



vol. 49.

Miscellaneous Stamp Journals.  
Volume ~~32~~ 49.

Fitchburg Philatelist Whitcomb  
vol 1. No 1 to Vol 3 No 1  
Dec 1888 to January 1891

Lanhee Philatelist  
vol 1 no 1 to vol II No 1  
Oct 1889 to November 1890

Crawford 2439(1-2)

# The Fitchburg Philatelist

VOL. I.

Fitchburg, Mass., December 1888.

No. 1.

## The U. S. Dept. Stamps.

Perhaps no series of stamps ever issued are as interesting to the intelligent collector, as the U. S. Officials. The absurdity of the principle on which they were issued, and the uselessness of the stamps themselves, make them a curiosity to the stamp-collecting fraternity. Now that they are fast becoming rare, a great demand for them has risen.

For the benefit of those readers who know nothing about their origin and use; a short history will not be amiss.

Ever since the establishment of the Post-office Department in its present form, the heads of the department and their assistants, together with the Members of Congress, had the privilege of sending their mail free, by what is known as the franking system. In the course of time this practice was excessively abused; all the employees sending private mail, and in some cases, that of their friends, free of charge, and causing the government an immense loss of revenue. At length Congress interfered with the evil, but instead of a law not allowing the franking privilege to official intercourse, it rushed to the opposite extreme, and decreed that postage must be paid even on letters relating official busi-

ness.

Here was a difficulty especially to the Post-office department, as its business was vastly greater than that of any other department. Even had the head of the department been willing, he could not have obliged the Postmaster and employees to pay their own postage on communications to the department. At length a remedy was proposed, which on its adoption, was found to answer very well. This was the issue of a set of stamps of different values, to each department, which, when fixed to letters insured their passage through the mails. Although they were issued free, they enabled government employees to comply with the laws without expense to themselves, while Congress was compelled to pay for the making of the stamps, which was no small item. In this way they were used for several years, in fact, until the law reducing postage from 3 to 2 cents was passed, when the order was repealed, and they are now banished from the demands of collectors. The new system is better in every way, consisting of envelopes on which are printed the laws governing their use.

These stamps were very finely engraved, and as each set is a different color, the series presents a handsome appearance when mounted in an album. Some of them have already



become rare, and the price of all kinds is advancing rapidly. Of all the sets, the State is worth the most it alone, when unused and complete, being valued at \$50. Those of the Executive are the rarest, but they only run up to 30 cents, while the State runs up to \$20; all the sets complete are worth at least \$75. and every collector should endeavor to complete his sets at once. Owing to the demands of dealers, the Post office Department began the practice of issuing sets of unused ones with "specimen" printed across, and these can be had quite cheap; but collectors should not put these in their album, unless the others are unobtainable.

W. C. G.

— x —

The stamps of the Vancouver Island have been obsolete since 1868.

## EXCHANGES.

For subscribers only.

25 different stamps for every philatelic paper sent me. Harry A. Whitcomb, 2 Highland Ave. Fitchburg, Mass.

A Youths Companion photographic outfit, complete [except plates] for stamps not in my collection. C. H. Whitcomb, Fitchburg, Mass.

Stamps for others not in my collection. Send sheets of stamps priced by Scotts catalogue. W G. McIntosh Raleigh, N. C.

A 2c playing card stamp worth 10 cents for the 10c green (gulled) 1868. C. H. Whitcomb, 2 Highland Ave. Fitchburg, Mass.

## EDITORIAL.

This paper will appear promptly on the 15th of each month.

Advertisers should remember that our rates are low as the lowest, and make their contracts now.

In order that we may never run short of interesting Mss. and thus have all advertisements and no reading matter, we make the following offer: to collectors who will contribute one article and send their name and address before January, will receive this paper one year free of charge.

When writing to advertisers, please be so kind as to state that you saw their ad in the Fitchburg Phil.

We must request our friends to make their exchanges as brief as possible.

## REVIEWS.

WE desire to exchange with all Philatelic papers. Brother editors place us on your exchange list.

THE Philatelic Gazette now appears from Chicago, Ills. and is published by the Western Phil. Co.

THE Eastern Philatelist will be published in the future by the E. P. Publishing Co.

PHILO'S Monthly has been suspended, owing to the condition of Mr. Bradt's health

WILL M. Clemens formerly of the Old Curiosity Shop, is now editor of the Sunday Times of San Diego cal.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

## The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor & Publisher.

### SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents per year, post-paid.

### ADVERTISING RATES:-

$\frac{1}{2}$ in.....	\$ .25	1 in.....	\$ .40
2 inches.....	.75	$\frac{1}{2}$ col.....	1.20
1 col.....	2.25	1 page.....	4.25

20 per cent disc. on standing ads.

— X —

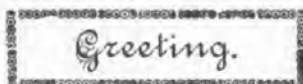
Advertising matter must be in by the 20th of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS— CASH in advance.

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
2 Highland Ave, Fitchburg, Mass.

Vol. I. November, 1888. No. I.



In presenting the first number of the Fitchburg Philatelist to the notice of stamp collectors, we desire to say that we shall spare no pains to make it a first-class paper. Our success will depend largely upon the subscriptions and advertisements we receive, and we shall improve the paper as the subscriptions and 'ads.' increase. Nothing but first class matter will be inserted, and will pertain to Philately alone. We shall accept advertisements only from firms whom we know to be perfectly honest in their dealings. We don't claim to fill a long felt want, but we do claim that we can and will give our readers the best of philatelic reading

matter. Our advertising rates are so low that any dealer can afford to give us a trial. We have also made our subscription price low enough so that it may be within the reach of collectors, and we invite all those who receive this number as a sample; to send us the price of a year's subscription at once, and in this manner, build up a clean and suitable paper for collectors,

**United States**— A new postal card will soon be issued. It will be very much like a double card with the back fold split diagonally, and opening like a four pointed star. When ready for mailing, the four corners are folded, and fastened in the centre.

We learn that "Common Sense" has been suspended: 16 numbers have been published.

THE U. S. Philatelist for November contains a complete list of Philatelic periodicals.

THE Eureka Philatelist is a new one from San Francisco.

The November Philatelic Herald appeared the 10th. If it will only come out regularly, it is sure to succeed.

### FOR SALE.

An International Album, 8th ed. containing 100 different stamps, only \$1.25,

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
2 Highland Ave, Fitchburg, Mass.

## The Brattleboro Stamp.

In 1846 while awaiting supplies from the department at Washington, the post masters of certain cities were authorized to issue stamps temporarily. Among others so issuing was the postmaster of Brattleboro. Eight hundred stamps were printed, and of these one-half were burned. Collectors have been in search of some of these stamps, and it was considered a hopeless matter to procure one of them. One collector, however, who was shrewder than the rest, instituted a search for the engraver, whom he found at Springfield, and he had still remaining seven of the precious squares, which he sold to the collector for seventy-five cents each, beside furnishing indubitable proof of the genuineness of the issue, the very existence of which was doubted. The fact of the purchase leaked out, and a dealer offered one dollar apiece for six of the seven. This was refused by original purchaser, who demanded five times that sum, and before the money reached him, although it was sent with promptitude, he was offered ten dollars apiece. Being an honest man, he stuck to his first offer, and parted with six for thirty dollars. The most precious of the lot, which bore the engraver's name he retained possession of and this is the one he has now sold for one hundred dollars.

All woods are not buoyant. Of the 416 species of trees found in the United States, the perfectly dry woods of 16 varieties will sink in water; while almost as many, when entirely water-soaked, will float.

Please mention this paper, when you answer advertisements.

# DO N'T HESITATE

— to send 15 cents —  
for a year's subscription to

## THIS PAPER.

WILLIAM B. HALE,  
WILLIAMSVILLE, - MASS.

Wholesale & retail dealer in  
**POSTAGE STAMPS.**

Price-list free. Prizes offered.

**FREE**

Price-list of over 200 sets of packets sent Free 25 different foreign stamps FREE to everyone sending a good reference, for my Approval sheets of Postage stamps.

33½ per cent commission allowed.

HENRY GREMMEL, 109 2nd St.  
A. P. A 129, New York City

SEND FOR  
THE  
COLLECTORS  
STANDARD.  
Delhi, N. Y.

### The Eastern Philatelist.

— A high class monthly Magazine —  
**For Philatelists,**

Edited by W H GOODRICH,  
Subscription price— 25 cents per yr.

**SAMPLE COPY FREE**

Eastern Philatelist Publishing Co.  
Box 1660, Fitchburg, Mass.

**F** **FREE 3** MONTH'S  
subscription  
to **YANKEE ERA**  
an 8 page magazine. Send 3  
one cent stamps for postage  
Yankee Era, Covington Ky.

SUBSCRIBE  
SUBSCRIBE

The Yankee Era Print, Covington, Ky.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist

VOL. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS., January, 1889.

No. 2.

## The Stamps of the Confederate States.

PHILAX.

In 1861, one year after South Carolina seceded from the Union, there were issued by several post-masters of the southern Cities, about sixty-provisionals, prior to the regular issue of the Confederate States. These stamps are now very scarce, the lowest priced one being worth \$1.00.

°(213) This stamp was issued in Athens, Ga. by T. Crawford, who was then Post-master at the place. It was a 5 cent stamp, purple in color. In the centre is "Paid 5" which is surrounded by a circle of twelve stars. Around this, there is another inscription, giving the name of the Post-master and Post-office.

(214) Another one of these stamps was issued at Baton Rouge, La. This was also a 5 cent stamp. Color green and carmine. It is an odd looking stamp having in the centre "P. O. Baton Rouge - 5 J. McCormick." on a very peculiar background.

(216) Charleston, S. C., issued 4 of these adhesive stamps. One of which was a 5 cent blue, adhesive. In the centre of this stamp is "5 cts." surrounded by "P. O. Charleston, S. C., Postage Paid," which is in turn

enclosed in a large ring. The figure "5" also appears in each corner of the stamp. The other three stamps were issued on envelopes viz; 5 c. blue on white, 5c. blue on buff and 5c. blue on gold. These stamps are almost like the adhesive, in design but are smaller in size. A Mr. Keenan is supposed to have been the engraver of these stamps.

(216) Three envelope stamps were issued at Columbia, S. C.. The numeral "5" appears in the centre and is inclosed in by the inscription "P. O. Columbia, S. C. Paid." A large circle inclosing the whole. The colors are as follows; blue on white, blue on manilla and blue on orange.

(217) This stamp was issued at Danville, Va. It is a 5 cent red adhesive. In the centre of this stamp is "Paid 5 cents- J. P. Johnson, P. M." inclosed in an odd frame of curved lines and fancy ornaments.

( TO BE CONTINUED. )

° These are the numbers of each type in Scott's catalogue.

A boy will buy, and a boy will sell,  
And a boy will "trade" all day;  
But he will never contented be,  
Until he joins the A. P. A.

The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor & Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents per year, post-paid.

ADVERTISING RATES:-

1/2 inch . . . . \$ .25	1 inch . . . . \$ .40
2 inches . . . . .75	1/2 col. . . . . 1.20
1 col. . . . . 2.25	1 page . . . . . 4.25

Advertising matter must be in by the 20th of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS— CASH in advance.

Address all communications to  
C. H. WHITCOMB,  
2 Highland Ave, Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered as Second-class mail, at the Fitchburg Post-office.

Vol. I January, 1889. No. 2.

EDITORIAL.

We wish all our readers a Happy New-year.

If you are not already a subscriber to this paper, you should become one at once.

We would call our readers special attention to the 'Bachelor Postage Stamp Co's.' ad on 4th page.

Contributions, in the way of original articles, pertaining to Philately, will be thankfully received. Send us a short article.

Every active collector should have one of Henry Gremmel's new price-lists. See his 'ad' on the opp-

osite page.

What's the matter with the A.P. A.? It's all right.

When answering ads, please mention the Fitchburg Philatelist.

In reply to an editorial in the December number, we received several good articles. The contributors of which, please accept our thanks.

REVIEWS.

The Philatelic Herald has suspended for good. The Philatelic Beacon will fill out its subscription list.

The American Stamp is announced to appear from Newark, N. J.; this month.

The Philatelic Press is a bright, newsy paper, from the Free-stone State.

The Badger State Philatelist for December, contained a portrait etc. of Francis Jackson, of Delevan, Wisconsin.

Among the papers furnishing portraits of our most prominent Philatelists, are the Charleston Philatelist, the Stamp, Badger State Philatelist, and the Collector's Ledger.

An excellent portrait of H. A. Reuss, of Paris, Texas; adorns the first page of the Collector's Ledger for December.



NOTES.

Mr. W. B. Hale, of Williamsville, Mass., well known as a wholesale and retail stamp merchant, has purchased the immense stock of a German firm. This will be especially rich in obsolete issues of Europe.

P. Parrish of Newport, R. I., who has lately demonstrated the fact that the Merchant's Telegraph Co., never issued telegraph stamps, that the so-called stamps were merely advertising labels; is about to publish a Philatelic paper, to appear this month.

Collectors should be careful in buying Argentine stamps surcharged "official." These are being fraudulently surcharged in France and we may have a few sent over the water, soon.

Parcel Post.

Inquiry was made at the P. O. Department at Washington and it was ascertained that there was no truth in the statement that Mr. Raikes, postmaster of Gt. Britain, who telegraphed from London, to effect that there was a probability of a Parcel Post convention between the United States and Gt. Britain. The policy of the U.S. has been to make postal parcel with Nor. Central and South America and contiguous Islands; but to decline such conventions with European Powers. The present postal authorities of the U. S. have no intention to change this policy and there is no such proposition pending.

The Post Card is a new paper from Roselle, N. J..

Please mention this paper, when you answer advertisements.

— SUBSCRIBE FOR —  
UNITED STATES PHILATELIST.  
15 cents a year.

A first class stamp collectors monthly. Eight pages and cover. Each issue contains the following page articles. Wanderer's Corner; Philatelic doings in Canada, Official report, P. A. of I., complete list of Phil. periodicals, A P A. notes, Interesting Stamp Stories, Editorial & Exchange column. Sample copy free. S. C. Scott,  
A. P. A. 627. Calmar, Iowa.

10 complete Detective novels and "Yankee Era" 3 months, 5 cts.  
Yankee Era, Covington, Ky.

PEN and PENCIL STAMP 14 CENTS.



Rubber Stamp Ink & Pad 15 cents.  
Send 2 cts. for Circulars, or 16 cts. for Catalogue.  
Greatest variety, quickest shipments,  
THALMAN MFG CO., Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.  
Our Agents are selling hundreds of these stamps.

THE EASTERN PHILATELIST.

A high class monthly Magazine  
For Philatelists.  
Edited by W. H. GOODRICH  
Subscription price — 25 cents a year.  
— SAMPLE COPY FREE. —  
Eastern Philatelist Publishing Co.  
Box 1660. Fitchburg, Mass.

Packet C — contains 50 varieties, Hanover, Turkey, etc; PRICE 10 cts. An unused foreign stamp, Free, to those who send reference, for one of my approval books. C. WHITCOMB, 2 Highland Ave. Fitchburg, Mass.

16 Complete novels and "Yankee Era" free 3 months, 5 cts. Era, Covington, Ky.

— FREE FREE —  
Price-list of over 200 sets of packets sent Free. 25 different foreign stamps FREE to everyone sending good reference, for my Approval sheets of postage stamps.

33 1/3 per cent commission allowed.  
HENRY GREMMEL, 109 2nd St.  
A. P. A. 129, New York City.

Yankee Era Print, Covington, Ky.

# Bechelder Postage Stamp Co.

—Wholesale & Retail Dealers in—

FOREIGN \* & \* U. S. \* POSTAGE \* STAMPS.  
3113 -:- CASS -:- AVENUE.  
ST. LOUIS, MO.

NEW 1889 ILLUSTRATED PRICE-LIST, FREE.

Catalogue of every Stamp ever issued.

Our large new descriptive catalogue of every postage stamp ever issued sent post-free for 10 cents.

Wholesale list free to Dealers only. Price lists of Albums, Packet Sets etc., free.

## COLLECTIONS BOUGHT.

We pay cash for Old Collections containing 1,500 or more. If you want to sell, correspond with us.

## RELIABLE AGENTS WANTED.

We have got the largest number of GOOD SALARABLE STAMPS on sheets, of any dealer in the U. S. Prices marked at standard catalogue rates, and a discount of 33 1-3 per cent. OUR SHEETS ARE THE BEST. References required from all parties unknown to us.

### Bechelder's Gummed and Perforated Stamp Hinges

For mounting Stamps in any Album.

Each sheet contains 1,000 hinges all gummed and perforated, and is warranted not to injure stamps in any way. Collectors will bear in mind that this is the only perforated stamp hinge in the market. The size is 17 by 22 inches. There is advertised by a great many dealers, gummed paper it is simply gummed but not perforated. Always get perforated hinges.

1 sheet.....	10c.	3 sheets.....	25c.
6 sheets.....	50c.	13 sheets.....	\$1.00.

Prices to dealers, on application.

## BLANK APPROVAL SHEETS.

We have just had a large stock of these approval sheets ruled off to hold sixty stamps. These sheets are printed in two colors, blue and red, and make by far the handsomest approval sheets of any manufactured. We are selling thousands to dealers all over the U. S. These sheets are suitable for collectors to put their duplicates on, and then mark stamps and retail to their friends. Prices are—

12 sheets.....	\$ .10.	50 sheets.....	\$ .20.
25 sheets.....	\$ .15.	100 sheets.....	\$ .50.

Post-free to any address at above prices.

(Please mention this paper when answering this advertisement.)



# The Fitchburg Philatelist

VOL. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS., February, 1889.

No. 3.

## The Stamps of the Confederate States.

PHILAX.

(Continued.)

(218) There were two envelope stamps issued like type 218 viz; 5c. black on white and 5c. black on buff. A group of three persons adorns the left of these stamps, and on the right is "Southern Confederacy, Danville, Va. Paid, W. B. Payne, P. M., 5." inclosed in a frame work of vines.

(219) Fredericksburg, Va. issued two rarities, viz; 5c. blue and 10c. red. "Fredericksburg, Va." appears at the top. Below this is "R. E. Thorn" and beneath this is the numeral 10. Across the bottom is "Post office, Va."

(220) Two of these stamps were issued at Goliad, Texas, viz; a 5c. and 10c. black. At the top appears "Goliad," at the bottom "Postage." On the right-hand side is "Postmaster," and on the left-hand side is "J. A. Clarke." In the centre is the figure denoting the value of the stamp.

(221) Greenville, Ala. issued two stamps. A 5c. red and blue, and a 10c. red and blue. At the top and bottom are designs of scroll-work,

and across the centre is "Paid five Greenville, Ala."

(222) Kingston, Tenn. issued one stamp, a 5 cent black and blue adhesive. In the centre of the stamp is "Kingston - 5 cents" and in each corner of the stamp is the figure "5."

(223-224) Four varieties were issued at Knoxville, Tenn.. Two of which were adhesives and the other two, envelope stamps. The description of the adhesives and the other two, envelope stamps. The description of the adhesive (224) is as follows. In the centre is "Paid 5" surrounded by eleven stars. In a large circle enclosing the whole, is "C. H. Charlton, P. M. Knoxville Tenn." The two envelope stamps (223) were issued in different colors, viz; 5c. black and 5c. green. The 5c. green is found on various colors of paper. In the centre of of this stamp is an eagle, around which are the names "Knoxville" and "Tennessee." "C. S. Postage" appears at the top; below are the words "Five Cents." The whole is enclosed in a double ring.

(225) Is a 5c. blue adhesive, issued at Livingston, Ala., and is a very pretty stamp. In the centre is a shield, upon which is the figure "5." Near the edge are the inscriptions "Paid," "Post-office," "Cents"

and "Livingston;" while a face appears in each corner of the stamp,

(226) Lynchburg, Va. issued but one stamp; a 5 cent blue, adhesive. A large figure "5" appears in the centre. Above this is the inscription "Paid," below it "R. H. Glass, P.M." In each corner of the stamp is a fancy figure and a neat background adds much to the appearance of the stamp.

(227, 228) Three of these stamps were issued at Macon, Ga., viz: 5c. black on blue, 5c. black on green, and 5c. black on buff. (227.) In the centre is "5 cents," above this is "Post-office," below "Macon, Ga." The whole is inclosed in two plain borders.

(228) Is the smallest stamp ever issued by the Confederate States. In the centre is "5 Cents" and a fancy border surrounds this inscription.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

° These are the numbers of each type in Scotts catalogue.

## ◆◆◆ NOTES. ◆◆◆

The Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, Mo. has purchased the entire stock of the American Philatelic Co., of that city.

The projected inter-commercial treaty of this country with Persia, if brought about, will have a tendency to make more common, the unique specimens of that country, which now are not to be had in quantity, for the demand, and then only obtained from Europe; making a profit for many Jobbers; whereas if direct importation, were easily secured, the price would bring them with-in the reach of all.

MR. H. A. Trask, of Boston, Ms., has an oddity in a 1c. envelope, present issue. Only about one-third of the stamp being printed on the envelope.

## Reviews.

THE Philatelic Beacon still continues to improve. Some "Ink, Paper and Light" as usual.

No. 1 of the Rhode Island Philatelist, made its appearance last month, from Newport, R. I. It is neatly printed and very newsy.

WE have heard of a new paper from London, Eng.— The Stamp Collectors' Gazette.

THE Philatelic Journal of America for January, was a DANDY.

The Curiosity Collect or is a neat 4 page paper from S. Amboy, N. J.

MR. Goodrich will in the future, be both Editor and Publisher of the Eastern Philatelist.

FOR some season, we did not receive a Jan. number of the Stamp World. We wish our x changes would not forget us.

"A History of the Early Postal Service" is an interesting article which appeared in the Quaker City Philatelist, for January.

WE have received the following during the month:

The Collector and Exchange, The Curiosity Collector, Collectors Comment, Canada Stamp & Coin Journal, Eastern Philatelist, National Philatelist, Post Card, Philatelic Press, Quaker City Philatelist and R. I. Philatelist.

The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor & Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents per year, post-paid.

ADVERTISING RATES:-

1/4 inch . . . . \$ .25	1 inch . . . . \$ .40
2 inches . . . . .75	1/2 col. . . . . 1.20
1 col. . . . . 2.25	1 page. . . . . 4.25

Advertising matter must be in by the 20th of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS— CASH in advance.

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
2 Highland Ave, Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered as Second-class mail, at the Fitchburg Post-office.

Vol. I. February, 1889. No. 3.

EDITORIAL

COLLECTORS who are looking for bargains, will do well to patronize our advertisers.

WE would like to see the subscriptions coming in faster, but if our paper isn't worth 15 cents, it is not worth anything. So collectors, send in your subscriptions.

WE would like one or two regular correspondents to this paper. Write stating terms etc..

SINCE our last issue, several new papers have made their appearance. We hope they will find support in the Philatelic world.

DEALERS should take advantage of our cheap rates and, send in an ad for the march number.

WE will offer the following inducements to advertisers; 1-2 inch one time 20 cents, 3 times, 55 cts., one inch once 30 cents, or 3 times for 85 cents. This offer is good for 30 days.

WE have heard from good authority, that J. H. Hicks, of Toronto, Can., has been run out of town by the Post-office Officials.

WE send but one sample copy to each address. If you want to see us again, send in your 15 cents.



Fitchburg Philatelic Society.

Meeting of Jan. 21 was called to order at 8 P. M., President Goodrich in the chair, and Messrs. Abbott, Bugbee, Davis, Weston and Whitcomb present. The first business before the meeting was the election of officers for 6 mo., resulting as follows; Goodrich, President; Whitcomb, Vice-President; Weston, Secretary; Bugbee, Treasurer; Davis, Librarian; and Mr. Abbott was unanimously elected Auctioneer. The Society voted to indorse the claims of Patrick Chalmers. The matter of an Exchange Department was brought up, but was laid over till next meeting. Mr. Bugbee was appointed Supt. of the same also to report at next meeting as regards the working of the same. The Society voted to subscribe to the Philatelic Journal of America, American Journal of Philately and the American Philatelist, and to hold their meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. No other business being brought before the evening, the remainder of the meeting was given to an auction sale of stamps and postal-cards. The meeting adjourned at 9.15 P. M.

H. E. WESTON, Sec'y.

## Study your Stamps.

GUY W. GREEN.

**STUDY** your stamps. Again I give you the oft repeated advice. You will by a careful examination of your collection, discover things, before unknown to you. The designs will take on a fresh beauty; you will familiarize yourself with your treasures.

Look your duplicates over carefully stamps before hidden, will come to light.

You may, in your collecting, have obtained specimens comparatively rare and until now, unnoticed. Only the other day, in looking through a box of envelope stamps, which had been stored away for months, I discovered two "rejected dies," and likewise, you will never regret the time spent in examination of your duplicates.

### ★ Approval Sheets. ★

Choice sheets of stamps, at 25 per cent discount sent on approval to any honest collector, who will promise to make returns within 10 days.

F. Warren, Grand Opera House, Fitchburg, Min.

**Packet C** — contains 50 varieties, Hanover, Turkey, etc. Price 10 cents. An unused foreign stamp FREE to those who send reference, for one of my approval books. C. WHITCOMB, 2 Highland Ave. Fitchburg, Mass.

**Philatelic Literature** Back numbers and complete volumes of any stamp paper in stock. Have the largest stock of stamp papers in the world. Send list of wants and we will return same with our prices, which are lower than all other Dealers or Publishers rates. Price list of complete volumes free to all applicants.

**Gummed Hinges** We make the well-known A P A hinges and have supplied over a 1,000,000 to the Exchange Dept last year, everyone uses them. They are ready cut the required size, fine gum, white onion skin paper; Just the thing for attaching stamps. Only 1¢ cents a 1000 2¢ for 2'00. Gustav Aue & Co.

Bloomfield, - N. J. U. S. A.

Please mention this paper, when you answer advertisements.

## THE EASTERN PHILATELIST.

A high class monthly Magazine

**For Philatelists.**

Edited by W. H. GOODRICH.

Subscription price — 25 cents a year.

— SAMPLE COPY FREE. —

Eastern Philatelist Publishing Co.  
Box 1660. Fitchburg, Mass.

— FREE FREE —

Price-list of over 200 sets of packets sent Free. 25 different foreign stamps FREE to everyone sending good reference, for my Approval sheets of postage stamps.

33½ per cent commission allowed.

HENRY GREMMEL, 109 2nd St.

A. P. A. 139, New York City.

### Collectors Attention.

Five sheets of stamps on approval, at 30 per cent discount from Scott, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. I have the largest stock of Philatelic papers in America and it will pay you to send list of your wants and prices paid for same. 50 stamps for every stamp paper sent new "Stamp Record" 4 nos. 25 cts. The Phil. Literature Collector, 10c. a year.

H. C. BEARDSTEEY, A. P. A. 98  
Box 612, St. Joseph, Mo.

**LADIES** Decorative Painting, Artistic Embroidery, two complete books, only 5 cents. Yankee Era, Covington, Ky.

### PEN and PENCIL STAMP 14 CENTS.



Rubber Stamp Ink & Pad 15 cents.  
Send 2 cts. for Circulars, or 16 cts. for Catalogue.  
Greatest variety, quickest shipments,  
THALMAN MFG CO., Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.  
Our Agents are selling hundreds of these stamps.

### Premiums to Subscribers.

Every one who sends in their subscription before March 10, will receive as a premium, a rare unused stamp, which will be answered in this space.

Fitchburg Philatelist,

Fitchburg, Mass.

Yankee Era Prt. Covinton, Ky.



# The Fitchburg Philatelist

VOL. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS., March 1889.

No. 4.

## Stamps of the Confederate States.

PHILAX.

(Continued.)

°(229) This interesting stamp was issued at Madison, Fla. It is especially attractive, being printed in such handsome colors—gold on blue. In the engraving of this stamp there was a mistake made, causing the value to be printed “3 cuets” instead of “3 cents.” Surrounding this (the only inscription on the stamp) is a heavy, but very attractive border.

(230) At Marion, Va., there were issued six odd stamps, all of the same color — black. The values were 2, 3, 5, 10, 15 and 20 cents. The value appears across the lower portion of the stamp. Above is the inscription “Check - Paid,” while on the left is “P. Office” and on the right is “Marion, Va.”

(231-232) 231 is a 2c. blue, adhesive, issued at Memphis, Tenn. The value appears in the centre, and is enclosed in a circle. Above is the inscription “Paid.” Below is “Mc-Callaway.” 232— Two other stamps were issued at this place: 5c. red, adhesive and 5c. red, envelope. A large figure “5” appears in centre. Above, in large type, appears the

inscription “Paid” while below and extending half-way around the centre is “Memphis, Tenn.”

(233) Two adhesives, viz: 2 cent black and 5c. blue, were issued at Mobile, Ala.. In the centre is the value inclosed in a large white star. The value is surrounded by a border, in which are the following inscriptions, “Mobile,” “Post-office,” “Cents” and “Paid.”

(234, 235.) Nashville, Tenn. issued four varieties. (234) is a 3 ct. adhesive, color carmine. In the centre is “3 cents,” while at the top is the name of the Postoffice (Nashville). A neat border surrounding the whole. (235) Three varieties were issued like this type, viz; 5c. carmine, 5c. brown and 10c. green. These stamps are smaller in size than the 3c. carmine. The design is like type (224.)

(236, 237.) New Orleans, La. issued 5 varieties, two of which (the 2c. blue and 2c. red) were like type 236. In the centre is “Paid 5 cents” and in a circle enclosing this are the inscriptions “New Orleans” and “Post-office.” J. S. Riddell, the the Post-master’s name, appears at the top and bottom. 237—This type is like 236 except the value, inscriptions etc are in a little larger type. There were three stamps issued of this type viz: 5c. brown 5c. red on blue and 5c, brown on blue.



(238) Is a 5c. red, adhesive issued at Petersburg, Va.. A little below the centre, is the value. Just above this is the inscription "Post-office," while at the top is "Petersburg, Va." The P. M.'s name "W. E. Bass," appears at bottom.

(239) Pleasant Shade, Va. issued a 5c. blue, adhesive. In design it is almost like type 238. The only difference is in the ornaments and names of the P. M. and Post-office. Mr. R. E. Davis was P. M. at this time.

(240) Is a 5c. red, adhesive, issued at Rheatown, Tenn. by Mr. D Pence, who was then P. Master at that place. "Paid 5" appears in the centre. Above is "D. Pence, P. M." below, "Rheatown, Tenn."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

° These are the numbers of each type in Scott's catalogue.

## NOTES.

THE Nova Scotia Philatelic Association held their auction sale of stamps Feb. 25 th. These were almost all rare stamps and doubtless a large sum was realized.

MR. Wm. B. Hale of Williamsville, Mass. has discovered a counterfeit stamp of the Connecticut Sanitary Fair stamps. They are not especially dangerous however, being poorly executed.

A collector working in a paper factory has discovered a \$ 5 Gt. Britain postage stamp and other lesser rarities, recently, with no great trouble, and merely by keeping "his eyes open." A hint to the wise is sufficient, and the collector will find this a means of filling up some of his blank spaces.

## REVIEWS. ✎

The "Pearl" of Syracuse N. Y. is a neat amateur paper having a philatelic department ably edited by A S. Coan.

The U. S. Philatelist awoke last month, from a short, but troubled sleep of eight weeks.

The Mohawk Standard, alias the Collector's Standard, has gone under for sure. Its subscription list has been sold to the Collector's Ledger.

The Charleston Philatelist will be issued Monthly instead of Quarterly.

The Literary Board of the APA. deserve great credit for the way they are taking hold and making the Amer. Philatelist the leading Stamp Journal of the day.

We have heard of the revival of the Ky. Stamp Magazine. Office 816 Scott St. Covington, Ky.

The initial number of the Hoosier Philatelist received. It presents a fine appearance, typographically.

We have received the following during the month:

American Philatelist, Badger State Philatelist, Canada Stamp & Coin Journal, Charleston Philatelist, Dominion Philatelist, Eastern Philatelist, Hoosier Philatelist, International Philatelic Advertiser, National Philatelist, Ohio Philatelist, Post Card, Philatelic Beacon, Philatelic World, Plain Talk, Midget, Philatelic Tribune and Advertiser, Quaker City Philatelist and the U. S. Philatelist.

The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor & Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents per year, post-paid.

