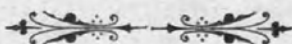


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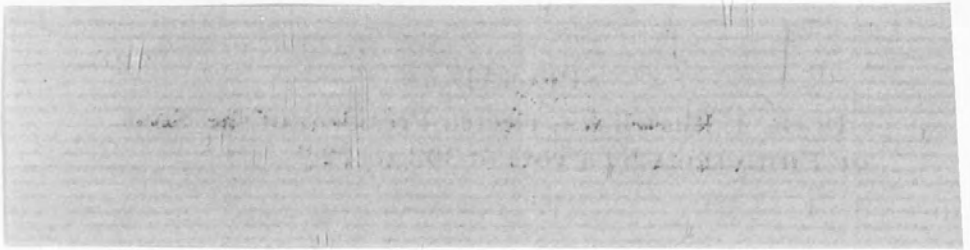
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SPECIAL.

Dr. R. J. Russell was elected President of the SONS OF PHILATELIA by a vote of 303 to 72 !!



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FOILED BY MOVING.

BY "LITTLE OUPHE."

**N**ow well I remember when I look back some six or seven years to that splendid farm near B—where my cousin resided, the rare chance that slipped me in Philately.

The country farm was my only summer resort where I would spend my pleasant three months school vacation. I remember well, on one rainy day, (a day when farmers take their leisure) my cousin was looking over some old musty smelling papers up in the garret, when my eyes first saw old United States Stamps. But, I was young then, and knew nothing about the value of such stamps as I that day gazed upon. Ever after that I seemed pleased when I heard the name of stamps mentioned.

That vacation passed pleasantly by, time soon came when school would call me back home again. During the winter I would carry my stamps to school

in my pocket to find traders there.

By the end of Christmas my collection had gained an enormous start, and Philatelic fever was waxing warm within. I was determined to reach five hundred by Spring, and sure enough when Spring came I boasted of FIVE HUNDRED.

What a fine collection I anticipated having with those that I had first seen in the country the preceding Summer! I could hardly wait for June as it was three months off. A letter came from the farm stating that my cousin expected to move to the city in a few weeks. Oh! my! how it hurt me, but, anyhow, I would get my stamps just the same for I intended visiting them in the city.

The three months dragged by like years, but when June came and vacation with it, I tell you I was glad. I got ready now for my summer's trip as usual, and landed at B—one night, I inquired for my 'cousins' residence

and was shown the house I made my way to the door. I was admitted with great joy, and as it was late we talked only a short while and then retired. Such a night I never before spent, the next morning I was up with the sun. After breakfast I took a stroll with my cousin. "Cousin," said I, after standing it as long as I could. "I would like to have those old musty stamps that we looked over last year at the farm." "Oh!" he replied, "I didn't know you wanted them things boy, I told Susan to burn the old trunk and all up to get rid of them." Well!! If a thunderbolt from heaven had of fallen there before me it could not have frightened me more.

So I left that beautiful city,  
 Never more there to roam;  
 I cared not a care, I tore not my hair,  
 But I took the next train for home.

### THE TROGON.

The beautiful bird which adorns nearly all of the latest issues of the Guatemala, C. A., Postage stamps, is the male "Trogon." These birds are found in the tropical parts of Asia and America, they have a great brilliancy of plumage the usual tint being a golden green, contrasted boldly with scarlet, black and brown.

The Resplendent Trogon of Mexico is the most gorgeous of all of them, its whole upper surface being of the richest metallic golden green, the breast and under parts of a bright crimson and the tail being covered by long, soft plumes of various colors.

These plumes were used by the ancient Mexican nobles as ornaments for their head-dress.

### STRANGE EXPERIENCE OF A LETTER.

A lady living in London wished to communicate with a friend in America, whose address she did not know. In order to obtain the needed information she wrote to another friend, who also lived in the New World. The letter was duly dispatched, but the ship which carried it was wrecked, and the mails went to the Ocean's bottom.

They were eventually recovered, however, and the letter in question, torn and discolored, found its way back to the sender. While subjecting it to a minute examination the lady was surprised to find part of another letter adhering to it, upon which epistle was the full address of the friend with whom she wished to correspond. In this strange way, her letter had brought to her the answer desired.—London Tit-Bits.



atelic Association (branch); and San Francisco Philatelic Club.

There are only two countries so far that have used the Grille; United States and Peru.

The Lynchburg Branch of the Sons of Philatelia is not properly conducted. It should be looked after in the near future.

Mekeel has only one contemporary with his weekly, and if he doesn't look sharp Bro. Miller will catch him.

A copy of the CANADIAN JOURNAL OF PHILATELY has been kindly sent us, and we are carried away with the beauty of its designs. We think it a credit to Canada and the stamp collecting community. Published by Henry Ades Fowler 29 Shannon St. Toronto, Canada.

The EASTERN PHILATELIST is one of the oldest Philatelic papers, it is now going on six years.

San Francisco has five Philatelic Societies: Sons of Philatelia (branch); Western Philatelic Union (branch); Philatelic Society of San Francisco; American Phil-

Up to the commencement of the reign of Edward I., all letters, even of the most private nature, were written in Latin.

The oldest known letter of private in English is one written to Sir John Pelham by his wife, in 1399.

The person who is fortunate enough to pick up a used Columbian postage stamp of the dollar values may consider himself as being richer by as many dollars as the face value of the stamps.

We note that a good many names in the Blue Book have no age given. What is the cause of this? Dont be afraid to give your age. We also note that many reply in the affirmative as to sample copies.

We find a great variety of colors in the present issue. The two cent envelope runs from a light maroon to a deep purple.

—G. H. H.

When answering ads. mention this paper.



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The past season has been the

greatest that Philately ever knew No dealer can say he has not been well pleased. Do you know the reason why fellow-philatelist? It is simply this. You have advertised more extensively, and thereby made yourself known. Dont stop. Keep it up. Send an insertion. Make yourself known.

♦

Ye editor had the good luck to strike some very odd Columbian Envelopes a few days ago. One, a two cent deep purple.



