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He is greatly surprised, and the feeling of lofty superiority he has always held toward the despised hard-boiled "stamp fiend" gives place to a thought that he has been depriving himself of a great and instructive pleasure, and when the multitudinous benefits of philately have been recited for his edification, he becomes an ardent "stampite" immediately and starts in to rival Fernand. In the stamp magazine he is sure to find several articles on "advice to beginners" which regularly contradict each other every paragraph and which were probably compiled by some youthful stamp-amateurs who knew less concerning philately than our collector himself. He becomes slightly discouraged at this, but we trust he is too sensible to heed their "advice" and that he will determine to follow the workings of his own mind. His first transaction is to lay the foundation of his collection by investing one thousand dollars in Continentals, etc." and several 100-variety "pouches." He then lays a

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standard catalogue and subscribes to a number of the better class of papers, and becomes in a brief period well versed in philatelic technicalities and nomenclature.

He now rapidly acquires philatelic knowledge. At length he becomes disgusted with the piles of worthless duplicates he has acquired by buying stamps in packets, and he turns his attention to approval sheets, feeling sure that it is more costly than buying packets, yet it is more satisfactory, as the collector sees the condition of the stamps he is purchasing and gets only such specimens as he desires.

He is now sure to suffer from the over-zealous ambition of numerous small boys who bury him beneath an avalanche of unsolicited approval sheets covered with European trash, not one in twenty of whom enclose a stamp for return postage. If our philatelist uses a few sacrilegious words not sanctioned by drawing-room etiquette on receiving these unwelcome missives, let us hope that the Recording Angel will look the other way, for perhaps it is justifiable.

As he becomes better informed on philatelic topics and his collection outgrows the little album and sighs for an International, he unconsciously rebels against generalism by taking a part of his collection — the stamps of his favorite country or continent —, trying to complete its sets and to fill the blank spaces belonging to its rare provisionals, and giving more attention to its quaint watermarks, errors, tints and shades, and the varieties of paper than he does to the remainder of his entire collection.

Thus is the embryo of a new specialist made. Our philatelist now looks with disfavor upon those ugly Continentals, and Roman States; he frowns at his sets of Samoa Express and inverted network Alsace and Lorraine; he glances maliciously at sundry Bergedorfs and sets of Seebeck "remainders" and wishes that he might have in his clutches for a brief period the dealer who sold him those specimens.

Time passes on, our collector has determined to specialize and has perhaps chosen the United States, the Canadian provinces, or the Leeward Islands for his specialty; but he realizes that he cannot

satisfactorily dispose of his other stamps and duplicates, and it is now, that, disregarding the Golden Rule and his own late vituperation of the same class of collectors, he determines to shove off his surplus and doubtful specimens upon the philatelic public a la the approval sheet, and to become a dealer - limited.

So he buys a rubber stamp and some blank approval sheets, and mounting on the sheets in a "miscellaneous mixture" the worst of his reprints, counterfeits and duplicates, sends them to a list of collectors whose names he has copied from some stamp paper; he then awaits for a few days, when he is sure that he will be flooded with money-orders and demands for more sheets from the delighted (?) collectors.

In about a month, he hears from one or two of his correspondents who return about half the stamps and inform him that they do not collect that kind of stamps and that they have retained a part for postage, trouble, etc. The other sheets have been lost through our dealer's carelessness in writing his business (?) letters.

Our dealer then publishes in the fraud lists the names of the collectors who have failed to return his sheets, and thereby gets into trouble with three or four of the philatelists who insinuates facts derogatory to his character and threaten to sue him for libel; then our poor philatelist, discouragd and disgusted, gives up the battle and vows, with awful oaths, to eternally forbear from the approval-sheet business. What a pity he doesn't keep that pledge!

In time he gains more sense and becomes a prominent and respected member of the stamp-collecting guild; however, his days of folly are not yet o'er, for, ten to one, he will be stricken with the journalistic fever and will regard a stamp journal from his town as an indispensable adjunct to philately. If he be really sensible, his ardor cools down before the first number of the new journal is issued, for when he counts up the printer's bill for one thousand or more copies, the postage, the dismal outlook of obtaining second class rates and everything else considered, he is truly appalled.