ADVERTISING RATES:-

½ inch . . . \$ .25	1 inch . . . \$ .40
2 inches . . . .75	½ col. . . . . 1.20
1 col. . . . . 2.25	1 page . . . . . 4.25

20 per cent discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 20th of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS— CASH in advance.

Address all communications to  
**C. H. WHITCOMB,**  
2 Highland Ave, Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered as Second-class mail, at the Fitchburg Post-office.

VOL. I. March, 1889, No. 4.

EDITORIAL.

"The cheapest is the best" is an old saying that is most fully realized by subscribing to this paper.

If you want to buy stamps, it will pay you to consult those, who advertise in this paper

NOTE that the Fitch. Phil. is only 15 cents a year and don't be backward about sending in that amount. Subscribers to the F. P. never suffer from blizzard or sunstroke.

AN "ad" in the F. P. will be read by collectors all over the U. S. and Canada.

When you think of advertising, it is worth your while to remem-

ber that this paper will pay you just as well (if not better) as any other paper of its size.

Kindly show this paper to your stamp collecting friends and induce them to subscribe. This paper ought to be in the hands of every Philatelist in the country, and we trust our friends will help us to place it there.

Those readers of this paper who have issued price-lists or catalogues will confer a favor by sending us a copy.

We want agents to get subscriptions and ads for this paper. Any one wishing to become one, should address the publisher.



Fitchburg Philatelic Society.

Meeting of February 21 was called to order at 8 30 P. M. with Pres. Goodrich in the chair: present Abbott, Bugbee, Davis, Goodrich Weston and Whitcomb. Voted to accept both the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Mr. Bugbee explained the workings of the Exchange Department. It was also voted to have the value of each sheet in the Exchange Department to exceed two dollars, and the following are the names of the members of the Exchange Department, with their official numbers.

Goodrich	1	Abbott	6
Whitcomb	2	Fay	7
Weston	3	Faulkner	8
Bugbee	4	Benutt	9
Davis	5	Emory	10

Adjourned at 9.30 P. M. The remainder of the evening was given to an auction sale of stamps and stamp papers:



**Collectors** send a reference for one of my approval books at 33 1-8 per cent. commission. An unused foreign stamp FREE to all who send.  
C. H. Whitcomb, 2 Highland Ave.  
FITCHBURG, MASS.

**Collectors!** ★

Send for list and make bid on some choice sets and single stamps which we offer at auction on April 30.

ROLLSTONE STAMP CO.  
Box 1660. Fitchburg, Mass.

**PEN and PENCIL STAMP 14 CENTS.**



Rubber Stamp Ink & Pad 15 cents.  
Send 2 cts. for Circulars, or 16 cts. for Catalogue.  
Greatest variety, quickest shipments.  
THALMAN MFG CO., Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.  
Our Agents are selling hundreds of these stamps.

**CURIOSITY & COLLECTOR.**

A MONTHLY JOURNAL DEVOTED TO COLLECTORS IN GENERAL.

6 pages, — 25 cents a year.

Advertising rates: — 35 cents an inch, each insertion. Circulation 1400 copies. Sample copy free, if you mention this paper. Exchange column free to subscribers.

J. D. BARTLETT, Publisher  
SOUTH AMBOY, N. J.

**Rare Stamps & Novelties.**

Sent on approval on 25 per cent. discount. I make a specialty of odd and newly issued specimens. Best sheets in the market. Send reference.

W. B. HALE, Williamsville, Mass.

Price list free with 50 rare stamps only 4 cts. for postage.

**SUBSCRIBE!**

**SUBSCRIBE!**

Yankee Era Print, Covington, Ky.

Please mention this paper, when you answer advertisements.

**YOU \* READ \* THIS!**

I WILL GIVE FREE TO all who write to me for a selection of stamps, enclosing a 2c. stamp and reference, a packet of 25 varieties, or a sheet of gummed paper, besides 30 per cent. commission. Philatelic papers for sale and will exchange for stamps. Complete volume (12 nos.) of "One Dime," only 25 cents.

C. F. EUSTIS,

92 Pine Street, - Portland, Me.

**Philatelic Literature** Back numbers and complete volumes of any stamp paper in stock. Have the largest stock of stamp papers in the world. Send list of wants and we will return same with our prices, which are lower than all other Dealers or Publishers rates. Price list of complete volumes free to all applicants.

**Gummed Hinges** We make the well-known A. P. A. hinges and have supplied over a 1,000,000 to the Exchange Dept. last year, everyone uses them. They are ready cut the required size, fine gum, white on a skin paper. Just the thing for attaching stamps, 0.45 cents a 1000 - 22c for 2500

Gustav Aue & Co.

Bloomfield, - N. J. U. S. A.

— FREE FREE —

Price-list of over 200 sets of packets sent Free. 23 different foreign stamps FREE to everyone sending good reference, for my Approval sheets of postage stamps.

33 1/2 per cent commission allowed.

HENRY GREMMEL, 109 2nd St.  
A. P. A. 129, New York City.

**COLLECTORS.**

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire.

Have largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist 25c. a year, Sample free.

H. C. BEARDSLEY, A. P. A. 95  
Box 616, - St. Joseph, Mo.

**LOOK HERE!** We will send you 26 complete novelties, 23 valuable moneymaking secrets, and Yankee Era 6 months, all for 8 cents.

YANKEE ERA, Covington, Ky.



# The Philatelic

VOL. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS. April, 1889.

No. 5.

## Stamps of the Confederate States.

### PHILAX.

(Continued.)

° (241) A 5c. blue adhesive was issued at Ringgold, Ga. In a circle inclosing a figure in the centre, are the inscriptions "Ringgold" and "Georgia." Outside of this circle appear the inscriptions "C. S. Post age" at the top, and "Five Cents" at the bottom.

(242, 243) Salem, N. C. issued two varieties of the 5c. black, envelope. In the centre are the inscriptions, "Paid 5" and "O. A. Keelin, P. M." "Post Office" appears above and below is "Salem, N. C." The inscriptions on type 243 are larger in size than those on 242.

(244) Is a 5c. black envelope, issued at Statesville, N. C. It is a very plain stamp in appearance and small in size. "Paid 5" is printed across the face of the stamp.

(245) Only one variety was issued at Tuscumbia, Ala., viz; a 5c. black adhesive. In the centre is "Paid 5" enclosed in a neat frame. "Jno. M. Payne, P. M." appears above, and "Tuscumbia" below.

(Tellico Plains, Tenn. issued two

varieties, viz; a 5c. red and a 10c. red, both adhesives. In the centre is "Paid 5." The P. M.'s name (M. T. Johnson) appears at the top and "Tellico Plains, Tenn." at the bottom.

245

(246) One variety was issued at The Plains, Va., viz; a 5c. black, envelope. In the centre is "Paid 5" and this is enclosed by the inscriptions, "The Plains" and "Va.," a heavy ring surrounding the whole.

(246) Two more varieties of this type were issued at Uniontown, Va. They were the 5c. blue and the 10c. red, both adhesives.

Another provisional stamp was issued at Jonesboro, Tenn., by Mr. J. E. Williams, who was Postmaster at that place. It is a 5c. stamp round in shape, and about the size of a 2c. piece. "Paid 5" appears in the centre and is enclosed in a circle. Outside this circle are the names of the Post-master and Post-office.

(continued in our next.)

° These are the numbers of each type in Scott's catalogue.

The A. P. A. still holds its own and keeps the Dealers warned against all the stamp frauds on both sides of the "pond."

Collecting Stamps.

DIRIGO.

The stamp collector has many advantages over other collectors. The collecting of birds' eggs can be carried on only at a certain time of the year. The many who would like to collect birds' eggs, are kept from doing so by the belief that it is wicked to rob the birds of their eggs. (Yet no one thinks it wrong to take poor Biddy's eggs.) The collector of minerals has to go to the country to do his collecting. The same may be said of the relic collector. All of these collectors have to take the day time in which to do their collecting. But the collector of stamps can work all day and go home and study, or arrange his stamps, for exchanging, in the evening. He can collect, whether in the summer, or in the winter; in the city or country. The one great draw-back to stamp collecting is, that there are so many frauds, that he has to be very careful to whom he sends his stamps to exchange. His best way is to join the A. P. A. and do his exchanging through the Exchange Department, then he will be certain that his stamps are all genuine.

On the evening of April 1st an "All Fool's Carnival" was held at City Hall, this city. One of the most attractive ladies' costumes consisted of a dress upon which were fastened numerous postage stamps, and a diadem covered with unused stamps. This costume was worn by Miss Alma Stebbins, cousin of Mr. W. H. Goodrich, the editor of the Eastern Philatelist.

REVIEWS.

The Flour City Philatelist, for March, received. Thirty pages and cover. Among its contributors are Wanderer, Canadensis, E. R. Marshall, Chas. A. Townsend and H. S. Harte.

The Rhode Island Philatelist has enlarged to eight pages and Mr. Jacobs is associate editor.

Mr. James B Smith, local editor of the Springfield Republican, kindly remembered us with a copy of the same, containing an account of the stamp exhibition at the Eden Musee. Many illustrations were given, also the names of the exhibitors.

Mr. Edg. T. Neville again enters the ranks as an editor and publisher. This time he presents to the philatelic public, a neat and attractive paper styled, the Texas Philatelic Journal.

We have received copies of The Curio dated February. It is published by the Curio Co. of Benson, Minn. and contains an article entitled: "Large Stamp Collectors." "The Pacific Navigation Co." by J. Lyons, and other reading of interest to collectors.

Received during the month: Am. Philatelist, Curiosity Collector, Ky Stamp Magazine, Can. Stamp and Coin Journal, Eastern Press, Eastern Philatelist, Phil. Beacon, Phil. Gazette, Press and World, Plain Talk, Post Card, Quaker City and R. I. Philatelists, Tex, Phil. Journal, Curio, Stamp Advertiser and Springfield Republican.

The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB  
Editor & Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents per year, post-paid.

ADVERTISING RATES:-

1/4 inch . . . \$ .20	1 inch . . . \$ .30
2 inches . . . .50	1/2 col. . . . .90
1 col. . . . .1.60	1 page . . . . .3 00

20 per cent discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 20th of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS— CASH in advance.

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
2 Highland Ave, Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered as Second-class mail, at the Fitchburg Post-office.

VOL. I. April, 1889. No. 5.

EDITORIAL.

Dealers will notice that we have made a reduction in our advertising rates. We solicit a trial ad from all of you and guarantee that it will pay.

Those receiving a copy of this paper, who are not regular subscribers, may accept it as an invitation to subscribe.

We look largely to the dealers and collectors for support in the carrying out of our enterprise, and wish to secure your confidence and patronage, and we propose to give you all the support we can.

For just one month we will receive subscriptions at 10 cents each in clubs of 3 or more.

Persons receiving this paper are requested to examine its contents, terms of subscription, and give it their own patronage, and as far as aid in extending its influence in the cause it faithfully serves.

Mr. Henry Gremmel of Newyork City, has removed from 109 Second to 85 Nassau St., Room 9.

NEW ISSUES.

**Bulgaria.** The following have been issued. No change in design.

1 sto gray,	5 sto green,
2 „ green,	10 „ red on brown

**Curacao.** Of the current design the following have been issued.

15 cents olive,	60 cents slate,
30 „ lilac,	1 guld. 50c. blue.

**Dutch Indies.** Another new stamp has been issued. No change in design.

30 cen. s. light green,

**Egypt.** A 10 piastres, violet has been issued, of the current type.

**New South Wales.** Another jubilee stamp has been issued. 6p. carmine.

**Persia.** The following new stamps have been issued,

1 ch. red,	5 ch. lilac,
2 „ blue,	5 on 10 sh. buff & red.

The latter is surcharged OFICIEL.

**Sarajak** Six new stamps have been issued.

2c. violet and red,	4c. violet and yellow,
2c „ „ blue,	6c. „ „ red br n.
8c brown „ red,	12c green „ blue.

**West Australia.** The following stamps with surcharge I. R., in green, are used for postage.

1 penny yellow and green.
1 „ bistre „ „
2 „ orange „ „



**CURIOSITY \* COLLECTOR.**

A MONTHLY JOURNAL DEVOTED TO COLLECTORS IN GENERAL.

6 pages, — 25 cents a year.

Advertising rates: — 35 cents an inch, each insertion. Circulation 1400 copies. Sample copy free, if you mention this paper. Exchange column free to subscribers.

J. D. BARTLETT, Publisher  
SOUTH AMBOY, : : : N. J.

This space is

**Reserved**

for the

ROLLSTONE STAMP CO.  
Box 1660. Fitchburg, Mass.

**Philatelic Literature** Rack numbers and complete volumes of any stamp paper in stock. Have the largest stock of stamp papers in the world. Send list of wants and we will return same with our prices, which are lower than all other Dealers or Publishers rates. Price list of complete volumes free to all applicants.

**Gummed Hinges** We make the well-known A P A hinges and have supplied over a 1,000,000 to the Exchange Dep't last year, everyone uses them. They are ready cut the required size, fine gum, white onion skin paper; Just the thing for attaching stamps, Only 10 cents a 1000 22c for 2500. Gustav Aue & Co.

Bloomfield, - N. J. U. S. A.

—FREE FREE—

We wish EVERY STAMP COLLECTOR to have a copy of the April number of the R. I. Philatelist (this is a special number which you can't afford to miss) and will therefore send you a copy free. Subscription 25c. a year. RHODE ISLAND PHILATELIST, Box 292. Newport, R. I.

SEND reference for one of my approval-books, at 33 1-3 percent commission. An unused stamp free to all who send. C. H. WHITCOMB, Fitchburg, - - - - - Mass.

**SUBSCRIBE!**  
**SUBSCRIBE!**

Please mention this paper, when you answer advertisements.

**COLLECTORS.**

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. Have largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist 25c. a year, Sample free.

H. C. BEARDSLEY, A. P. A. 95  
Box 616, - - - - - St. Joseph, Mo.

**SINGLE STAMPS.**

NEW

Curacao 2½c, green,	.....	\$ .04
Guatemala, 1c, blue,		.03
"    2c. brown,		.05
Hamburg, 1½c, lilac 1864,		.02
Nicaragua, 2c, carmine,		.05
St. Marino, 2c; green,		.02

USED

Deccan, ¾a, red-brown,		.03
Gt. Britain, 1p. violet,		.10
U. S. Agriculture, 3c, straw,		.05

**PACKETS**

A 25 var. unused Brunswick, Porto Rico, etc. .... 6 cents.  
B 25 var. unused Monaco, Sardinia, etc. .... 6 cents.  
C 50 va. Turkey, Hanover, etc. 10c.  
All sent post-paid. Any one ordering 30 cents worth, will receive the F. P. 1 year FREE

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave. Fitchburg, Mass.

**PEN and PENCIL STAMP 14 CENTS.**



Rubber Stamp Ink & Pad 15 cents. Send 2cts. for Circulars, or 16cts. for Catalogue. Greatest variety, quickest shipments, THALMAN MFG CO., Baltimore, Md., U. S. A. Our Agents are selling hundreds of these stamps

**Printing.**

Send for estimate on any thing that you want.

100 circulars 6 x 9 .50	100 4 x 6 .35
100 statements .35	100 bill-heads .35
100 cards . . . . .30	100 letter-heads .35

Satisfaction guaranteed.

ERA CO. Covington, Ky.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist

VOL. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS., May, 1889.

NO. 6.

## Stamps of the Confederate States.

PHILAX.

(Continued.)

GENERAL ISSUE.

1861.

Three varieties were issued in this year, viz :

- ° Type 247, 5c. green.
- „ „ 5c. dark green.
- „ 248 10c. blue.

In the centre is the profile of Jefferson Davis, and in a circle enclosing the same is "Confederate States of America." The word "Postage" appears above and "Five Cents" below.

1862.

Eight varieties were issued this follows :

- Type 247, 5c. blue.
- „ „ 5c. dark blue.
- „ 248, 10c. rose.

These three varieties differ only in color from those of the value, in the 1861 issue.

- Type 249, 2c. green,
- „ 250, 5c. blue,
- „ „ 5c. pale blue,
- „ „ 5c. blue (perforated)
- „ „ 5c. blue (lithographed)

The last four varieties all bear the portrait of Jefferson Davis.

"Confederate States" appears above, and the 2c. green is as follows. near the top is the inscription "C. S. A. Postage" and on each side is the word "Two." Below appear the words "Two Cents" enclosed in a scroll.

1863.

This issue consists of the following (9) varieties.

- Type 251, 2c. rose,
- „ 252, 10c. blue,
- „ „ „ pale blue,
- „ „ „ blue (line around)
- „ „ „ „ (perforated).
- „ 253 „ „
- „ 254 20c. green,

Description— 2c. rose— full profile of Andrew Jackson in the centre. At the head of the stamp is "Postage" and on each side of the same appears the number "2" denoting the value of the stamp. Beneath the profile is the inscription, "Two Cents." 10c. blue — In the centre is the profile of Jefferson Davis to the right: "Postage" appears above: below is "10 cents." On the left are the words "The Confederate" on the right is "states of America."

These inscriptions are enclosed by scroll work.

10c. blue type 253.) Larger profile and inscriptions.

20c. green.) Centre, profile of Washington in oval, outside of which is the inscription "Confederate States of America." Above is the value of the stamp (20), below "Postage twenty cents."

1864.

Only two varieties were issued this year.

Type 255, 1c. orange,

„ 250, 10c. rose,

1c. orange.) In the centre is the portrait of J. C. Calhoun in a circle enclosed by a square frame with ornaments in each corner. Outside this frame and at the head of the stamp is the inscription "Confederate States" and at the lower edge, its denomination "One cent."

10c. rose.) Same design as the 5 ct. blue of the 1362 issue. This stamp is quite rare and is catalogued by Scott at \$5.00.

This completes the list of stamps issued by the Confederate States. 65 were issued by the Post-masters of the different cities and 20 by the Confederate Government. These stamps were superseded in 1865, by those of the now great and prosperous country,— the United States.

THE END.

° These are the numbers of each type in Scott's catalogue.

## PERSONALS.

Mr. T. J. Mitchell is associate editor of the Hoosier Philatelist.

In the April number of the Curiosity Collector, "Samoa" gives "Canadensis" a setting up. We hope brother "Canadensis" will not "Samoa."

Mr. S. B. Bradt, ex-Secretary of the A. P. A., has again entered the stamp dealer's ranks.

Mr. C. W. Stuterman of Bunker Hill, Ind. has kindly favored us with a copy of his "Hand-book of Coins, Stamps and Relics." We would advise collectors to purchase one at once. Price 10 cents.

## REVIEWS. ✧

The April number of Philately is an excellent one. It consists of a cover and 16 pages, fourteen of which are filled with the best of reading matter.

On the 8th of last month we received the March number of the Philatelic Messenger. Rather late Mr. Miller.

No. 3 of the Hoosier Philatelist shows an improvement over No. 1. We did not receive No. 2. Sorry to say.

The publisher of the Rhode Island Philatelist has decided to devote the same entirely to philately. In the April number a mag-

Our contemporary, the Post Card seems to prosper. The list of post cards is invaluable to card collectors.

We received during the month: The American, Dominion, Eastern Hoosier, Eureka and Rhode Island Philatelists, Curiosity Collector, Common Sense, Canada Stamp & Coin Journal, Curio, Collectors' Ledger, Farrago, Philatelic Press, Stamp World, Post Card and Stamp Advertiser.



The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor & Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents per year, post-paid.

ADVERTISING RATES:-

1/2 inch . . . \$ .20	1 inch . . . \$ .30
2 inches . . . .50	1/2 col. . . . .90
1 col. . . . 1.60	1 page . . . . 3 00

20 per cent discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 20th of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS— CASH in advance.

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
2 Highland Ave, Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered as Second-class mail, at the Fitchburg Post-office.

Vol. I. May, 1889, No. 6.

EDITORIAL.

With this number, the first half of volume one is completed. So far this paper has been a success, and Philatelists should help to make it a continuous one.

A dealer's card in this paper is recognized to be 'the correct thing' No dealer can be without one of these modest sign-boards.

The Rollstone Stamp Co's. auction sale, which was to be held in this city April 30th, has been postponed to the 25th of this month.

To every one subscribing to this paper for one year, we will give as premium, a copy of the history of

Blood's Dispatch. In order to get this grand premium, subscriptions must be sent us within one month. Don't wait until the last minute and get left.

There are dealers who think they cannot afford to advertise. The fact is, dealers cannot afford to neglect so important a part of successful stamp dealing.

List of Philatelic Papers which have been published in Massachusetts.  
BOSTON

- The American Mercury,
- „ New Eng. Journal of Philately,
- „ Post. St'p Collectors' Monitor,
- „ „ „ „ Hand book,
- „ Stamp Collectors' Magazine,
- „ „ „ Record,
- „ „ „ Review,
- „ Timbrophilist,
- Trifet's Monthly Circular,

FITCHBURG

- The New England Philatelist,
- „ Philatelic News,
- „ Yankee Philatelist,

GARDNER

- The Chair City Collector,

GEORGETOWN

- The Philatelic Science,

LOWELL

- The Postage Stamp Reporter.
- „ Stamp Exchange,

LYNN

- The Agassiz Journal,

MARLBORO

- The Bay State Collector,

SALEM

- The Witch City Collector,
- „ „ „ Philatelist,

Williamsville

- The Philatelic Bazar,

WORCESTER

- The Boys' Stamp Gazette,
- „ Peerless Review,

SEE OUR

PREMIUM OFFER ON

PAGE 3.

W. H. BRUCE,

HARTFORD, Box 283. CONN.

will send you

100 varieties of choice stamps for

One Dollar.

AGENTS WANTED! 30 p.c. com.

100 mixed Stamps Japan, Chili, Cape of Good Hope, etc. 4 CENTS.

CHEAP UNUSED SETS.

8 Samoa 45c., 7 Alsace and Lorraine 25c., 9 Switzerland 25., 3 U. S. locals 10c. Remit by postal note.

L. M. OAKLEY, San Francisco, Cal.

PEN and PENCIL STAMP 14 CENTS.



Rubber Stamp Ink & Pad 15 cents.

Send 2cts. for Circulars, or 16cts. for Catalogue.

Greatest variety, quickest shipments,

THALMAN MFG CO., Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Our Agents are selling hundreds of these stamps.

SINGLE STAMPS.

NEW

Curacao 2 1-2c. green, . . . . .	\$.04
Guatemala, 1c. blue, . . . . .	.03
" 2c. brown, . . . . .	.05
Hamburg, 1 1-4c. lilac, 1864, . . . . .	.02
Nicaragua, 2c. carmine, . . . . .	.05
St. Marino, 2c. green, . . . . .	.02

USED

Deccan, 3/4a. red-brown, . . . . .	.03
Gt. Britain, 1p. violet, . . . . .	.10
U. S. Agriculture, 3c. straw, . . . . .	.05

PACKETS.

- A. 25 var. unused Brunswick, Porto Rico, etc. . . . . 6 cents.
- B. 25 var. unused Monaco, Sardinia, etc. . . . . 6 cents.
- C. 50. va. Turkey, Hanover, etc. 10c. All sent post-paid. Any one ordering 30 cents worth, will get the Fitchburg Philatelist 1 year FREE!

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave. Fitchburg, Mass.

Yankee Era Print, Covington, Ky.

Please mention this paper, when you answer advertisements.

COLLECTORS.

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. Have largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist 25c. a year. Sample free.

H. C. BEARDSLEY, A. P. A. 95  
Box 616, - - - St. Joseph, Mo.

CURIOSITY & COLLECTOR.

A MONTHLY JOURNAL DEVOTED TO COLLECTORS -  
- IN GENERAL -

6 pages, - 25 cents a year.

Advertising rates: - 35 cents an inch, each insertion. Circulation 1400 copies. Sample copy free, if you mention this paper. Exchange column free to subscribers.

J. D. BARTLETT, Publisher  
SOUTH AMBOY, : : : N. J.

— This Space is —

Reserved

— for the —

ROLLSTONE STAMP CO.

Box 1660. Fitchburg, Mass.

**Philatelic Literature** Back numbers and complete volumes of any stamp paper in stock. Have the largest stock of stamp papers in the world. Send list of wants and we will return same with our prices, which are lower than all other Dealers or Publishers rates. Price list of complete volumes free to all applicants.

**Gummed Hinges** We make the well-known A P A hinges and have supplied over a 1,000,000 to the Exchange Dep't last year, everyone uses them. They are o' easy cut the required size, fine gum, white onion skin paper; Just the thing for attaching stamps. Only 1c cents a 1000 22c for 2500 - Gustav Aue & Co.

Bloomfield, - N. J. U. S. A.

Artistic Printing.

Send stamp for estimate on anything.

YANKEE ERA CO. Covington, Ky.



# The FITCHBURG PHILATELIST.

VOL. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS., JUNE, 1889.

No. 7.

---

## James B. Smith.

---

On the morning of May 13th. Mr. James B. Smith, the well-known editor and philatelist, was shot and instantly killed by his brother-in-law, Royal B. Sturtevant, at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. W. F. Sturtevant, on Elliot St., Springfield, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and infant daughter were stopping a few days at the home of Mr. W. F. Sturtevant, he and his wife being absent on a fishing trip at the Rangely Lakes, in Maine. Early in the morning the house was entered by burglars and Royal B. Sturtevant who had been awakened by servants who had heard the burglars, looked out the window and seeing a man in the yard, seized his shot-gun and stepped out into the hall. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were also awakened and stepped out into the hallway where they were met by young Sturtevant who not knowing there was another man in the house, fired at Mr. Smith killing him instantly — the whole charge of the gun entering the pit of the stomach. Mr. Smith's work was such that he was kept up rather late in the evening and for this reason had slept in his own house, but

on the night of the 12th. he was off duty, though his brother-in-law did not know it. Mr. Smith was a smart enterprising young man and had been employed on the editor's staff of the *Springfield Republican* since 1883. He was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church and an active member of the American Philatelic Association. Mr. Smith was deeply interested in stamp collecting; his collection of U. S. stamps and envelopes was valued at about \$800. His death is a great loss to philately as he was an excellent authority on all philatelic subjects. To the bereaved family of our deceased friend we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

---

## The Mc. Lean Stamp Collector's Guide.

---

Without a doubt Mc. Lean's Stamp Collector's Guide is the best book of its kind ever published. It is neatly printed and everything is arranged in the most excellent manner. Mr. Mc. Lean deserves great credit for his work, as there are few persons who would even attempt to compile such a complete directory. It contains 31 pages of the best of reading matter, a list of 44 societies, two pages are devoted to frauds and a revised list of 49 current

periodicals is given. The list of American Stamp Collectors contains over two thousand names. Every philatelist whether dealer or collector should purchase one of these books at once.

A STAMP FIND.

A lady recently informed me that she had laid away in a trunk some 900 stamps which she had saved for a blind girl who was to be admitted to a blind asylum on condition of furnishing a certain amount of stamps. She gave her 500 and as the girl never put in an appearance the remainder were laid away, having remained since 1872. I being a collector of course inquired if I could have them. Finally on the evening of Dec. 12, 1888 our Philatelic Society was to meet and I asked if she could get them so that I might exhibit them to the society. I said nothing more but on that evening I came home and there they laid on a table in a large box. I did not open them until I got to the meeting. After business was finished I opened the package and behold instead of 900 there were 1300 done up in packages of 100 each.

I closely examined their contents and found six distinct shades of Portland Star Match Co's stamps as follows;—

400 of the 1872 3 ct. green.  
65 " 1870 " "

This paper on trial two months, (July and August), only 5 cents.

200 " 1875 2 ct. vermilion.  
100 " 1851 3 ct. red.  
120 " 1857 " "  
100 " 1861 " "

Balance in 1 ct. 1872.

It was nothing very alarming but it brings just so many more U. S. stamps on the philatelic market. Collectors go in and find U. S. stamps. Every other house on an average, will have some stored away in a trunk or elsewhere. Putting them on the market pulls the prices down.

Your true Philatelic Friend,  
Chas. W. Pearl.

REVIEWS.

Owing to an increase of news last month, the publisher of the *Post Card* issued two numbers. So much for enterprise. Publishers of four page papers are not always asleep.

The *Dominion Philatelist* is a good healthy looking paper. Some very interesting articles are published each month; on Canadian stamps especially.

Mr. W. H. Speck is now editor and publisher of the *Eastern Press*. A large list of frauds is published monthly.

The May number of the *Philatelic Press* was an interesting one. Among its contents were "Notes on Rare Stamps" by "Veda", "Observations of a Stamp Dealer" and "A. P. A. Grumblings."

The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB.  
Editor & Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION,  
15 cents per year, post-paid.

ADVERTISING RATES:—

1-2 inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches	.50	1-2 col.	.90
1 col.	1.60	1 page,	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 20th. of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS — CASH in advance.

Address all communications to  
**C. H. WHITCOMB,**  
2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg Mass.

Entered as Second-class mail, at the  
Fitchburg Post-office.

Vol I. June, 1889, No. 7.

EDITORIAL

All readers of this paper who think they would be benefitted, and all those who would help us, if we should publish a list of frauds each month will please write us to that effect.

You will notice several new advertisers in this issue. Any collector looking for bargains will do well to read them on page four.

We would be pleased to receive communications on any subject treated in this paper. Don't be bashful.

The editor of this paper will give 60 varieties of foreign stamps for every Vol. I., No. 1 of this paper sent him. Any one having a copy to exchange will please send it at once and oblige.

Wonder where the publishers of the *Collector's Ledger* are keeping themselves. We have not received a copy of their paper since March, and have been unable to get answers to enquiries about the same.

NOTES.

Mr. Bryan, once a department clerk in Washington, and the organizer of the post office system of Japan, now has an income of \$100,800 a year.

If President Hechler's suggestion is carried out, the C. P. A's Second Annual Convention will be held at Halifax sometime during the two weeks stay of the Summer Carnival at that place. This would be an excellent opportunity for the collectors in the U.S. to attend, as their travelling expenses would be lower than the regular rates.

2000 names of collectors in the U. S. and Canada are printed neatly, arranged alphabetically and geographically in my "Stamp Collector's Guide" — other good features. — The best collector's book ever issued; 100 pages, 30 cents in paper, 55 cents in cloth. Send postal note or stamps. Prospectus and contents list free.

W. S. Mc. LEAN,  
11 Church St., Boston, Mass.



# THE FITCHBURG PHILATELIST.

It is a fact

That the "Miscellany" is the best extensively read magazine of its class in Great Britain. It is published for 1 sh. per year, and is contributed to by the best writers.

Stamps, Coins, Amateurdrom, etc.

Send 25 cents and receive it for one year. You may also send a twenty word advertisement along with your subscription, and it will appear in 3 numbers free of cost. This offer only holds good for one month.

Address: —

Office of Herdsman's Miscellany,

Berwick-on-Tweed, England.

NOTE — Publishers inserting the above advertisement 3 times will receive the same space in the Miscellany.

(Editors inserting this and the above and sending marked copy will receive pay for 3 months by return mail)

I will send approval sheets of U. S. or Foreign stamps to any one who sends a good reference and a 2 cent stamp. Also gummed hinges 8 cts. per 1,000 or 35 cts. per 10,000.

H. A. Adams,

580 Park Ave.,

Worcester, Mass.

## FREE!

Send 2 cts. and receive 30 foreign stamps, Chili, Japan, etc.

L. M. Oakley,

Box 1633, San Francisco, Cal.

## STAMPS

AT 25 per cent.

## COMMISSION.

H. B. Wilber & Co.,

14 Main St.,

Cambridgeboro, Pa.

## SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

12 East 23rd. St., New York City.

The original Scott's stamp store.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 page price list free.

# DON'T

fail to send for one.

Send reference or deposit for sheets of good stamps at 33 1/3 per cent below Scott's catalogue.

ARGUS STAMP Co.,

Box 13, RIVERTON, VA.

Advertise — Subscribe.

when answering advertisements, please mention this paper.

# 400

VARIETIES of picked stamps for ONE DOLLAR!

Hundreds of packets sold since Oct. 1st.

## W. H. BRUCE,

P. O. Box 283, Hartford, Conn.

◀ CURIOSITY \* COLLECTOR, ▶

A MONTHLY JOURNAL DEVOTED TO COLLECTORS IN GENERAL

6 pages, — 25 cents a year.