We notice that the ten cent chocolate stamp runs from a deep chocolate to black. We think the change is due to exposure.



Have you subscribed? The price is only 25c per year. We intend to spare no possible effort in making the STAMP WORLD the leading Philatelic Journal. Remember this is the only journal of the kind in the State.



We give no premiums with this journal. We think that if a paper of this size and class is not worth a quarter of a dollar without a premium, it is not worth any thing.



Brown's Catalogue of United States Postage Stamps and Envelopes has at last made its appearance. It is a handsome sixty page catalogue, well worth the price; 25c per copy. Brown Bros. 711 Main St., Lynchburg, Va.



I wish to exchange two copies of this Magazine with all publication. Address G. H. Hopkins Lynchburg, Va.



Blue seems to hold a high position in our Columbian series, three

values being in different shades of blue; the one, four and fifty cent, in respectfully Antwerp, ultramarine and carbon-blue.



If the cover is stamp "Sample Copy" it means that this number is sent you in hopes, that, after your careful inspection you will consider it worthy of your support and send in your subscription to it. 25c per year. Dont wait, subscribe to-day.



The growth of the Sons of Philatelia is beyond record. Just think how soon they reached the thousand mark.



Several hundred copies of this issue go to parties who are not subscribers. By sending twenty-five cents you will see us regularly every month.



Are you a member of the Sons of Philatelia? If not, why not? The dues are certainly within the reach of all. The Official Organ reports from 75 to 80 new members each month.



We regret very much our non-attendance at the Convention, there was the will, but the distance was exceedingly too far.

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About five years ago I was induced by a warm friend of mine, now residing in this city, to collect postage stamps. It was in the fall of 1888 that this happened. As my people were of that saving class, I found little trouble in securing several 'beauts' of United States stamps, but as I little knew the value of such stamps they were soon gotten out of me at a small sum, by the older collectors of this place.

The first philatelic paper that ever met my gaze was the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF AMERICA. I liked it so well, that I subscribed very soon. I received many papers after this and always kept pretty well posted, so that no one could cheat me.

My next purchase was one of Scott's Catalogues, this proved very valuable indeed, and no week passed without my stamps being catalogued.

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Barrett was arrested on three charges. First, defrauding the government of its revenues; second, using mails to defraud; third, conspiracy to defraud.

The case is one of great interest to the department, because of adroitness of the swindler and years of labor which the department has expended in their detection and capture.



THE SIX CENT COLUMBIAN.

The distinctive marks occasionally found on this stamp, are caused principally by improper grinding of the ink. One sheet may contain a mixture of perfect and imperfect stamps. These stamps may well be kept as rarities, or oddities, although they are of the same die as the general six cent stamp, as no imperfect sheets should be circulated.

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The Port de Mar stamps issued by Mexico were rarely ever cancelled, such specimens were those that, through mistake, fell under the cancellation stamp, while the general mail was being cancelled.



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## ROBBED THE MAIL.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., July 30th '93  
Roderick S. Burton was arrested here to-day under the charge of robbing the United States Mail. He was one of the oldest postal clerks in the State.

For several months complaint has been made here about missing letters. The Postmaster was notified of the trouble, and he proceeded to investigate. Inspector King, of Washington, was apprised of the trouble at once. The appearance of Inspectors Maxwell and Griggs soon followed and they proceeded to set their trap with the usual decoy letters, containing marked money. Their letters were received all O. K. until a few days before the arrest.

Burton being the clerk on that train, the inspectors soon spotted him as their man, and, with the postmaster of this place, they proceeded to Burton's home on Daniels Hill.

The clerk was alone, his family being on a visit. The object of the visit was explained, no objections were received to a search of the house.

A package of eleven letters, with the ends cut open, \$399 in currency, with \$4.00 of the marked money, were found in his possession. In the fire-place the decoy

letter and envelope were found intact, with the remnants of about twenty other letters.

He was immediately conveyed to jail, there in default of a \$2,500 bail he was locked up, to await the action of the grand jury, which meets in September.

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We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co.'s price list consisting of 64 pages and cover fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35000 copies have been printed and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500 the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo.

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## TO SHARPEYED COLLECTORS.

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How many times does the letters U. S. appear on the two cent (horseman) brown of 1869?

To the first one sending a correct answer to the above, together with 25 cents for a years subscription to this paper, will receive an inch ad. one insertion in this paper, free.

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# REVIEW.

◆  
The AMERICAN PHILATELIC MAGAZINE for July is a splendid issue. The publishers deserve great credit.

◆  
The LONG ISLAND PHILATELIST received, or rather Kissinger's 'mouth piece.' It contains nothing worthy of notice [election gas].

◆  
The GOLDEN STAR is on our table. It contains many spicy notes, and touching Mss. Would like to see you each month.

◆  
The July issue of the WASHINGTON PHILATELIST consists mainly of notes and short paragraphs.

◆  
The INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIST is now run separately with the CANADIAN JOURNAL OF PHILATELY by Henry Ades Fowler.

◆  
The WEEKLY PHILATELIST still lives and appears promptly on time each week.

◆  
The PHILATELIC ERA for July is considerably above the standard. We understand that it is hereafter to be published semi-monthly. We wish you success Bro. Jewett.

◆  
The COLLECTOR for August made an early appearance. It contains several good

Mss., and a long list of members and applicants to the Sons of Philatelia. It has not got the Election craze.

◆  
KISSINGER'S POSTAL CARD published by C. W. Kicker-issinger, for August is full of no-count Election trash.

◆  
The July number of the POST OFFICE is exceedingly good, it contains two or three splendid Mss. Henry Gremmel 85 Nassau St., N. Y.

◆  
The SOUTHERN PHILATELIST for July is up above the standard as usual.

◆  
The PENNSYLVANIA PHILATELIST for July contains a few notes, and the rest Election Matter.

◆  
FILATELIC FACTS AND FALLACIES is a very valuable paper from the Pacific Coast, published by W. Sellschopp & Co., San Francisco, Cal.