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With this number the PHILATELIC SUN rises, and will rise hereafter regularly on the first of each month. It will rise but not set. It will not set for the lack of "the necessary," as the boodle with which to purchase mss., paper, pay the postage bill, etc., is there — right there where ye editor puts his hands when the mercury plays tag with the south end of the thermometer. The question is not "WILL it rise?" but "HOW HIGH will it rise?" THAT question is to be settled by the number of 15-cent pieces that flow towards the SUN, from subscriptions. This paper is to be run for fun, and incidentally for what money can be picked up. One of its aims will be to live longer than any paper has here as yet. The GOLDEN STAR issued 27 numbers ; the INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC MONTHLY, 3 ; the MASS. PHILATELIST, 8 ; the BRISTOL COUNTY STAMP NEWS, 3, Hands up, gentlemen ! Fifteen cents, please ! Step lively there, Ah-h !

This paper belongs to the Cash-in-Advance Union.

We issue 600 to 800 copies per month.

Collectors receiving this number should subscribe.

Ditto — Advertise. See ?

Dealers receiving this paper will do us a great favor by sending us a trial ad. We do not claim to have a 10,000 circulation, but then, the advertising rates are only 20 cts. an inch.

As we wish to get 500 subscribers this month we make this offer: To any collector sending us 30 cts. worth of stamps, each stamp worth 5 cts. or over, we will send this paper 1 year.

We want all collectors who receive this paper to look it over carefully, and if you think it worth supporting send 15 cts. and receive 12 numbers.

For 5 cts. we will send the next three numbers of this paper. We do this for collectors who do not wish to subscribe for a year, and, as this is an offer we will never make again, you had better take advantage of it now; and we will make it a point to make the SUN interesting to that degree that you will renew for a whole year.

It is said that "the man in the moon" writes for stamp papers. We know that he does, and as we have a corner on his moonship he will write exclusively for the SUN. Watch his smoke! The SUN and moon are both apparently in the Heavens, but they by no means belong to the "silent majority," or, in the words of John L. Shakespeare, "though in Heaven we are not dead yet."

Just think of it — one month old and not dead yet!

Here is a letter we recently received from a kid in Merrick, Mass. Can anyone translate it? A one cent stamp tried bravely to fetch it, but failed ignominiously.

Dear Sir.

I seen your add in the Philatelic Era and I would like one of your price list for I have a lot I want to sell Columbians Stamps.

Yours Truly;

The stamps of Western Australia.

BY "GOLLY."

Specializing is becoming a great fad among stamp collectors, but still many stampists do not seem to know what country to make a specialty of, and to collectors who wish to specialize and are in doubt which country to make a specialty of, I will mention Western Australia.

Here is a country which affords a great opportunity to a collector. The prices of the stamps are as a rule low. The stamps are well designed and engraved, and if you are a lover of colors they will be sure to please you. But for all the good qualities these stamps have, they are neglected—collectors not seeming to care much for them.

This country was taken possession of in 1826. The first settlement was on the Swan River, but the colony made little progress until after 1850, when convict labor was introduced. This was stopped in 1868, up to which time 10,000 convicts were brought into the country.

W. A. issued its first stamp in 1854, and up to date has issued 74 stamps, which are worth in a used condition \$300, and with half a dozen "offset" errors etc. the value is doubled. They issued 6 postal cards which are worth if unused 60 cts. No envelope stamps were issued.

The administration is in the hands of a governor appointed by the crown, who is assisted by an executive council.

And now that I am about to close, I will say that I think any collector who has a good collection of these stamps not only has a pretty collection but something that is not seen every day.

The PHILATELIC SUN before you is the second of that name. The first appeared (also disappeared) from Brushton, N. Y., sometime ago, and, to quote from a contemporaneous review, was "evidently the work of some kid." Hope we don't merit that remark!

PHILATELICS.

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—(BY L. H. BENTON.)—

There are almost 2900 employes in the New York post office and its 18 branches and sub-stations.

I have seen many albino envelope stamps, but they were always impressed on white.

Of the famous Brattleboro' stamp there were 5000 issued. Yet less than a dozen are known to exist at present.

The rarest Iceland stamp is priced at one dollar. There are thirty varieties of adhesive, averaging 30 cents each.

Charles S. Glover, Jr., of Mount Vernon, N. Y., has a collection of over 23,000 different postmarks the largest known.

To many who do not own the stamp, the 50 ct. RESEDA of Congo's 1886 issue is a puzzle. Sage-green is another name for the color.

Uncle Sam's postal service uses ninety barrels of mucilage, nearly 20 barrels of ink, and about two million pens a year.