Advertising rates: — 35 cents an inch, each insertion. Circulation 1400 copies. Sample copy free, if you mention this paper. Exchange column free to subscribers.

J. D. BARTLETT, Publisher,

SOUTH AMBOY,

N. J.

## 50 Var. Stamps

### 2 Cents Postpaid.

### Rollstone Stamp co.,

LOCK BOX 1660,

Fitchburg,

Mass.

**PHILATELIC LITERATURE** — Back numbers and complete volumes of any stamp paper in stock. Have the largest stock of stamp papers in the world. Send list of wants and we will return same with our prices, which are lower than all other Dealers or Publishers rates. Price list of complete volumes free to all applicants.

**GUMMED HINGES** — We make the well-known A. P. A. hinges and have supplied over 1,000,000 to the Exchange Dept. last year; everyone uses them; they are already cut the required size; fine gum; white onion-skin paper; just the thing for attaching stamps; only 10 cents a 1000; 22 cents for 2500.

Gustav Aue & Co.,

Bloomfield, N. J.,

U. S. A.

## COLLECTORS.

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. I have the largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist, 25 cts. a year. Sample free.

H. C. BEARDSLEY,

St. Joseph, Mo.

E. T. Rollins, Printer, Newtonville, Mass.

---

---

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

---

---

Vol. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS., JULY, 1889.

No. 8.

---

---

## AM I HONEST?

---

We have seen it asserted in several philatelic papers that as a general rule foreign correspondents and exchangers in stamps are untrustworthy and if you do not look out you will get cheated by dealing with foreigners. Our experience for the past few years has been exactly to the contrary. We have been trusted and have trusted them more than we dare trust many in this country, unless we pryed around a month or so to find out something about the parties applying for stamps. We have before us now a letter from a well-known dealer to us in a foreign island. We know him to be a strictly honest and trustful man in every detail. He informs us that he is going to retire from the stamp business, as his dealings with collectors in this country has been of such a character as to sicken and disgust him of the business. A leading member of one of the stamp companies in this country victimized him at the rate of \$10, although finally offered to pay half of it.

For such a reputation to get abroad every collector in this country should blush with shame. You ask perhaps how to stop such performances? The American Philatelic Association is one great remedy to eradicate such frauds. No dealer should send a sheet

of stamps to an unknown collector if not a member of the A. P. A., without a deposit. If a member of that Association embezzles he can be easily "spotted."

There are, we are sorry to say, dishonest people in all classes and pursuits in life, and of course philately must share her lot. And it would be well to keep out all corruption possible. Honesty and perseverance the fundamental principles of an honorable character and a business life are always admired and though we may lie, cheat and steal, and think nobody will find it out, we as mortals will perhaps find out at the final settlement that there is One who has not been blind to our actions in this world. And for no other reason collectors will find it pays us all to "Do unto others as we would that others should do unto us." Let every one watch himself and there will be no one else to be watched. SERMONIZER A. P. A.

---

Two postal cards sent from a German town to the German consulate at Yokohama, one by Canada and the other by Brindise, and then remailed to the sender, each by the route opposite to that in which it had come, have arrived in the German town again, having been around the globe in a little less than three months.



*Some Notes on Counterfeits.*

## PHILAX.

A counterfeit of the 1 lb. Trinidad is reported. The original stamp is the 1-2d., the word half and the other letters of the word penny having been carefully erased and the letters added to make the word pound. This counterfeit is well executed and a great many have been deceived.

The 3 francs telegraph stamp of Switzerland is extensively counterfeited. The bistre portion of the 3 franc last issue being neatly gilded over. These stamps are being offered at extremely low prices.

There are numerous counterfeits of the Stellaland stamps in existence, the work of a certain employee of the firm of Vauder Sandt de Villier & Co. of Cape Town who printed one thousand of each of the five colors.

The grilled, 1870 issue of U. S. stamps are being counterfeited. They differ from the genuine in one respect only—the irregularity of their size.

The local stamps of Charleston (picture of Fort Sumpter) are counterfeits as nothing of the kind were ever issued.

U. S. document stamps have been cut so as to present an appearance of being unperforated.

The 10c. pale blue stamps of the Confederate States (type 280 Scott's catalogue) and the Wilmington (N. C.) provisional stamps are both frauds. The former stamp originated in Atlanta, Ga., and the latter, well, a certain "Taylor" is supposed to know something about its birth-place.

All French stamps surcharged "Gambier" are not genuine.

## REVIEWS.

If the *Badger State Philatelist* contained more reading matter and less advertisements we think it would be better appreciated.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* looks as well as ever under its new management. "Men of Letters" by A. W. Rollins was the principle article in the June number.

Wonder where the *Philatelic Press* is. We have not seen a copy since May. Hope those "A. P. A. Grumbings" did not have a disastrous effect upon it.

The *Midland Philatelist* is announced to appear from Nottingham, Eng.

The initial number of the *New York Philatelist* was issued last month. The editors of the same evidently did not have us on the list or we should have seen it.

The *Curiosity Collector* still prospers under its excellent management. Mr. Barlett is a hard worker and his paper will undoubtedly live long.

And still the cry goes up "Where is the *Collector's Ledger*?" There are collectors in Connerville, Ind., who have not received their papers, one for instance, subscribed in November, 1888 and has not received but four numbers. If Mr. Aue does not intend to publish his paper it is about time to let philatelist know it.

The *National Philatelist* for May was neatly gotten up. We hardly expected such a number.

The *Philatelic Review* has been absorbed by *Herdman's Miscellany*. Mr. S. F. Bickers is joint editor and publisher.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor and Publisher.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents per year, post-paid.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

½ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page,	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 20th of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as 2nd class matter.

Vol. I. JULY, 1889. No. 8.

## EDITORIAL.

What, another change? Yes. But we have changed to stay this time. The printer of this paper is the third one we have patronized within a year. Printer number one was unable to print our June number so we gave him the G. B. Printer number two was able to print our June number but could not print the succeeding numbers so we were obliged to look further and have made arrangements with Mr. W. W. Jewett to print our paper in the future. Such is life.

We especially request our friends to make free use of our columns in making known their ideas on the various philatelic subjects.

We will send this paper on trial for the months of August and September for only 5 cents.

We would like some enterprising C. P. A. member to give us a short account of the Second Annual Convention which is to be held at Halifax.

All readers of this paper who think they would be benefited if we should publish a list of frauds each month will please write us to that effect.

As an inducement to advertisers we will insert an inch ad., or larger space, three times for the price of two insertions. This offer holds good only through the summer months.

The following are candidates for C. P. A. offices: For President, R. A. Baldwin Hart, President Heckler and Vice President Craig; for Vice President, E. Y. Parker, of Toronto, and J. A. Craig, of Yarmouth, N. S.; for Librarian, J. R. Hooper, of Ottawa; for Treasurer, H. G. Ketcheson, of Belleville, Ont.

## List of Philatelic Papers

Which Have Been Published in Massachusetts

\* [CONTINUED.]

BOSTON.

The Hub Collector,  
The Monthly Circular,  
The Philatelic Squeal,  
The U. S. Philatelist.

DANVERS.

The Universal Collectors' Journal.

LOWELL.

The Spindle City Philatelist.

LYNN.

The Bay State Advertiser,  
The Collectors' Monthly.

NORTH ADAMS.

The Collectors' News.

PITTSFIELD.

The American Philatelic Magazine.

SPRINGFIELD.

The Philatelic News,  
Stamp Circular.

WORCESTER.

The Stamp Reporter.

### STAMPS

At 25 per cent. Commission.

H. B. WILBER & CO.,

14 Main Street, Cambridgeboro, Mass.

### Single Stamps.

*NEW.*

Curacao, 2 1-2c. green - - -	.04
Guatemala, 1c. blue - - -	.03
"    2c. brown - - -	.05
Hamburg, 1 1-4c. lilac, 1864	.02
Nicaragua, 2c. carmine - - -	.05
St. Marino, 2c. green - - -	.02

*USED.*

Deccan, 1-2a. red-brown - - -	.03
Great Britain, 1d. violet - - -	.10
U. S. Agriculture, 3c. straw - -	.05

### PACKETS.

**A** 25 var., unused, Brunswick, Porto Rico, etc. - - - 6 cents.

**B** 25 var., unused, Monaco, Sardinia, etc. - - - 6 cents

All sent postpaid.

### C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

### COLLECTORS.

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. I have the largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist, 25 cts. a year. Sample free. H. C. BEARDSLEY, St. Joseph, Mo.

### SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,

12 East 23rd St., New York City.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices.

### DON'T

:: :: fail to send for one. :: ::

I have a new ninth edition of the Philatelists' Album, worth 50c., will sell for 40c. Address, C. H. WHITCOMB, Fitchburg, Mass.

### 400

VARIETIES of picked stamps. . . . . for ONE DOLLAR!  
Hundreds of packets sold since Oct. 1st.

W. H. BRUCE,

P. O. Box 283, Hartford, Conn.

### Curiosity Collector.

A : MONTHLY : JOURNAL : DEVOTED : TO  
COLLECTORS : IN : GENERAL.

6 Pages, 25 cents a year.

Advertising rates:—35 cents an inch, each insertion. Circulation 1400 copies. Sample copy free, if you mention this paper. Exchange column free to subscribers.

J. D. BARTLETT, Publisher,

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J.



100 Var. STAMPS

From Curacao, Chili, and U. S. of Colombia, etc. All good.

Only 12 Cents.

C. H. Whitecomb,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o

I make a specialty of printing philatelic papers and can give very low prices and good work. If you are now publishing, or are intending to publish, a philatelic paper write me for my prices. W. W. JEWETT, 504 Congress St., Portland, Me.

o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o

Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Vol. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS., AUG., 1889.

No. 9.

## Notes on the Canadian Philatelic Association Convention.

The Second Annual Convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association met in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Halifax, N. S., on Wed., July 31, at 10.40 a. m.

Members present were, President Hechler, Vice President, A. J. Craig, of Pictou, N. S., Secretary D. King, Treasurer Hart, W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., W. L. Emory and W. H. Goodrich, of Fitchburg, Mass., F. Kaye, A. B. S. DeWolfe, O. Larsen, T. Larsen and Jubien.

The roll being called it was found that 34 were represented by proxy.

Out of the 115 members entitled to only 77 votes were cast, just one over the required number to elect the officers.

The election resulted as follows:

For Pres. A. J. Craig, Pictou, N.S.	52
H. Hechler, Halifax	21
A. B. Hart, Montreal	4
For Sec'y D. A. King, Halifax	77
For Treas. C. E. Camerou, Montreal	76
H. L. Hart, Halifax	1

The votes for the Exchange Supt., Librarian, etc. were not enough to elect and will be appointed by the Official Board.

The vote on the question, "Will the Provincial Vice Presidents be retained or abolished?" will be put to a mail vote, with the amendments to the constitution and by-laws, which are quite numerous, and will be published in the *Halifax Philatelist*, which was voted to be the Official Organ of the Society. Among other changes, the officers appointed will hold office from convention to convention. This will

give the officers appointed for next year a term of about 18 months (until the convention of 1891.)

The next place of meeting will be Montreal. 3 votes for Niagara Falls. The time to be set by the Executive Board, notice to be given 3 months before in the official journal.

Complaint was made about the rule allowing only one member from each foreign country (see *Halifax Philatelist*, Vol. 2, No. 3, page 38.) After some discussion it was disapproved being contrary to Art. 2 in the constitution, which will allow any number of foreign members from each country.

Two letters were read one suggesting "that all members sending stamps on the exchange sheets, without removing the paper from the back, be debared from the uses of the exchange department." The other advising "that members who are in arrears with the Exchange dept., 30 days after receiving their account, to have their names and amount due in the official journal and to remain there until paid." Neither of the suggestions were approved as the by-laws have rules relating to both.

The Secretary reported 173 names on the roll, 32 of which were doubtful. \$32.16 is the cash held by the Sec'y and said about \$100.00 is now due.

The Treasurer's report shows \$57.98 on hand, together with what the Sec'y holds. \$90.14 is the amount the Association has now on hand. The Exchange Supt. reports that from the 15 of Sept. last, to July 15, he sent out 92 books valued at \$4345.48. Twenty of the books are still out. From the 72 books returned, valued at \$3,113.54, stamps were taken to the value

of \$1053.40, a little over one-third.

It was resolved, that this Association express its disapproval of such postal contracts as have been lately entered into by certain Central American States, and urges its members to do all they can to discourage the collecting of such issues of stamps.

The Hill-Chalmers question, laid over from the last convention, was brought up and moved to be laid over until the next convention, a vote was asked and resulted in favor of until next convention 27, laid over for an indefinite time 21. The convention closed Friday morning, Aug. 2nd, and the Exhibition took place during the afternoon.

Among the ballots one voted as follows: For Official Organ, F.H. Ketcheson, for Official Editor, J. N. Crane.

The American visitors, Messrs. Stone, Goodrich and Emory lent valuable aid during the entire convention.

#### THE STAMP EXHIBITION.

The stamp exhibition was very fine and deserves a much larger space for description than can be given in a stamp paper. No less than thirteen 1sh. Nova Scotia stamps were shown.

O. Larsen had a fine display in a frame, the design was penned by himself and is well worth a small journey to see.

W. C. Stone exhibited one stamp from each country in the Postal Universal Union, 109. A 1-2 oz. letter can be sent to any of these countries for 5c. An English match stamp very rare valued at £5.

W. H. Goodrich showed 67 var. of Guatemala, including some rare errors.

D. A. King had a splendid lot of British North American stamps, Cape, and British Honduras was complete. 4 N. S. 6d. cut in halves and used as 3d., on the original envelope, 1sh. 6d. on blue paper, two 3 1-2d. used for 7 1-2d. for Great Britain, this is very

rare and the only known one in N. S., on original envelope. Newfoundland 10c. and 1-2 of 5c. brown on the original envelope, 2, 4, 6 and 8p. vermilion, 5c. brown, etc. 1-2d and 6p. on laid paper. An unsevered pair of 7 1-2 Canada and in this condition quite rare, 12 pence specimen. Complete sets of the Canada Gas, Weights and Measures, and Supreme Court, including an unused and a used, \$5.00. P. E. Island, 2p. rouletted, 2, 3 and 6p. large perforations, etc.

F. C. Kaye had two New Brunswick 1sh., 1sh. N. S., 3 Sidney Views 2p., 2p. Mauritius, Post Paid, valued at \$50.00. Canada, 6p. perforated, 6p. and 1-2p. on laid paper, 1, 2, 3 and 6c. large issue, watermarked. Newfoundland, 4, 6 1-2 and 8p. vermilion.

Theo. Larsen had a set of 3 St. Pierre Miquelon, paid envelopes.

A. J. Craig's show was the best display of the lot, they were arranged on beautiful designs, which were almost as interesting as the stamps. The following are a few of the most valuable: Canada, 3, 6, 7 1-2 and 10p., block of 6 unperforated 1-2p., 1-2 and 3p. perforated, 2c. Register unperforated. Nova Scotia, 1sh. and 6p. on blue paper. New Brunswick, two 6p. unsevered, 1-2 of 6p. cut and used for 3p., on envelope, 1-2 of 10c. cut and used for 5c. Prince Edward Island, 1-2 of 6p. used for 3d., 1-2 2p. used for 1d, 2 pence and 1-2d. making the required 3p., 3p. large perforation. An envelope from P. E. Island had a small piece of a blank margin of a sheet of stamps with the words "3p." on it and post below, postmark was dated 1864. Newfoundland, 5c. black rouletted, 4, 6 and 6 1-2d. vermilion and three shades of the 5d., 4p. vermilion, cut in two used as 2p., also the 8p. used in the same way for 4p., on original envelopes. Nova Scotia Bill stamps complete, etc.



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor and Publisher.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents - - - per year, post-paid.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

1/8 inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	1/2 column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page,	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 20th of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as 2nd class matter.

Vol. I. AUG., 1889. No. 9.

W. L. Embury had a genuine original 5c. Connell he values it at \$50. Canada Bill stamp surcharged N. S., 1, 2, and 3 dollars. Canada 2, 3, 12 1-2 (pair) and 15c., large, watermarked.

H. L. Hart had Vol. I of his album which contained some rare stamps. U. S. was complete in the postage and the Newspaper's up to \$1.92. British

*Continued on page 36*

## EDITORIAL.

The papers that bloom in the spring "tra la" have nothing to do with the summer

Trying to do business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl in the dark; you may know what you are doing, but nobody else does. Try the FITCHBURG PHILATELIST.

Would you have the merits of your favorite hobby widely understood and consequent demand created? Would you know all that going on in the philatelic world? Then put your shoulder to the wheel and make this paper the widest known of any stamp collectors' paper.

Owing to want of space we are obliged to omit Reviews this month.

Well, the dull season is here in earnest. Few papers are seen and some of those are to be issued only once in two months during the warm weather.

## The First Grand Benefit to be Given Our Advertisers and Subscribers.

It is our intention to make the FITCHBURG PHILATELIST one of the most widely known and best advertising mediums in the U. S. In trying to do this we shall need the help of every one who receives a copy of this paper. Not only of this issue but of other issues. In making the following offer we will say that it is principally for the purpose of helping our advertisers and gaining new subscribers. We will give a six-months' subscription to every reader who answers some one of the advertisements in this and following issues, provided the answer is in the form of an *order* not less than **25 cents** in value. The advertiser is requested to notify us as soon as the order is received and then we will enter the orderer's name upon our books for a six months' subscription. We trust that both the collector and dealer will be perfectly honest, if such is not the case they will *not* profit there-by. We wish to call the attention of every dealer to this magnificent offer as it is an *excellent* chance to start up trade.

Honduras, complete. Nova Scotia, complete, including the 1sh., 6d. on blue paper, block of 2 of the 1d., 3d, unused, 1-2 of 6d. used as 3d., on the original envelope, 1-2 of 10c. used as 5c., on original envelope, the supposed 5c. (surcharge?) on the 3d. postmark. New Brunswick, complete, with a Connell proof, 1-2 of 6d. used as 3d., on original envelope. P. E. Island, 2d. and 3d., large perforation, 1-2 of 6c. used as 3c., on original envelope. 6 var. of British Columbia and Vancouver Island. Newfoundland, 2, 4, 6 and 8d. vermilion, 2, 4, 6, 6 1-2 d. and 1s. lake, used. Canada, 1-2 and 3d., perforated, 6d. on laid paper, 1 and 3c. on laid paper, 1 and 3c., watermarked. Trinidad, 6d. and 1sh., on blue paper, first issue, 6d., badly lithographed, etc.

### PEN and PENCIL STAMP 14 CENTS.



Rubber Stamp Ink & Pad 15 cents.  
Send 2 cts. for Circulars, or 16 cts. for Catalogue.  
Greatest variety, quickest shipments.  
THALMAN MFG CO., Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.  
Our Agents are selling hundreds of these stamps.

### STAMPS

At 25 per cent. Commission.

H. B. WILBER & CO.,

14 Main Street, Cambridgeboro, Mass.

### YOU

Should send for one of my Approval Sheets at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per ct. discount from Scott. Send reference or deposit.

Gus. C. Lubitz,

4072 Williams St., Pittsburg, Penn.

### THE STAMP ADVERTISER,

A MONTHLY JOURNAL IN THE INTEREST  
OF STAMP COLLECTING.

10c. per year. Adv. rates, 25c. per inch.

Sample copy free if you mention this paper.

H. G. Parks, Ed. & Pub., Rock Bottom, Mass.

### BOLIVIA.

1867-5c green... 08 1887-1c rose... 03  
1871-5c green... 15 1887-2c violet... 05  
1871-5c black... 05 Postage 1c extra.

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

### COLLECTORS.

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. I have the largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist, 25 cts. a year. Sample free.

H. C. BEARDSLEY, St. Joseph, Mo.

On and after Oct. 1st, 1889, I should like to receive Approval Sheets of unused U. S. stamps at 25 p. c. com., regularly of some dealer. Address, Chas. W. Pearl, 219 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass. Member of A. P. A.

### SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., L'D,

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

### DON'T

:: :: fail to send for one. :: ::

### 100 Var. STAMPS

From Curacao, Chili, and U. S. of Colombia, etc. All Good.

Only 12 Cents,

C. H. Whitcomb,

2 Highland Ave.,

Fitchburg, Mass.



I make a specialty of printing philatelic papers and can give very low prices and good work. If you are now publishing, or are intending to publish, a philatelic paper write me for my prices. W. W. JEWETT,

502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.



# Fitchburg Philatelist.

Vol. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS., SEPT., 1889.

No. 10.

## *My Experience as a Collector.*

I first became interested in the collecting of stamps in the fall of 1884. A gentleman of South Carolina, presented me with a few Confederate stamps. I found that I could sell them for about 10 cents apiece, and accordingly did so, I being ignorant of their value, thinking that the 20 cents would benefit me more than the stamps. About Jan. 1st, 1885, I was encouraged by a collector to start a collection. I told him I could not make a success of it. I roamed around the house and got about 300 of the three cent red, 1861. Not being satisfied I asked several parties to aid me in obtaining any or all of any stamps they could get. I did not have an album then and placed the stamps on sheets of paper and in small envelopes. In the fall of 1886 a collection of stamps was offered for sale for \$1.50, it contained some 300 varieties, among the U. S. may be mentioned the 30 and 90c. of 1868, 24c. of 1869 and many rare foreign. Several collectors purchased quite a number, I bought the balance. That same year I purchased three other collections. In the fall of 1886, Messrs A. E. Gilman and C. W. Pearl organized the Lawrence Stamp Co., it existed until April, 1887, when for want of capital with which to advertise we dissolved partnership. I sold my stock to a well known dealer of Law-

rence, Mass. I was once employed by a dealer to obtain as many U. S. Special Delivery stamps as possible, he agreeing to give me six cents apiece for them. I thought that I could reap a harvest of money so I purchased several postals and addressed quite a number to special delivery messengers all over the country, agreeing to pay them \$10.00 per 1000. The Postmaster here was kind enough to inform me that I must put a stop to sending out those postals as a P. O. inspector was interested in the case and desired to know what was being done with the specials. I made him acquainted with the true facts, that I was employed by a dealer, etc. I accordingly made a written promise that I should abandon all traffic in Special Delivery stamps from date, which I have kept ever since. In the fall of 1887 I purchased a Scott album with some 700 varieties in it and started my first collection. I went in for unused only and took a fancy to purchasing some unused foreign, I had several fine looking countries complete, unused. A collector advised me to collect only U. S. and thus avoid being swindled by reprints or counterfeits. This was in latter part of 1888, I commenced and never as yet regretted collecting U. S. stamps. I make a specialty of unused as I like their appearance far better and their value is nearly double that of the used. A great many collectors

purchasing used stamps often replace them at a future date by an unused, that makes the collector purchase twice which in my mind seems unnecessary.

### James Chalmers.

We have received a circular from Mr. Patrick Chalmers entitled, "The Adhesive Postage Stamp." In it is reprinted an article which appeared in the *Arbroath Herald*, dated October 11th, 1839, and is as follows:

#### POSTAGE IMPROVEMENT.

"Mr. James Chalmers, bookseller, Dundee has for many years, as perhaps most of our readers may be aware taken a very active interest in directing public attention to the means and importance of accelerating the mail and in the general improvement of the Post Office establishment. It was chiefly through his exertions, prior to the use of railways, a gain of two days was effected in the correspondence between London and Liverpool and this neighborhood. He has lately applied himself to mature a plan for carrying into effect the uniform postage of one penny; and in consequence of the recent Treasury Minute inviting competition on the best mode of carrying into effect the principle recommended by Mr. Rowland Hill and now sanctioned by the Legislature, Mr. Chalmers has transmitted his plan to the Lords of the Treasury, accompanied by the following certificate subscribed by about one hundred and fifty of the principle bankers, merchants, writers, ship-owners and others in Dundee."

The certificate is to the same effect as the above, it "respectfully recommended his plan, a specimen along with a description of which they had seen, to the favourable consideration of the Right Honourable the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury." This paper was given James Chalmers by friends in Arbroath, his birth-place.

### Reviews.

The *New York Philatelist* is still issued promptly on the first of each month. The August number contained a picture and biography of Hugo Kuenstler of N. Y. City.

The *Curio* shows an improvement in typographical appearance. "Chalmers's Last Circular," by E. R. Aldrich, is the most interesting article in the August number.

The form of the *Nebraska Philatelist* has been changed from 4 pages, 6x9 inches, to 8 pages, 3 1-2x5 1-2 inches each, with cover. Save all your copies ye "sample copyists" they will look elegant when bound.

The August number of the *Eastern Philatelist* was up to the standard degree of excellence. It contains a full report of the C. P. A. convention.

The June (No. 1) number of the *Western Philatelist* stated that our "List of Philatelic Papers which have been Published in Massachusetts" (see May and June numbers) contained a large number of mistakes and omissions. Up to date (Sept. 2nd) we have been unable to find the mistakes or omissions, and if the editor of the *W. P.* will be kind enough to point them out we shall be greatly obliged to him. It would pay him to look over his list of "U. S. Stamp Publications 1889" in No. 1 of his paper.

The *Stamp Advertiser* for June reached us Aug. 17th. It had a cover which added greatly to the appearance of the paper.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor and Publisher.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents - - per year, post-paid.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

½ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page,	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as 2nd class matter.

Vol. I. SEPT., 1889. No. 10.

## EDITORIAL.

We would like a short account of the A. P. A. Convention which will be held in St. Louis, Mo., the first Monday in October. Anyone wishing to furnish us with one will please write at once.

On the 3rd of this month we had the pleasure of meeting the editor of the *Stamp Advertiser*, Mr. H. G. Parks, who made a short visit in this city. The next number of his paper will be printed by Mr. W. W. Jewett, of Portland, Me. A neat looking number may be expected.

We publish in this issue an article entitled "My Experience as a Collector." We would be pleased to have any readers of this paper give their experience.

Do you ever intend to advertise? If you do just try an ad. in this paper. A 1 inch ad. 3 insertions will cost you only 70c. Don't fall asleep thinking about this offer but keep awake so you can send in your ad. This offer good for 20 days.

We shall insist upon having advertisers pay monthly, unless special arrangements have been made. Publishing a paper without receiving pay for advertisements is like driving a horse with no reins.

## The First Grand Benefit to be Given Our Advertisers and Subscribers.

It is our intention to make the FITCHBURG PHILATELIST one of the most widely known and best advertising mediums in the U. S. In trying to do this we shall need the help of every one who receives a copy of this paper. Not only of this issue but of other issues. In making the following offer we will say that it is principally for the purpose of helping our advertisers and gaining new subscribers. We will give a six-months' subscription to every reader who answers some one of the advertisements in this and following issues, provided the answer is in the form of an *order* not less than **25 cents** in value. The advertiser is requested to notify us as soon as the order is received and then we will enter the orderer's name upon our books for a six months' subscription. We trust that both the collector and dealer will be perfectly honest, if such is not the case they will *not* profit thereby. We wish to call the attention of every dealer to this magnificent offer as it is an *excellent* chance to start up trade.



## Why Don't You ADVERTISE?

When you can insert

**A 1 INCH AD. 3 TIMES FOR**

**Only 70 Cts.**

**You Should Send**

**AT ONCE**

— IN ORDER TO —

**Catch Your Fall Trade.**

*Offer Good For 20 Days.*

### COLLECTORS.

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. I have the largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist, 25 cts. a year. Sample free.

H. C. BEARDSLEY, St. Joseph, Mo.

### SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., L'D,

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

**DON'T**

:: :: fail to send for one. :: ::

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*

### BOLIVIA.

1867-5c green... 08    1887-1c rose... 03  
1871-5c green... 15    1887-2c violet... 05  
1871-5c black... 05    Postage 1c extra.

C. H. WHITCOMB.

2 Highland Ave.,      Fitchburg, Mass.

### ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST

: : 10 Cents per Year : :

Only stamp paper in Essex County.

Good reading and ad's. Send for sample copy.

LAWRENCE STAMP CO.,

177 Jackson St.,      Lawrence, Mass.

### THE STAMP ADVERTISER,

A MONTHLY JOURNAL IN THE INTEREST  
OF STAMP COLLECTING.

10c. per year. Adv. rates, 25c. per inch.

*Sample copy free if you mention this paper.*

H. G. Parks, Ed. & Pub., Rock Bottom, Mass.

100 Var. STAMPS

From Curacao, Chili,  
and U. S. of Colombia,  
etc. All Good.

*Only 12 Cents.*

C. H. Whitcomb,

2 Highland Ave.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.



o o

I make a specialty of printing philatelic papers and can give very low prices and good work. If you are now publishing, or are intending to publish, a philatelic paper write me for my prices.

W. W. FEWETT,  
502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

o o



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Vol. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS., OCT., 1889.

No. 11.

## *My Experience as a Collector.*

My experience in stamp albums is varied. I have used several different kinds, Scott's, Stanley Gibbons & Co's and others. I prefer a Staten Island album for a specialist. I have made a specialty of unused *adhesives* only since March, 1889. I disposed of my envelope collection through the A. P. A. circuit system and disposed of 1000 fine foreign valued at over \$100. at an auction sale in N. Y. city which brought a trifle over \$23., including all expenses paid. The most economical way to purchase rare stamps at low prices is by bidding at auction sales. The best way for a collector to dispose of his collection is by placing his *rarest* stamps on A. P. A. circuit sheets. (These are my opinions perhaps others may differ.) Does it pay in the long run to collect U. S. envelopes? I say no. Why? Because nine out of every ten collectors are very ignorant in regard to dies, viz., A B C etc. Plimton; envelopes are printed on many shades of paper, and collectors are often mistaken on placing them in wrong places. My advice to a young philatelist (and I am one myself) is to let envelopes alone until he has educated himself to such a degree that he can readily tell all dies and shades of paper on sight. U. S. locals—my experience with these has been

very serious, I spent many dollars only to find I had not obtained *originals*, these I made a fire with. Foreign,—with these I fared the same way, unless a collector has had a long experience he is not at all positive when purchasing foreign stamps as to their being genuine. On some foreign sheets are "All stamps guaranteed genuine" before a single stamp is placed on it. In order for a young philatelist to obtain any knowledge of stamps he must subscribe to some philatelic journal. The larger the paper the more information. But there is a saying: "Good things come in small bundles sometimes" a paper which appears before the public has to start small and should be given support by collectors. The writer is a subscriber to eleven different stamp journals, out of these are obtained many valuable subjects of interest to collectors. Honesty is the best policy. A collector receiving sheets on approval should always return same, if stamps are not desired, when once a collector is black listed it is hard to redeem him. Purchasing stamps requires great care on part of the purchaser and seller. A collector should not dispose of his collection for a trifle simply because he is going out of the philatelic field but ought to get at least 60 per cent. of its value by catalogue rates. Of course a collector should get a collection at it lowest

terms of the seller, but let the latter mention his terms. The writer made a rich purchase this summer of five Confederate locals, valued at over \$86., the salesman desired \$10 for them. He got the X and I got the stamps. I always get a receipt for purchases over \$5. Deal honestly with each and all, encourage a young collector as he needs the advice of his elders. Join the A. P. A. after you have collected for one year and you will be justifiable in doing so.

C. W. P.

### *The Surcharged Stamps of Mexico.*

As there are several philatelists who collect the Mexican stamps, surcharged with the names of the post office which issued them, I give below a list of names which are found on the issue of 1856,

Acapulco,	Apam,
C. Bravos,	Campeche,
Chalco,	Chiapas,
Chihuahua,	Cordova,
Cuautitlan,	Cuernavaca,
Durango,	Guadalajara,
Guanajuato,	Hermosillo,
Huejutla,	Ixtlahuaca,
Jalapa,	Lagos,
Lerma,	Maravatio,
Mazatlan,	Merida,
Mexico, (in single and double lines)	
Monterrey,	Morelia,
Oajaca,	Orizava,
Pachuca,	Pueblo,
Queretaro,	Saltillo,
S. L. Potosi,	Soyaniquilpan
Sultepec,	Tabasco,
Tampico,	Temascaltepec.

(To be continued.)

### *Reviews.*

The ever welcome *Quaker City Philatelist* was received Sept. 16, a little earlier in the month than usual. Its principle article "The Amsterdam Exhibition" was re-printed from the *Eastern Philatelist*.

The *Hoosier Philatelist* is catching up, the August number was received Sept. 24. It contained articles by Heinsburger, Craig, Mitchell, Philo and Harte, a very interesting paper indeed.

