there have reposed philatelic treasures exceeding £100,000; \$500,000. Such a display has never before been seen in England or anywhere else.

The rarest stamps exhibited, were no doubt a joined pair of the pink first issue of British Guiana exhibited alongside their coloured brethren by Mr. E. B. Luard and which obtained for their owner a silver medal. Major Evans' splendid lot of Afghans attracted great attention, as did also the Reunions and Hawaiian belonging to Mr. Tapling, one sheet of 12 of the latter being valued at £400. The curiosities are many, such as an uncut sheet of N. S. W. first issue penny, several uncut sheets of Phillipines, Mulready's original design for his envelopes, the Duke of Lenister's inverted Black Swan, James Chalmers' first adhesive, &c., &c.

The United States were very poorly represented, for with the exception of a fine set of "Reay" and other envelopes

exhibited by Mr. Petrie, and a few—a *very* few—exhibits of locals, and some sheets of proofs, there was nothing.

English dealers were well represented, and so were the leading manufacturers, one of whom exhibited the first perforating machine used by them.

A. E. GRIFFITHS.

London, Eng.

Here and There.

The Auction Sales for May, as written up by Mr. Corwin for the *Metropolitan*, are commendable, being interspersed with interesting notes, we hope to see more of them.

A Portland collector purchased several lots at Bogert's last auction sale, one lot contained three counterfeit revenue stamps. (*i. e.* dyed pink.)

The *Western Philatelist* still lives, and although reduced to four pages for the summer months, promises something nice for September.

We understand that Rappleye has been refused second-class rates for the *Empire State*. We wonder why the Post Office Department has not taken the rates away from several of the stamp journals, some of them being 14 pages of advertisements to 2 pages of reading.

AN ORIGINAL STAMP COLLECTOR.

There is a stamp collector in a city in the state of Maine, who for originality can beat the world. Having heard of him from a relative of his, we undertook to interview him. And this is what we found, a gentleman of passable manner and appearance, and we should say about 40 years old. Having introduced ourselves and stated that we were a stamp collector, we met with a very cordial reception, and were invited to enter a small room which might from the surroundings be termed a library, as on two sides of the room were bookcases containing a large number of books of history, travels, and standard works of fiction. At one end of the room was an old fashioned bureau and cash drawer, which might literally be said to be packed with cancelled stamps of all kinds, from the early issues up to the present day. There seemed to be no method or system of keeping them, as some were in boxes and many tied up in bundles. One drawer contained loose stamps just as they were cut from the envelopes and we estimated there were 100,000 or more in the drawer. There were stamps of the United States, Great Britain, Italy, France, Mexico, Canada, New South Wales, Victoria, etc. A little of everything in the

stamp line. We inquired how so many stamps were obtained, and we found the gentleman was extensively interested in shipping, and the captains collected for him all the stamps they ran across.

But his chief source for obtaining them was from a brother who has charge of a paper mill in the eastern part of the state, and he said when his brother had obtained a box full he sent them to him, and he paid for them at the rate of 50c. per pound. A lot received a few days before, we were shown, they were in a pasteboard box, and the weight was a little over 5 lbs, at his leisure the gentleman assort the stamps, we took up a few handfuls, and in the space of a few minutes we found three 1847 10c. and several 5c., one carrier stamp and there were thousands of 3c. green and foreign stamps. A box of this kind to the average stamp collector would be a "picnic."

In what seemed an envelope box there were among others about 400 12c. purple, tied up in bundles of 50, we wanted to buy that lot right away, but we found he would not sell any of his duplicates, but would be willing to exchange any of them for stamps he did not have. We wanted to know on what basis he would exchange, and we found that the condition of the stamps being equal, he would exchange stamp for stamp. We wanted to know what

he intended to do with so large a lot of duplicates, and the gentleman answered by saying that he understood that there were persons who were dealers in postage stamps, and although he had never bought any stamps from a dealer, and knew nothing about the values, he thought that at some future day he would receive a good price for them.

We next looked over his collection which was in two large blank books nicely bound in leather, and the collection numbered about thirty-two hundred stamps of all kinds, postage, envelopes, revenues, etc. The stamps were pasted in solid, each country by themselves. No plan was used, either of date of issue or value, but they seemed to be put in rotation as received. He had never seen a catalogue or a stamp album. You talk of looking over a stamp collection, a review of these two books by any advanced collector of today would cause many a smile.

The collection contained many a scarce stamp, but the gem of the collection was a Nova Scotia shilling. The collector did not seem to know the value of any of the stamps or anything about them. If he found a stamp not in his collection he pasted it in. In fact in regard to philately it seemed a clear case of "Where ignorance is bliss, it was folly to be wise."

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Notes.

There are only nine states in the Union where the postal receipts exceed the expenditures.

The troubles at the postal card factory at Shelton, Ct., have been satisfactorily arranged. Geo. E. Lemon, a Washington capitalist, has, it is said, come to Mr. Daggett's relief and creditors have been induced to allow him to go on.

The sum of \$55,000 in gold coin was sent from San Bernardino to San Francisco by mail a few days ago as second class matter at one cent an ounce. An insurance company took a risk on the coin, and the bank saved \$150 by using the mail.

An article in the *Metropolitan* entitled "How to Have a Collection of 500,000 Varieties," seems to be written with a spirit of levity that one would hardly suppose a *philatelist* of education, etc., and dignified with the title of Reverend, would be guilty of. The article bears the merit of being well written. It is to be deplored that talents of the kind used, should not have been given to an article for the benefit of philately.

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The *Philatelist* calls the publishers of the *Philatelic Era* a couple of cracked brained idiotic lads. From a personal acquaintance with the aforesaid publishers we can say that they are young men of

sense and education. Mr. Eustis we consider the most sensible and gentlemanly young man we have ever met with. And up to date no number of the *Era* but will excel the *Philatelist* in refinement of language. The present number of the *Philatelist* contains several articles that are a disgrace to any philatelic journal. For the enlightenment of the *Philatelist*, we will state that Portland, Me., is *down East*. And although Maine has furnished some of the best brains in the world, we doubt if any of the brains that claim Maine as a home will call the title *The New York Philatelist*. And we wonder if among those *several collectors* who compose the *Philatelist* Company, there is not *one* who is man enough to find out whether the *Era* is at fault or one of their former associates.

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The A. P. A. Journal seems to be rather high toned. As copies of EXPRESS have been sent to the publishers, they do not seem inclined to exchange.

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There is connected with the *Philatelist's* a party that is in plain language a liar, in that he insinuates that the philatelic paper that received a page advertisement from Mr. Walton, was through that means bought up. The EXPRESS had one of those page ads, and the editor tendered and used his influence to elect Mr. Walton, before any advertisement was thought of, as we believed Mr. Walton the right man for the place, and we have not seen anything to change our belief.

THE EDITOR.

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