EXCHANGES.

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—(FREE TO SUBSCRIBERS.)—

Good exchange or cash for 1890 90 ct. orange ; if you have any write for my buying price. A. L. Dean, Taunton, Mass.

Stamp papers to X. I want: Phil. Era, Vol. I, No. 2, II, 4, 5, 6 ; Eagle Phil., I, 4, II, 1, 3, Penn. Phil., II, 5, 6, III, 2, 3, 6, IV, 4. Send want list ; will give good X. L. H. Benton, Taunton, Mass.

Youth's Companion to X. I have the 1893 Vol. complete to X for best offer in stamp papers. Fred W. Kaupp, Taunton, Mass.

Fine specimen of a rare U.S. 16 2-3 ct. Beer Stamp, series 1878, to X for best offer. This is a rarity. For fine U.S. postage or revenue stamps worth over 10 cts., I allow 25 per ct. premium in foreign stamps from sheets. A. J. Kirby Taunton, Mass.

Percy Hawkins, 46 Harrison St., Taunton, Mass., has birds' eggs to trade for stamps.

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Did you say you had a SPOT on your best suit and did not know how to get it out? If so, send for a box of my CLOTHES CLEANER; it is only 20 cts. a box. Just think you will SAVE that suit for 20 cts. Better SEND for a box.

COLLECTORS.

We sell it by the dozen CHEAP. Send for our PRICES; you will never be sorry you did. You can SELL it to your friends and make money.

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If you can not sell it, you can TRADE it for stamps and then make money. See? Better SEND for our price on a dozen boxes.

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We guarantee YOU that

INSTANT COLD CURE

will give you immediate and lasting relief. It will CURE the cold in a few hours. It also relieves and cures Hay Fever and Catarrh. It is pleasant to take.

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Cure stamp, 165 mm.

The largest U. S. match stamps are those of B. and Harry Bendel, each 47 by 72 mm. The longest is that of Wm. Gates : 3c. black ; 137 mm.

The largest Mexican revenue stamps are those of the Federal issues of 1882-3, each measuring 65 by 49 mm. The smallest are those for military tax of Puebla (3 values) ; each 16 by 24 mm.

The largest Confederate provisional yet known is the 5c. Danville, Va., second type, 61 by 36 mm. ; the smallest, the 5c., type two, of Macon, Ga., which measures 12 by 14 mm.

The largest stamp collection is owned by M. Fer—ow, leggo !— I won't tell ! The smallest is owned by John Smith of Smithville.

The most valuable postage stamp is probably the one cent value of British Guiana's 1856 issue, even though it is priced at \$500 less than the one penny orange Mauritius "Post Office," issued in 1847, which is valued at \$2000. Of the one, but a single extant specimen is known, while of the other over a dozen can be placed. Only four of the early 2c. Hawaiian and six of the British Guiana 2c. rose, 1850, are known.

The rarest postal card is probably the 5 centavos blue on rose of Mexico, issued in '85, valued by "Our Catalogue" at \$50. Several other Mexican and two Ceylon cards are close competitors.

The most valuable U. S. medicine stamp is the 6c. orange, James Swain, valued at \$75.

The scarcest match stamp of the U. S. is the 1 cent blue issued for Alexander's matches, valued at \$100.

The largest stamp paper ever issued is the '93 Christmas number of the PENNSYLVANIA PHILATELIST, 164 pages.

What is probably the smallest philatelic paper is the AMERICAN COLLECTOR, issued in the spring of 1890, in New Chester Penn. The print measures 39 by 60 mm.

The first stamp issued is the one penny black, "V. R.," of Great Britain, in May, 1840

The first stamp paper published in the U. S. was the STAMP COLLECTOR'S RECORD. It was published quarterly by S. A. Taylor successively

(also successfully) in Albany, Boston, New York. It ran from December 1864 to October 1876 and issued 41 numbers. The first MONTHLY was the COIN AND STAMP JOURNAL, published in Chicago by A. B. Mason. One volume of twelve numbers was issued, from May 1865 to April 1866.

The first regular philatelic weekly in the world was MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, St. Louis, Mo., started Jan. 7, 1891, and flourishing at present, and which has issued 191 numbers and an extra to date.

The oldest stamp paper at present in the U. S. is the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILATELY, published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of New York. It was started in March '68 and issued 152 separate numbers to Dec. 1878, when it suspended, and then resumed in Feb. '88, having issued 79 numbers to date, (Sept. 3, '94.)