The *Essex County Philatelist* is out, dated Sept. It presents a good appearance but the publishers are "off" yes, way off.

With the September number the *American Philatelist* completed its third volume. With this month's issue is included the index and title page for Volume 3

The *Collector's News*, published at Danesburg, N. Y., is partly devoted to philately. Mr. W. B. Hale is its contributor.

The *New York Philatelist* is on the move. Among its contributors is Mr. F. S. Goldsbury, of Barre, Vt. He will soon publish the *Green Mountain Philatelist*.

The *Philatelic Messenger* has resumed publication. It is now issued with four pages, each 6x9in. in size.

The *Eureka Philatelist*, a four page paper published in San Francisco, Cal., is now in its fourth volume.

New papers are announced from all quarters, among them are the *Philatelic Era* to appear from Portland, Me., and the *Southern Philatelist* to appear from Charleston, S. C.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor and Publisher.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents - - - per year, post-paid.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

½ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page,	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as 2nd class matter.

Vol. I. OCT., 1889. No. 11.

## EDITORIAL.

We are at all times perfectly willing to publish names of those who have defrauded our advertisers.

Next month we expect to publish a supplement containing an index, etc. for Vol. 1 of this paper.

Every advertiser reading this paper should turn their attention to our great offer on page four. It is without a doubt as good an offer to secure advertisers as has ever been made.

Do not fail to send in your subscription this month. You get a good paper at a low price.

We recommend Mr. Aldrich, of Benson, Minn., to all of our readers who wish to receive approval sheets.

The dealers are having a good fall trade, and why shouldn't they, philatelic matters look more promising than ever before.

If you are looking for trade you should put an inch ad. in this paper, which will only cost you 70c. for 3 months. The cheapest rates on record.

The publishers of the "Essex County Philatelist" inserted an ad. for us last month which gave the name of our paper as the "Yankee Philatelist." It was a bad mistake. Next.

Don't be afraid to let your ideas be known to our readers through these columns. Mr. Reader, how do you stand on the reprint question.

Since we mailed our last number several papers have been received which we have not room to review. Publishers will please accept thanks.

## Notes.

Counterfeit triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps are printed on thick, hard, white paper and are unwatermarked. The genuine are printed on rather thin grayish paper and watermarked with an anchor.

The letters "B. G." on the newspaper stamps of Modena, signify "Bollo Giornale" or journal stamp.

The stamp collection of M. Ferrari, son of the late Duchess of Galliera, contains about 2,000,000 specimens and has a market value of \$125,000.

The number of post offices in Japan is 5316, in Spain 2655 and in Russia 4663.

Subscribe this month.

**WHY DON'T YOU ADVERTISE?**

**A 1 Inch Advertisement 3 Months for 70 Cts.**

**Catch Your Winter Trade NOW, If Possible.**

**Sheets of Stamps**

made from part of my collection, marked low, (*and good discounts*), sent on approval, reference required. JUST THINK  
50c.—5c. Nova Scotia, all good, \$1.00.

H. L. HART, Box 231, Halifax, Nova Scotia.



An Album given away every month to agents selling most from my sheets. Complete catalogue 10c.

**E. R. ALDRICH,**  
**BENSON, MINN.**

**Read This Twice.**

I will send you one of our fine approval sheets on application, at 40 per cent. commission and pay postage both ways. Prizes given to agents every 5 months. Yankee Philatelist, 5c. per year. Sample copy free.

B. R. GRANT, Hudson, Mass.

**COLLECTORS.**

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. I have the largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist, 25 cts. a year. Sample free.

H. C. BEARDSLEY, Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo.

**SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., L'D,**

12 East 23rd St., New York.

**THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.**

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

**DON'T**

:: :: fail to send for one. :: ::

**YOU ARE INVITED** to send for some of my approval sheets. I send out fine stamps, marked at low prices, and allow 30 per cent. commission to agents. I endeavor to please everyone, and shall try to merit your patronage, if you will give me a trial.

**W. B. JACKSON,**  
605 Bennington St., East Boston, Mass.

**THE STAMP ADVERTISER,**

A MONTHLY JOURNAL IN THE INTEREST OF STAMP COLLECTING.

10c. per year. Adv. rates, 25c. per inch.

*Sample copy free if you mention this paper.*

H. G. Parks, Ed. & Pub., Rock Bottom, Mass.

**Notice.**—On and after Oct. 1st I should like to receive approval sheets of unused U. S. stamps at 25 per ct. com. Only scarce ones desired. List of wants sent on application. Member A. P. A., Chas. W. Pearl, 219 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.

**100 Var. STAMPS**



From Curacao, Chili, and U. S. of Colombia, etc. All Good.

*Only 12 Cents.*

**C. H. Whitecomb,**  
2 Highland Ave.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.



I make a specialty of printing philatelic papers and can give very low prices and good work. If you are now publishing, or are intending to publish, a philatelic paper write me for my prices.  
**W. W. JEWETT,**  
502 Congress St., Portland, Me.



*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*





# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Vol. I.

FITCHBURG, MASS., NOV., 1889.

No 12.

## *Notes on the American Philatelic Association Convention.*

The Fourth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was called to order Monday, Oct. 7 at 10.24 A. M. in Hall No. 7, Odd Fellows' Building, St. Louis, Mo. Among the members present were P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Chas. Beamish, Jr., Philadelphia, E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J., H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo., A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, O., R. R. Bogert, New York, C. W. Sparr, Eureka, Kan., S. B. Bradt, Chicago, J. W. Scott, New York, H. L. Calman, New York, C. B. Corwin, Plainfield, N. J., E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa., F. J. Grenny, Brantford, Ont., W. A. McCalla, Philadelphia and W. J. Palmer, Chicago. Mr. E. T. Parker was elected Secretary pro tem in the absence of Secretary Bradford. After the President appointed committees on credentials, standing rules, etc., a recess was taken until 3 o'clock. The Committee on Credentials reported that there were 409 proxies, as follows: E. B. Sterling had 103, J. W. Scott, 81, C. B. Corwin, 67, P. M. Wolsieffer, 33, H. L. Calman, 33, S. B. Bradt, 26, J. K. Tiffany, 25, F. J. Grenny, 14, R. R. Bogert, 12, W. A. McCalla, 10, W. C. Michaels, 2, and the following gentlemen held one each, E. T. Parker, C.

W. Sparr and A. N. Spencer. Mr. J. K. Tiffany, president of the Association, read his annual address which without a doubt was the best one he has ever delivered. In the evening the members at the convention were entertained at the home of President Tiffany.

### TUESDAY.

The convention met at 10 o'clock A. M., President Tiffany in the chair. A. N. Spencer was chosen Assistant Secretary, Secretary pro tem Parker was not present. The most important business of the forenoon was the discussion of the new rules for the Exchange Department. As the Committee on Credentials and By-Laws would not be ready to report before the next morning, Mr. Corwin moved that the convention adjourn until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The motion was seconded by H. C. Beardsley and the convention adjourned until Oct. 9th at 10 A. M.

### WEDNESDAY.

The convention was called to order at 10 A. M., President Tiffany in the chair. The Secretary's report was read by the Secretary pro tem. Up to Oct. 1st, 244 persons had applied for membership, all but one, Mr. W. S. Kinzer, have been admitted. There are 666 members at present. The Secretary called the roll, Messrs Nienstedt, Flachskam, Beardsley and

Chandler absent. The report of the Committee on Branch Societies was read and adopted. In the future five members will constitute the Literary Board instead of three and all members can vote. Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and New York were nominated for the 1896 convention. The result of the ballot is as follows: New York 422, Niagara Falls 37, Washington 5, Philadelphia 2, Pittsburg 1, Buffalo 1. It was moved to change the advertising rates of the American Philatelist, seconded and carried. A secret session was held, J. W. Scott in the chair. Several important matters were considered, including those in which H. C. Kendall, J. C. Jay and G. C. Loubitz were interested. On motion of Mr. Corwin, and seconded by Mr. Bogert, the convention adjourned and will meet the first Monday in August, 1890 in New York City. At this convention more business was transacted than ever before, the above lines only give a small part of it.

### *A. P. A. Siftings.*

#### IT IS SAID

That Mr M. F. Walton, Mr. S. B. Bradt, or Mr. H. O. Harris should have the office of Secretary of the A. P. A.

That Secretary Bradford was asked to resign and that he appreciated the insult offered him. (We don't blame him.)

That the delays credited to the Secretary's office were due to the negligence of certain other officers. (So it was.)

That Brother Corwin expressed his ideas on the subjects brought before the convention.

That the circulation of the American Philatelist should not be over 1400 and the average cost should not be over \$140 per month.

That the annual dues of the Association are \$2.50 now, instead of \$2. (Gently the "dues" are o'er me stealing.)

That the Trustees of the Association recommend that H. C. Kendall and G. C. Loubitz be expelled from the Association.

That the Literary Exchange was not a decided success and the amount sold from the lists sent in was \$8,52.

### *Reviews.*

*Ye Boodle Philatelist* presents a very fine appearance. It is neatly printed, contains good reading matter and is a handy size.

This month's *Nebraska Philatelist* appears from Pawnee City, Neb. with Will F. Weber as editor and W. K. Makey as publisher. It consists of 8 pages and cover and contains some good articles. "Canadian Overland Postal Service" by Canadensis deserves special mention.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor and Publisher.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents - - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

½ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page,	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance.

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as 2nd class matter.

Vol. I. NOV., 1889. No. 12.

## EDITORIAL.

We publish an index to Vol. I of this paper on page 49, and we hope it will be of use to our subscribers. All those who are not subscribers should become one at once and get volume 2 complete.

The fate of the sickly green 2c. postage stamp is sealed. Beginning Jan. 1st it will be printed in bright carmine. Hallelujah.—*Boston Herald.*

One cent letter postage is said to be the ambition of John Wanamaker. The country can afford to and ought

to have it and the Postmaster General is the man to make it an early possibility.

If you are looking for trade you should put an inch ad in this paper which will only cost you 70c. for 3 mos. The cheapest rates on record.

Look at the bargains on page 50, which are advertised by the Rollstone Stamp Co.. Quick sales and small profits is their motto.

We would like to know what Mr. G. C. Loubitz of Pittsburg, Pa. thinks of himself. If he thinks himself smart or cunning which ever it may be he is decidedly in the wrong. If he were to think himself mean he would be in the right for once. He owes us only 30 cents, but he has had two months to pay it in. We have written him several times but received no answer. We would advise our friends and patrons to steer clear of him.

## The Surcharged Stamps of Mexico.—Continued.

Surcharges found on the 1856 issue:

Tixtla Guerro,	Tlalpujahua,
Toluca,	Tula,
Tulaucingo,	Veracruz,
Victoria,	Yguala,

Zacatecas, (Two different types.)

The above named surcharges are printed in black. Campeche and Pachuca are found printed in carmine and I. del Carmen and Chiapas printed in blue. (To be Continued.)

∴ A 1 INCH AD. ∴

**3 MOS. FOR ONLY 70C.**

CHEAPEST : RATES : ON : RECORD.

**YOU SHOULD HAVE A COPY**

—OF—

**THE PHILATELIC LIBRARY**

No. 1 is out, 64 pages and cover, containing a Philatelic Dictionary, List of Devices, Watermarks, Notes, &c. Price, 10 Cents. No. 2, same size, being a Handbook on Counterfeits, out in Jan. 1890. Price, with name and address inserted, if ordered now, 10c. Jewett & Lyons, 502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to send for some of my approval sheets. I send out fine stamps, marked at low prices, and allow 30 per cent. commission to agents. I endeavor to please everyone, and shall try to merit your patronage, if you will give me a trial.

**W. B. JACKSON,**

605 Bennington St., East Boston, Mass.



An Album given away every month to agents selling most from my sheets. Complete catalogue 10c.

**E. R. ALDRICH,**  
BENSON, MINN.

**SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., L'D,**

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

**DON'T**

∴ ∴ fail to send for one. ∴ ∴



100 Var. STAMPS

From Hamburg, Hanover, Sardinia, etc. All Good.

*Only 12 Cents.*

C. H. Whitcomb,

2 Highland Ave.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

**LOOK!**

18 U. S. Special Delivery,.....	25c
30 5c. Nova Scotia, .....	65c
50 2d. surc. on 3d. Orange Free State, .	75c
100 3c. Canada, large, .....	35c
100 25c. Venezuela, 1883, orange, .....	20c
50 25c. " " " .....	12c
24 1/2d. South African Republic, .....	15c
24 1d. " " " .....	20c
24 2d. " " " .....	30c

Or the Entire Lot for \$2.15.

Good stamps sent on approval. All stamps priced low and a good discount made.

**H. L. HART,**

Box 231, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**COLLECTORS.**

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. I have the largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist, 25 cts. a year. Sample free.

H. C. BEARDSLEY, Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo.

∴ FINE \* JOB \* PRINTING ∴

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

I make a specialty of printing philatelic papers and can give very low prices and good work. If you are now publishing, or are intending to publish, a philatelic paper write me for my prices.

**W. W. JEWETT,**  
502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*

---

---

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

---

---

## SUPPLEMENT.

---

---

### INDEX TO VOL. 1 OF THE FITCHBURG PHILATELIST.

---

---

Advertisements	3, 4, 7, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 27, 28, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 50	New Issues	19
Am I Honest.	29	Notes	3, 7, 10, 13, 14, 27, 43
A. P. A. Siftings	46	Notes on the Canadian Philatelic Association Convention	33, 34, 35, 36
Brattleboro Stamp, The	4	Notes on the American Philatelic Association Convention	45, 46
Chalmers, James	38	Parcel Post	7
Collecting Stamps	18	Personals	22
Editorial	2, 6, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47	Reviews	2, 6, 10, 13, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, 38, 42, 46
Exchanges	2	Smith, James B.	25
First Stamps of the United States, The	50	Some Notes on Counterfeits	30
First Grand Benefit to be given Our Advertisers and Subscribers	35, 39	Stamp Find, A	26
Fitchburg Philatelic Society	11, 5	Stamps of the Confederate States, The	5, 9, 13, 17, 21
Greeting	3	Surcharged Stamps of Mexico, The	42, 47
List of Philatelic Papers which have been Published in Massachusetts	23, 31	Study Your Stamps	12
McLean Stamp Collectors' Guide, The	25	U. S. Dep't Stamps, The	1
My Experience as a Collector	37, 41		



## The First Stamps of the United States.

PHILAX.

In 1842, Mr. M. Greig of New York City issued a 3c. stamp (portrait of Washington) which was used for pre-paying postage on letters in the city. In the latter part of this year he sold out his business to the U. S. Government, which continued to issue this same design but in different colors. There were several provisional issues as follows: the Baltimore local was issued in 1846 by James M. Buchanan, who was postmaster at Baltimore from 1845 to 1849. Ten specimens of this stamp are known to exist. F. N. Palmer, postmaster at Brattleboro, Vt. from 1845 to 1849, issued a stamp Aug 27, 1846, which is eagerly sought for by collectors, there are but a very few specimens known to exist, which accounts for the high prices charged for them. At Millbury another stamp (value 3c, color black) was issued, this appeared in 1846, also, and was a wood engraving done at Boston in the early part of the same year. In 1845 the New Haven stamped envelope appeared through the means of E. A. Mitchell. The stamp was cut in brass and was stamped on the envelopes as fast as they were received at the office window. Each envelope stamped was signed by Mr. Mitchell, either in red or blue ink, the latter color being used on the reprints. (*To be Continued.*)

# COLLECTORS!

## We Offer the Following Bargains

*Canada, wrapper, 1c. blue on yellow paper	\$ .20
*Corea, 10m, blue	.04
" " 50m, green	.04
" " 100m, blue and rose	.06
Denmark, 100 ore, gray and orange	.03
Gold Coast, 2p, gray	.04
" " 4p, mauve	.04
India, surcharged "On H.M.S." 2a, yellow	.08
" " " " 4a, green	.08
" " " " "Service" large, 2a, yellow	.05
" " " " 4a, green	.07
" " " " 8a, rose	.07
*Newfoundland, 2c. orange	.04
Nova Scotia, 5c, blue	.03
*Malta, ½d, green	.02
So. African Republic, 6d, blue	.03
*Tobago, 1d, brown	.03
" " ½d. on 2½d, blue	.07
*U. S. War Dep't. 11 var., complete	.65

\*Means unused. All postpaid.

Give us a Call.

## Rollstone Stamp Co.,

Lock Box 1660, Fitchburg, Mass.

Mention FITCHBURG PHILATELIST.



DECEMBER, 1889.

NO. 1.

---

CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

---

THE

FITCHBURG  
PHILATELIST.

Issued Monthly in the Interests of  
PHILATELY.

---

15 CENTS A YEAR.

---

EDITED AND PUBLISHED BY

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

U. S. A.

ESTABLISHED 1875.

# W. H. BRUCE,

Direct Importer and Dealer in

## FOREIGN AND UNITED STATES STAMPS,

**P. O. Box 283, HARTFORD, CONN.**

For fifteen years we have enjoyed the confidence and patronage of a large number of collectors, but we can take care of a few more. We have a fine line of goods for advanced collectors, as also a splendid assortment for beginners. 100 varieties and a stamp worth 25c. for **25c.** 200 varieties and a stamp worth 50 cents for **50c.** Or 400 varieties and a stamp valued at 50c. for **\$1.00.** All perfect specimens and no locals or revenues.



### 100 Var. STAMPS

From Hamburg, Hanover, Sardinia, etc. All Good.

*Only 12 Cents.*

C. H. Whitecomb,

2 Highland Ave.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

### AGENTS WANTED

I want good energetic agents in all towns, colleges & schools throughout the U.S. and Canada. I allow 25 and 30 per cent. commission on all stamps sold from my approval sheets. Every agent who remits \$1.00 or more at one time will receive free a valuable stamp valued at from 15c. to \$1.00 according to the amount sold. Send stamp for price-list. CHAS. W. HOYT, 309 Howard Ave., New Haven, Ct.

### MUST GO

50 Finland, 20p. 1885,	15c.
50 Finland, 25p. 1885,	15c.
50 Turkey, 1p. blue,	25c.
50 Egypt, 1p. rose,	15c.
100 Egypt, 1p. blue,	45c.
50 Egypt, 1p. brown,	20c.

Or the lot for \$1.00. Send quick.

*B. N. A. PACKET.*

40 varieties, including 8 New Foundland, N. S., N. B., &c., all good, none torn, only 25c. Sheets of stamps on approval, all qualities.

**H. L. HART,**

Box 231, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

### 5000

Stamp journals both American and foreign extending during the last five years. A valuable lot. For sale cheap. Write to me.

**WILLIAM B. HALE,**

Williamsville, Mass.

### APPROVAL SHEETS

sent to honest agents on application at 40 per cent. commission. Valuable prizes given to agents every 5 months, selling from sheets. Send for sample copy of *Yankee Philatelist*, B. R. GRANT, HUDSON, MASS.

Publishers inserting this and the above will receive same space in *Yankee Philatelist*.

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*

---

---

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

---

---

Vol. II.

FITCHBURG, MASS., DEC., 1889.

No. 1.

---

---

## *The First Stamps of the United States.*

PHILAX.

CONTINUED.

Mr. R. H. Morris, of the New York post office, issued a 5c. stamped envelope, printed in black, in 1845, which was used only a very short time. One week afterwards, adhesive stamps, of which there are two varieties known to exist. Reprints are plenty and are printed on blue paper while the originals are on white paper.

One year after stamps were issued in New York City, H. Sayles, postmaster at Providence, issued two stamps, valued at 5c. and 10c. Counterfeits of these stamps have been heard of and are supposed to be the work of the engraver. On the plate were engraved twelve distinct varieties the upper right hand corner one being the 10c. stamp.

A St. Louis postmaster by the name of Wymer ordered three values of stamps to be issued, viz, 5, 10 and 20c. black. Two kinds of paper were used in printing both the 5 and 10c. stamps. There are counterfeits of these stamps to be found, also.

In this article I have made known to you the early U. S. stamps, where they were issued and by whom they were issued. There were several let-

ter express stamps issued as early as 1842-4, but I mention the above stamps thinking they will be of greater interest owing to their scarcity.

## *Read and Understand.*

Judging from the eleven-line editorial in the Nov. *Essex County Philatelist*, the editor of that paper must have felt very sore after he read what we said in our Oct. number, concerning him and his paper. On the 12th of Aug. he wrote us saying that he would set forth the above named paper and wished we would give him an ad. his rates being twenty-five cents an inch, payable on receipt of marked copy. He enclosed a postal card requesting us to answer by return mail, which we did saying that our own paper furnished us with all the advertising we needed. But if it would help him any we would exchange ads with him. Two days later we received his ad, written on a postal card in the lower left-hand corner. Of all the writing we ever saw this took the cake. It was even worse than short-hand. We inserted his ad in our Sept. number, and on Sept. 23 we received a card from him saying "renew my ad and I will renew yours." As we had not seen our ad in his paper, we sent for a copy which we received Oct. 2nd along with a letter saying that he

would publish our ad in his Oct. number for 26c. (how kind of him) but would not exchange. Our ad was inserted wrong in his paper, giving the name of our paper as the Yankee Philatelist. As soon as we noticed it we wrote to him requesting him to insert it again in its correct form. Then and not until then did he write us that he was sorry it happened, and requested us to "Please Subscribe." (Chestnuts). After reading what few words we had to say about the matter in our Oct. number, he sets down and writes the editorial which appeared in last month's *Essex County Philatelist*. He did not want us to see a copy containing it, so we did not receive our exchange copy, but through the kindness of a friend we were allowed to read it. We will say right here that his editorial does not trouble us in the least. We are very happy to say that we had self-respect enough to send him our paper, but he was not "built that way." We are also very glad he has an opinion of us, no doubt it is a curiosity, perhaps he might get two hundred or so for it at the Dime Museum in Boston. That little production of yours Mr. Stuart will do us more good than our ad would if you had run it 6 months. Feeling that we have said more concerning the E. C. P. than it really deserves and hoping that you will live long and prosper, we bid you good-bye wishing you a Merry Christmas—but, by-the-way we will continue to publish the FITCHBURG PHILATELIST at the old stand, 2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

### Reviews.

This month the "Rhode Island Philatelist" completes its first volume. With the January number it will don an engraved cover.

The "Progressive Philatelist" will be issued about Jan. 1, 1890, by the Stamp and Coin Exchange, of Merri-mac, Wis.

The "Keystone State Philatelist" is announced to appear from Parker's Landing, Pa.

The Xmas number of the "Tribune and Advertiser" is an interesting one. It consists of twenty-eight pages and a cover. "The Stamps of Canada" by Canadenis, is the principle article.

The publishers of the "New York Philatelist" were obliged to combine their Nov. and Dec. numbers, owing to a difficulty with their printers.

Brother Parks, publisher of the "Stamp Advertiser" is trying to catch up with his paper. We hope he will for it is an interesting paper.

We have never received a copy of the "Philatelic News," "Southern Philatelist" or the "New England Philatelist."



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor and Publisher.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents - - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

½ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page,	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as 2nd class matter.

Vol. II. DEC., 1889. No. 1.

## EDITORIAL.

We wish all of our readers a Merry and Happy Christmas. You will notice that we give you a change this month. If our support is such that we can continue to issue a cover we will do so.

Mr. H. C. Kendall write us about a misfortune which befell him causing him to be unable to pay his bills. We believe him to be strictly honest. He is doing his best to straighten out affairs but will be unable to set matters wholly aright for a few months to come.

With this number we commence the publication of volume two. We have been supported in good shape and trust our patrons will remain with us during the coming year. We tried to make volume 1 an interesting one and hope that all subscriptions that run out this month will be renewed at once. This paper is a success.

It is decided that the shooting of James B. Smith of Springfield, Mass by Royal B. Sturtevant, was not criminal.

Mr. W. J. J. Culross, who formally published the "Peerless Review" is publishing a paper in the interests of the fraternal societies.

This month we are obliged to omit the continuation of the "Surcharged Stamps of Mexico" but will publish it next month.

Take a glimpse of the ads on the next page and you will see that several dealers have taken advantage of our generous offer to insert an inch ad 3 months for 70c. Insert your ad it will pay you.

Millard F. Walton is elected. The standing of the official count is as follows:

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

The A. P. A.'s choice is a good one.

101 Var. of Stamps for 10c.  
500 Fine Mixed Stamps 16c.

Agents Wanted to sell from sheets at 25 p. c. com., also gummed hinges at 5c. per 500, 8c. per 1000, 15c. per 5000, 65c. per 10,000. I will give 117 var. for a V nickle without cents, 140 var. for a dime prior to 1870, 150 var. for a dime prior to 1840, 70 var. for every half cent. Must be in good order.

H. A. ADAMS,

380 Park Ave., Worcester, Mass.

### 7c. WAR

Given to every 3rd purchaser of my Packet No. 1, containing 250 var. of U. S. and Foreign Stamps, Price only \$1.50.

C. A. TEERKES,

Parker's Landing, Pa.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to send for some of my approval sheets. I send out fine stamps, marked at low prices, and allow 30 per cent. commission to agents. I endeavor to please everyone, and shall try to merit your patronage, if you will give me a trial.

W. B. JACKSON,

605 Bennington St., East Boston, Mass.

### COLLECTORS.

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. I have the largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist, 25 cts. a year. Sample free.  
H. C. BEARDSLEY, Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo.

## SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., L'D,

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

## DON'T

:: :: fail to send for one, :: ::

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*

## The Stamp Collectors Magazine.

A leading illustrated 32 7x10 page and cover monthly. Contributors, Messrs Partello, Casey, Heath, Bradt, Craig, Roberts, Coolidge, Gregory, Davison & Mitchell, Portrait noted philatelist, Chronicle, Current Stamp News, Reviews, Notes and Comments, Editorial and Exchange Dep't monthly. Subscription, 50c. Circulation 2000. Advs. Inch 75c. Sample copy free.

MAGAZINE PUB. CO.,

12 So. Main St., Calmar, Iowa.

## EARL BROS.,

WYNEWOOD, PA.

Offer you a 1c. blue J. J. Allen's Sons Match for 15c. post free.

Send 2c. stamp for our approval sheets.

Agents Wanted at 33 1/3 p. c. Comm.

Price list free.



An Album given away every month to agents selling most from my sheets. Complete catalogue 10c.

E. R. ALDRICH,  
BENSON, MINN.

## ADVERTISERS, LOOK.

The PLAINFIELD COLLECTOR for 30 days only, will insert a 1 inch ad give a year's subscription and a premium for only 25 cents. Circulation 500. Sample copy FREE. Subs. 10c. a year.

THE PLAINFIELD COLLECTOR,  
187 Park Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

## FINE \* JOB \* PRINTING

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

I make a specialty of printing philatelic papers and can give very low prices and good work. If you are now publishing, or are intending to publish, a philatelic paper write me for my prices. W. W. JEWETT,  
502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

---

---

IMPORTANT.

---

**The J. W. Scott Company,**

**Limited,**

**163 FULTON ST.,**

**NEW YORK CITY.**

---

The above firm beg to inform *advanced collectors* that they have the largest stock of valuable stamps in the world, ranging in price from \$5.00 to \$500.00 each.

To *beginners* they offer a splendid assortment of cheap stamps, priced at from 10 for a cent up to 10c. each.

To dealers they offer many valuable lots of stamps, both used and unused, just as received through their correspondents in every quarter of the world.

Packets of stamps wonderfully cheap.

Circulars post free, sent to any address.

### AUCTION SALES.

A fine collection will be offered for public competition at our next sale. Catalogues free.

No connection with the Scott Stamp and Coin Company.

---

*Mention this paper when answering advertisements.*

---

Established August, 1887.

# MILLARD F. WALTON,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

## FOREIGN AND U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS, FOR COLLECTIONS.

---

My stock of Foreign Stamps is unsurpassed. I can supply you with all kinds of U. S. Stamps on or off Envelope. Have Letter Sheets used before the existence of Postage Stamps. Have in stock Match, Medicine, Revenues, Perforated and Unperforated. California and Maryland State Revenues and other rarities. Confederate States on or off Envelope, Locals, and most everything in the Philatelic line.

I will pay good prices for U. S. Stamps on or off Envelope, Locals, Unperforated Revenues. Co. Stamps on Envelopes, or anything good in the Stamp line

Collections bought and sold.

Send for my buying prices of U. S. Stamps.

Correspondence with dealers and collectors all over the world solicited.

I want Agents to sell Stamps from my Sheets. Send good reference and 2c. stamp and receive by return mail an excellent Sheet of Stamps on approval at 33½ per cent. discount. Books for advanced collectors at 25 per cent. discount. I have catalogued my stock of U. S. Stamps of all kinds and will send a catalogue upon receipt of five cent stamp to cover cost of printing and postage. You will find it to your interest to do so.

---

# MILLARD F. WALTON,

Lock Box 38,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Vol. II.

FITCHBURG, MASS., JAN., 1890.

No. 2.

## The Surcharged Stamps of Mexico.

*Continued from Vol. I No. 12.*

The following names are surcharged in black on the 1861 issue. Chiapas is found printed in blue, and Guadalajara, in both blue and black.

Acapulco,	Campeche,
Aguascaltes,	Chalco,
Aguascalientes,	Chihuahua,
Apan,	Colima,
Cordora,	Cuernavaca,
Durango,	Guadalajara,
Guanajuato, (two different types.)	
I. del Carmen.	Istlahuca,

Jalapa,	Lagos,
Maravatio,	Mazatlan,
Merida,	Mexico,

There are three varieties surcharged-Mexico. One is surcharged in a single line, and another in double lines, while the third is printed in larger type.

Monterrey,	Oajaca,
Morelia, (two different types)	
Orizara, " " "	
Puebla, " " "	
Pachuca,	Queretaro,
Saltillo,	Soyaniquilpan,
S. L. Potosi (three different types)	
Sultepec,	Tobasco,
Tampico,	Tixtla,

Tlalpujahuia,	Toluca,
Tula,	Tulancingo,
Vera Cruz, (two different types)	
Victoria de Tampas,	
Zacatecas (two different types)	

Making in all 55 different surcharges on the issue of 1861.

The issue of 1864 was surcharged with the names of the towns, also with the names of the towns and date of issue. The following list consists of surcharges, names only on this issue.

Aguascaltes,	Apan,
Barca,	Chalco,
Cordora,	Cuernavaca,
Guadalajara,	Guanajuato,
Hidalgo,	Jalapa,
Lagos,	Lerma,
Merida,	Mexico,
Morelia,	Orizara,
Pachuca,	Puebla,
Queretaro,	S. L. Potosi,
Tampico,	Tepic,
Tepeji,	Toluca,
Tulancingo,	Vera Cruz,
Yguala,	Zacatecas,

The following names with date in large type.

Aguascaltes,	Chalco,
Cordova,	Cuautlan,
Cuernavaca,	Durango,
Guadalajara,	Guanajuato,



I. del Carmen,	Ixtlahuaca,
Jalapa,	Lagos,
Mexico,	Monterrey,
Morelia,	Orijara,
Pachuca,	Puebla,
Queretaro,	S. L. Potosi,
Soyaniquilpan,	Tampico,
Tepic,	Tepiji.
Tlalpujahua,	Toluca,
Tula,	Tulancingo,
Vera Cruz,	Zacatecas.

The following names with dates in small type.

Aguascaltes,	Apam,
Chalco,	Chihuahua,
Cordova,	Cocula,
Cuantitlan,	Cuernavaca,
Durango,	Guadalajara,
Guanajuato,	Guaymas,
Jalapa,	Lagos,
Maravatio,	Matamoras,
Mazatlan,	Merida,
Mexico,	Monterrey,
Morelia,	Oajaca,
Orizara,	Oaxaca,
Pachuca,	Puebla,
Queretaro,	Saltillo (2 var.),
S. L. Potosi (2 diff. styles of type)	Tampico,
Tampico,	Tepic,
Toluca,	Tula,
Tulancingo,	Tlalpujahua,
Vera Cruz, (two different types),	Zacatecas,
Victoria,	Zapotlan,
Yguala,	Zapotlan,

Yguala is found printed in blue also.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

The *Stamp Collectors' World* has been bought by the *New England Philatelist*, 53 Howard St., Brookline, Mass.