◆  
Bro. Pinkham's EASTERN PHILATELIST for August, displays the energy that we like to see. It is one of the most interesting Magazines on our list.

◆  
FOREIGN.

◆  
STANLEY GIBBONS MONTHLY JOURNAL for July is fully illustrated with cuts of the new premises of that firm.



## ALBINOS.

I have in my possession a wrapper, with only the plain embossing, or raised stamp. This specimen is a true albino, there being no ink on the stamp, whatever.

The only account we can give is, that there were two wrappers run in together. Any information as to the value of the said stamp, will be gladly received by the publisher of this journal.

♦

Among other collections, I have seen a great many errors of the Columbian series of envelopes such as a crescent-shape misprint on the one cent, a semi-misprint of the two, and also a whole misprint of the two cent.

♦

The error on the one cent Columbian has been pronounced by good authority, as bogus, but we have our doubts as to the truth of this, as we have several that under a strong glass brings the "R" up very plainly.

♦

We have also seen a very rare error of the two cent green (envelope) of the issue preceeding the Columbian, it being a semi-misprint. Half imbossed with no ink, while the other half has

both the embossing and the ink.

NO LIBRARY is complete without a copy of John K. Tiffany's excellent book, the "History of the Postage Stamps of the United States." It is a handsomely printed book of 280 pages. Paper cover, \$1.00. Bound in cloth, \$1.50 post-free.

## LYNCHBURG BRANCH S. of P.

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 17th. 1893.

10:25 A. M.

The first meeting of the Lynchburg branch of the Sons of Philatelia was called to order by Mr. Jno. B. McCaull, Chairman, pro tem at the office of Brown Bros., 711 Main St., with the following members present:

JOHN B. McCAULL,

WM. B. BROWN,

E. M. BROWN,

GORDON H. HOPKINS.

Mess. John B. McCaull and Gordon H. Hopkins were appointed as a committee of two to draught a Constitution for the Branch.

Owing to the small attendance of members, further business was suspended until the next meeting.

Meeting then adjourned. The next meeting to be held Monday August 21st. 1893.

Gordon H. Hopkins.

Sec'y., pro tem.

A BIOGRAPHY OF ONE OF LYNCHBURG'S MOST PROMINENT  
STAMP COLLECTORS.

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WILLIAM BYRON BROWN.

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Mr. Wm. B. Brown, S. of P. 868 first saw the light of day, March, 27th. 1875, in the beautiful village of Parson City, Kansas.

After having lived in the 'Sun-Flower' state for five years, his parents then moved to Huntington, W. Va., where for two years they run one of the principle stores of that city.

They then concluded to return to their native state, and only a short distance of fifty miles from the birth-place of the subject of this sketch, at Fort Scott. After a stay of five years in Fort Scott, Kansas, they next selected as their choice the great western state of Missouri residing at Kansas City for five years, where they first embarked in their present occupation as first-class printers. Continuing their roving life they next visited the White City (Chicago) and after a short stay of one year they then settled down at their present locality in the city of Lynchburg where they now run one of the principle Printeries in the city.

Mr. Wm. B. Brown came to

this city in the year of 1891. He at once became a stamp enthusiast, and soon took a prominent position in that circle.

His collection of United States Stamp is now nearing completion, while his stock of the principle Isles of the Pacific is splendid.

Mr. Brown is now in his 19th. year, and, although having been deprived of an education, he now ranks as one of LYNCHBURG'S MOST PROMINENT COLLECTORS.

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LYNCHBURG COLLECTORS.

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The Lynchburg Branch of the Sons of Philatelia is now in first class condition. All of its departments are in good order, and are well conducted.

The regular meetings are held every Monday evening, in the office of Brown Bros., 711 Main Street.

All Lynchburg collectors are cordially invited to join us.

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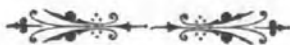
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During the absence of this committee, a brief address from the president was read; also report of the Committee on Rules, and reports of the secretary, treasurer, librarian and attorney. After which the Committee on Credentials reported 31 members present in person.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported favoring Mr. W. Kelsey Hall for permanent chairman. Mr. Hall was not present, and half dozen or more members were nominated, but declined. Finally, Mr. Frank Brown, of Omaha, Neb., was elected and escorted to the chair. Mr. Withrow was appointed assistant secretary.

The Report of Committee on Rules was taken up and adopted.

Roll-call was suspended for the present, and an adjournment taken to 1:30 P. M.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 P. M. The Finance Committee reported favorable on the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Attorney, and on motion their report was adopted.

The reading of the minutes of last year's convention was next in order, and provoked much discussion. It was finally resolved to omit the reading of the minutes and adopt them as printed in the official journal. A roll call was taken on the question, resulting as follows:

Aye 324; No 104.

The Trustees, represented by Mr. Peugnet, then reported the result of the election of officers. 428 ballots were cast, of which number 43 were thrown out for cause. Dr. Russell received 303 votes for President, and Mr. C. W. Kissinger received but 72.

The Russell ticket through received about the same vote and was declared by the chair to be elected.

A communication was read from Mr. W. W. Jewett, protesting against alleged illegality in the election. Mr. L. W. Mott also made a protest.



A call of the roll was taken in order to ascertain whether a quorum was present, 380 members were found to be present and the chair declared the convention in working order.

On motion the convention went into Committee of the whole to consider the constitution. It was resolved that the President elect be instructed to appoint the Trustees elect as a Committee to revise the constitution and submit such revision to a mail vote of the Society. The report was presented to the convention and adopted.

The question of next year's convention came up next. Several cities were named, and a call of the roll showed Niagara Falls in the lead, with 215 votes; New York being a close second, with 192 votes. It was decided to hold the convention in August, 1894, the date to be announced by the President.

A motion was made that the convention adjourn. Mr. Mott tried to introduce some new business, and it was necessary to have a roll call on the question of adjournment, which was carried by a vote of 211 to 90.

This convention will long be remembered by those participating in it. All sections were represen-

ted, and much pleasure evinced in the meeting between members whose previous acquaintance had been by correspondence only.