The oldest stamp paper in the world is LE TIMBRE POSTE, Mons. Moens' pet, of Bruxelles, Belgium. It is now in its 32nd year, and has issued 380 monthly numbers,

The first stamp album, as far as is known, is that published by Justin Lallier, a Parisian Frenchman, in the spring of '62.

The champion of brevity and euphony in the stamp paper line is der NEDERLANDSCH TJIDSCHRIFT VOOR POSTZEGELKUNDE, of Amsterdam.

The most delightful of the Russian locals are those of Oustysolsk, Borisogliebsk, Pskoff, and Zolotonoschtka. When mixed with equal parts of the Gumarabic alphabet, a remedy for the lockjaw is ready for instant use!

Notice.

By the way, reader, don't you think this paper is worth 15 cts. a year? Just look it over, see the reading matter it contains. Collector, you are the one whom we need to help us along, so subscribe at once, and we will do all we can to make this paper what a stamp paper should be.

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Owing to the lack of space the exchange column was omitted this month.

Though out on time, our last number was not mailed till two weeks after it was printed, owing to a delay in getting a temporary permit from the P. M.

As we wish to get 500 subscribers this month we make this offer : To any collector sending us 30 cts. worth of stamps, each stamp worth 5 cts. or over, we will send this paper 1 year.

The poem on the opposite page was written for Mr. Benton by the world-renowned poet, Guy W. Green, when the former gentleman was editor of the BRISTOL COUNTY STAMP NEWS, but as that excellent little journal suspended before the poem arrived it was left over to be placed as Mr. Benton saw fit, with another's permit.

To Lewis Benton Upon Receiving A Request for a Poem.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

You ask me to write you a poem,
Pray tell what is wanted from me, —
A stanza or two with a proem
As long as a ballad should be?
A lame, halting song or a sonnet
With stamps as the theme of the rhyme ;
The marks of my bungling upon it
As evidence plain of my crime?

I'd please you, but Benton, you surely
Have heard of a fellow in Maine
Who says that Philately's purely
A matter of loss and of gain,
That rhyming is terrible sinning
And verse a disgrace to the mail ;
I dare not e'en make a beginning
For Small is encamped on my trail.

And Lewis, you know that the major,
Who dwells in our Capitol fair,
With anger that naught can assuage or
Dispel, waves his sword in the air
And swears that the poet shall perish
And that he "Be Gad Sir" will see
If ever our hobby shall cherish
An indolent fellow like me.

So really I pray you excuse me
If I lay my writing away
And make for the men who abuse me
A blissful, beatific day,
For papa is cheerily calling
And I must attend to the kine,
And now while the night dews are falling,
Feed slop to the troublesome swine.

Vicissitudes of a Philatelist.

CONCLUDED FROM LAST NUMBER.

However, our philatelist generally views life through rosy-tinted glasses, and he will not be satisfied until he has issued two or three numbers of the "Blanqueburgh Philatelist," has sunk a bag of shekels, and has received a rebuff from the P. O. headquarters in the shape of a refusal of pound rates.

He is too apt to regard the sage advice of the older editors to young philatelists who contemplate publishing a paper as a plan to keep smaller contemporaries "out of the race"; he eyes the statement that scarcely a philatelic magazine pays all expenses with manifest incredulity, and dubs all the kindly-ment counsel of the larger journals as "jealousy." But our philatelist will think differently before many months and will settle back to the routine life of a simple collector, casting one look of sorrow behind as he remembers his lost "green-backs" and the hard-heartedness of the P. M. G.

Happily if he but remain in that blissful carefree state without embarking in some other frivolous undertaking; but he may, perhaps, start an advertising and subscription agency, forgetting that the first-class magazines employ but few agents and that those agents who are located in the great cities—the natural philatelic centers—are the only ones employed or who have any chance of success.

He may perchance assist at the birth of a new philatelic society and for a short time fill the position of acting vice-president or secretary and boom the association, which dies out as speedily as it came into existence. He may attempt a series of auction sales or try to invent a new permanent album with which he intends to revolutionize philately, attempt to write philatelic poetry and get speedily "sat on" by all the editors in consequence; in fact the ways and means of foolish undertakings are so unlimited, that the great majority of philatelists have stumbled on the way-side. Truly, life is a series of follies and foibles, and the career of a philatelist is no exception to the rule. *

[THE END.]