## Reviews.

The *New Jersey Collector* will appear this month from Plainfield, N. J. It will be published in the place of the *Plainfield Collector*—deceased.

The *Philatelic Nonpariel* although it is only two months old, will add four more pages with this month's issue. Mr. Deane J. Hoopes

The *Philatelic News* number contains a portrait etc. F. Walton, an interesting Guy W. Greene, etc. We are "you" when you say, "Not many cities in this country are able, or at least support two philatelic papers."

The *Philatelic News* has decided to publish a series of portraits and biographies of our younger philatelists. It will consist of from fifteen to twenty photos. A splendid idea. You ought to get Willie Stuart's picture.

The *Western Philatelist* is progressing finely. Its "Gossip" department is very interesting. By the way brother Beardsley, of what place is Mr. E. B. Evans "Mayor?"

The Christmas number of the *Curio*, contains an article entitled, "A Philatelist's Christmas." A little "gilt" but no "flies" on this number.

Oh my, how you grow! The *Yankee Philatelist* we mean. Last month's paper speaks well for its editors. Your article on the "Stamp of Mexico," is very interesting.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor and Publisher.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents per year, post-paid.  
Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

\$ .30  
.90  
3.00

Advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as 2nd class matter.

Vol. II. JAN., 1890. No. 2.

## EDITORIAL.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Last month the *Western Philatelist* pointed out to us the mistakes in our "List of Philatelic Papers which have been published in Mass." (in our May and July numbers.) If we had published a list of papers which *were being* published, we should have named the *Eastern Philatelist*, also our own paper, but we did not wish to place our brother publication, *as this was*, with those of the past.

We will send this paper and the *Curio* one year, for 20 cents. An excellent opportunity to purchase valuable reading matter.

Henry Gremmel's first auction sale of postage stamps, will be held Monday evening Jan. 13th.

Why can't we have a society of philatelists in Mass. to be run the same as the Nebraska or the Pennsylvania Stamp Collector's Leagues.

You are invited to subscribe for this paper and partake of the good things therein. Send 15 cents for one year's subscription and become interested with us.

A few words about advertising. Do you deal in postage stamps? Do you ever get any orders unless you advertise? Are you aware that we insert an inch ad 3 mos. for 70c.? Do you know it pays to advertise—in the FITCHBURG PHILATELIST.

And now, "Canadensis" wants to know what the matter is with Bro. Parrish and the C. P. A. He also states that the "Rhode Island Philatelist" takes the currant bun for big talk and bigger mistakes. Brother "Canadensis" your talk is full as big as it ought to be. It is an easy matter for you to capture the French bun.

Mr. Wm. B. Hale, of Williamsville, Mass., has bought the well known and valuable "Brown Collection."

**THE NEW JERSEY COLLECTOR.**

Devoted to stamps and cigarette card collecting, will appear on 15. W. H. RICE, Editor and Publisher. Sub. 15c. a year. Sample copy free. Circulation 8000. Ads inserted at 35c. an inch.

THE NEW JERSEY COLLECTOR,  
187 Park Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

**Agents Wanted.**

I want good, energetic agents to sell the new and latest stamps, cigarette cards, and other philatelic material. Every agent who signs up at the time will receive a set of 100 postage stamps. Write for particulars to  
CHAS. W. HOYT,  
65 Howard Ave., New Haven, Ct.

**100 V. A. STAMPS**

From Hamburg, Hanover, Sardinia, etc. All Good.

*Only 12 Cents.*

C. H. Whitcomb,  
2 Highland Ave.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

**:: COLLECTORS. ::**

Send 5c. and have your name inserted twice in the Directory. Sample free. 100 white or assorted colored envelopes, size 6, 45c. postpaid. Linen note heads same price. Send for prices of printing.

HOWARD H. BROWN,  
Old Bridge, N. J.

**SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., L'D,**

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

**DON'T**

:: :: fail to send for one. :: ::

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*

**5000**

Stamp journals both American and foreign extending during the last five years. A valuable lot. For sale cheap. Write to me

WILLIAM B. HALE,  
Williamsville, Mass.

**EARL BROS.,**

WYNNWOOD, PA.

Offer you a 11c. blue J. J. Allen's Sons' Mail for 15c. post free.

Send 2c. stamp for our approval sheets.

Agents Wanted at 33½ p. c. Comm.

Price list free.

**S**EVENTY STAMPS SWEDEN, WITZERLAND, SPAIN, SECURELY SENT, SEVEN CENTS.

KENT STAMP CO.

Box 169, Albany, N. Y.

**COLLECTORS.**

I will send you sheets on approval, on receipt of deposit or good references. State the priced stamps you desire. I have the largest stock of Philatelic Literature in America. Send list of wants, with prices paid. Western Philatelist, 25 cts. a year. Sample free. H. C. BEARDSLEY, Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo.

**FINE \* JOB \* PRINTING \***

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

I make a specialty of printing philatelic papers and can give very low prices and good work. If you are now publishing, or are intending to publish, a philatelic paper write me for my prices.

W. W. FEWETT,  
502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

JAN.

SUPPLEMENT.

1890.

## Philatelic Simmerings.

Well! isn't it about time the "Stamp Collector's Magazine" was showing up. It has been promised and promised but the paper that we long for has not come. If number one is issued this month, we will probably get number two, about March 1st. But let's have it. It will be a treat to read such a paper as Brother Scott describes.

Brother Massoth is now publishing one of the best philatelic papers this country. With Emil Voute as associate editor, and S. B. Bradt, Ph. Heinsberger and others as contributors, the philatelic public expect and no doubt will receive the best and most newsy reading matter produced in this country.

Perhaps Mr. G. C. Loubitz would like to commence the New Year by sending us the sum of 30 cents in payment for advertising. We should be very much pleased to hear from Gustav Aue & Co. also.

The "American Stamp Journal" is out on time this month. It is filled with interesting reading matter. "Calculations and Investigations" by "Fictitious," is amusing.

Mention this paper when answering advertisements.

—(THE)—

## American Stamp Journal

C. W. GREEN, Editor,

J. L. PENDER, Bus. M'g'r.

*Subscription Price 15c. per year.*

### ADVERTISING RATES:

One inch,	\$ .40
Two inches,	.75
One column,	2.00
One page,	4.00

to per cent. discount on standing advs.

The best and liveliest journal in New England, contributed to by some of the most noted philatelic writers in the United States.

Write for a FREE SAMPLE COPY. Address

*American Publishing Company,*

Box 954. Portsmouth, N. H.

## THE CENTRAL PHILATELIST

A four to eight page and cover monthly devoted to philately. Exchange column free to subscribers. Always on time and full of interest. Adv. rates, 25 cents an inch. Subscription price, 10 cents a year. Sample copy for stamp. Address, Box 200, Belvidere, Ill.

### AGENTS : WANTED !

To sell stamps from sheets at 35 per cent. commission. Reference Required.

P. E. SNYDER, 28 West 60th St., N. Y. City.

Established August, 1887.

# MILLARD F. WALTON,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in.

## FOREIGN AND U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS FOR COLLECTIONS.

My stock of Foreign Stamps is unsurpassed. I can supply you with all kinds of U. S. Stamps on or off Envelope. Have Letter Sheets used before the existence of Postage Stamps. Have in stock Match. Medicine, Revenues, Perforated and Unperforated. California and Maryland State Revenues and other rarities. Confederate States on or off Envelope, Locals, and most everything in the Philatelic line.

I will pay good prices for U. S. Stamps on or off Envelope, Locals, Unperforated Revenues, Confederates on Envelopes, or anything good in the Stamp line

Collections bought and sold.

Send for my buying prices of U. S. Stamps.

Correspondence with dealers and collectors all over the world solicited.

I want Agents to sell Stamps from my Sheets. Send good reference and 2c. stamp and receive by return mail an excellent Sheet of Stamps on approval at 33½ per cent. discount. Books for advanced collectors at 25 per cent. discount. I have catalogued my stock of U. S. Stamps of all kinds and will send a catalogue upon receipt of five cent stamp to cover cost of printing and postage. You will find it to your interest to do so.

# MILLARD F. WALTON,

Lock Box 38,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.



---

---

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

---

---

Vol. II.

FITCHBURG, MASS., FEB., 1890.

No. 3.

---

## A Review of the Adhesive Sixes.

---

In May 1870, the first adhesive 6 cent stamp was struck off and was very popular from the beginning, perhaps on account of the bust of Lincoln, certainly it was not the color, for most any color would be more acceptable than a dull rose; thus the 6 cent stamp came into vogue.

The first embossing was introduced on the dull rose, afterwards on the carmine, but this variety is very rare, and collectors are contented to take the grilling of the first named.

An accidental unperforation also appeared from some fault of the perforating machine, but this stamp is very uncommon. I think Mr. Davidson has one in his collection but I know of no other.

A 6 cent bright rose, and also a pink appeared later, on different varieties of paper. From the fact that the government contract in 1874 had been let to a new firm, this of course caused more or less experimenting in order to get the dies executed perfectly and the "6c" as well as the other denominations, came out in a

new die, similar, but not perfect. This along with the various papers, wove, watermarked, etc., runs the varieties up into the twenties.

The 6 cent carmine varieties is, in my estimation, the most beautiful postage stamp issued by the U. S. in a solid color. Varieties are found on two papers.

In November, 1882, the die was re-cut, which makes the stamp present quite a different appearance. It is of dull rose on wove paper, and the margin of the stamp is brought out more clearly and each line may be seen distinctly. The vignette and bust remain unaltered.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

---

---

Would you like to join a philatelic society of Massachusetts, collectors? If so send send your name for particulars. We must have one.

---

The current number of the *American Stamp Journal* is a "soine wone." It consists of twelve pages. "New England's Philately" is the most interesting article you have published.

*The Surcharged Stamps of  
Mexico.*

CONTINUED.

On the issue of 1868 are surcharged the following names of towns with the corresponding numbers.

25 Acapulco	34 Maravatio
36 Aguascalientes	19 Merida
26 Campeche	12 Queretaro
28 Chiapas	17 Pachuca
21 Chihuahua	(2 different types)
11 Colima	(3 " " "
20 Cordova	30 Saltillo
29 Cuernaraca	5 S. L. Potosi
29 C. Victoria	38 Tabasco
22 Durango	(2 different types)
3 Guadalajara	" " "
41 " "	" " "
6 Guanajuato	3 " "
33 Huejutla	39 Tampico
14 Jalapa	32 Tixtla
8 Mazatlan	(2 different types)
9 Matamoros	40 Tlaxcala
27 Lapaz	37 Lagos
16 Toluca	15 Tulancingo
31 Ures	35 Tula
7 Monterey	(2 different types)
10 Morelia	" " "
23 Oaxaca	" " "
18 Orizara	" " "
4 Puebla	" " "
2 Vera Cruz	" " "

S. L. Potosi is found printed in blue also.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

*Reviews.*

The *Philatelist* will appear March 1st from New York City, published by the Philatelist Co., with Gustav Aue as editor. It will consist of twenty pages and an excellent paper is promised.

The *Universal Philatelic Advertiser* will appear this month from Frankford, Phila., Pa. It will circulate 10,000 copies (so they say) collectors in all parts of the globe.

The *Eastern Philatelist* is about to be removed from this city. Two parties would like it. It may go to Springfield, Mass., or Newmarket, N. H.

The *Philatelic Nonpariel* appears with a neatly engraved cover. In typographical appearance it is excelled by none.

The *Stamp Collector's Journal* is another new one which appeared last month. Quimby and Conant are the publishers.

The *Universal Collector* has doubled up in size. It is neatly printed and has several good contributors. The Jan. and Feb. numbers were combined in one.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor and Publisher.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents - - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

½ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page,	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as 2nd class matter.

Vol. II. FEB., 1890. No. 3.

## EDITORIAL.

Is the dear little *Essex County Philatelist* alive now? We hope the "La Grippe" did not get a grip on it. "Sample Copy. Please Subscribe" eh! Brother Stuart.

Mr. E. R. Aldrich has issued a 16 page price list of stamps, stamp literature, etc. Read his ad on page 14.

Down went the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* to the bottom of the sea, dressed in its new cover. How is it, Brother Scott?

We should be pleased to hear what the collectors of Massachusetts think about forming a State Society. Mr. H. A. Adams, of Worcester, writes thus, "If the collectors of Massachusetts haven't enough go-ahead to them to do as much in this line as the State of Nebraska, I think we had better give up the stamp business and take to farming."

On March 1st, the *Wide Awake Philatelist* will appear from this city. It will be edited and published by F. S. Davis and C. H. Whitcomb.

The Fitchburg Stamp Co., formerly the Rollstone Stamp Co., are starting an approval sheet business. Give them a trial. See ad elsewhere.

Don't forget that we insert an inch ad 3 months for only 70 cents. A glance at our advertising pages will show you that our offer is a good one.

We have received from Mr. Geo. H. Watson, Vol. 1, of his paper (comprising 30 numbers) neatly bound. Please accept our thanks for the same.

## The Wide Awake Philatelist.

Will appear March 1st and if you are wide awake you will send for a sample copy. Subscription price 10c. a year. Advertising rates 25c. an inch. The *Wide Awake Philatelist*,  
54 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

**AGENTS WANTED!**

For our unexcelled sheets of U. S. and foreign stamps, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  com. Send for our list of packets; 350 varieties U. S. and foreign stamps in an album only \$1.25.

**OREGON STAMP CO.,**

Augusta, Maine.



Packet XT 100 unused stamps 37c. United in Peace Packet, 6 U. S. and Confederate stamps, worth over 50c, only 20c. New 16-page list free.

Fine Sheets on Approval.

**E. R. ALDRICH,**  
BENSON, MINN.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**

1c black,	7c	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ black,	20c
2c mauve,	7c	3p light blue	45c
5c blue,	4c	3p 10c blue,	50c
10c red,	15c	6p green,	\$1.50
	5c blue per 12	30c.	

Orders under 50c, postage extra.

*Sheets on Approval.*

**H. L. HART,**

Box 231, Halifax, N. S.

**SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., L'D,**

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

**DON'T**

:: :: fail to send for one. :: ::

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*

**FREE**

Twenty var. Stamps to any person sending us a two-cent stamp.

**Kent Stamp Co.,**

Box 169, Albany, N. Y.

**One Hundred Dollars Paid.**

To any collector who acting as my agent or buying for his own collection. Write sending reference and find out about it. I will answer you. I guarantee to send fine rare stamps at very low prices with discount.

**WILLIAM B. HALE,**

WILLIAMSVILLE, MASS.

5000 different to-day. To-morrow some will be gone; send early.

**EARL BROS.,**

WYNNEWOOD, PA.

Offer you a 1c. blue J. J. Allen's Sons Match for 15c. post free.

Send 2c. stamp for our approval sheets.

Agents Wanted at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  p. c. Comm.

Price list free.

**Agents Wanted.**

I want good energetic agents in all schools, and colleges throughout the U. S. and Canada. I allow 25 and 30 per cent. commission on all stamps sold from my approval sheets. Every agent who remits \$1.00 or more at one time will receive free a valuable stamp valued at from 15c. to \$1.00 according to the amount sold. Send stamp for price-list.

CHAS. W. HOYT,  
309 Howard Ave., New Haven, Ct.

**FINE \* JOB \* PRINTING**

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

If you are in need of printing send for my estimates. My specialty is Philatelic work, such as Papers, Price Lists, Circulars, Letter Heads, Envelopes, Etc. This paper is a fair sample of my work.

**W. W. JEWETT,**

Room 10, 502 Congress St., PORTLAND, ME.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

FEB.

SUPPLEMENT.

1890.

## DO YOU NEED THIS?

I have an International album in which a few stamps have been hinged. *It is a bargain* for it is in excellent shape, will sell for \$2.

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

## \$1,000,000.00.

We are not worth that amount, but we are selling U. S. and Foreign Stamps *way down*. Send for a sheet and be convinced. Stamps marked at Scott's prices and lower, besides 33 1/3 per cent. discount. *A New Firm* at the old stand.

FITCHBURG STAMP CO.,

Successors to the Rollstone Stamp Co.,  
Lock Box 1660, Fitchburg, Mass.

## Universal Philatelic Advertiser.

No. 1, out before March 1. 10,000 copies go to collectors in every country. "Collector's Exchange Page," notices thereon at 50c. an inch, 1-2 inch 30c. Subscription, 25c. a year. Full prospectus in the February, Philatelic Journal of America, American Philatelist, and Dominion Philatelist. Address,

FRANKFORD STAMP CO., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Send 2c. stamp and promise to return in 10 days, for my approval sheets at 30 per cent. comm. No reference required.

**C. W. KIRK,**

Trent St., Pittsburg, Pa.

## A BARGAIN.

300 Envelopes, size 6, one or mixed colors, and 300 commercial or linen Note Heads, neatly printed, only \$2  
HOWARD H. BROWN - Old Bridge, N. J.

## :: COLLECTORS. ::

Send 5c. and have your name inserted twice in the Directory. Sample free. 100 white or assorted colored envelopes, size 6, 45c. postpaid. Linen note heads same price. Send for prices of printing.

HOWARD H. BROWN,

Old Bridge, N. J.

## AGENTS WANTED!

To sell stamps from our sheets.

33 1/3 per cent Commission.

Mixed stamps 2c per 50.

FRUEAUFF BROS.,

2237 Stout St., Denver, Colo.

—( THE )—

## American Stamp Journal

C. W. GREEN, Editor,

J. L. PENDER, Bus. M'g'r.

Subscription Price 15c. per year.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

One line, - - - - -	\$ .10
One inch, - - - - -	.50
Two inches, - - - - -	.85
One column, - - - - -	2.50
One page, - - - - -	5.00

10 per cent. discount on standing ads.

The best and liveliest journal in New England, contributed to by some of the most noted philatelic writers in the United States.

Write for a FREE SAMPLE COPY. Address

*American Publishing Company,*  
Box 954, Portsmouth, N. H.

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*



Established August, 1887.

# MILLARD F. WALTON,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

## FOREIGN AND U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS, FOR COLLECTIONS.

My stock of Foreign Stamps is unsurpassed. I can supply you with all kinds of U. S. Stamps on or off Envelope. Have Letter Sheets used before the existence of Postage Stamps. Have in stock Match, Medicine, Revenues, Perforated and Unperforated. California and Maryland State Revenues and other rarities. Confederate States on or off Envelope, Locals, and most everything in the Philatelic line.

I will pay good prices for U. S. Stamps on or off Envelope, Locals, Unperforated Revenues, Confederates on Envelopes, or anything good in the Stamp line.

Collections bought and sold.

Send for my buying prices of U. S. Stamps.

Correspondence with dealers and collectors all over the world solicited.

I want Agents to sell Stamps from my Sheets. Send good reference and 2c. stamp and receive by return mail an excellent Sheet of Stamps on approval at 33½ per cent. discount. Books for advanced collectors at 25 per cent. discount. I have catalogued my stock of U. S. Stamps of all kinds and will send a catalogue upon receipt of five cent stamp to cover cost of printing and postage. You will find it to your interest to do so.

# MILLARD F. WALTON,

Lock Box 38,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Vol. II.

FITCHBURG, MASS., MARCH, 1890.

No. 4.

## The Surcharged Stamps of Mexico.

CONTINUED.

The following surcharges (names of towns with their corresponding numbers) are found on the issue of 1872.

### Perforated.

1 Mexico. There are two varieties of this type. One is printed at the side of the stamp while the other is in an arch.

### Unperforated.

- |                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 2 Acapulco                     | 3 Aguascalientes |
| 4 Apam                         | 6 Chalco         |
| 5 Campeche and I del Carmen    |                  |
| 7 Chiapas                      | 8 Chihuahua      |
| 9 Colima                       | 10 Cordova       |
| 11 C. Bravos                   | 12 C. Victoria   |
| 13 Cuantitlan                  | 14 Cuernavaca    |
| 15 Durango (2 different types) |                  |
| 16 Guadalajara                 | 18 Guanajuato    |
| 19 Huejutla                    | 20 Jalapa        |
| 22 Lagos                       | 23 Lapaz         |
| 24 Maravatio                   | 25 Matamoras     |
| 26 Mazatlan                    | 27 Merido        |
| 28 Monterey                    | 29 Morelia       |
| 30 Oaxaca (2 different types)  |                  |
| 31 Orizara (" " " )            |                  |
| 32 Otumla                      | 33 Pachuca       |
| 34 Puebla                      | 35 Queretaro     |
| 36 Saltillo                    | 37 S. L. Potosi  |
| 38 Tobasco                     | 39 Tacubaya      |

- |                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 40 Tampico                  | 41 Tepeji     |
| 45 Tlaxcala                 | 46 Toluca     |
| 47 Tula                     | 48 Tulancingo |
| 49 Ures (2 different types) |               |
| 50 Vera Cruz 3              | " "           |
| 51 Zacatecas                | 52 Guanajuato |

And the following names of towns with their numbers are surcharged on the 1874 issue. The surcharges on this issue differ from those on the issue of 1872, the numbers being separated from the name.

- |                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Mexico                           | 2 Acapulco    |
| 3 Aguascalientes (2 diff. types)   |               |
| 4 Apam                             | 6 Chalco      |
| 5 Campeche and I. del. Carmen      |               |
| 7 Chiapas                          | 9 Colima      |
| 8 Chihuahua (2 different types.)   |               |
| 10 Cordova                         | 11 C. Bravos  |
| 12 C. Victoria (2 different types) |               |
| 13 Cuantitlan                      | 14 Cuernavaca |
| 16 Durango (2 different types)     |               |
| 15 Guadalajara (3 " " )            |               |
| 18 Guanajuato                      | 19 Huejutla   |

Huejutla is found printed in blue also.

This article will be finished in the next number of the F. P.

The *Progressive Philatelist* appeared about Feb. 24 and will compare favorably with any stamp journal published in this country. It consists of twelve pages and cover. It is neatly printed and contains very instructive reading matter.

## A Review of the Adhesive Sixes.

CONTINUED.

Although I have not treated all the varieties, I have described the most important, and with but little outlay and judgement most any collector may procure quite a nice collection over his inexperienced brother, for certainly there is ample territory for their enlargement.

The object of this article is of course understood by this; that is, to encourage my philatelic brethren to a broader field of collecting. And there is no doubt at all but that the collecting of oddities will be the chief object of philatelists.

C. E. RANGE, P. C.

---

## Philatelic Society of Mass.

A state society is being formed which the philatelists in this state will be proud of. There are several benefits derived from joining the society; such as exchanging duplicates, the official organ will be sent to all members, free use of publications in library, etc. It will bring about a general friendship among us all. Dues will be 50 cents a year payable in advance. Further information will be cheerfully furnished by writing to C. H. Whitcomb, acting Sec'y or H. A. Adams, 380 Park Ave., Worcester, Mass.

## REVIEWS.

Mr. C. E. Caswell of Warren Summit, N. H., is now junior editor of the *Yankee Philatelist* in place of Mr. B. R. Grant, resigned. The Feb. number of the *Y. P.* is not up to the standard.

No. 2 of the *C. P. S. Bulletin* is an improvement over No. 1. It will fill the unexpired subscriptions of the defunct *Philatelic Gazette*.

The prominent philatelist whose portrait appears in the Feb. issue of the *Rhode Island Philatelist* is Mr. Alfred Dawson of Providence R. I. This is a good scheme, Bro. Parrish.

The *Curiosity Collector* shows a big improvement in the last three numbers. It has made a good record which no doubt Brother Bartlett is proud of.

Messrs. Weber and Mackey are running the *Nebraska Philatelist* in good style. "The Old Timers Club," by T. J. Mitchell is an interesting article.

The *Wide Awake Philatelist* will be mailed about the 18th of this month.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist,

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor and Publisher.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

½ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page,	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as 2nd class matter.

Vol. II. MARCH, 1890. No. 4.

## EDITORIAL.

Our subscription list has grown considerable during the last month. Congratulations have been received from all quarters.

We wish to warn all dealers not to send stamps to a party the name of Frank Clark, 276 6th Ave., New York City,

And still stamp dealers keep sending sheets of stamps unsolicited.

Mr. S. M. Savidge of Pottstown, Pa. is one who practices it.

All subscriptions must commence with the current number. The subscription price to all foreign countries is 25c.

Back numbers of this paper (except No. 1) will be supplied if you wish. For prices write the editor.

From the philatelists across the line we will accept Canada stamps in payment for subscriptions but in payment for ads please send postal note.

The 90-cent purple, 1889, is in considerable demand now. We hear of one dealer asking 50 cents each for them.

## THIS TELLS OUR STORY.

To the editor of the FITCHBURG PHIL.

I take great pleasure in recommending your journal, as a profitable medium for any dealer. My long experience tells me that the certain requisites necessary for a popular journal's success are all to be met in the FITCHBURG PHILATELIST and as a dealer my own advertising has met with decidedly satisfactory returns.

WILLIAM B. HALE.

Williamsville, Mass.

Our offer to insert an inch ad 3 months for only 70 cents, is still open. It can't help but pay you.

100 Var. Stamps 10c.  
5 U. S. Dep't 10c.

Agents wanted to sell from sheets at 35 per cent. commission.

**KENT STAMP CO.**

BOX 169, ALBANY, N. Y.



Packet XT 100 unused stamps 37c. United in Peace Packet, 6 U. S. and Confederate stamps, worth over 50c, only 20c. New 16-page list free.

Fine Sheets on Approval.

**E. R. ALDRICH,**  
BENSON, MINN.

Send 2c. stamp and promise to return in 10 days, for my approval sheets at 30 per cent. comm. No reference required.

**C. W. KIRK,**

Trent St., Pittsburg, Pa.

**One Hundred Dollars Paid.**

To any collector who acting as my agent or buying for his own collection. Write sending reference and find out about it. I will answer you. I guarantee to send fine rare stamps at very low prices with discount.

**WILLIAM B. HALE,**

WILLIAMSVILLE, MASS.

5000 different to-day. To-morrow some will be gone; send early.

**SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., L'D,**

12 East 23rd St., New York.

**THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.**

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

**DON'T**

:: :: fail to send for one. :: ::

YOU WANT  
**STAMPS CHEAP!**

If so, send for my approval sheets, with a list of wants.

: : BE : CONVINCED. : :

Sample, 6c., U. S., blue, 1869, 10 cents

Reference required.

**H. L. HART,**

Box 231, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A. P. A. 106 C. P. A. 22.

**\$1,000,000.00.**

We are not worth that amount, but we are selling U. S. and Foreign Stamps *way down*. Send for a sheet and be convinced. Stamps marked at Scott's prices and lower, besides 33 1/3 per cent. discount. *A New Firm* at the old stand.

**FITCHBURG STAMP CO.,**

Successors to the Rollstone Stamp Co.,  
Lock Box 1660, Fitchburg, Mass.

☀ **FINE \* JOB \* PRINTING** ☀  
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

If you are in need of printing send for my estimates. My specialty is Philatelic work, such as Papers, Price Lists, Circulars, Letter Heads, Envelopes, Etc. This paper is a fair sample of my work.

**W. W. JEWETT,**

Room 10, 502 Congress St., PORTLAND, ME.

☀ **Jewett's Philatelic Library.** ☀

**No. 1—THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S DICTIONARY AND GUIDE,** consisting of 64 pages of interesting matter, 10c.

**No. 2—HANDBOOK ON COUNTERFEITS,** a valuable companion on Counterfeits, out April 1st, 10c.

**W. W. JEWETT,**

502 Congress St., PORTLAND, ME.

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

MAR.

SUPPLEMENT.

1890.

**FREE! FREE!!**

To every one sending 50c. for an inch advertisement and a years subscription to the New Jersey Collector, a fine Fountain Pen with two pens and filler all complete.

The New Jersey Collector,  
Box 302, Plainfield, N. J.

*The Stamp Collector's Journal.*  
Lake Village, N. H.

*Original Thought.* Only 10 cents a year.  
12 numbers guaranteed or money refunded.

Sample **FREE.**

Advertisements 20c. per inch.

## JUST THINK.

35c. pays for 25 Stamp Photos of yourself, taken from the picture you may send us. They have perforated edges and gummed backs. Or 12 Stamp Photos 4 times as large as the Stamps. Agents wanted.

STAMP PHOTO CO., 958 3d Ave., New York City.

**C. W. GREEN,**

Dealer in

*:- American Postage Stamps, :-*

Box 424, Portsmouth, N. H.

For Collectors at net prices, no discount.

For Agents, sheets at 33½ per ct. discount.

Finest stock of Americans in the state.

**:- COLLECTORS. :-**

Send 5c. and have your name inserted twice in the Directory. Sample free. 100 white or assorted colored envelopes, size 6, 45c. postpaid. Linen note heads same price. Send for prices of printing.

**HOWARD H. BROWN,**

Old Bridge,

N. J.

**:- The Philatelist's Album. :-**

I have a brand new album 9th ed. will sell for 40c

**C. H. WHITCOMB,**

2 Highland Ave.,

Fitchburg, Mass.

### *Young's Philatelic Handbook.*

Will appear April, 1890. All collectors remitting 15c. silver, will have name inserted free. Advertising rates 60 cents per inch, \$1 for 2 inches; larger rates on application. It will have as contributors some of the best informed philatelic writers in the United States. Address all communications to the publisher,

**GEO. H. YOUNG,**

18 Richards Ave., Portsmouth, N. H.

## QUEEN CITY STAMP CO.,

534 MAPLE AVE.,

ELIZABETH, N. J.

**FREE! FREE! FREE!**

To every one sending for one of our fine approval sheets of stamps, we will give a stamp worth five cents. Now is your chance to get 33½ per cent. com. on good stamps at low prices. 25 Var. U. S., 15 cents. Highest Cash prices paid for old Collections or single stamps.

**APPROVAL SHEET**

**DEALERS**

Can secure now, duplicate lots of the finest quality for their sheets at less than the gross wholesale rates. Write me, I will answer.

**William B. Hale,**

Williamsville, Mass.



### *The Wide Awake Philatelist.*

Will appear March 1st and if you are wide awake you will send for a sample copy. Subscription price 10c. a year. Advertising rates 25c an inch. The Wide Awake Philatelist,

54 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

# 100

Var. stamps from Hamburg, Sardinia, etc., for only 12c.

**C. H. Whitcomb,**

Fitchburg, Mass.

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Vol. II.

FITCHBURG, MASS., APRIL, 1890.

No. 5.

## The Surcharged Stamps of Mexico.

CONTINUED.

The following names of towns with their numbers are surcharged in black on the issue of 1874.

- 20 Jalapa (Two types)
- 21 Jilotepec
- 22 Lagos
- 23 Lapaz
- 24 Maravatio
- 25 Matamoras
- 26 Mazatlan
- 27 Merida
- 28 Monterrey
- 29 Morelia
- 31 Orizara
- 30 Oaxaca (Two different types)
- 32 Otumba
- 33 Pachuca
- 34 Puebla
- 35 Queretaro
- 30 Saltillo (Two different types)
- 37 S. L. Potosi
- 38 Tabasco
- 39 Tacubaya
- 40 Tampico
- 41 Tepeji
- 45 Tlaxcala
- 46 Toluca
- 47 Tula
- 48 Tulancingo
- 49 Ures
- 50 Vera Cruz (Two different types)
- 51 Zacatecas
- 52 Guanajuato
- 53 Cocula
- 54 C. Guzman
- 55 Tepic
- 56 Parral
- 57 Tehuacan
- 58 Tuxpan
- 59 Tula de T.
- 60 Zamora
- 61 Cordova.

Matamoras, Merida and Tulancingo are found in blue, Huejutla in black and blue, Maravatio in green and Monterrey in red. To our

knowledge these are all the surcharges on the issue of 1874.

On the issues of 1878-79 and 1882 the following surcharges (names of towns with their corresponding numbers) are found.