Among those who took a prominent part in the proceedings were Secretary Miller, Treasurer Messer, Trustee Peugnet, Chairman Brown, Temporary Chairman, Carter and Roy F. Greene, Messrs. Wm. L. Richards, E. R. Aldrich, J. D. Rice, L. W. Mott, C. W. Kissinger, M. A. Swanbeck, F. S. Fox, L. M. Lang, M. Steffed, H. A. Fowler, W. Kelsey Hall, R. W. Ashcroft, W. H. Barnes and L. G. Quackenbush.

#### A REMARKABLE OLD POSTAGE STAMP

Rev. Dr. McLeod of Frederickton, N. B., has in his possession an old New Brunswick 5c. postage stamp for which he has been offered \$100. It belongs to the issue of this province, made some time before the confederation, when the late Mr. Connell was post master general and upon which Mr. Connell has his own face stamped. This raised such a storm of adverse opinion that Mr. Connell was forced to resign his office, and the issue of those stamps were recalled and destroyed by the Government. Mr. Connell was succeeded in his office by Judge Steadman.



**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

BY THE EDITOR.

Mr. L. M. Stæbler of London, Ontario, Canada, announces the publication of a Philatelic Hand Book, No. 5, will contain the illustrations and prices of the Postage Stamps of the United States. This may prove a valuable addition to the collecting community at large. Price only 50c.

Mr. Kissinger's defeat did not cause as many resignations in the S. of P. as was expected, there being but seven reported in the Official Organ for September.

Lynchburg has about fifteen collectors, and can boast of one of the finest collections in the South.

The PHILATETIC CALIFORNIAN is to appear shortly from the "Golden State" under the auspices of H. H. Zoble, this being the only rival of the Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.

Mr. E. T. Parker of Bethlehem, Pa., has opened a Branch Office at 925 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., where he will have in stock a large assortment of used and unused postage stamps.

Just before going to press it sneaks that amiable paper known as the "Southern Philatelist" with the nerve and brass of an Ourang Outang in trying to run to earth the STAMP WORLD. We do not understand its object in this undertaking, as we have come forward as friends, NOT as foes. But if Mr. Luhn wishes to begin a series of hostilities, we are ready and will meet him half way.

**U. S. POSTAL SERVICE.**

One of the most conspicuous examples of the growth of our Republic is presented by the postal service. Dr. Franklin had been Colonel Postmaster General and he was appointed to the same office for one year by the Continental Congress in the summer of 1775. He held the position a little more than a year, and at the end of his official term there were about 50 post-offices in the United States. All the accounts of the General Post-Office Department during that period were contained in a small book consisting of about two quires of foolscap paper, which is preserved in the Department at Washington City. Through all the gloomy years of the weak Con-

federacy, the business of the Department was comparatively light; and when the national government began its career in 1789 there were only about 75 post-offices, with an aggregate length of post-roads of about 1,900 miles. The annual income was \$28,000 and the annual expenditures were \$32,000. The mails were carried by postmen on horseback and sometimes on foot. Now, the number of post-offices are over 35,000; the aggregate length of post-routes are 21,381,000 miles, and the annual revenue \$65,000,000, and the annual expenditures forty million.

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### THE PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA.

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This new Society was organized at Chicago August 19 1893, during the S. of P. Convention, with the following officers:—

President, C. W. Kissinger Vice Pres., Will M. Randall, Secretary R. W. Ashcroft, Treasurer L. W. Mott, Inter. Secretary, F. S. Fox, Exchange Sup't., Roy F. Greene, Auction Manager, C. E. Babcock, Purchasing Agent, C. F. Metcalf, Librarian, L. G. Quackenbush, Attorney John R. Keech, Counterfeit Detector, L. T. Brodstone, Trustees: C. E. Severn, Chris.

Peterson and J. P. Glass, Official Organ, Penn. Philatelist.

Mr. Kissinger was elected president, simply on account of the ungentlemanly manner in which he was treated at both S. of P. Conventions, and because he is fully capable of holding the office.

He is not the OWNER of the Society by any means. The P. S. of A., was organized primarily for the benefit of the younger class of Collectors, there being no society of that nature in the United States.

Among the Charter Members are the following prominent gentlemen:

P. M. Wolsieffer, C. E. Severn, J. P. Glass, Frank Brown (Editor American Philatelic Magazine.) E. R. Aldrich and many others who place a credit to the Society.

The United Philatelic Association was consolidated with the P. S. of A.

There are no restrictions upon the officers; only it has been deemed advisable to put a limit of eighteen years of age on all officers. All young collectors are cordially invited to join. Dues only 25 cents per year. Applications furnished by the Secretary at any time.

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**EDITORIAL.**

Why do our collectors of shades not rave more over the stamps of our own Government?

The delay of the 'Collector' for September caused many to fear the doom of the S. of P.

We hope to furnish our readers with a Chronicle of New Issues before long, and trust it may prove a valuable addition.

Mr. Alvah Davison has again assumed the position as editor of the 'Post Office.' We wish him great success in the future as in the past.

An experienced philatelist of this city pronounces the stamps of Hankow, China, chronicled in the September number of the 'Philatelic Era,' as a bogus issue! If this be true, beware of such!!

The change in the 54th. edition of Scott's catalogue will be a great benefit to the Philatelic community. We would like to see his prices on the wrappers of our Government.

Our readers will notice the change in our issue; from the 1st. to the 15th. All ads. must be in our hands not later than the 5th. of each month.

Every catalogue is more or less unreliable pricing some stamps

too high and others too low. Collectors should study values more carefully, and they would not be as likely to be misled.

Our Subscription price at the present is only 25c. per year. After the 1st. of January we propose to make a change, as our paper will then contain from 20 to 30 pages each issue. Better subscribe now, we guarantee twelve numbers.

The winter season is drawing near, and those who wish their trade a hearty success; should not fail to represent it by the use of printers ink. Why not place your ad. in our hands? We feel confident of pleasing you.

Now that the howling wind and biting frost is fast approaching, the collector begins to think of the fires bright blaze; pondering over his, now, flourishing display of stamps. To secure the best of patronage, you must make your self known by the use of printers ink. Try an inch.