KNICKERBOCKER PHIL.

Buying at Auction.

BY S. E. SIMPSON.

One of the best and most popular ways to add to your collection, is purchasing stamps at auction—either in person, or bidding through the mail. The philatelist who does not care to expend a great amount of money in completing a collection of postage stamps, should by all means, embrace this excellent mode of adding to his collection.

Stamps are frequently offered without any reserve price attached, and a bid of a small amount will very often carry off the prize, through the neglect of others to bid for the same stamp.

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One of the many benefits that accrue from being a member of a stamp society, is the advantage derived from the auction department.


By bidding for stamps sold in this manner you are not liable to make a collection of counterfeits, and the condition of a stamp is never exaggerated. [?ED.]

If you have never tried the plan of purchasing at auction sales begin now, and I will venture to say that after you have tried it once, you will purchase the great majority of your stamps in this manner, and you will never have cause to express any regrets for having bought at auction.

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Goddess Philatelia will desire to keep "in the swim." I will first suggest that her shrine should be decorated with the flags of the U. S., Great Britain, France, and the German Empire — the four principal stamp-collecting countries —, a picture of Columbus, and the photos of "Gentleman Jim" and Nancy Hanks, and, lastly, she will have a laudable ambition to appear in latest style, so a few hints to her European modists will not be amiss. I suggest that she be securely caged in a crinoline of ample dimensions, low-cut bodice with sleeves to the elbow, and a "scoop" bonnet of latest (1830) style which will effectually display her "cork-screw" curls and shapely head. She should also be represented with a Quaker-like cast of features — with a saintly drooping of the corners of her mouth (see remarks in rhythm on said mouth with reference to "Cupid's bow," "rich ripe cherries" "honeyed sweetness" in poem on first page) and the down-cast eyes of a demure puritan maiden — and with devoutly folded hands clasping a small pocket album instead of a prayer-book.

Fashion dictates that the voluptuous close-clinging fabrics which the coy [?] Goddesses of Olympus and Parnassus sported are not FIN DE SIECLE, so our gentle queen must change her regalia.

Official notice will be given the publishers of such papers as display the stereotyped form of Philatelia on their cover that a new costume is desirable for the Goddess.

As we go to press. I hear that another society is knocking at the door of philatelic popularity and claiming recognition; this is the Ancient Order of United American Philatelic Authors. The headquarters are to be in Boston: monthly dues of \$10 will be charged, the treasury surplus to be used in furnishing the library — the principal department of the society.

This will be the most complete of its kind in America, and will contain the works of Addison, Shakespeare and other noted LITERATI, Herbert Spencer's "Philosophy of Style," Smith's "Synonyms Discriminated," a rhyming dictionary, and all the standard rhetorics, grammar,

and spellers.

We trust it will be a howling success, and that the mss. received by philatelic publishers in future will be fully up to Herbert Spencer's standard, or at least to that of brother Small, the ERA'S Standard of Philatelic Perfection.

To such of our patient readers as have penetrated the mazes of this column who have concluded that forbearance is no longer a virtue and who now doubtless contemplate going gunning after the author, I will softly whisper that, as bad as this eccentric composition is, I have not tempted you to rash acts with any doggerel poems [?]. Restrain thyself therefore while I bid you a fond Au Revoir.

KNICKERBOCKER PHIL.

The Stamp With a Tail.

BY W. W. VILES.

The one cent blue of the U. S. 1890 issue has appeared with a straight line pointing up from the bottom of the figure on the right hand side of each figure, and is about half as long as the figure. I have one in my collection the first I have seen. This variety was illustrated in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS a short time ago. I also have seen one with the ornament on the right hand side of the figure come almost in contact by rounding over. This error appeared quite recently and is quite scarce, while the tail variety appeared about the middle of this summer. Those having a few hundred of these one centers might by looking them over come across some of these varieties.

A royal stamp collector possesses great advantages over us ordinary mortals. The Duke of York has recently been presented with entire sheets of stamps and complete emissions from many of the English Colonial governments, and some obsolete issues have even been re-printed, that His Royal Highness might have specimens.

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Reader, if you are not a subscriber you should become one at once ; 15 cents is all we ask for a years subscription. Isn't the paper worth that ?