- 1 Zamora
- 2 Zacatecas
- 3 Vera Cruz (Two different types)
- 4 Hermosillo and Ures
- 5 Tulancingo
- 6 Tula de T.
- 7 Tula
- 8 Tuxpan
- 9 Toluca (Three different types)
- 10 Tehuacan
- 11 Texcoco
- 12 Tepic
- 13 Tlaxcala
- 14 Tampico
- 15 Tacubaya
- 16 Tabasco
- 18 Saltillo
- 17 S. L. Potosi (Two different types)
- 19 Queretaro
- 20 Puebla
- 22 Orizara (Two different types)
- 23 Oaxaca Three " "
- 24 Morelia " " "
- 25 Monterrey
- 27 Mazatlan
- 26 Merida (Two different types)
- 28 Matamoras " " "
- 29 Maravatio " " "
- 30 Lapaz " " "
- 31 Lagos
- 32 Jilotepec
- 33 Jalapa (Two different types)
- 34 Parral
- 35 Huejutla
- 36 Guanajuato (Two different types)
- 37 Guadalajara " " "
- 38 Durango
- 39 Chihuahua
- 40 Chiapas
- 41 Chalco

## THE FITCHBURG PHILATELIST.

42 Cordova	44 Cocula
43 C. Guzman (Two different types)	
45 Cuernavaca	46 Cuantitlan
47 C. Victoria	48 C. Bravos
49 Colima	50 Campeche
51 Apam (Two different types)	
52 Aguascalientes " " "	
53 Acapulco	54 Mexico
55 Colima.	

Zamora, also, is found surcharged in blue and violet; Zacatecas in blue and red; Tula and Tuxpan in red; Toluca in blue and red; Telmacan in blue and red; Tlaxcala in blue; Tampico in violet; Orizara in red and blue; Oaxaca in blue; Lapaz in violet; Guanajuato in blue, red and violet; Durango, blue and vermilion; Chalco in blue; Colima in black and blue. Making in all 55 different types in the issues of 1878-79 and 1880, with about 80 varieties.

### The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

The collectors and dealers in this state are considerably interested in the above named philatelic association. Among those who have signed are W. C. Stone, C. W. Pearl, G. A. Mellen, Mrs. Dr. Humphrey, Wm. M. Stuart, H. G. Parks, R. P. Angier. We are unable to give a complete list, but next month we will. It contains about 15 names. Why not send your name in? You will never regret it.

C. H. Whitcomb, Fitchburg, Mass.  
H. A. Adams, Worcester, Mass.

### REVIEWS.

The *Universal Philatelic Advertiser* appeared last month. It is neatly printed, and consists of thirty-six pages. It will prove a valuable paper for collectors wishing to correspond with foreign philatelists.

F. S. Goldsbury is now both editor and publisher of the *Yankee Philatelist*. He has changed his printers again, much to the satisfaction of his readers.

The publishers of the *Stamp Collectors' Journal* published in their March number an article on counterfeits, and a genuine-counterfeit was posted at the head of the article.

The *Philatelist* is Messrs Aue & Co.'s latest production and it is a good one. This outshines its predecessor 5 to 1. Let's see you again.

Where is that *Eastern Philatelist*? We are on your exchange list, are we not? We earnestly request two copies of your March number.

Both the *Philatelic Nonpariel* and the *C. P. S. Bulletin* have been suspended. The latter on account of being refused second class rates.

Very few papers are liked as well as the *Dominion Philatelist*.

## THE FITCHBURG PHILATELIST.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist,

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
Editor and Publisher.

### SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

### ADVERTISING RATES:

½ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.00	1 page,	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance

Address all communications to

C. H. WHITCOMB,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as 2nd class matter.

Vol. II. APRIL, 1890. No. 5.

### EDITORIAL.

Would you like to join the Massachusetts Philatelic Association. If so send in your name at once. Dues are 50c. per year, payable in advance.

We think that parties outside the state should pay 25c. admission fee. If anyone else differs in their opinion kindly let us know. Mr. R. P. Angier of Boston, wishes us to notify all Mass. collectors that if they join the M. P. A. before Sept. 1st, he will furnish them on application with

his "Perfect Stamp Hinges" for their collections only.

As soon as a Librarian is appointed Mr. H. G. Parks of Hudson Mass. has some papers which he will donate to the library.

All those who are interested in any way in the Mass. Philatelic Association will please write stating who their choice is for the following officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Exchange Superintendent, and and Librarian.

You can't spend 70c. in a more profitable manner than to send that amount to us and receive in return an inch ad. for three months.

U. S. Barnholt of Lancaster, Pa. is another fraud of the worst kind. He is a "Jim Lu Lu" and if we could just lay our hands on him for about 10 minutes—well—his funeral would be tomorrow.

### THIS TELLS OUR STORY.

To the editor of the FITCHBURG PHIL.

I take great pleasure in recommending your journal, as a profitable medium for any dealer. My long experience tells me that the certain requisities necessary for a popular journal's success are all to be met in the FITCHBURG PHILATELIST and as a dealer my own advertising has met with decidedly satisfactory returns.

WILLIAM B. HALE,

Williamsville, Mass.

Dealers and ::  
:: Collectors.

We are to have a grand auction sale of over 3000 varieties of good stamps (mostly in sets) either in the latter part of May or early in June. Send address for catalogue which will be sent as soon as it is ready.

FITCHBURG STAMP CO.,

Lock Box 1660, Fitchburg, Mass.

JUST THINK.

35c. pays for 25 Stamp Photos of yourself, taken from the picture you may send us. They have perforated edges and gummed backs. Or 12 Stamp Photos 4 times as large as the Stamps. Agents wanted.

STAMP PHOTO CO.,

958 3D AVE., NEW YORK CITY.

One Hundred Dollars Paid.

To any collector who acting as my agent or buying for his own collection. Write sending reference and find out about it. I will answer you. I guarantee to send fine rare stamps at very low prices with discount.

WILLIAM B. HALE,

WILLIAMSVILLE, MASS.

5000 different to-day. To-morrow some will be gone: send early.

Free. Free. Free!

A genuine unused stamp free to every person sending for my approval sheets of stamps.

S. K. RHORER, JR.,

Lock Box 14, Bloomington, Ind.

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., L'D,

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

DON'T

:: :: fail to send for one. :: ::

Send 2c. stamp and promise to return in 10 days, for my approval sheets at 30 per ct. comm. No reference required.

C. W. KIRK,

Trent St.,

Pittsburg, Pa.



Packet XT 100 unused stamps 37c. United in Peace Packet, 6 U. S. and Confederate stamps, worth over 50c, only 20c. New 16-page list free.

Fine Sheets on Approval.

E. R. ALDRICH,  
BENSON, MINN.

C. W. GREEN,

Dealer in

:- American Postage Stamps, :-

Box 424, Portsmouth, N. H.

For Collectors at net prices, no discount.  
For Agents, sheets at 33 1/3 per ct. discount.  
Finest stock of Americans in the state.

HONDURAS, 1878, Unused, 69c.

1 cent, Catalogue price,	\$.03	My price,	\$.02
2 cent, " " "	.05	" " "	.01
1-2 reale, " " "	.10	" " "	.05
1 reale, " " "	.20	" " "	.08
2 reale, " " "	.40	" " "	.15
4 reale, " " "	.80	" " "	.40
1 peso, " " "	1.60	" " "	.49

7 varieties, complete, unused (catalogue price \$3.18) only 69c. 5 varieties for 19c. Also, Honduras 1890, unused, 1 and 2-cent. 2 varieties, for only 8c.

JOHN. M. HOLT,

3 Bainbridge St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Agent for FITCHBURG PHILATELIST.

Jewett's Philatelic Library.

No. 1—THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S DICTIONARY AND GUIDE, consisting of 64 pages of interesting matter, 10c.

No. 2—HANDBOOK ON COUNTERFEITS, a valuable companion on Counterfeits, out April 1st, 10c.

W. W. JEWETT,

502 Congress St., PORTLAND, ME.

FINE \* JOB \* PRINTING

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

If you are in need of printing send for my estimates. My specialty is Philatelic work, such as Papers, Price Lists, Circulars, Letter Heads, Envelopes, Etc. This paper is a fair sample of my work.

W. W. JEWETT,

Room 10, 502 Congress St., PORTLAND, ME.



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

APRIL.

SUPPLEMENT.

1890.

## COLLECTORS.

To everyone buying 50c. from our sheets we will give 100 hinges, 5 var. post cards, 10 var. U. S. Envelopes, etc. and to every tenth one sending for our approval sheets will be given a Cloth Bound Album besides other offer. Send stamp and receive by return mail a sheet of stamps. May be you will get an album. WANTED, wholesale rates on all philatelic papers so I can take subs. and ads also dealers send me your wholesale and retail catalogues.

### GOLDEN STAMP CO.,

Box 260, Lake View, Mich.

Agency for the Fitchburg Philatelist



### APPROVAL SHEET DEALERS

Can secure now, duplicate lots of the finest quality for their sheets at less than the gross wholesale rates. Write me, I will answer.

William B. Hale,  
Williamsville, Mass.

3 cents for 100 assorted U. S. and Foreign Stamps. Address  
J. T. Handford, Lincoln Park, N. J.

### C. E. RANGE

Cor. Market and 4th Sts., Winona, Minn.  
Desires to exchange foreign for rare U. S. postage, please send list or approval sheet.

### The Empire State Exchange,

A Monthly for Collectors.

Devoted to Philately, Numismatics, Bric-a-brac, Natural Science and Exchanges. 12 page and cover only 25c a year. Advertising rates 50c an inch. Address

PERRINE BROS.,  
Water Valley, N. Y.

## The Stamp Advertiser.

Is in its second year. It is published monthly and is devoted entirely to the interests of stamp collecting. It contains six or eight pages monthly. Advertising rates only 25c an inch. Sub. price 10c per year and remember you are to get twelve numbers. Address Stamp Advertiser, L. Box 437, Hudson, Mass.

### The Central Philatelist.

A 4 to 8 page and cover monthly, devoted to philately. Adv. rates 25c an inch. A box has been filled with 390 stamps, every one sending 10c for a years sub. has a guess. The one guessing nearest to their value will receive the stamps. Box 200, Belvidere, Ill.

Have you any France stamps? If so, send them on approval at once and oblige.

C. H. Whitcomb,

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

## Stamp Dealer's Directory.

A 3-line advertisement 12 months for 75c;  
6 mos. for 40c.

FITCHBURG PHILATELIST, Fitchburg, Mass. The best paper in Massachusetts, 15c a year; ad rates 30c an inch.

RANGE, C. E., Winona, Minn. Desires to exchange postage stamps with collectors. Send sheets.

WHITCOMB, C. H., 2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass. 50 varieties good stamps, Hamburg, Sardinia, etc., 10c.

All dealers should have a card in this column.

Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Vol. 2.

Fitchburg, Mass., May, 1890.

No. 6.

## *Talk with a Dealer.*

In a little conversation with Mr. William B. Hale, the stamp dealer at Williamsville Mass. I picked up a few points that will doubtless interest the readers of this journal.

On being asked the condition of the trade. Mr. Hale said it is undoubtedly the best ever before experienced. With himself he was having over double the patronage of any other year, and from it he had gathered these points. That collectors are more inclined to stick to their pursuit than before, hitherto, a large number would collect for one winter and let it drop afterwards. This, he said, is less the case. A large percentage retain their collections, while new collectors are more prolific than before. A natural outcome of this is that we have a vastly larger rank of the more advanced collectors. While in 1879 but very few collectors had collections of 5000 varieties (including revenues,) now in 1889 there are a very large number in America whose collections exceed that number. While those having in excess of 2500 are plenty; every city or large town has them and very often several. Mr. Hale spoke on the increased affiliation with collectors in Foreign countries, being especially forwarded he thought by the relations now sustained by the Internationaler Philatelistere Ve-

rein of Dresden, which has members in nearly all countries, especially of the Old World. America had naturally been the outlet for the bulk of South and Central American countries stamps, but having to send them to England, principally, and from the same source obtained stamps of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia and in a measure Oceanica. This making them more expensive. Now direct exchange is maintained with nearly all countries, colonies and provinces. And with others relations are so introduced as to allow the purchase of unused specimens of such small colonies, as have no prominent Philatelists, from the Postal administrations. This all has the effect to make lower and reasonable prices feasible, and a universal improvement in such matters. Mr. Hale said the approval sheet system was more popular than ever as a means of buying, ruling also a better class of stamps than other years. Common cent a piece stamps seldom sent, never solely by themselves, by any dealer of much standing. By this the prices are not higher but usually lower, and a collector gets common stamps in a "200 variety" packet and others bought are of a higher grade. Mr. Hale considered that the average capital represented by dealers had probably been increased 35 to 40 per cent over any previous year. And the weeding out of unscrupulous dealers was

being generally and steadily going on by force of circumstances and bring with it, a higher, purer and more honorable tone of Philatelic conditions. A change which probably all the older Philatelist feel and can testify too.

## REVIEWS.

The *Wide Awake Philatelist* was refused admission to the mails at second class rates, so no more numbers will be issued.

The *Progressive Philatelist* was also refused second class mail rates and has been discontinued. If this paper could not get there, what paper can?

We have received the following papers during the month. *American Philatelist*, *Stamp Collectors Journal*, *American Stamp Journal*, *Rhode Island Philatelist*, *Stamp Collectors Figaro*, *Dominion Philatelist*, *Philatelist*, *Yankee Philatelist*, *Stamp Advertiser*, *Central Philatelist*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *New Jersey Collector*, *Philatelic Express*.

We have not seen the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, or the *Universal Philatelist*. Come and see us.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* is an excellent paper, but we cannot see wherein it is "the best stamp paper in the world." There are several papers which will compare very favorably with it.

The *Curiosity Collector* is a month late this time. Hurry up Brother Bartlett. Keep up with us.

## The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

Great interest is taken in the formation of the "*Massachusetts Philatelic Association*." You will see by the list given below that we have a large list of charter members which is an excellent basis from which to build up a lively and profitable association. As the charter membership list is closed, the next move in order is voting. Only charter members, will be allowed to vote. The following named persons have been nominated by charter members, for offices in the association and as you will notice includes several well informed philatelists. For president, W. C. Stone of Springfield, C. H. Whitcomb of Fitchburg. For vice-president, H. A. Adams of Worcester, Chas. E. Shaw of Clinton, W. H. Goodrich of Fitchburg.

For secretary; C. H. Whitcomb of Fitchburg, H. A. Adams of Worcester.

For treasurer; W. H. Goodrich of Fitchburg, Frank B. Eldredge of Mansfield, Chas. E. Shaw of Clinton.

For Exchange Superintendent; R. P. Angier of Boston, H. G. Parks of Hudson.

For librarian; H. G. Parks of Hudson Geo. A. Mellen of Lawrence

We have given the list of persons with offices which they have been nominated for. You surely will be able to select some person from the above list. All votes must be in before the 25th. of this month and the result of the election will be given in the June number of the *Fitchburg Philatelist*. We give our ticket on the next page.

Mr. J. R. Carpenter of Philadelphia has sold his stock of United States Internal Revenue proof stamps, to E. B. Sterling, which makes a very valuable addition to his already enormous stock.

## Fitchburg Philatelist

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

### SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents - - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

### ADVERTISING RATES:

¼ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	¼ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance.

Address all communications to

**C. H. WHITCOMB,**

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as second class matter.

Vol. II. MAY. No. 6.

### Editorial.

Commencing with this number we shall have our paper printed in this city, as it will be much more convenient and will enable us to get out each number nearer on time (the 10th.) than formerly. Excepting the reasons stated above we have no reasons whatever for changing printers. We recommend Mr. Jewett or our present printer Mr. G. A. Swift, to any person desiring printing done of any sort.

Your attention is called to the auction sale of stamps, albums, etc., advertised on the last page of supplement. Send in your bids as early as possible. All are guaranteed genuine.

## The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

THIS IS OUR TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT;

W. C. STONE - - - Springfield.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT;

H. A. ADAMS - - - Worcester.

FOR SECRETARY;

C. H. WHITCOMB - - - Fitchburg.

FOR TREASURER;

CHAS. E. SHAW - - - Clinton.

FOR EXCHANGE SUP'T.

R. P. ANGIER - - - Boston.

FOR LIBRARIAN;

GEO. A. MELLETT - - - Lawrence.

FOR OFFICIAL ORGAN,

*The Fitchburg Philatelist.*

We think we make a good choice for president in Mr. Stone as he is a noted philatelist, and understands the workings of the Associations. He is a member of the A. P. A., and serves on the literary board. Mr. H. A. Adams would make a good vice-president. He has taken considerable interest in the formation of the association. Mr. C. H. Whitcomb will faithfully perform the duties of secretary if elected. He and Mr. Adams have put considerable work into it to place the association where it is now. Mr. C. E. Shaw will make a reliable and efficient treasurer. He is a member of the C. P. A. and is capable of filling this office in a satisfactory manner. For exchange superintendent we have Mr. R. P. Angier of Boston. He is well located and can run this department in what we think a very satisfactory manner. Mr. Geo. Mellen is our choice for librarian. He has been a good worker and deserves this office. For official organ we kindly offer this paper, which has done so much, and the only towards the establishment of this association.

[Continued in the Supplement.]

**COLLECTORS.**

Send  $\frac{1}{2}$  my approval sheets at 30 per cent commission, 10 rare foreign stamps 5cts.

W. E. HAYNES. Spencer, Ia.

**H. W. AUSTIN.**

**Box 135, Malden Mass.**

Will, on receipt of a 2c. stamp and promise to return in 10 days, send you a sheet of stamps on approval, at 33 1-3 per cent discount.

CR-member no reference required.

**THE NEW DEPARTURE.**

Is a paper of interest to philatelist, 20c. per year or 12c. for 6 mos. First class contributors. Exchange col. and directory free to subscribers. Advertising rates; 1 in h 40c.; 1-2 col. \$1.25; 1 col. \$2.00; 1 page \$3.50. Try it. Agents wanted for my fine approval sheets at 33 1-3 per cent commission. A stamp packet to each of the first ten answering. Mention this paper.

W. DUNCAN,

6 Jeff St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

**APPROVAL SHEET**

DEALERS can secure now, duplicate lots of the finest quality for their sheets, at less than the gross wholesale rates. Write me and I will answer.

WILLIAM B. HALE,  
Williamsville, Mass.

**THE RECORD.**

official organ of *Universal Philatelic Association* of U. S. and Canada. Published semi-monthly for interest of collectors. Subscription rates, 65c. per year, 25 numbers. Special offer to new subscribers, 55c. per year until Sept. 1 1890. The Record contains from 8 to 14 pages each issue. Exchange Department free to subscribers. An unused Foreign stamp with each issue. CIRCULATION FROM 800 TO 1500 EACH ISSUE. Good advertising medium. Advertising rates, 75c. an inch, 2 inch \$1.40; discount on standing advertisements. Three cents per copy, no samples free. All Philatelic papers desirous of exchanging, let us know. Want d, interesting reading matter for Record, pertaining to collecting. We want agents to take subscriptions and advertisements for the "Record." Any one desirous of joining the U. P. A. can address T. F. Darling, Topeka, Kan., or Guy Stewart, Lake View, Mich. Enclose stamp for reply.

GUY STEWART Publisher,  
Lake View, Mich.

Editors copying this and the above can have same space in The Record.

**SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO. LTD**

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

**DON'T**

:: :: fail to send for one :: ::

**C. E. RANGE**

Con. Market and 4th Sts., Winona, Minn.

Desires to exchange foreign for rare U. S. postage, please send list or approval sheet.

3 cents for 100 assorted U. S. and Foreign stamps. Address

J. T. Handford, Lincoln Park, N. J.

**STAMPS ON APPROVAL.**

40 per cent commission.

**E. V. HADLEY,**

54 South Division St.

Ann Arbor, Mich.

**One Hundred Dollars Paid.**

To any collector who acting as my agent or buying for his own collection. Write sending reference and find out about it. I will answer you. I guarantee to send fine rare stamps at very low prices with discount.

WILLIAM B. HALE,

WILLIAMSVILLE, MASS.

5000 different to-day. To-morrow some will be gone; send early.

**GIVEN AWAY FREE.**

In order to introduce my packets I will send Packet No. 1 containing 50 varieties of South American stamps, including Paraguay, Bolivia Ecuador, Buenos Ayres, Peru, Columbia, Falkland Isles, British Guiana, &c., free of charge, on receipt of 25c. to pay expenses. Send for price lists.

J. M. McFARLAND,

84 Warren Street, Boston, Mass.

Good stamps on approval at prices generally below Scott Commission 30 per cent. To the 50th person sending reference or deposit before August 1st for one of our sheets on approval, we will give a U. S. 1862, 5c. YELLOW used, and to the 25th and 10th each a rare stamp.

C. B. & W. A. BOSTWICK,

No. 324 West 46th St., New York

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

MAY.

SUPPLEMENT.

1890.

It is very gratifying to see the work of organizing a philatelic association in our state actively carried on. It is surely time that the collectors of the old "Bay State" were banded together, for our Granite State brethren are also at work; while there are already two flourishing societies in "Little Rhody."

But after our association is once created great care must be taken to keep it in a healthy and active condition and to prevent it from dying out as several of the state associations have done. There are two requisites to a flourishing society,—capable officers (and therefore good management) and sufficient object and benefits to keep all members actively interested. With due care and attention, the first condition ought to be easily filled, while the second will depend largely upon the work of the organizers. I have already noticed one ticket for officers in the field but believe that it is faulty in the main. I can heartily endorse the ticket offered this paper for I am confident that the gentlemen named are capable of filling in an eminently satisfactory manner, the offices for which they are nominated.

For Official Organ, the FITCHBURG PHILATELIST seems to be by far the most suitable paper in the state, and, judging from the manner in which Mr. Whitcomb has conducted it during the past year and a half, he can make it a thoroughly acceptable and satisfactory official journal.

I wish to make the the suggestion that the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall constitute the Official Board or Board of Supervision of the Association.

W. H. Goodrich.

Fitchburg, May 5, 1890.

## M. P. A. Matters.

The following persons are charter-members of the association.

Geo. A. Mellen	Lawrence.
Mrs. E. D. Humphrey	"
Chas. W. Pearl	"
C. Perley Walker	"
Fred H. Eaton	"
John G. Campbell	"
Wm. Stuart	"
G. A. Paine	"
Wm. C. Stone	Springfield.
R. P. Angier	Boston.
Shermann Corbet	"
C. H. Whitcomb	Fitchburg-
W. H. Goodrich	"
Clarence Jaquith	Clinton.
Chas. E. Shaw	"
Chas. L. Stevens	"
Frank B. Eldredge	Mansfield.
Bentley W. Morse	"
Henry L. Carpenter	Attleboro.
Wheaton A. Carpenter	"
Fred L. Cole	"
H. G. Parks	Hudson.
H. W. Austin	Malden.

Charter-members will be given their numbers as soon as their dues are received.

Membership cards will be sent as soon as they are printed.

If this paper is chosen Official Organ, all members will receive it free. It will publish all official matter, reports etc., and a discount of 33½ per cent. from regular rates will be given to members desiring to advertise.

The stamps intended for the  
"Auction Sale" were all sold at  
private sale after this paper went  
to press.

C. H. WHITCOMB.



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Official Organ of The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

Vol. 2.

Fitchburg, Mass., June, 1890.

No. 7.

## *The Progress of Philately.*

Perhaps the above subject has been written and rewritten about more than any other by advanced collectors and I know that it cannot receive too much attention from genuine philatelists for the "deeper we go, the more eager we grow," and while I hope not to become a chestnut on the market the readers must bear with me in my dilemma.

Philatelists may be classed in three divisions, 1st; for pleasure, 2nd; for profit, 3rd; for information. The latter combines with the first, yet the first does not necessarily deny the latter, enough so to allow the distinction. The second exists merely at the will of the others and furnishes the supply. Now that we understand our basis we will proceed.

The first adoption of the post in the fourteenth century, by Thurn and Taxis and its subsequent revision by our own celebrated Dr. Franklin, because matters of history and further on the use of postage stamps by our English neighbors, which process was adopted by the U. S. in 1847 and still exists and will continue so for time to come. Thus the progress was slow but now our postal intercourse with other nations so systematized that the use of an international stamp is clamored for by all nations and I feel confident that it would be a decided benefit to all

concerned.

Soon after stamps came in vogue collectors of coins undoubtedly dropped their vocation and became active collectors of postage stamps. Then the collectors idea was to take the stamps cut from the envelope and paste them flat down in a scrap album.

This was ruinous to the stamps which were common enough then but now are rare, and by 3 or 4 removals the stamp was greatly disfigured. Now by the use of blank stamp albums and by the slight gum furnished on the mounts this difficulty is overcome.

Well I remember my error when I first began collecting; the rarest stamps in my collection were almost totally destroyed by the many fads in the arrangement of my collections.

The progressive spirit of philately is shown now by a few advanced collectors abolishing the old method by removing the stamps from the envelopes and they now collect them entirely on the original envelope (adhesive and envelope both) of course this includes only the U. S. varieties.

Perhaps the time is not far distant when they will require the collector to be enclosed, and the postmasters signature as to their genuiness.

(to be continued)

*The Massachusetts Philatelic Association,*

ORGANIZED MAY, 1890.

PRES; W. C. Stone, Springfield.  
 V. PRES; H. A. Adams, Worcester.  
 SEC'Y; C. H. Whitcomb, Fitchburg.  
 TREAS; C. E. Shaw, Clinton.  
 EX. SUPT; R. P. Angier, Boston.  
 LIB; G. E. Mellen, Lawrence



OFFICIAL ORGAN,

*The Fitchburg Philatelist.**Secretary's Report.*

The following is the result of the voting which closed May, 25.

## PRESIDENT.

W. C. STONE. 16  
 C. H. WHITCOMB. 1

## VICE PRESIDENT.

H. A. ADAMS. 11  
 W. H. GOODRICH. 3  
 C. E. SHAW. 2  
 C. H. WHITCOMB. 1

## SECRETARY.

C. H. WHITCOMB. 12  
 H. A. ADAMS. 3  
 F. B. ELDRIDGE. 1  
 W. H. GOODRICH. 1

## TREASURER.

C. E. SHAW. 8  
 F. B. ELDRIDGE. 3  
 W. H. GOODRICH. 2  
 H. G. PARKS. 1  
 C. H. WHITCOMB. 1  
 R. P. ANGIER. 1

## EXCHANGE SUPT.

R. P. ANGIER. 14  
 H. G. PARKS. 2  
 C. H. WHITCOMB. 1

## LIBRARIAN.

G. A. MELLEN. 13  
 H. G. PARKS. 2  
 MRS. DR. HUMPHREY. 1  
 W. S. MCLEAN. 1

## OFFICIAL ORGAN.

FITCHBURG PHILATELIST. 14  
 ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST. 3

Considerable interest was taken in the voting which I was very glad to see. Members will please send in their dues 50c. at once for which they will receive a receipt and a membership card as soon as they are printed. Will some member or

members send me what they think would be a neat design and size for a membership card. I hope that all members will try and get at least two new members. Application blanks can be had of me, and I also hope that all members wishing to make use of the exchange department will send in their names (and stamps) at once to the Exchange Superintendent.

C. H. Whitcomb Secretary.

## Charter Members

OF THE

Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

The following is a correct list of charter members of the association.

C. A. Aiken	Worcester.
H. A. Adams	"
Geo. A. Mellen	Lawrence.
Mrs. Dr. Humphrey	"
Chas. W. Pearl	"
C. Perley Walker	"
Fred. H. Eaton	"
John G. Campbell	"
Wm. Stuart	"
G. A. Paine	"
Wm. C. Stone	Springfield.
R. P. Angier	Boston.
Sherman Corbett	"
C. H. Whitcomb	Fitchburg.
W. H. Goodrich	"
Clarence Jaquith	Clinton.
Chas. E. Shaw	"
Chas. L. Stevens	"
Frank B. Eldredge	Mansfield.
Bentley W. Morse	"
Henry L. Carpenter	Attleboro.
Wheaton A. Carpenter	"
Fred. L. Cole	"
H. G. Parks	Hudson.
H. W. Austin	Malden.

# Fitchburg Philatelist

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

## SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

1/4 inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	1/2 column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance.

Address all communications to

**C. H. WHITCOMB,**

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as second class matter.

Vol. II. JUNE. No. 7.

## Editorial.

The editor of the Essex County Philatelist says he received many communications saying that the E. C. P. was the paper for the Official Organ of the M. P. A. It was very evident that it was not THE paper for the M. P. A. "Nothing succeeds like success."

Notice the advertisement of the Fitchburg Stamp Co. which should receive a share of your patronage. W. W. Barrow offers some Confederate States stamps cheap.

We wish to warn all our readers not to purchase any stamps of J. T.

McFarland, Boston Mass. who deals in counterfeits. Last month he advertised in this paper but he cannot any more.

All members of the Association will be allowed a discount of 33 1/2 per cent from our regular advertising rates.

How does it happen Brother Stuart, that you are sending us copies of your paper for exchange. You said we were to have no more.

We hope you will excuse us for not appearing more prompt last month. The fact is the editor was devoting a good share of his time to riding one of those "silent steeds."

## REVIEWS.

The U. S. Corresponding Philatelist is a new one it appears from Union Grove, Wis. with J. C. Colby as editor.

He is assisted by Larson of Chicago Ill. acting as associate editor and W. J. Bushey of Biddeford Me. acting as business manager. The paper is an official organ of the U. S. Corresponding Philatelic association, just formed.

No 2 of the Tennessee Philatelist dated May has appeared. This time it comes from Laurel Gap, Tenn.

The Central Philatelist is a neat and attractive eight page paper published at Belvidere, Ill. Judging from the last three numbers we should say it was a paying venture and has come to stay.

The Western Philatelist still continues to live but in a four page form. It is official organ of the Western Philatelic Union, and interesting reading matter is furnished monthly by "Dixey."



*The Massachusetts Philatelic Association,*

ORGANIZED MAY, 1890.

PRES; W. C. Stone, Springfield.  
 V. PRES; H. A. Adams, Worcester.  
 SEC'Y; C. H. Whitcomb, Fitchburg.  
 TREAS; C. E. Shaw, Clinton.  
 EX. SUPT; R. P. Angier, Boston.  
 LIB; G. E. Mellen, Lawrence.



OFFICIAL ORGAN,

*The Fitchburg Philatelist.**Secretary's Report.*

The following is the result of the voting which closed May, 25.

## PRESIDENT.

W. C. STONE, 16  
 C. H. WHITCOMB, 1

## VICE PRESIDENT.

H. A. ADAMS, 11  
 W. H. GOODRICH, 3  
 C. E. SHAW, 2  
 C. H. WHITCOMB, 1

## SECRETARY.

C. H. WHITCOMB, 12  
 H. A. ADAMS, 3  
 F. B. ELDRIDGE, 1  
 W. H. GOODRICH, 1

## TREASURER.

C. E. SHAW, 8  
 F. B. ELDRIDGE, 3  
 W. H. GOODRICH, 2  
 H. G. PARKS, 1  
 C. H. WHITCOMB, 1  
 R. P. ANGIER, 1

## EXCHANGE SUPT.

R. P. ANGIER, 14  
 H. G. PARKS, 2  
 C. H. WHITCOMB, 1

## LIBRARIAN.

G. A. MELLEN, 13  
 H. G. PARKS, 2  
 MRS. DR. HUMPHREY, 1  
 W. S. MCLEAN, 1

## OFFICIAL ORGAN.

FITCHBURG PHILATELIST, 14  
 ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST, 3

Considerable interest was taken in the voting which I was very glad to see. Members will please send in their dues 50c. at once for which they will receive a receipt and a membership card as soon as they are printed. Will some member or

members send me what they think would be a neat design and size for a membership card. I hope that all members will try and get at least two new members. Application blanks can be had of me, and I also hope that all members wishing to make use of the exchange department will send in their names (and stamps) at once to the Exchange Superintendent.

C. H. Whitcomb Secretary.

## Charter Members

OF THE

Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

The following is a correct list of charter members of the association.

C. A. Aiken	Worcester.
H. A. Adams	"
Geo. A. Mellen	Lawrence.
Mrs. Dr. Humphrey	"
Chas. W. Pearl	"
C. Perley Walker	"
Fred. H. Eaton	"
John G. Campbell	"
Wm. Stuart	"
G. A. Paine	"
Wm. C. Stone	Springfield.
R. P. Angier	Boston.
Sherman Corbett	"
C. H. Whitcomb	Fitchburg.
W. H. Goodrich	"
Clarence Jaquith	Clinton.
Chas. E. Shaw	"
Chas. L. Stevens	"
Frank B. Eldredge	Mansfield.
Bentley W. Morse	"
Henry L. Carpenter	Attleboro.
Wheaton A. Carpenter	"
Fred. L. Cole	"
H. G. Parks	Hudson.
H. W. Austin	Malden.

# Fitchburg Philatelist

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

## SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

½ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance.