Thanks to the SOUTHERN PHILATELIST for the comment in the September number. Yes, Virginia is a Southern State; agreeable to latitude and other memorable statistics relating to history; and we shall be pleased to flourish our pen in the 'Old Dominion.'

To say nothing of that apparatus who sent that woolly monkey Southward? We bet its a populist monkey.

NOTICE! — This magazine will fill the unexpired term of the subscribers of THE TIMES.

Bogert & Durbin Co., of Philadelphia, have lately purchased the plate from which the Providence Stamps were printed, the same being owned by Lycurgus Sayles of Providence, Rhode Island. Beware of reprints, as they will be plentiful hereafter.

Lewis Bishop of Denver, Colorado, is at last discovered as the fraud well known by many, under various names: First as A. B. Quigley of the Frankford Stamp Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., Second as Albert Burmeister, of Newark, N. J., Third as Jno. J. Morgan, of Camden, N. J., Fourth as the Pittsburgh Stamp Co., of Pittsburg, Pa., Fifth and the last as Lewis Bishop of Denver, Colorado, publisher of the Philatelist where he no doubt secured a good sum of money as well as stamps in general. We hope he will soon be dealt with by the proper authorities, as we learn that the Pinkerton force of Detectives are on his track.

## FILATELIG FACTS.

BY CANADIAN.

Canada for the first time since 1864 issued an adhesive stamp with the profile of Queen Victoria facing to the left in an oval, this being the 8 cent denomination, color; slate-gray. This stamp may be used for the payment either of the registration fee and postage; or of postage alone. The 5 cent registration stamp will be withdrawn when the present supply is exhausted.

Canada is very likely to have a new set of stamps next year — 1894.

A number of reprints of the Canadian 5 and 10 cent envelopes are being circulated now, we were shown a specimen a few days ago, (says Mr. Ketcheson in the Dominion Philatelist,) that was purchased as genuine by a collector at a recent auction sale. Collectors should be on the look out for them. The reprints are all on WOVE paper, while the genuine are on diagonally LAID paper watermarked Ca., P. O. D., in two lines.

I remember seeing, some time ago, an article discussing the value of albinos, mistrikes, etc. The writer undoubtedly knew

nothing of the same, nor probably never seen one; as he pronounced them entirely worthless in the hands of a collector.

They are just as truly errors as any other stamp which is put in circulation. A failure to print a stamp is just as much an error as printing it in a wrong color, and such should have a place in Philately that can rarely be filled, as some of them bring a pretty price.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co.'s price list consisting of 64 pages and cover fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35000 copies have been printed and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500 the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo.

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## RANDOM NOTES.

BY COREA.

The British Postal Guide first made its appearance in London 1856.

A Money Order system was established in 1870 between England and France.

The Newspaper stamp for posting papers was established in 1870.

A uniform 3cent letter postage rate was fixed by the United States in 1863.

In 1861 a penny post was established in London as a private enterprise by Robert Murray an upholster.

Benjamin Franklin was appointed first deputy postmaster general in 1753 for the American colonies, he kept this office until 1774 when he was dismissed from the office on account of his strong sympathy for the colonial agitation against English taxation.

Benjamin Franklin died in 1790.

Mail coach routes were established by Franklin in 1760 from Philadelphia to Boston connecting with all the leading towns en route.



## REVIEW.

### The Dominion Philatelist

for September consists mainly of the reports of officers in the Canadian Philatelic Association at its sixth Annual Convention.

### The Collector

for September put in a somewhat late appearance. The main article given under the heading of "Stamp Dealing" is very good advice to the younger class of collectors.

### The Quaker City Philatelist

contains very little reading matter this month, though a full account of the A. P. A. Convention is given.

### The Weekly Philatelist

appears promptly to hand, and seems to be on the general increase.

### The Post Office

for August gives us the good news that Mr. Alvah Davison will again take charge of the Editorial. We welcome him back to his old position.

### The Philatelic Era

for September was the first

to give us the news of the fraud "Bishop." Mr. Jewett will issue his paper semi-monthly in the future.

### The Stamp.

The September number of the 'Stamp' seems to tell us that it is gradually on the decline, and is fast approaching the "Happy Hunting Grounds."

### The Eagle Philatelist

has changed its dress this month, (August) and is far superior to many in its reading matter; its notes are splendid.

### The Southern Philatelist

received. It seems to be a little alarmed at the appearance of a Southern contemporary (Stamp World.) Its reading matter is, however, above the average.

### The Pennsylvania Philatelist

for September contains some splendid reading matter, together with a full account of the S. of P. Convention and the new Society.—P. S. of A.

## NOTES ON U. S. STAMPS.

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BY VIM  
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The common variety of 1851, 1 cent IMPERFORATED has outside lines to BOTH labels. The other variety has no outside lines to either label and is supposed to have been issued in 1857 but through an error was not perforated.

Try always to get the U. S. and Confederate Locals on the original cover as they are valuable.

In looking up the catalogue history of the three cent pink U. S. of 1861, I find in the forty-fifth edition of Scott's Catalogue, the three cent pink priced at one cent, but as no rose specimen is mentioned, it is evident that the pink stamp was intended for the commoner variety, the rose. In later editions I find the stamp priced as follows:—

47th edition 10c; 48th 10c; 49th 10; 50th 50; 51st 25; 52nd 25; 53rd \$2.

While looking over a lot of the 1870 grilled issue. I found about four showing a very heavy grill, this being very seldom the case, as it is well known that nearly all the values show a very poor

grill. With the exception of the seven cent values, which are so well embossed that it appears on the face of the stamps.

If you have any stamps of this issue, put them into a pan of water and soak the paper off the back, then take them out and place them between two blotters to dry. When dry look them over, you cannot look too closely as many of the specimens show only a few dots for the grill, this being especially noticeable on the higher values.

Our Government first introduced the GRILLE in 1867. On the whole it was not considered a success, and in 1872 it was retired from use. In the year 1883, the Peruvian Government next introduced our method, it proved to be a total failure; as we may notice by the non-appearance of the same in the later issues.