Sometime ago we offered a year's sub. for 30 cents worth of stamps, none to be catalogued at less than a nickel each. We hereby revoke that offer, and wish to state that while we received a goodly number of subs., we incidentally became the possessor of a lot of stamps that would be a disgrace to a junk-shop.

Apropos to this, we have some "bargains" to offer "trash dealers."

The Stamps of Bremen.

BY L. H. BENJON.

"Quaint in design and high in price" is the watch-word of the Bremen stamps.

A few facts about these stamps and their prices can not but be interesting to all.

In 1881 six adhesives were collected by the stampist, and that lucky individual had to open his pocketbook only to the tune of twenty cents each for new specimens and a dime each for used ones. Two envelope stamps were to be had also at the munificent sum of ten cents each, used

How changed is all now! While they were obtainable for a "song" in those days, the purchaser has now to "pony-up" to the "TUNE" of sixty-four to sixty-eight dollars for a collection of eighteen varieties of adhesives, unused, and if he wants a little "postoffice ink" on them, the "MUSIC" increases to about \$125. The two envelope stamps will cost if new (alas, 100 "new," some of them, I fear) just one dollar and fifty cents. It will cost you about fifteen dollars extra to have your favorite dealer daub on a good legible postmark.

"Our catalogue" says that there are four varieties of the envelopes and that they are worth about \$15 new and about \$40 used.

"Our catalogue" says also that the set of eighteen varieties of adhesives is worth \$184 of any man's money, if you have your dealer put them on the original envelopes for you.

The stamps are found in six values only: 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10 grote, and 5 silbergroschen. A GROTE goes for a cent, while the 5 sgr. passes for 12 cents in good U. S. money.

The stamps were first issued in 1855 and last issued in 1866 — 11 years later. They are found unperforated, *perce en scie*, and perforated, the latter varying from 12 1-2 to 13.

A significant fact is that none of these stamps were offered in the De Coppet sale. Frederick isn't selling them yet.

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I want the following nos. of stamp papers. Will give good X. Send want list. Collector's Companion (Raymond, Chicago), Vol, I, Nos. 2, 10, 12; Phil. Era., I, 2, II, 4, 5, 6, IV, 6; Eagle Phil., I, 4, II, 1, 3. L. H. Benton, Taunton, Mass.

10 old U. S. postal cards catalogued 50 c. for every 20 covered stamp papers sent me. A. J. Kirby, Taunton, Mass.

PHILATELICS.

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BY L. H. BENTON.

Five portraits are found on the regular issue of the Confederate stamps: Jefferson Davis, Andrew Jackson, James Madison, George Washington and John C Calhoun.

Several typographical errors in Scott's 54th have been remarked upon, but I haven't seen any concerning the South African Republic, type 4, which reads type 1.


A stamp seldom heard of or mentioned is the 20 kopeks red envelope stamp of Finland, issued in '45. In 'Our Catalogue' it is priced at \$1200, entire, unused; \$500, entire, used; \$125, cut square; 75 cents for a reprint.

An Anti-Seebeck Society has been started. Good! Now for an Anti-Surcharge Society. We had one once, but it grew sick and died when its president bought a whole sheet of surcharged stamps at an auction, (and paid a fancy price for them too).

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About the same time, a customer in Philadelphia sent me in payment for stamps a ten-cent green, 1890, without gum. I examined it closely and found that it was very lightly cancelled.

Now this was a mean trick, for it might have got me into a scrape with the Postoffice Department if I had used the stamp without discovering that it had been used once before. So I wrote the sender a card something like that quoted above, and in reply received a new ten-center and a letter of which this is the substance.

"Dear Sir: My small brother brought me your insulting postal-card, and will say in reply that I gave him the letter to mail and he put the stamp inside. You will please send me the stamp that YOU SAY was cancelled."

Which of course I didn't do, as he forgot to send return postage. In the light of his statement, it would seem to be a good plan to dispense altogether with the services of "small brothers."

Only one fellow ever got ahead of me in this business and I have never been able to decide whether he was a fraud or a fool. I sent him a sheet containing a set P. O. Dept. adhesives, except the three cent. When it came back the three cent was there and the one-cent was missing.

I dropped him a card, requesting him to return the 1ct. P.O. Dept. catalogued 15cts., for which he substituted on my sheet a 3ct. ditto, catalogued 1ct. I was hardly prepared for the reply which ran thus:

"Dear Sir: Received your card, but cannot see how a one-cent stamp can be worth more than three-cent one. Please send some more sheets. Yours resp. Chas. T. von Bush."