Address all communications to

**C. H. WHITCOMB,**

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as second class matter.

Vol. II. JUNE. No. 7.

## Editorial.

The editor of the Essex County Philatelist says he received many communications saying that the E. C. P. was the paper for the Official Organ of the M. P. A. It was very evident that it was not THE paper for the M. P. A. "Nothing succeeds like success."

Notice the advertisement of the Fitchburg Stamp Co. which should receive a share of your patronage. W. W. Barrow offers some Confederate States stamps cheap.

We wish to warn all our readers not to purchase any stamps of J. T.

McFarland, Boston Mass. who deals in counterfeits. Last month he advertised in this paper but he cannot any more.

All members of the Association will be allowed a discount of 33 ⅓ per cent from our regular advertising rates.

How does it happen Brother Stuart, that you are sending us copies of your paper for exchange. You said we were to have no more.

We hope you will excuse us for not appearing more prompt last month. The fact is the editor was devoting a good share of his time to riding one of those "silent steeds."

## REVIEWS.

The U. S. Corresponding Philatelist is a new one it appears from Union Grove, Wis. with J. C. Colby as editor.

He is assisted by Larson of Chicago Ill. acting as associate editor and W. J. Bushey of Biddeford Me. acting as business manager. The paper is an official organ of the U. S. Corresponding Philatelic association, just formed.

No 2 of the Tennessee Philatelist dated May has appeared. This time it comes from Laurel Gap, Tenn.

The Central Philatelist is a neat and attractive eight page paper published at Belvidere, Ill. Judging from the last three numbers we should say it was a paying venture and has come to stay.

The Western Philatelist still continues to live but in a four page form. It is official organ of the Western Philatelic Union, and interesting reading matter is furnished monthly by "Dixey."

### Counterfeit Stamps For Sale.

Not by me but any quantity of genuine ones for advanced collectors and beginners. To all those sending a 2 cent stamp for one of my unexcelled approval sheets at 33 1-3 per. cent. pm. I will give free 3 varieties of good Russian stamps. Reference required when ordering for stamps please state priced ones you wish. W. H. Rice.

Box 302, Plainfield, N. J.

### Confederate Stamps.

On the original envelopes a specialty. Located in the former capital of the Confederacy I have every opportunity to obtain varieties. Set of 9, used and unused, \$1.25 including rare 5 c blue and 5 c green '61-2, 1 c orange and 10 c green. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Send for price list. U. S. and foreign stamps on approval.

W. W. Barrow.  
P. O. Box 53, Richmond, Va.

### The Stamp Collectors Journal.

LAKE VILLAGE, N. H.

Original throughout Devoted to Stamps, not to statistics nor items about the mail. Only 10 cents a year.

12 numbers guaranteed or money refunded. Sample Free.

ADVERTISEMENTS 20 CENTS AN INCH.

### A GREAT BARGAIN.

Send 20 cents for one of the finest packets in the market approval sheets at 33 1-3 discount.

H. K. Seither,  
115 Jackson Ave. New Orleans, La.

### BARGAINS.

#### In Packets.

1. Our U. S. "Packets contains 25 var., including depts. (no envelopes.) Price, only 10 cts
  2. 15 var. Canada and Mexico. Price., 10 cts.
  3. 20 var. South and Central America. Price, 12 cts.
- all postpaid on receipt of price.

List of other packets sent with order. Fitchburg Stamp Co.,  
Lock Box 1660, Fitchburg, Mass.  
Mention the F. P.

### WHY DON'T YOU ADVERTISE.

An inch ad. only costs 70 cts. for 3 months!

Wake up.

### WHY DON'T YOU ADVERTISE.

An inch ad. only costs 70 cts. for 3 months!

Wake up.

### SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO. L'D

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

### DON'T

:: :: fail to send for one :: ::

### C. E. RANGE

Con. Market and 4th Sts., Winona, Minn.

Desires to exchange foreign for rare U. S. postage, please send list or approval sheet.

### W. A. CROZIER.

WHOLESALE DEALER IN FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

30 used and unused stamps 12c. post free. Nicaragua, Bosnia, Turkey, Monaco, Cost-Rica Heligoland (2 var.) Servia, Bermuda, Constantinople St. Kitts, etc.,

Trade packets a specialty 1000 for \$1.50 price list free. Sheets of stamps marked at wholesale prices.

4 Washington Square, Lynn, Mass.

3 cents for 100 assorted U. S. and Foreign stamps. Address

J. T. Handford, Lincoln Park, N. J.

### The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

Every collector in the State should join this association. All members are allowed to vote, have free use of the Library, and exchange Departments receive the Fitchburg Philatelist free. yearly dues are 50c payable in advance. Application blanks can be had of the Secretary.

2 Highland Ave. Fitchburg, Mass.

Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Official Organ of The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

Vol. 2.

Fitchburg, Mass., July & August, 1890.

No. 8.

## Postal Savings Bank.

In the United Kingdom, where the system of postal savings bank is almost the oldest in the world, and where it has proved such an immense success that there is \$5 due on an average to every one of the whole population, the deposit of savings of the poor has been encouraged by means of blank forms containing twelve squares just the size of a penny postage stamp. The poor, and the children especially, stick the penny stamps on the blank squares until the dozen spaces are filled. Then they deposit the shilling thus saved in any postoffice savings bank in the United Kingdom. The depositor gets from the postmaster a numbered book bearing credit for the shilling. The children's habit of squandering pennies for candy, or the parents' habit of spending them for lager, is thus corrected to such an extent that the system is admitted to confer incalculable benefit upon the people. Postal savings banks are also in operation in Austria, Belgium, France, Italy and the Netherlands, and with only less success than in the United Kingdom. Even Japan has long had such a system for the benefit of the masses.

[Continued from last month.]

when they will require the letter to be enclosed, the postmasters signature as to their genuineness. As far as I am concerned I do and will continue so, to collect off the envelope.

This paper has gone farther than I intended, so I will finish by saying that collectors should endeavor to inform them-

selves and thus be in line with the collectors who argue progress.

C. E. Range, P. C.

## Stray Shots from a Loaded Ink Bottle.

By C. F. EUSTIS.

When looking over a consignment of stamps the other day, I found among the numerous varieties a 10 cent surcharged Costa Rica which looked all right, but which I have since found to be a counterfeit, and as it is rather dangerous I thought best to mention it, for the purpose of preventing others from accepting it as genuine.

I should certainly pity the gentleman who undertook to catalogue all philatelic articles (with their writers) that have appeared in papers now dead as well as those living, in fact I do not deem it possible, though such a list would be of great value to philatelists.

There are several papers devoted to our hobby that have advanced their standard immensely and among them might be mentioned the Hoosier Philatelist which has by the way struck a bonanza in the shape of E. W. Voute as associate editor.

The Post Card which though it has been running but a short time, has improved vastly in its contents. No. 60 being especially noticeable and I think that if it were some what greater in size, that this paper would soon rank among the "blue bloods."

*The Massachusetts Philatelic Association,*

ORGANIZED MAY, 1890.

PRES; W. C. Stone, Springfield.  
 V. PRES; H. A. Adams, Worcester.  
 SEC'Y; C. H. Whitcomb, Fitchburg.  
 TREAS; C. E. Shaw, Clinton.  
 EX. SUPT; R. P. Angier, Boston.  
 LIB; G. E. Mellen, Lawrence.



OFFICIAL ORGAN,

*The Fitchburg Philatelist**Secretary's Report,*

I have one application for membership in the association as follows:

HARRY W. CONANT,

162 W. Chester Park, Boston, Mass.

## REFERENCES.

A. S. CONANT, R. P. ANGIER.

Unless no objection is received within 30 days, he will be considered a member of the association. I have the membership cards printed and all those who have paid their dues have received them.

I am in hopes to get the by-laws etc. written up for my brother officers inspection, in a few days. All members who have not paid their dues should do so at once. Philatelic matters are dull at the present time and we cannot expect as much interest from members as we shall no doubt receive in two or three months from now. Remember the dues are 50 cts. and to send them in.

C. H. Whitcomb, Sec'y.

*Exchange Dep't.*

Mr. R. P. Angier our Exchange Sup't. is in favor of running this department upon a cash system, which is the only good way. Rules and regulations concerning this department will be published later.

*Library.*

Mr G. A. Mellen our librarian was, when last heard from, sick with rheumatic fever, but we hope he is better now. All members having philatelic publications which they wish to donate to this department can send them to Mr. G. A. Mellen, 340 Haverhill street, Lawrence, Mass. All publications he receives will be acknowledged through this paper. Send them in.

The following persons have paid their dues and have received their association numbers and membership cards.

- |                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| 1. C. H. Whitcomb,  | Fitchburg. |
| 2. W. H. Goodrich,  | "          |
| 3. H. G. Parks,     | Hudson.    |
| 4. H. W. Austin,    | Malden.    |
| 5. R. P. Angier,    | Boston.    |
| 6. F. B. E dredge,  | Mansfield. |
| 7. C. E. Shaw,      | Clinton.   |
| 8. Clarence Jaquith | "          |
| 9. B. W. Morse,     | Foxboro    |

Send in your dues at once (50 cents) and I will see that you receive your membership cards in two days from the time I receive the dues. Now that the association is organized you should by rights do your part towards helping it along. You may perhaps think I have considerable to say concerning you paying your dues etc. but if I did not, who would and where would the association be if members don't pay their dues.

C. H. Whitcomb, Sec'y.

M. P. A.



## Fitchburg Philatelist

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

### SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

### ADVERTISING RATES:

¼ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	¼ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Adver ising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance.

Address all communications to

**C. H. WHITCOMB,**

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as second class matter.

Vol. II. JULY & AUG. No. 8.

### Editorial.

We should like to have a settlement with Guy Stuart of Lake View, Mich.

Mr. F. B. Eldredge of Mansfield, Mass., had the good fortune to secure a fine specimen of the the Mobile 5c. blue on original envelope for \$3.15, at the last sale of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society.

We have appointed the following agents to take subscriptions and ad's for this paper. Harry F. Kautner, 230 Penn. street Reading, Pa.; John M. Holt, 3 Bainbridge street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and A. E. Julien, 9 Brenton street, Halifax, N. S.

Mr. W. H. Goodrich former editor of the Eastern Philatelist, is camping out at Whalom Pond, a few miles east of this city

The Scott Stamp and Co. L'd have closed their approval sheet department until August 15th., when they will be ready with a better and an entirely new line of approval sheets.

We received Volume 2 of the Post Card all right. Except our thanks for the same, Brother Watson.

We would rather not have our exchange copies of the Eastern Philatelist marked Sample Copy etc.

We wish to remind the publisher of the American Collector that we do not wish to subscribe to that paper, which we might as well do, as to pay 1c. "postage due" on each copy we receive.

The J. W. Scott Co. have issued a catalogue of U. S. envelopes. The prices given being for entire specimens only.

We would be pleased to exchange stamp photos with any of our readers. We have a neat book for all stamp photos. "Are you in it?"

An inch ad in this paper only costs 70c. for three months. Try it. It cannot help but pay you.

Annie Rooney, Dan McGinty, Paddy Duffy and Pat O'Grady are all on our subscription list. Why not have your name there to.

We have decided not to issue this paper next month, so have dated this number July and August.

If you want the BEST buy only the  
**SALMON HINGES.**

Each sheet measures 20x25 inches and contains from 1200 to 1500 finest gummed stamp hinges. 1 sheet 10c. 3 sheets 25c.

A. B. Merrill, A. P. A. 664.  
P. O. Box 638, Everett Mass.

### 1000 AGENTS.

Wanted to sell stamps from our approval sheets at 30 per cent com. 10 rare stamps 10c.  
Royal Stamp Co. - - Spencer, Ia.

### PACKET X.

Con. 50 var. used and unused stamps, Incl. Guadeloupe (Cat. 10c.,) Martinique (Cat. 15c.,) Zululand, Transvaal, U. S. obsolete and Dep's., only 25c.

### FREE !

1000 Gummed hinges given away with every packet of  
1000 Excel. mixed foreign stamps 25c.

W. A. HAERTING.

1303 S. 8 St., St. Louis, Mo.

### SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO. L'D

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc. constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

### DON'T

:: :: fail to send for one :: ::

### THE

### WIDE AWAKE PHILATELIST

Was refused admission to the mails at Second-class rates. Copies of this paper can be had at 4c. each.

DAVIS & WHITCOMB,

54 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

### The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

Every collector in the State should join this association. All members are allowed to vote, have free use of the Library, and exchange Department, receive the Fitchburg Philatelist free, yearly dues are 50c payable in advance. Application blanks can be had of the Secretary.

2 Highland Ave. Fitchburg, Mass.

### The Stamp Collectors Journal.

LAKE VILLAGE, N. H.

Original throughout Devoted to Stamps, not to statistics nor items about the mail. Only 10 cents a year. 12 numbers guaranteed or money refunded. Sample Free.

ADVERTISEMENTS 20 CENTS AN INCH.

### Confederate Stamps.

On the original envelopes a specialty. Located in the former capital of the Confederacy I have every opportunity to obtain rarities. Set of 9, used and unused, \$1.25 including rare 5c blue and 5c green '61-2, 1c orange and 10c green. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Send for price list. U. S. and foreign stamps on approval. W. W. Barrow.

P. O. Box 53, Richmond, Va.

### SELLING OUT

Stamps on approval at 50 per cent. discount. Reference required.

SAMUEL JOHNSON,

Box 104, Effingham Ill.

THE

### Empire State Stamp Journal.

One of the most interesting Philatelic Journals published. 12 numbers guaranteed, for 25 cents. Advertising rates, 40 cents per inch. Each number contains a Bargain Page, in which desirable Stamps are offered at prices far below Catalogue rates, also Auction Sale, and many other features not found in most papers.

LINCOLN RAPPLEYE,

Tramansburg, New York.

Publishers inserting this paragraph and the above 3 times will receive the same space in E. S. S. J.

Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Official Organ of The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

Vol. 2.

Fitchburg, Mass., Sept. 1890.

No. 9.

## Origin of Penny Postage.

An interesting and curious story is connected with the origin of the postage stamp. One day a young girl came from an inn located in the northern part of England, and received from a postman a letter, which she turned over in her hand as she inquired the price of the postage. The man asked a shilling, a sum too large for one so poor as herself to pay; so she returned the letter to the postman with sadness, although she knew that her brother had sent it. But a sympathetic traveler, named Rowland Hill, stood near, and at this moment interposed, and insisted on paying the shilling himself, although the girl seemed strongly adverse to his doing so. When the postman had departed the kind-hearted Mr. Hill was surprised to find that there was no need for his pity; for the envelope, the girl explained to him, contained no communication, but on its outside were certain marks agreed upon by herself and brother, from which, as she held the letter in her hands, she gathered all the information she desired.

"We are both so poor," she continued, "that we invented this mode of correspondence without paying for our letters."

Such duplicity set Mr. Hill to thinking that a postal system which incited people to commit petty fraud must be very defective. He argued that if the price of postage was lowered from an exorbitant rate to one that came easily within the means of the mass of the people, so many more letters would pass through the mails that the financial condition of the

treasury would not be impaired, while society would derive much additional benefit. He became so much interested in the matter that he managed to bring his views to the notice of the British government, which gave them a favorable reception; and on the 10th of January, 1840, which may be considered the birthday of the postage stamp, letters began to be circulated in every part of the United Kingdom at the postage rate of only a penny. The experiment was successful to an extent much beyond expectation. Rowland Hill became secretary to the postmaster-general, and during the next ten years so great a change had taken place that in 1850 the number of letters sent through the mails was 7,239,962, against 1,500,000 in 1840.

## Stamp Exchanging in Paris.

The trade in postage stamps had at first a Bourse (exchange) at the Hotel Drouot, later at the Tuileries and in the Palais Luxembourg, but these have been discontinued. At present the Bourse is held at the corner of the Avenue Gabriel and of the Avenue Marigny. From time to time shouts are heard, such as "I have the blue 60 copeck stamp"; or "who wants Uruguay, 1862?" "I take Ceylon, 1873"; "I am a buyer of Turkey, 1862"; "who wants Cape of Good Hope." The very rare stamps, however, are not often offered on the Bourse, and very high prices are paid for them. The rarest French stamp, the 1-fr. on orange-colored paper of 1843, is now worth 200 fr. if new, and 60 fr. if stamped.—Frenchman.

*The Massachusetts Philatelic Association,*

ORGANIZED MAY, 1890.

PRES; W. C. Stone, Springfield.  
 V. PRES; H. A. Adams, Worcester.  
 SEC'Y; C. H. Whitcomb, Fitchburg.  
 TREAS; C. E. Shaw, Clinton.  
 EX. SUPT; R. P. Angier, Boston.  
 LIB; G. E. Mellen, Lawrence.



OFFICIAL ORGAN,

*The Fitchburg Philatelist,**Librarian's Report.*

I have received the following periodicals from Mr. W. M. Stuart:

## Library

No.	Name.
1.	Charleston Philatelist, vol. 3, No. 1.
2.	Stamp Advertiser, vol. 1, No. 5.
3.	Empire State Stamp Journal, vol. 1, No. 2.
4.	Philatelic Era, vol. 1, No. 6.
5.	Stamp World, vol. 5, No. 39.
6.	Stamp Collector's Journal, vol. 1, Nos. 1, 3.
7.	Essex County Philatelist, vol. 1, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.
8.	Ye "Boodle" Philatelist, vol. 1, Nos. 3, 4.
9.	American Philatelist, vols. 3, Nos. 2, 6.
10.	Dominion Philatelist, vol. 1, No. 11 " " vols. 2, No. 3.

I have also received the following periodicals from Mr. C. H. Whitcomb.

## Library

No.	Name.
6.	Stamp Collectors' Journal, vol. 1, No. 4.
11.	Eastern Philatelist, vols. 3, No. 1.
12.	Hoosier Philatelist, vol. 1, No. 4.
13.	Fitchburg Philatelist, vol. 1, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. Vols. 2, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5.
14.	Yankee Philatelist, vol. 1, No. 4.
15.	Curiosity Collector, vol. 1, Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9.
16.	M. P. A. Bulletin.
17.	U. S. Corresponding Philatelist, vol. 1, No. 1.

18. N. Y. Philatelist, vol. 1, No. 6.

19. Western Philatelist, vol. 1, No. 5.

Hoping that the other members of the M. P. A. will prove as generous as Mr. Stuart and Mr. Whitcomb I am

Yours in Philately.

GEO. A. MELLEN, Librarian.

340 Haverhill St., Lawrence, Mass.

*Secretary's Report.*

I have the pleasure of publishing the name of one new member this month making 14. The new member's name is Harry W. Conant, 162 W. Chester Park, Boston, Mass. During the month I received only one application for membership as follows:

CHAS. A. HOBBS,

Watertown,

Mass.

REFERENCES.

WM. C. STONE, C. H. WHITCOMB.

Unless no objection is received within 30 days he will be considered elected and will receive the membership card of the association. The by-laws have been written up and are in the hands of the President for inspection. Only about half of the charter members of the Association have sent in their dues, and I hope that next month I can say the same of all of them. I will furnish application blanks to all members, if they so request, so that they can try to get new members. Have all the members of the Association received some of Mr. R. P. Angier's Stamp Hinges (for their collection), if not they can get them by applying to Mr. Angier.

C. H. WHITCOMB, Secretary.

# Fitchburg Philatelist

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

1/4 inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	1/2 column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance.

Address all communications to

**C. H. WHITCOMB,**

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as second class matter.

Vol. II. SEPTEMBER. No. 9.

## Editorial.

The August number of the Essex County Philatelist starts a voting contest in very questionable taste.—Stamp Collectors' Journal.

Right you are isn't it funny what kids will do.

Please notice the Librarian's report on the opposite page. The library is started with 50 pieces of literature. Can't you send some in. All members of the M. P. A. should patronize this department as they have an excellent chance to read several of the current Philatelic publications at a small cost—the postage on the same.

We hope that every friend of this paper will pause in the busy hurry of the stamp season to urge each Philatelist whom he may meet to become a regular subscriber to this paper.

To advertisers we offer an inch advertisement in this paper 3 months for 70 cents. Several dealers have taken advantage of this offer and speak very highly of it. No better chance offered any dealer.

This month we send several extra copies of this paper to advertisers throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico and trust that they will see fit to place an ad with us next month. Our rates are very low and can be found on this page.

Notice the advertisement of the Phoenix Stamp Co. on another page. Excellent approval sheets can be had of this party and some very low prices are quoted in their ad.

Lincoln Rapp-eye, of Trumansburg, N. Y., advertises a \$1 typewriter on another page which does good work.

The following persons are authorized agents to take advertisements and subscriptions for this paper:

HARRY F. KANTNER,

230 Penn. St., Reading, Penn.

JOHN M. HOLT,

3 Bainbridge Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A. E. Jubiers,

9 Breton Street, Halifax, N. S.

Advertisements and subscriptions sent to the above parties will receive prompt attention.

The North American Philatelist is announced to appear soon. It will be official organ of the United States Philatelic Society, which now has 148 members. H. F. Kantner of Reading, Penn., is Secretary.



## All Ready

For the Fall Trade. Send and get the best Stamps in the universe on approval. Sheets contain common, scarce and rare stamps.

### Victor Packet No. 1.

Price, 25 cents. Contains 50 varieties of picked stamps. Every other packet contains a stamp worth 15 cents, and every 10th packet a set of stamps catalogued at 65 cents.

H. C. HERLITSCHKE,

82 Pleasant Street, Hartford, Conn.

## FREE! FREE!

To every person sending 2-cent stamp, 15 Rare Foreign Stamps, and one of our fine approval sheets; 30 per cent commission allowed on all sales.

ROYAL STAMP CO.

Spencer, La.

## Missouri Defense Bonds.

I have lately come into possession of over 2,000 of these beautiful mementos of the late war and numismatists, or collectors of Confederate money, desiring these very rare specimens, can have them until the supply is exhausted at the remarkable low rate of

## 3 Varieties for 30 Cents Post-Paid.

Parties having Indian relics for exchange please address me.

C. A. RANGE,  
Trenton, Mo.

## PRINTING.

100 xxx white or colored envelopes, size 5, 45 cents.

100 xx envelopes, size 6, 40 cents.

104 linen or commercial note heads, 45 cents.

100 business cards, 30 cents

100 shipping tags, 27 cents.

All the above post-paid.

Special! To introduce them I will send 150 Envelopes and 150 Note Heads post-paid for \$1. Send for copy of Collectors and Agents' Directory. Advertising rates 15 cents per inch. If you mention this paper in answering this advertisement you can have your name inserted in either the Collectors or Agents' Directory free.

HOWARD H. BROWN,  
Old Bridge, N. J.

R. M. SPENCER,

NORDHOFF,

California.

Stamps on approval at 25 per cent commission. My sheets contain stamps priced at one to 5c, each. Please mention the kind you wish.

THE

## Empire State Stamp Journal.

One of the most interesting Philatelic Journals published. 12 numbers guaranteed, for 25 cents. Advertising rates, 40 cents per inch. Each number contains a Bargain Page, in which desirable Stamps are offered at prices far below Catalogue rates, also Auction Sale, and many other features not found in most papers.

LINCOLN RAPPLEYE,

Tramansburg, New York.

Publishers inserting this paragraph and the above 3 times will receive the same space in E. S. S. J.

## Confederate Stamps.

On the original envelopes a specialty. Located in the former capital of the Confederacy I have every opportunity to obtain varieties. Set of 9, used and unused, \$1.25 including rare 5c blue and 5c green '61-2, 1c orange and 10c green. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Send for price list. U. S. and foreign stamps on approval.

W. W. Barrow,  
P. O. Box 53, Richmond, Va.

## SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.'D

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc., constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

## DON'T

:: :: fall to send for one :: ::

## CHEAP UNUSED SETS.

Danube, S. N. Co., 4 varieties, 15 cents.  
Denmark, official inch, 30 O., 23 cents.  
Germany, 15 varieties, 22 cents.  
Heligoland, Up., complete, 5 cents.  
Honduras, first issue, complete, 10 cents.  
Switzerland, 9 varieties, 15 cents.  
Lists free. Cloth bound album, 15 cents.  
Choice sheets, 25 per cent. Agents wanted.

1324 E. 9th St.,

WILL R. WINCH,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.

## BEGINNERS PACKETS.

*The Best ever offered.*

- No. 1. 50 varieties from all parts of the world, postpaid, only 10c.  
 No. 2. 100 varieties from all parts of the world, postpaid, only 15c.  
 No. 3. 150 varieties from all parts of the world, postpaid, only 25c.  
 No. 4. 200 varieties from all parts of the world, postpaid, only 50c.

## MIXED STAMPS.

No. 5. Contains 1,000 good mixed stamps, the best mixture ever offered for the money. Price, postpaid, only 20c.

No. 6. Contains 1,000 good mixed stamps, somewhat better than the above, and containing stamps from Brazil, Chili, Costa Rica, Porto Rico, Jamaica and others. Price, post paid, only 30c.

No. 7. Contains 1,000 good assorted stamps, including Equador, Bosnia, Luxembourg, Hawaii, Austria, Italy, Japan, etc. Price, postpaid, only 50c.

No. 8. Contains 1,000 finely assorted stamps, many rare, including Chili, Venezuela, very rare Mexico, U. S. Colombia, etc. A splendid packet for sheets. Try one. Price, postpaid, only \$1.

## BLANK APPROVAL SHEETS.

These sheets are made of good paper and printed with a suitable heading. When ordering 500 or more we will print any heading desired. Send stamp for a sample.

25	postpaid,	10 cents.	500	postpaid,	\$1.00.
100	"	25 "	1,000	"	1.75.

## AGENTS WANTED.

We want good agents in every school and college, city and village, at home and abroad, to sell stamps from our Superior Approval Sheets. We allow 33 1-3 per cent commission on all foreign stamps and 25 per cent commission on all United States stamps sold from our approval sheets. Our sheets contain stamps valued from 1 cent to \$3 each. In writing for sheets on approval it is advisable to mention what priced stamps you would prefer them to contain. As we import most of our stamps directly from foreign countries we are enabled to show the greatest number of varieties on our sheets. Appreciating that our agents' success is our success, we always endeavor to make our sheets look as attractive as possible. Our sheets contain no torn or trashy stamps but such as we consider the best sellers. Every agent who remits \$1 or above at one time will receive free as a prize a rare stamp valued from 15c. to \$1, according to the amount sent.

## A LIBERAL OFFER.

In order that every collector may see the superiority of our Approval Sheets over those of other dealers we make the following offer: Send us 5c. and we will send you 1,000 gummed hinges, and several of our sheets of stamps on approval at 33 1-3 per cent commission. Sheets must be returned within 10 days. Send for our price list.

## PHOENIX STAMP COMPANY,

319 Olive Street,

St. Louis, Mo.

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements*

---

**TRADE RUB-I-GRAPH MARK**

---

**Our \$1 TYPE-WRITER Is the  
Greatest Invention in the World.**

---

**That a Type-writer could be made for  
\$1 seems impossible, but we have it in  
the Rubigraph, and it is warranted to do  
good work.**

*A sample machine will be sent prepaid on receipt of  
price (\$1), we pay all charges. Book of testimonials  
will soon be ready. Agents wanted in every city, town  
and school district, to whom a liberal discount will be  
given. Any agent can show their sample and secure an  
order from nearly every one of their friends, as the low  
price places them within the reach of all.*

Address all orders to

**LINCOLN RAPPLEYE,  
Trumansburg, N. Y.**

**Dealer in Agents' goods of every  
description. Large Illustrated Cat-  
alogue free with every order, or for  
a 2-cent stamp to pay postage.**

---

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Official Organ of The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

Vol. 2.

Fitchburg, Mass., Oct. 1890.

No. 10.

## Experience of a Young Collector.

I first began collecting stamps in 1886. I collected both U. S. and Foreign, but found it was more interesting to collect U. S. only. I sold my Foreign or exchanged them for U. S. and turned my attention to my own country.

I never purchased a catalogue until after I had sold my best Foreign for about one-fifth of what they were worth. And being almost discouraged by the silly questions asked by my friends I felt like putting my collection away and never show it to them again.

I was asked by a collector once to come and see his stamps. I asked him how many he had. "Oh," he said, "about 2000." Well I thought I had struck a bonanza and told him I would buy them. But I found out that he had a lot of common continental stamps that he had bought from a fellow collector. How many collectors buy stamps for the quantity and not for the quality. Buy good stamps for you will get a hold of the common ones soon enough.

I did not begin with pasting my stamps down but mounted them on hinges in one of "Hubbards Ideal Albums." After I commenced to collect U. S. only I used the blank album with Mekeel's mounts. I heard a collector say the other day, that he would sooner have reprints of stamps than none at all. I do not agree with you there brother, they are worthless and in the minds of all true Philatelists ought to be condemned. I have excluded all reprints of local and confederate stamps from my collection and intend to do without them, if I cannot get the original, I expect to continue to be a Philatelist as long as my health will permit. Trusting that the above will be of use to you I am

Yours Respectfully,

M. W. Besore.

## TO YOUNG COLLECTORS.

If stamp beginners when commencing their collection, bought their stamps in packets, instead of from approval sheets, they would be surprised to find at how much lower a price the same stamps could be obtained.

Suppose a person has just commenced collecting; he can get a packet containing two hundred stamps or more all different, for about fifty cents, paying the highest price. Now if he had purchased the same stamps from an approval sheet, supposing the dealer to have marked them at their lowest value, he would have had to pay at least one cent apiece, which would make \$2.00. The dealer might allow some commission, which could only reduce the amount to \$1.25. The difference between the two prices can easily be saved. It is not the dealers fault because he cannot mark stamps on his sheets, at less than one cent and make anything himself. When the collection numbers over 300, then is the time to purchase stamps from approval sheets, and you can save almost as much now by buying from sheets as you could before in buying stamps in packages.

Your collection now, if you have bought the stamps in packets, will contain all the cheap stamps, but if you continue buying in packets you will find it impossible almost to increase your collection, for nearly every packet will contain stamps which you already have, unless you buy high priced packets, which also contain more or less of an assortment of common stamps.

*The Massachusetts Philatelic Association,*

ORGANIZED MAY, 1890.

PRES; W. C. Stone, Springfield.  
 V. PRES; H. A. Adams, Worcester.  
 SEC'Y; C. H. Whitcomb, Fitchburg.  
 TREAS; C. E. Shaw, Clinton.  
 EX. SUPT; R. P. Angier, Boston.  
 LIB; G. E. Mellen, Lawrence.



OFFICIAL ORGAN,

*The Fitchburg Philatelist,**Librarian's Report.*

Since last month I have received the following pieces, 16 in number, from Mr. J. K. Tiffany (President A. P. A.)

No. 20. (1) The Stamp Collector's Library Companion.

(2) Addenda to the Stamp Collector's Library Companion.

The following have been received from Mr. G. A. Mellen:

- | No. | Name.   |
|-----|---|
| 8.  | Ye "Boodle" Philatelist, vol. 1 No. 6         |
| 21. | Rhode Island Philatelist, vol. 1, 11.         |
| 22. | Tribune and Advertiser, vol. 7, Nos. 5, 6.    |
| 23. | Nebraska Philatelist, vol. 1, Nos. 5, 6, 8.   |
| 24. | Southern Philatelist, vol. 1, Nos. 7, 8, 9.   |
| 25. | Universal Collector, vol. 1, No. 5.           |
| 26. | International Collector, vol. 4, No. 1.       |
| 27. | Philatelic Journal of America, vol. 6, No. 3. |
| 28. | Old Curiosity Shop, vol. 8, No. 9.            |

Respectfully yours,

G. A. MELLEN, Librarian,  
 340 Haverhill St., Lawrence, Mass.

*Exchange Department.*

Members having duplicates to exchange should avail themselves of the advantages of this department. Good Stamps, price reasonable, are always in demand, and they will be given a thorough circulation.

Exchange Sheets (each) 4c. die cut, onion skin hinges. Per 1000, cash with order, 10c. Sent post free.

R. P. ANGIER,  
 Exchange Supt.,  
 Back Bay, Boston

*Secretary's Report.*

No application for membership in the Association has been received during the last month. The following members have not paid their dues, and they are earnestly requested to do so.