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A very large and well gotten up Catalogue of the Auction Sale of Mr. Martindale of Philadelphia, Pa., has appeared. The sale we understand is in the hands of Mr. Thos. Birch of that city, and will take place October 24th and 25th 1893.

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He first began to collect stamps in the month of July 1892, having not yet been subjected to the influence of specialty fever, he now has about eight hundred varieties including some very rare United States adhesives and envelopes.

Mr. Bunce joined the Sons of Philatelia in September 1892, and has since been elected President of the Lynchburg Branch Number 15 of the above named Society.

Mr. Bunce made a rare find a few days ago. While looking over a lot of old papers he found — — — well we promised not to mention it, suffice it to say it added greatly to his ever-increasing collection of U. S. and Foreign Postage Stamps.

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the true value of his collection and does not hesitate to invest his money in beautifying and increasing it, knowing, as he does, that should reverses come he has in his possession valuable goods that can readily be converted into money.

Boys, don't give up the stamps.

Study them as you would your lessons and persuade your unconverted friends to join our ranks, where they will be accorded a hearty welcome and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped to teach them something.

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## PRACTICAL PHILATELIC POINTS.

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BY G. H. H.

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1. What are the benefits derived from PHILATELY or Stamp Collecting?

One Practical Point and Benefit, which we rarely see discussed is the process of allowing scientific use of the mind full play. For Philately, you know, is a Science mastered by few, but sought for by many.

Then too, we may include history, geography and mathematics. Often we see stamps bearing the portraits of kings; often presidents and queens. It requires history as a reference to distinguish one from another. As to geography, we may learn a vast amount of knowledge. We often see a peculiar stamp that we fail to recognize at a glance the country to which it belongs,

then by careful examination in geographical facts it becomes familiar at once. The various values of Foreign stamps afford a splendid field to the mathematician.

2. How may a disinterested party become an ardent Philatelist?

This question is often asked me by the many such of this city. The answer is always the same, and in the same cheerful voice. Any disinterested party may become an ardent philatelist by simply accumulating the many stamps of the various governments, which can be secured occasionally from the many sources at a small sum. Then too, we may join the ranks of some flourishing Society.



3. What are the general benefits derived from Philatelic Societies?

This Practical Point is a very prominent one among Collectors, as there is a general inclination towards this portion of philately. It may be answered in a few words, but with forcible meanings. We have the use of its Official Journal or Organ, which gives us the proceedings of the Organization. Its Exchange Departments are used by all philatelist with enormous success. By its use we may buy, sell and exchange our stamps. Then too, we are brought into mutual friendship with brother philatelists, which in all probabilities we would otherwise have been destitute. Among other benefits we may mention the Auction and Literary Department; which affords respectively a mode of business and of learning. These are just a few of the main aids which a Society affords.

4. How may a philatelist dispose of his collection?

I am frequently asked this question and the answer is generally satisfactory. Although these precious bits of paper seem invaluable to the disinterested party, they are highly valued by its owner. Old collections are bought by every dealer throughout this continent. Another and a more profitable way to dispose of your collection is through the circulation of 'Approval Sheets,' or better still to members of Societies it is an easy matter to rid yourself of your stamp collection through that worthy Department, — the Exchange.

So by the four points explained above we see that PHILATELY is amusing, interesting, instructive and beneficial to say nothing of the 'shekels' that may be reaped from this splendid field of — Philately.

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### Concerning John R. Hooper.

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John R. Hooper of Ottawa, Ont., President of the Philatelic Society of Canada was arrested on suspicion of wife-murder, and now awaits trial at Terrebonne, P. Q.

The Canadian press devotes considerable space to this sensation and Hooper now has a wide spread reputation.

Mr. Hooper has employed four of the most competent lawyers of

Canada, to defend him. These four are recognized to be the cleverest barristers in Canada.

LATER.

The following is clipped from *Weekly Stamp News* :

A Port Hope newspaper of October 21st. contained the following report of Prof. Ellis in the inquest upon the body of Mrs. J. R. Hooper :

Sir: I beg to report that I have finished the examination of the stomach and viscera of the deceased, Mrs. Hooper, which you placed in my hands for that purpose. I found no poison nor anything which throws any light on the cause of death.

(Signed) W. H. ELLIS.

The jury failed to find any real evidence against J. R. Hooper. The following editorial appeared in the *Morning Chronicle* of Quebec, Tuesday, October, 24th:

Can the authorities continue to hold Hooper? So far nothing has been found to connect him with the murder of his wife. There is even the absence of suspicious circumstances, if we must depend on the evidence ad-

duced at the Coroner's inquest for our facts, and the verdict of the jury does not charge the husband with complicity. It simply records the fact that the woman lost her life through suspicious circumstance, the causes of which, however, are unknown to the jury. Hooper may have led an adventurous and shady life, but the treatment to which he has been subjected by the detectives and the newspaper reporters, is simply villainous. The man was spied upon, tracked, followed everywhere, abused in the press, openly charged with the murder of his wife, and finally arrested, and yet not a tittle of evidence has been found against him. Surely such treatment is unfair and unmanly. It is said that the cost of all this will amount to some \$20,000. The Province ought not to have to pay this bill. But why is Hooper still in jail? The authorities ought to find out the true inwardness of this case and act promptly and decisively. If the man is innocent he should be liberated.

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## PERFECT SPECIMENS.

BY COSMOPOLITE.

A collector should never purchase a stamp which is a poor specimen, unless it is one he has little or no chance of getting again, if he does not take the one before him, but he should never take it even under these circumstances if it is badly damaged. A stamp worth ten cents in a good condition, is not worth one with a corner torn off, or if it is heavily creased, or dirty. To come to the point in a few words, is to say a damaged stamp is worth very little more than no stamp at all; unless it is a very rare one, but in this case, it is not worth anything like its catalogue value.