I dropped him like a hot potato.

There is another class of would-be swindlers who are more bold in their operations. Instead of single stamps they keep the entire sheet, sometimes it is the first one, but oftener they will buy a few from the first sheets, until they get hold of a good lot. Then you hear from them no more.

I have an unfailing remedy for this Particular form of Kleptomania. For instance, on the 9th of a certain month I sent a young man—at least I took him to be a young man—in Pittsfield, N. H., a sheet priced at about \$3 at 50 p. c. At the end of ten days I received a postal from him, demanding the reason why I didn't send him some more stamps.

Putting two and two together I concluded that he was a fraud and wrote him a postal to that effect, adding that if I didn't hear from him in about half a shake, I should inform the Chief P. O. Inspector of the case.

I heard from him and this was what I heard :

"Dear Sir : Your letter came to hand on the 19th from Pittsfield, Mass. Before you quote postal laws, you had better take a course of learning at night-school so you can distinguish between Mass. and N. H. Enclosed find postal-note for amount due. Yours resp'y," etc.

Now everyone is aware—or should be—that a letter is kept in the office for a time, to be called for, after which it is advertised for at least ten days before it is forwarded anywhere. Therefore I took this excuse for what it was worth.

I believe I have succeeded in giving some idea of what is in store for anyone who undertakes to sell stamps by mail, but I wish also to give any such a few words of advice, based entirely on my own experience.

First, never accept the guarantee of any company for the contents of a packet. See the stamps before you buy them. A certain Western firm offers a 600 variety packet "guaranteed to catalogue at \$40.20." I bought the packet and, on counting up, found it to

catalogue at exactly \$18.90, at least a third of which was composed of Argentine, Hamburg and India reprints counted as originals.

Second, don't deal in reprints. A reprint is not a counterfeit, of course, but it is the next thing to it.

Third, accept a surcharged stamp as genuine—undoubtedly genuine—ONLY when the original stamp was worth as much as, or more than, the provisional.

Fourth, keep your sheets and stamps clean and neat. It will double your sales.

And, lastly, if you have not a nice little capital to start with, take my advice and give up the project.

A New Society.

We have received from Edward W. Heusinger a communication stating that on Nov. 13th, last, the Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio was organized, with the following officers: E. W. Heusinger, president; Albert Steves, vice-president; E. G. Cervantes, treasurer; J. G. Roth, secretary; M. E. Jesse, assistant sec. The above constitutes the Executive Committee. The Literary Board consists of A. E. Hayden, H. C. Glaze and Julius Jermy, the latter being Librarian. Chas. Roemer is Exchange, Supt., and E. B. Sterling and Fred. Noyes are the official Counterfeit Detectors.

The new society has our best wishes for success.

Errata.

Our proof reader has been on his annual Christmas "toot" and we regret that several pages in this number show the effects of it.

On page 32, Aabborg should read Aalborg, Helingsfors should read Helsingfors, and Vile should be Veile. Evidently our proof reader isn't up in Scandinavian.

The first word in the tenth line on page 29 should be fixture—not picture. To our remark in brackets on the same page, YOU'RE respectfully asked to be kind to "YOUR."

A Few Ways of Telling A Philatelist.

BY T. C. GOOCH.

First you always note his dress. He has excellent tastes, even if the material is not of the finest quality. He understands the blending of colors.

Take him all in all he has exquisite tastes. But how are they formed? He has probably noticed the glaring stamps of Central America ("Sebeck suckers") and the modest stamps of "Queen Vic's little isle."

His room is well cared for. His library is arranged so as to form pretty contrasts in the different colored volumes. The case may be set off by a prettily draped curtain, which is hung from a small brass picture which in turn is fastened at the top of the book case.

He has photographs or perhaps steel engravings of becoming objects suitable to a Philatelist's den.

If he is like "Greene" most of these will be the resemblances of his—or those dear girls whose hearts he has captured.

He has also learned to be neat by handling and placing stamps in his much cared for album.

He probably is some what absent minded at times. He may be thinking of some new treasure of his, or how he can obtain one. Sometimes one of the fairer sex is in the case; for all lovers of Philately can appreciate pretty women. [Now your talking. ED.]

He is not often found in bad company. Stamp collectors do not belong to this class.

Soon our Philatelic "haters" will find that that the man that collects stamps, and whose heart is in Philately is not so apt to be wrong as the man who has no attractions at home.