C. A. Aiken, Worcester,  
 Mrs. Humphrey, Lawrence,  
 Charles W. Pearl, Lawrence,  
 C. Perley Walker, Lawrence,  
 Fred H. Eaton, Lawrence,  
 John G. Campbell, Lawrence,  
 Wm. Stuart, Lawrence,  
 G. A. Paine, Lawrence,  
 Herman Corbett, Boston,  
 Chas. L. Stevens, Clinton,  
 Fred L. Cole, Attleboro.

Dues should be sent to

C. H. WHITCOMB, Secretary,  
 2 Highland Avenue,  
 Fitchburg, Mass.

*Exchange Supt's Report.*

(For September 1890.)

Sheets old, 7.

Received filled sheet, valued at \$7.63, from the Superintendent.

The Constitution and By-laws will soon appear, and I trust that the members will read carefully that relating to the Exchange Department, and earnestly cooperate with me in making this Department a success.

Respectfully,  
 R. P. Angier,  
 Superintendent.



# Fitchburg Philatelist

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

## SUBSCRIPTION,

15 cents - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

## ADVERTISING RATES:

¼ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance.

Address all communications to

**C. H. WHITCOMB,**

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as second class matter.

Vol. II. OCTOBER. No. 10.

## Editorial.

What! late again Well! well! this will never do. Next month if we have good luck we shall be out earlier. For the last two months we have been unable to spare as much time as usual.

The Philatelic Society of America is the most popular Philatelic organization in this country today. Now that the "New York Crowd" have got the A. P. A., the P. S. of A. is bound to be the Society.

Don't forget to read the the Illinois Stamp Co. Ad. in the Supplement. It is filled with bargains.

We wish it distinctly understood that we do not care to receive unused Canadian postage stamps from a United States Philatelists in payment for ads, subscriptions, etc. We are willing to accept them in small amounts from Collectors residing in Canada. Money orders are the thing, though.

The Mekeel Publishing Co. are about to issue a new edition of "Mekeel's Address Book."

And now Brother Stuart wants to know how the Fitchburg Philatelist compares with the Essex County Philatelist. Well, considering the number of pages and reading matter on the same, we are still "in it." Talk about practicing what you preach—don't you ever do it—for if you do with the disposition you have got, the world would come to an end inside of 10 minutes.

## JULIUS CONRATH, JR., & CO.

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

United States and Foreign Stamps,

1334 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A.

AGENTS wanted to sell stamps from our Choice Approval Sheets at 33 1-3 per cent commission. Rare Stamps given as prizes. Our large new price-list free on application.

## POSTAL CARDS REDEEMED.

WE PAY CASH For Uncanceled Postal Cards. Business men and clerks will do well by looking through their drawers in the desks and tables; or some other nook or corner, and they will find OLD POSTALS laid away—some that are out of date; the prices of merchandise or stock changed; made a change of firm; or any way in which they are printed so that they are no use to you. The U. S. government will not take them back at any price, consequently we are the only establishment that buy them up. Send us a postal as a sample; or send them by mail—tie with twine, but leave ends open! We remit by return mail. If a large lot, send them C. O. D. by Express. There are MILLIONS of Postals destroyed every day by being thrown into the waste basket. GRANT "THE" PRINTER, 359 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y.

## All Ready

For the Fall Trade. Send and get the best Stamps in the universe on approval. Sheets contain common, scarce and rare stamps.

### Victor Packet No. 1.

Price, 2 cents. Contains 50 varieties of picked stamps. Every other packet contains a stamp worth 15 cents, and every 10th packet a set of stamps catalogued at 65 cents.

H. C. HERLITSCHEK,

82 Pleasant Street, Hartford, Conn.

## FREE! FREE!

To every person sending 2-cent stamp, 15 Rare Foreign Stamps, and one of our fine approval sheets; 30 per cent commission allowed on all sales.

ROYAL STAMP CO.

Spencer, La.

## SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.'D

12 East 23rd St., New York.

THE ORIGINAL SCOTT'S STAMP STORE.

A large stock of stamps, coins, medals, stamp albums, stamp packets, etc., constantly on hand at lowest prices. 32 Page price list free.

## DON'T

:: :: fail to send for one :: ::

## CHEAP UNUSED SETS.

Danube, S. N. Co., 4 varieties, 15 cents.  
Denmark, official including, 32 O., 23 cents.  
Germany, 15 varieties, 22 cents.  
Heligoland, wrappers, complete, 5 cents.  
Honduras, first issue, complete, 10 cents.  
Switzerland, 9 varieties, 15 cents.  
Lists free. Cloth bound album, 1 cent.  
Choice sheets, 25 per cent. Agents wanted.

WILL R. WINCH.

1324 E. 9th St.,

Kansas City, Mo.

*Caesar Had His Brutus; Charles First His Cromwell; and Topeka Has—the Co-operative Stamp Club—and Has Had President Harrison.*

Kindly give us your attention for a moment dear readers and you will not regret it. We are organizing a Stamp Club that is a Stamp Club. You all know how the "watch clubs" are run and succeed better than success. We said "we have organized a Stamp Club" we beg pardon, it should have been Clubs. As we remarked before, we have some stamp clubs which we intend to run on the "watch club system." They are Three (3) in number; are graded as follows: First, Second and Third grades. Now read.

No. 1. A \$2.00 Packet of Phoenix Stamp Co.'s Stamps given to members every week. It will cost you just 15 cents per week to belong to this Club. No initiation fees whatsoever.

No. 2. A \$1.00 Packet of Mekeel's Stamps given some member once in every two weeks. This will cost you just 10 cents every two weeks. No initiation fees.

No. 3. A 50-cent Packet of Phoenix Stamp Co.'s Stamps given once a week. It will cost just 5 cents per week for you to belong to this club. No fees.

### INCIDENTAL.

If at the end of 12 trials you fail to secure a Packet of Stamps we will present you with one of the Packets of the Club to which you belong, free of charge. After you have drawn a packet your connection with us ceases even if it is the first week of your membership, and you are not obliged to pay further dues unless you decide to rejoin. Cash is required in advance, and a Postal Card must accompany each remittance so that members can be notified as to who was successful. The best way is to remit \$1.25 (no stamps taken) at a time. This will pay for one month and will also include postage for Nos. 2 and 3, and 65 cents for No. 1.

### CAUTION.

If you join the Clubs you must have your dues in our hands by Monday of each week. If your remittance fails to reach us on that day your name will be erased from our books, and no credit will be allowed you for the amount already paid. We want this distinctly understood, when packets are drawn by successful parties we immediately send them registered, you thus have a chance to secure a fine packet of rare Stamps valued at from 1c. to 50c. each for an insignificant sum.

If you fail to draw a packet in 12 trials we give you one free so that in any case you will get the stamps by paying so much each week. You loose nothing neither do we. Address Co-operative Stamp Co., TOPEKA, Kansas, 1120 Harrison Street.

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*

---

# ILLINOIS STAMP COMPANY,

Box 371, Chicago, Illinois,

—DEALERS IN—

## U S. AND FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

---

We are prepared to send Approval Sheets to RESPONSIBLE PARTIES at 43 1-3 per cent commission, and we would strongly recommend every one wanting a good assortment to send reference for our Sheets. For every \$1.00 worth sold of Sheets we give a valuable stamp.

### CHICAGO PACKETS.

- No. 1. Contains 50 varieties, good Foreign, 6c.
- No. 2. " 100 varieties, good Foreign, 12c.
- No. 3. " 50 varieties, including India, Jamaica, Etc., 8c.
- No. 4. " 30 varieties, including Sweden, France, Finland, Roumania, Denmark, Russia, Belgium, Ceylon, Etc., 10c.
- No. 5. Contains 50 very rare varieties, including Persia, French Colonies, Hong Kong, Macao, Australia, Etc.

### GARDEN CITY PACKETS.

- No. 6. Contains 100 varieties, including Old United States, Old Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, Argentine Republic, Etc., worth \$2.00, for 75c.
- No. 7. Contains 65 varieties, including Chili, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Ceylon, Etc., 25c.
- No. 8. Contains 200 Common European, 10c.
- No. 9. " 100 Common European, 4c.
- No. 10. " 40 varieties of Stamps from Forty different countries, an excellent package, 60c.

We are offering Jubilee Envelopes, issued in England July 2d, very cheap.

*ALL STAMPS ARE WARRANTED GENUINE.*

Packet Orders for less than 25c. must contain stamps for return postage. Remittances can be made in unused United States and Canada Stamps, and *must accompany all orders.*

One trial will convince you that we are the Cheapest Stamp Company in the country.



HOLIDAY NUMBER.

—\*THE\*

**FITCHBURG**  
**PHILATELIST.**

Issued Monthly

IN THE INTERESTS OF

***PHILATELY.***

EDITED AND PUBLISHED BY

**C. H. WHITCOMB,**

2 Highland Avenue, - - - Fitchburg, Mass.

**U. S. A.**

# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Official Organ of The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

Vol. 2.

Fitchburg, Mass., Nov. & Dec., 1890.

No. 12.

## Definitions Concerning Philately.

*The Following Definitions Pertaining to Philately Will no Doubt Be of Use to Your Readers.*

There are three principal methods of producing a plate from which stamps or anything else can be printed:

### TAILLE DOUCE.

First—Line engraving, or engraving in *taille douce*, as it is more commonly called in Philatelic works; in this the lines which are to appear in color on the paper are cut into the plate, and the ink may be found sometimes in evident relief on the paper; almost all the United States adhesives are specimens of this method.

### TYPOGRAPHY.

Second—Engraving in relief, from which type-printed, typographed, or as they are sometimes termed, surface-printed stamps, are produced. In this the lines to be printed are formed by the original surface of the plate, and are in relief, the parts which are to remain white or the color of the paper being cut away. Ordinary printer's type is made in this way, hence the name typography.

### LITHOGRAPHY.

Third—Lithography. This is the only real surface printing, there being no cutting away either of the lines or of the other portions, but the surface of the stone being incapable of taking up the ordinary printing ink, the design is drawn or printed upon it with a special kind of ink; then when an inked roller is passed over the stone thus prepared, the ink is taken up by the lines of the design only, and the stamps printed from them as from type.

Lithographs have a very smooth appearance and almost a greasy feeling when the finger is passed over them.

### EMBOSSING.

In addition to these three methods, there is embossing, by which a few adhesives and a majority of envelope stamps are produced, but this hardly requires description; any collector who possesses a U. S. stamped envelope will know what embossing is.

Unperforated—Represents stamps that are cut from sheets where no provision has been made for separating.

Perforated—Implies the usual perforation of little holes, in which actual pieces of the paper are punched out in the catalogue; a number following the word *perf.* indicates the number of holes found within a length of two centimetres.

Pin Perforation—Implies that holes are merely pricked in the paper and not punched out.

Rouletted—Means that a series of straight cuts are made in the paper between the stamps.

Wove Paper—Is that commonly used for books and newspapers, and shows a perfectly even texture.

Laid Paper—On the other hand, has parallel lines close together in its substance, as in the paper used for the United States envelopes.

The term *Batonne* is applied to what is called in England "foreign" note paper. It has parallel lines in its substance further apart than in laid paper, and sufficiently conspicuous to be a guide in writing. It may be also laid or wove.

*Quadrille* paper has crossed lines in it, forming squares or oblongs. The Guadalupe stamps are found on these fancy papers.

*Peture* is a very thin, tough wove paper.



*The Massachusetts Philatelic Association,*

ORGANIZED MAY, 1890.

PRES; W. C. Stone, Springfield.  
 V. PRES; H. A. Adams, Worcester.  
 SEC'Y; C. H. Whitcomb, Fitchburg.  
 TREAS; C. E. Shaw, Clinton.  
 EX. SUPT; R. P. Angier, Boston.  
 LIB; G. E. Mellen, Lawrence.



OFFICIAL ORGAN,

*The Fitchburg Philatelist.**Librarian's Report.*

During the month of November I have received the following papers:

From Mr. C. H. Whitcomb, No. 13, Fitchburg Philatelist, vol. 2. No. 10, from Mr. W. M. Stuart, No. 7, Essex County Philatelist, vol. 2, No. 2.

(G. A. MELLE, Librarian,  
 340 Haverhill Street,  
 Lawrence, Mass.)

*Secretary's Report.*

M. P. A. matters seem to be a little dull at present. The Philatelists of this association seem to be a little slow about waking up from their summer sleep. No applications have been handed in during the last two months, which does not speak very well for the large number of stamp collectors which this state contains.

I have received (50c.) yearly dues from No. 17, Mrs. E. D. Humphrey, 243 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, Mass., adding one more to our list of "paid up" members. The resignation of C. W. Pearl has been received with regrets. All his time at present being taken up with other matters.

The following have not paid their dues and they are requested to remit at their earliest convenience: Wm. Stuart, Lawrence; C. Perley Walker, Lawrence; Fred H. Eaton, Lawrence; John G. Campbell, Lawrence; G. A. Paine, Lawrence; C. A. Aiken, Worcester; Herman Corbett, Boston; Chas. L. Stevens, Clinton; Fred L. Cole, Attleboro. Dues should be sent to

C. H. WHITCOMB, Secretary,  
 2 Highland Ave.,  
 Fitchburg, Mass.

*Rules of the Ex. Dept.*

Taken from Our Constitution and By-Laws.

(1) Sheets for adhesive stamps and cut envelopes can be had of the Superintendent at 4c. each and only these sheets will be accepted by him.

(2) The backs of the stamps must be entirely free from paper, must be attached to the sheets with paper hinges, and the price of each stamp marked in the proper space, in ink.

(3) The member removing a stamp from a sheet, must place his name plainly in the square from which the stamp is removed, fill out memorandum (which is furnished) of stamps so removed and mail such memorandum with remittance in full to the Superintendent at once, at the same time informing the Superintendent of forwarding books to next on circuit.

(4) All sheets returned from circuit after having had a good circulation will be returned at once to the owners, by the Superintendent, with cash settlements.

(5) Each member is allowed to keep sheets three days and a fine of 10c. per day will be imposed if sheets are kept over the allotted time.

(6) No sheet shall be put into circulation unless, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the value of such sheet be over two dollars and each member must prepay all expenses in forwarding exchanges.

R. P. ANGIER, Supt.

"The foregoing plan seems to me the simplest and best," Mr. Sterling says, of the A. P. A. Ex. Dept. "The sooner, to my mind, the Exchange Department can be run upon a cash system its success is assured, which can never be the case as an Exchange Department only."

## Fitchburg Philatelist

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

### SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

### ADVERTISING RATES:

¼ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.60	1 page	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance.

Address all communications to

**C. H. WHITCOMB,**

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as second class matter.

Vol. II. Nov. & Dec. No. 12.

### Editorial.

A Merry Christmas to all Philatelists in the land.

Are we in it? Why, certainly we are.

The Mound City Stamp Co., of St. Louis, Mo., held their first auction sale on the 13th of this month. It was very successful.

Read W. H. Bruce's ad. on another page. "They are after"—him.

The Buckeye Philatelist has appeared from Cleveland, O. It is small but there is something in it.

The first number of the Western Philatelic Empire will appear in January. It will consist of sixteen pages and cover and published by the Gate City Co., of Omaha, Neb. We wish you success.

If there is a dealer in this country that wants to place an advertisement, he can do no better than to send an inch ad. to us, which we will insert 3 months for a 70c. postal note.

The Philatelic Reporter is official organ of the Michigan Philatelic Society, a small but growing Society, instituted at Detroit, Mich.

In the death of Fred S. Goldsbury, of Barre, Vt., we lose one of the most efficient editors of Philatelic Journalism.

The Wamsutta Stamp News has appeared from North Attleborough, Mass. It contains a very little of interest to Stamp Collectors, except the advertisements. It will be devoted almost entirely to the benefit of dealers.

A month or so ago we read in the Eastern Philatelist that one Frank Clark, an approval sheet fraud, of New York city, had been hunted down by the secret service detectives, and would be forced to disgorge or go to jail. After reading the above we wrote to the postoffice authorities at New York city, as we had been swindled by this same party. Our letter was returned to us by W. D. Wheeler, postoffice inspector, with the information that the department had no knowledge of the arrest of a person named Frank Clark. No such person having been arrested by any person connected with that division. So according to above information there was no truth in the statement.

## All Ready

For the Fall Trade. Send and get the best Stamps in the universe on approval. Sheets contain common, scarce and rare stamps.

### Victor Paket No. 1.

Price, 25 cents. Contains 50 varieties of picked stamps. Every other packet contains a stamp worth 15 cents, and every 10th packet a set of stamps catalogued at 65 cents.

H. C. HERLITSCHKE,

82 Pleasant Street, Hartford, Conn.

## SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO. L'D

12 EAST 23RD ST., & 155 BROADWAY, N. Y.

(Successors to Scott & Co., of Broadway, & J. W. Scott & Co., of Fulton Street.)

Largest and best assorted stock of American and Foreign Postage Stamps and Coins.

Approval Sheets sent on receipt of reference. Packets of Stamps from 22c. to \$15.00. Postage Stamp Albums from 25c. to \$30.00.

Have you bought our New Postage Stamp Catalogue 51st Edition. If you have not, send us 25c. and you will get a 300 page book containing over 3000 illustrations, and you will find out the actual value of almost every stamp. After January 1st, 1891, the Catalogue will cost you 7c. extra for postage.

## CHEAP UNUSED SETS.

Danube, S. N. Co., 4 varieties, 15 cents.  
Denmark, official including, 32 O., 23 cents.  
Germany, 15 varieties, 22 cents.  
Heligoland, wrappers, complete, 5 cents.  
Honduras, first issue, complete, 10 cents.  
Switzerland, 9 varieties, 15 cents.  
Lists free. Cloth bound album, 1 cent.  
Choice sheets, 25 per cent. Agents wanted.

WILL R. WINCH,

1324 E. 9th St.,

Kansas City, Mo.

## FREE! FREE!

A Stamp worth 10c. to everyone sending for one of my Approval Sheets at 33 1/2 per cent commission.

### Packet X

Containing 50 varieties used and unused Stamps, including Gualior, Guadalupe (Cat. 15c.), Martinique (Cat. 10c.), Zululand, Sedang, Transvaal, U. S. obsolete and Departments, Etc., only 25c. Guaranteed genuine.

W. A. HAERTING,

1303 S. Eighth St.  
St. Louis, Mo.

### 26 SAMPLES FOR 10 CENTS.

MY DEARSIR: Are you willing to make a BIG SHINING silver Dollar easy? Well, we have an opening for you, where you can earn TWELVE to TWENTY every day. Now, what we want is for you to work one day in your town, and try your friends. In order to have you try, we will ship to your address, one GREAT line of handsomely-colored samples. ONLY COSTS TEN CENTS. Charges prepaid by us. Remember, that this offer is open, and we would like to hear from you. Do not delay this offer as we are GENUINE HUSTLERS and want to push out our stock. "The goods are very wonderful!" Everybody will jump at them! Send 10 cents in silver or postage stamps. Lady agents wanted.

GRANT "THE" PRINTER, 359 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

## Rare Bargains in Stamps.

A large packet of Old Canada and U. S. Stamps, \$1.00; to every Fifth Purchaser a 17c. New Brunswick free.

Set of War, 50c. Nova Scotia, cent, 1861, 10 cents. Set P. E. D., 50 cents. New Brunswick, 1861, 10 cents. P. E. D., cent, 1871, New Foundland, 10 cents; 1865, 10 cents. Halifax Currency Notes, 10 cents; 3 different 25 cents (1852). Canada Law Stamps, 25 cents per set; 3 for 50c. Ontario Law Stamps, 30 cents per set; 3 for 75 cents. Albums, 15c., 25c. and 75c. Scott's Catalogue, 25 cents.

THOS. PARDOE, JR.,

Ingersoll, Ont., Canada.

Box 688.

**N. B.** Stamps for sale at 40 per cent commission. Scott's prices.

S. L. FUTER,

513 N. 41st St., Philadelphia, Pa.

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*



# The Fitchburg Philatelist.

Official Organ of The Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

Vol. 3.

Fitchburg, Mass., January, 1891.

No. 1.

## What You Should Collect.



It is not the object of a Philatelist to collect everything in the shape of stamps; but only those which belong to the class in which he is most interested, whether United States, foreign, revenue or local, Must I include telegraph stamps? No! Above all things do not collect those belonging to this class!

When a Philatelist glances at the pages of a young collector, worthless stamps are on almost every page; some being counterfeit, some torn or soiled, some envelope stamps cut round, or the perforations cut off of the adhesive stamps. My young reader, it does not show that you have two varieties of the same stamp by cutting off the perforations on one of them; but it shows that you have ruined, perhaps rare stamp, and you ought to have your head "souzed" in a bucket of cold water for doing so.

On the pages of an album belonging to "The Youthful collector", can be seen very often a set of stamps with the letters "P. S. N. C." on them. These stamps belong to the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. and were used between Lima and Callao and Peruvian seaports on the Pacific, in 1851. They cannot be obtained for less than \$1000.00 for a genuine set of eight. Counterfeit sets can be bought for forty cents. How is it, that these stamps can be seen in the collection of "Ye Boy"?

A northern dealer made a lot of these forgeries and presented them to the philatelic public several years ago. These and specimens of like character, are invariably found in almost every collection.

Two years ago experienced collectors would not buy any of the outlandish looking Bhopal, Bhoore, Rajpeepie, Sirmore, Nowanuggur, and a host of others, until they found out something about them; for they might pay enormous prices, and find that they had been swindled by some enterprising dealer in counterfeits.

If you wish to guard against buying forgeries, you must study your specimens; do not buy a single stamp off of a sheet until you have examined it carefully.

Buy from reliable dealers only. Do not paste your specimens in your albums with common mneilage; but get prepared hinges, which are fully as cheap, and much better for the purpose. If you should have a blank book for an album, insert your stamps on one side of the paper only. When purchasing, if you should have a doubt as to the genuiness of a stamp, take the advice of some advanced collector, who will take pleasure in advising you.

If you carry out the above directions, you will have a collection to be proud of; and it will be a pleasure both to you and the advanced collector who may examine it, for philatelists enjoy looking at the collections of those younger than themselves, and aiding the uninstructed whenever they can.

## A New Version of the Popular Song.

### *THEY'RE AFTER ME!*

The Stamp Collectors' season's on, and to their books they turn,  
They con the pages one by one, but all too soon they learn  
That here a space and there a space looks very bad indeed,  
To fill the blanks they say they've found the very man they need.

#### CHORUS.

So they're after me, af—ter me,  
To buy of me is everyone's desire,  
They're after me, after me,  
I'm the kind of a dealer they require.

Of dealers many it is said there are but few can sell  
By scott, less thirty-three per cent, on scarce and rare as well.  
In United States on everything we give commissions high.  
Four hundred for one dollar two, that tells the reason why

#### CHORUS.

They're after me, etc., etc.

## W. H. BRUCE,

P. O. Box 283.

Hartford, Conn.

### WORLD WIDE PACKET.

Containing 25 Varieties from all  
Over the World,

AND LIST FOR ONLY 10c. IN STAMPS.

50 MIXED 2c.

We have All Sheets for fall trade, just  
received. Send for them. 33½ per  
cent commission.

Froeauff Bros. & Lothrop,

2237 Stout Street. Denver, Colo.

### Say, Do You Want

To Learn SHORTHAND? If so, send  
me 25c. for a Shorthand Primer, which  
will also admit you into The Shorthand  
Correspondence Circle as a member.  
You will then be furnished with Cards of  
Introduction to other members of the Circle  
with whom you can correspond in  
Shorthand. It is a most fascinating as  
well as beneficial study, and you can  
master it by the use of this system,  
which is the best in existence.

Address J. C. COLBY, Union  
Grove, Wisconsin.

(Papers insert this and above for like space.)

*Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.*



*The Massachusetts Philatelic Association,*

ORGANIZED MAY, 1890.

PRES; W. C. Stone, Springfield.  
 V. PRES; H. A. Adams, Worcester.  
 SEC'y; C. H. Whitcomb, Fitchburg.  
 TREAS; C. E. Shaw, Clinton.  
 EX. SUP; R. P. Angier, Boston.  
 LIB; G. E. Mellen, Lawrence.



OFFICIAL ORGAN,

*The Fitchburg Philatelist.***Constitution of the Massachusetts Philatelic Association.**

## ARTICLE I.

1. This organization shall be known as the Massachusetts Philatelic Association.

## ARTICLE 2.

## MEMBERSHIP.

1. Any stamp collector may become a member of this Association by applying to the Secretary, : The Application shall be signed by at least two members of the Association and shall be accompanied by the sum of fifty cents to be receipted on account of annual dues if the applicant is admitted and to be returned if admission be refused.

The Secretary shall cause the Name and Address of the Applicant and his references to be published in Official Journal and if no objection is received within one month from such publication, the applicant will be considered elected and entitled to receive the membership card of the Association.

3. Whenever charges against any member of the Association shall be addressed in writing to the Trustees they shall investigate the matter and may in their judgement suspend or expel such member.

## ARTICLE III.

## OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Exchange Supt. and librarian (The President Vice-President Secretary and Treasurer,) shall constitute Board of Trustees.

Sec. 2. All Officers provided for by the Constitution shall be elected by the Association.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 3. A general election for officers of this Association shall be held every year and they shall serve until their successors have qualified.

**Report of Exchange Department,  
From Oct. 1, to Jan. 1.**

Filled sheets received to the value of \$21.82  
 From R. P. ANGIER, \$7.09.  
 " H. A. ADAMS, 14.73.

No sheets have as yet been placed on circuits owing to the fact that but one application has been received.

Those who wish sheets sent them, please notify the Supt.

Respectfully,

R. P. ANGIER,  
 Supt.

**Librarian's Report.**

During the month of December I received papers as follows

From Mr. C. H. WHITCOMB.

Lib. No. 13 Fitchburg Philatelist Vol. 2 No. 12  
 From Mr. G. A. MELLEN.

Lib. No. 15 Curiosity Collector, Vol. 2 No. 8  
 " " 7 Essex County Philatelist, Vol No. 1  
 " " 29 C. P. S. Bulletin, Vol 1 No 2  
 " " 30 The Stamp, Vol. 3 No. 10  
 " " 31 Western Philatelist, Vol. 2 No 1  
 " " 32 Quaker City Phil, Vol 3 No 36  
 " " Virginia Philatelist, Vol 1 No 1

GEO. A. MELLEN, Librarian

340 HAVERHILL STREET,  
 LAWRENCE, MASS.

## Fitchburg Philatelist.

C. H. WHITCOMB,  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

### SUBSCRIPTION.

15 cents - - per year, post-paid.

Your subscription has expired if this notice is marked.

### ADVERTISING RATES:

¼ inch,	\$ .20	1 inch,	\$ .30
2 inches,	.50	½ column,	.90
1 column,	1.00	1 page	3.00

20 per cent. discount on standing advertisements.

Advertising matter must be in by the 1st of the month, to insure insertion in the next number.

TERMS—Cash in advance.

Address all communications to

**C. H. WHITCOMB,**

2 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Entered at Fitchburg Post Office as second class matter.

Vol. III. JANUARY. No. 1.

### Editorial.

Where is the Stamp Collectors Magazine which was to appear from Washington also the Western Philatelic Empire which was to appear from Omaha, Neb.

Every dealer in this country should try an inch ad in this paper. It will be inserted once for 30c. 2 times 50c. 3 times 70c.

The Scholars Monthly published at Lynn, Mass. contains articles on stamp collecting.

Well! Well! what on earth now is this paper. Oh we see now it is a new one The Stamp Collector. It is published by F. N. Massorth Jr. and Edited by P. M. Wolsifeer. Good luck to you.

In the Oct. number of this paper we inserted a half column ad. for some one giving their name as the Co-operative it Stamp Co. We were requested to run three months. After inserting it the first month we sent our bill but received no reply what ever and concluded that we were "in it" and at once stopped publishing the ad. We have sent one or two duns to their address 1120 Harrison St. and at last received from a gentleman a reply stating that he did not understand it at all and wanted to know if we had not got the wrong address. We at once looked their old letter up to see if we had made a mistake, everything was correct.

But Great Scott we did notice something that made our eyes open and that was this. The writing on the envelope sent to us by the Co-operative, Stamp Co. was the same as that on the Envelope sent by ——— well we wont say who just yet We are waiting an explanation from this gentleman of Topeka, Kansas.

The Editorial and Business Management of Quaker City, Philatelist has changed hands again. A prominent member of the A. P. A. Mr. Millard Walton has accepted that position.

Brother Watson's interesting paper the Post Card has been discontinued owing to his time being more occupied than usual

VOL 5. No. 1 of the American Philatelist, was received the 17 inst.

It consists of 16 pages and cover also an index to Vol- 4 (Oct. 1889 to September, 1890)

## "HALT HERE."

Now here goes to just show you what I mean. Indian Relics, fine Arrowheads from 5 to 10c.; extra fine ones deeply notched and very rare and nobby, only 10 and 15c.; fine Spear Heads, very rare, 10 to 20c.; Drills 10c., Sinkers 15c., Mound Pottery 5c., piece Soapstone Pottery 5c., Clay Pottery 2c. Hammer Stones 20 to 50c., Star Fish 10c., Turkey-Buzzard Egg, only 25c., Ball Bat Killour, Weiporwill, Crow, Wild Turkey, Click Hawk, Hoot Owl, Screech Owl, only 10c. each; Blue warbler, Mocking, Cat, Thrush, Blue Jay, twin lit Joe Ree, Sparrow, and just a number of other eggs all neatly blown with date exact, only 5c. each. All goods neatly packed in wooden boxes and post P. O. Address.

**J. F. BOWEN,**

ANTREVILLE, S. C. U. S. A.  
All papers with 1000 circulation copy (3) times and send bill.

### 10 Cents for 4 Cents!

Send TWO 2-cent stamps and receive a beautiful Calendar for 1891 worth 5c.; also an entire War Department worth 5c. Send quickly. My specialty is approval Sheets. Agents wanted—commission 10 to 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Reference or deposit required. Best Stamps, Lowest Prices.

HOWARD P. BOYLE,

1719 Q St., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
A. P. A., 985.  
C. P. S., 207.

### United States & Foreign Stamps.

A fine line of the early issues and Departments, also the commoner varieties in the U.S. and everything in Foreign Stamps on approval. Advanced collectors and new beginners will both find it to their advantage to see our sheets before buying elsewhere. Send us **one dollar** and we will send you **400 Varieties** of choice Postage Stamps and as a premium one stamp catalogued at 50 cents, free.

Your dollar will be returned if you are not perfectly satisfied.

W. H. BRUCE,

P. O. Box, 283. HARTFORD, CONN.

### 26 SAMPLES FOR 10 CENTS.

MY DEAR SIR: Are you willing to make a BIG SHINING Silver Dollar easy? well, we have an opening for you, where you can earn TWELVE to TWENTY every day. Now, what we want is for you to work one day in your town, and try your friends. In order to have you try, we will ship to your address, one GREAT line of handsomely-colored samples. ONLY COSTS TEN CENTS. Charges prepaid by us. Remember, that this offer is open, and we would like to hear from you. Do not delay this offer as we are GENUINE HUSTLERS and want to push out our stock. "The goods are very wonderful!" Everybody will jump at them! Send 10 cents in silver or postage stamps. Lady agents wanted.

GRANT "THE" PRINTER, 359 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

500 Varieties of Choice picked stamps

**\$1.00.**

MILLER & LANE,

VASSAR, MICH.

6 stamps Catalogued at \$2. only 50c.

### A Bouncer.

A large packet of Old Canada and United States stamps for only \$1.00. A 19c. New Brunswick free to every 5th purchaser. Send reference for my sheets on approval.

THOS. J. PARDOE, JR.,

(Dealer in Stamps).

Box 689, - - - Ingersoll, Ont.

### SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.'D

12 EAST 23RD ST., & 155 BROADWAY, N. Y.  
(Successors to Scott & Co., of Broadway, & J. W. Scott & Co., of Fulton Street.)

Largest and best assorted stock of American and Foreign Postage Stamps and Coins.

Approval Sheets sent on receipt of reference. Packets of Stamps from 22c. to \$15.00. Postage Stamp Albums from 25c. to \$30.00.

Have you bought our New Postage Stamp Catalogue 51st Edition. If you have not, send us 25c. and you will get a 300 page book containing over 3000 illustrations, and you will find out the actual value of almost every stamp. After January 1st, 1891, the Catalogue will cost you 7c. extra for postage.

Don't forget to mention this paper when answering advertisements.