When a collector wishes to dispose of his collection, he can get more for it if it is composed of good specimens, although they may be small in number, and not very rare; than if it were larger, contained better stamps, but these in bad condition. To be a perfect specimen, a stamp must be clean, well centered, the perforations must not be cut off, and it must be lightly canceled. When I see a collection neatly mounted, and composed of nice clean stamps, I feel as if I were looking over the collection of a

Philatelist, not a dirty, finger-marked, scrap-book of a school boy who pasted the stamps in his book, after coming from the playground, before washing his hands.

Now, as it has become absolutely necessary for every collector to specialize, it is all the more necessary to have good specimens in our collections, as there is no excuse for any imperfect ones when we only collect the stamps of a few countries. When buying torn, soiled or faded stamps you should remember, that it is folly to expect to realize anything for them, when you wish to sell; as all the advanced collectors are seeking perfect specimens for their collections. Fifteen or twenty years ago, little or no attention was paid to the condition of a stamp, it was only necessary that it represent one; but now, Philatelists are looking for quality not quantity, and I feel safe in saying, every collector who tries to profit by the advice contained in this article, although it may be poorly written, will never regret it; and will bless the day, he became a specialist, and resolved to collect perfect specimens only.

## EDITORIAL.

In order that we may justly celebrate our Christmas and Holiday month, we will greet our readers next issue with a bright and newsy enlargement.

Don't fail to place an adv. in next Number. It will pay. Our circulation will be greatly increased on this occasion. (See ad. on another page.)

According to current reports Henry Ades Fowler will suspend the publication of the *Philatelic Journal of Canada* until Jan. 15, 1894.

He announces this issue to contain about *two hundred* pages of the choicest, instructive and most entertaining reading matter. This number will contain "The Adhesive Postage Stamps of the United States of America," accompanied by two or more plates of the stamps in the original color "A Memoir on the Postal Issue of Great Britain," by Isaac Bryant, and also an article on the stamps of "Ceylon" by a resident author. In addition to the above a "Chronicle of New Issues" by W. C. Stone. It will also contain cabinet size

photos. of the two philatelic poets, Roy F. Greene and Guy W. Green and many others, with these it will be something grand.

Will we have a new set of stamps for 1894? Is the question often debated upon by philatelist of this city. The answer is generally that we will, and that the design will represent the victory of the Democratic Government.

Through a very careless mistake in our last issue, Mr. Jno. B. McCaull's ad. on 3rd. page of cover should have been 1011 "N" Capitol St., instead of 1011 "W" Capitol St. Parties holding copy of same will please take notice.

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Some writers and publishers are greatly in favor of a Press Association and are advocating it freely. We are strongly opposed to such an Organization as we fail to see its benefits.

Albrecht & Co., have announced their 16th auction sale, which is to take place Nov. 22nd. This

sale is the property of a well known western collector.

Mr. Frank Brown, Editor of *The American Philatelic Magazine* has taken as a partner Mr. Frank S. Parmelee of the Frank S. Parmelee Gun Co., of Omaha, Neb. This new firm will be known as Parmelee & Brown, they will continue to published the *A. P. M.* In addition to the publication they will handle an excellent line of stamps and other philatelic goods, so we are told. We wish them an unbounded success.

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## RANDOM NOTES.

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From what we can learn of the latest news, we are still to have the same old 2 cent carmine back again in '94, and instead of having the 90 cent value there will be a 50 cent stamp and a few of the dollar varieties as follows: \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00.

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Mr. T. O. Cunningham of Kansas City, Kan., has in his possession a finely used albino of the 2 cent Columbian envelope. While the embossing is perfect, it was otherwise perfectly white! It

bore the postmark of Parsons, Kan., and passed through the mails safely without any additional postage.

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The *Emu*, the bird which adorns the 1888 issue of New South Wales stamps is a native of that country, and because of its similarity to the Ostrich; it has given rise to mislead some collectors, as many think it the Ostrich.

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Many of the wealthy foreign visitors are taking home with them sets of the Columbian postage stamps. A German tourist bought \$180 worth of stamps the other day. He placed them on envelopes and asked to have them canceled with the Chicago postmark. "I should like to see them canceled," said he, "so that I will know it is all right." He was admitted to the working-room and gave his letters to a clerk, who simply pushed them into one of the canceling machines. They all came out in the wink of an eye, each properly stamped. The German could not understand it.

The 15th auction sale of R. F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau St., New York was held Thursday and Friday, November 2nd and 3rd. This sale was the property of Mr. E. B. Jones of Ruthven, Iowa.

Mexico is now preparing a new set of postage stamps which are to supersede the present issue. The designs being as follows: Cuatemoc, Chapultepec, rural, pyramids, stages, lakes, volcano, locomotive, steam engine, seal. The color is not yet known.

We learn that Mr. C. W. Kissinger will publish a weekly Philatelic paper about January 1 '94, we wish him much success. A weekly paper in the hands of such an energetic young man is sure to succeed.

The next best collection of coins on exhibition at the "World's Fair" was owned by a Russian whose name we failed to learn. This unknown gentleman had on exhibition coins from the size of a dime to that of a saucer; and weighing from two pennyweights to four pounds.

## CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES.

[We shall be pleased to receive any information on the above subject, from any of our readers. The same will be duly credited, by giving the name of the same.—Ed.]

### ADHESIVES.

*Argentine*.—It is reported that the colors of the current 10 and 12c stamp have been changed to

violet and light brown, respectively.

*Brazil*.—The 50r value of the



newspaper has lately appeared, also 500r of current issue in olive and olive-buff—

50r green, perf. 11.

500r olive and olive buff.

*Costa Rica.*—The 1c of 1892 Revenues has been used as postage.

1c carmine, black surcharge.

*Dutch Indies.*—The 10c. with the portrait of the queen has been put in circulation.

10c brown.

*Ecuador.*—The 2 and 20c Telegraph stamp has been used postally.

*Egypt.*—The 3m and 2p of old design have appeared.

3 millièmes, orange-yellow.

2 piasters, red-brown.

*France.*—The 5, 10, 15 and 30c Unpaid Letter Stamp are out in new colors.

5c light blue, 15c light brown, 10c light green, 30c carmine.

*Guatemala.*—A 2 centavos stamp has been cut in half diagonally and serves as the 1c.

*Honduras.*—The following set bearing the portrait of some king or probably a President has appeared. 1 centavos, green; 2 centavos vermilion; 5c blue; 10c buff; 20c red-brown; 25c dark blue; 30c orange; 40c black; 50c

bistre; 75c purple; 1 peso, maroon.

*India.*—The present 8 anna stamp is printed in rose.

8 anna, rose, perf., wmk. star.

*Mexico.*—A new set will appear soon comprising various picture-que scenes.

*Montenegro.*—The current set has been surcharged, to celebrate the four-hundredth anniversary of the manufacture of the Printing Press in that country.

*Paraguay.*—The error in the 1 centavos has been corrected.

1 centavos, gray.

*Salvador.*—Only the high values have as yet appeared of the Columbian series. They are 26 x33mm., with Perforations 12.

2 pesos, green.

5 pesos, mauve.

10 pesos, orange.

*South African Republic.*—A new Provisional is announced to appear soon.

*Tahiti.*—The following of the 1881 colonial stamps have appeared with the name of the colony surcharged diagonally in black.

5 centimes, green. 25c black on 10 " violet. rose.

15 " blue. 75c rosecarmine.

20 " red on green. 1 f. bistre.

## REVIEW.

*Collector*

for October is on our table. The applicants for admittance to the S. of P. has slackened up wonderfully. Something must have struck the "HUSTLERS" suddenly!

*Philatelic Tribune*

We are in receipt of a copy of the above named journal dated Oct. 20th. It contains a short series of "Snap Shots of the Worlds Fair" by the Editor. It also contains a few "Philatelic Penclings" on the whole it is a very readable paper.

*Quaker City Philatelist*

has reached us for October with five pages of literature and *ten well filled* pages of advertisements, of which the editor, Mr Walton seems to retain the majority, although the reading is very interesting.

*Philatelic Era*

The intermediate number of the Philatelic Era for October contains 16 well filled pages and cover. Notes and Queries by Chas. E. Jenney together with the Reveiw Critique of Philatelic Literature

constitute some valuable information.

*Dominion Philatelist*

is in for October and is up to the standard as usual, it gives a full description of the deceased, Thomas K. Tapping's collection, lately bequeathed to the British Museum; how they are arranged in the cases, etc., also a fine Chronicle department conducted by William C. Stone, also other first-class news.

*International Philatelist*

Volume 1., No. 1., of the International Philatelist, second series dated Sep. 22, has appeared under the guidance of Henry Ades Fowler, Toronto, Ont. Can., it contains a very amusing article from the pen of Walter A. Withrow, entitled "Diamond cut Diamond."

*Southern Philatelist*

for October seems to take the place of our lost friend the "Philatelic Fraud Reporter," however its reading matter, with this exception, is very good.

*Stamp*

has a very amusing article

by Knickerbocker Phil. entitled "A Philatelic Possibility" and is respectfully dedicated to all authors of "Fairy Tales." This paper has greatly resuscitated under its new management and is coming once more to the front.

*American Philatelic Magazine* is one of the most interesting of our exchanges, with the October number Volume I. closes, they promise to spare no efforts to present a clean readable journal in the future.

Mr. Brown the editor has formed a partnership with Frank S. Parmelee to assist him in publishing the *Magazine*, and with the support of both we hope to see it ever flourish.

#### *Philatelic Californian*

The second issue is out with a handsome half-tone engraving of the Hong Kong errors, also "Some Remarks on Fraudulent Varieties" by H. H. Zobel. "Possibilities or Hawaiian Probabilities" by Dr. W. G. Sylvester is a splendid piece and should be read by all who received a copy. This magazine is well worth its price.

#### *Philatelic Era*

has just reached us for Nov. 1 and chronicles 13 new issues, this paper is always on time and full of news. It reports that the jury on the case of John R. Hooper could find no evidence of guilt, also a report of the two witnesses; Robert Webb the druggist, and Miss Alice Stapley who was said to have been engaged to him.

The recent discovery of a philatelic crank in the far west who is collecting revenue stamps upon the original documents, give rise to the pertinent query "Where are we at?" Will beer stamps on the original barrels be the next departure of some of our philatelic monomanics? 'Twould at least add materially to the value (?) of such a collection, as beerkegs sell at \$1.25 each in this section. —The Weekly Philatelist.

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Santa for a stockingful of candy or a rattle for the baby." One young Washingtonian prays Santa to fetch him a gun, sword and a belt saying that he wants "ter lick the stuffin out'n Billie— what lives on the next square." Sister Sue is on hand with her request for a doll, alleging that her mamma is too poor to buy her the desired toy and stating that she places her trust in the bounty of Santa. Little Willie comes up smiling and says 'plese unkel Santa plese tu sen me a perlice wissel and klub I want tu run in some of the othur fellers.' The granting of these widely different requests would afford equal satisfaction to either recipient, as it would, no doubt, to Mr. Claus also.

*Geo. S. Seymour.*

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Mr. Julius L. Moses Jr., an ardent collector of U. S. Stamps, has just returned from a visit to the World's Fair. He met up with several Philatelists while there and found them pleasant and agreeable gentlemen.

Roger's Blue Book, although excellent in many respects, does not give South Carolina her just deserts. We hope by the time Bro. R. is ready to publish his next edition, we will have quite a long list for ready him.

Mr. Henry F. Ficken, the possessor of one of the finest collections in the south, has recently graduated from Yale, with high honors and has returned to his native city where he will pursue the study of law.

We have made several efforts, from time to time, to organize the collectors of the city, but the idea does not seem to take root at all. In 1888 the Charleston Philatelic Society was formed but after a years' existence it was moved to invest the funds in an annual supper and then disband. The motion was carried and ever since, we have been as sheep without a fold.

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We note an advertisement in our daily papers of a firm in the North offering to pay \$5.00 (?) for a Lynchburg Local. They are catalogued at \$35.00. “Ye gods, will wonders never cease.!!

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