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Reader, next month will be the beginning of a new year, and you should begin it right, and in order to do this, you will have to subscribe to our paper — so subscribe at once.

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Local Stamps.

BY L. H. BENTON.

Various countries issue local stamps, but they are as a general thing little known, and little collected, especially in this country.

The greatest number is probably issued by Russia, and known as "Rural stamps," and the United States is not slow.

Complete collections of the local stamps of these two countries are luxuries, and the philatelic world has yet to hear of ONE that is COMPLETE.

The 54th edition of the Standard catalogue lists 578 varieties and prices about 400 of them. "Our Catalogue" lists 571 and prices almost all of them, the aggregate being almost six thousand dollars. "On the original letter" this figure is considerably increased, probably exceeding \$10,000. You can buy a set counterfeits, embracing most of them, for one dollar; BUT DON'T DO IT.

Eighty Confederate local provisionals are chronicled and priced at the neat little sum of \$7700, or nearly a hundred dollars apiece, on an average —and this is not on the original covers either. In that case the figures are doubled as a general thing.

I shall mention quite a number of locals. They are locals in the full sense of the word, not being available outside of their own locality.

Four locals are known from Bolivia. They were for Antofagasta, Chimba, Coripata and Corococo.

Chinese locals are all the rage now, and most of them are made for collectors' "needs" I fear. Look out for the issues of Chefoo, Hankow, Chunking, Kewkiang, etc.

Danish locals were formerly "quite the thing" among European collectors, but are now in bad repute, as many of them, along with similar emissions of Norway and Sweden, are found to be made for collectors' purposes.

The locals of Denmark were issued from thirteen towns, as follows,

and in the instances of Aalborg, Copenhagen, Horsens and Viborg postal cards were included.

Aalborg, 33	Holbboeck, 2	Odense, 16
Aarhus, 12	Holte, 2	Randers, 24
Copenhagen, 37	Horsens, 22	Svendborg, 5
Frederica, 10	Kolding, 3	Vile, 5
	Viborg, 13	

This makes a total of 184.

The Egyptian official franks (about 600 varieties) are used locally.

Finland has 12 locals (including a post card) for Helingfors and 3 for Tamerfors.

We all remember the 116 varieties of Hamburg humbugs for fifteen cents, cheap enough, anyhow.

The issues of the native states of India are practically locals. According to the 54th, 29 states issue them, but Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., adds a set of twelve for Jeypore in its 9th edition. None of them are priced, and interrogation points are placed after the dates of issuance. They are British Indian stamps surcharged.

There are over 1600 var. of native stamps, minor ones included.

Mexico owns up to a few locals, those of Campeche, Chiapas, Cuernavaca, Guadalajara, Monterey, Patzcuaro and Zacatecas. The authenticity of those of Cuernavaca, Patzcuaro, and Zacatecas is still doubted by many authorities.

The Netherlands boast of one local for Rotterdam. It is a ten-cent value and is found in three colors—brown, magenta and mauve.

Norway claims 165 local stamps, aside from four cards issued by Aalesund, Drontheim and Namsos.

The locals of this country have with the exception of the issues of Arendal, Drontheim and Tromso, been suppressed by the government.

In the 54th Standard two envelope stamps for Poland are chronicled, while in Stanley Gibbons' catalogue these same stamps are listed as locals of Warsaw, while another design is given for the envelope

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Watermarks.

BY "GOLLY."

As philately is progressing to such an extent that the watermark of a stamp effects its value in many cases, it will be well to know something about it.

In the first place the watermark is produced by wires bent into the shape of the required letter or device, and sewed to the mould, so, when the paper passes through the mould, it is made thinner where the wire is, and produces the watermark.

Most stamps are watermarked, but some are not, as in the case of the U. S. postage. Besides stamps, postal cards, stamped envelopes, bank-notes and writing paper are watermarked. Stamps are watermarked in order to make counterfeiting more difficult, while writing-paper generally has the trademark, or the name of the paper watermarked in it.

One reason why the watermark of a stamp effects its value is because the only difference in the stamps of two or three different issues of the same country is their watermark. For a good example of this take the stamps of the 1881 and 1883 issues of Cyprus. The 1881 1pi rose watermarked crown and C C is catalogued 35 cts. used, while the 1pi rose issued 1883, though the same as that issued in '81 except the watermark, which is a crown and C A, it is priced only at 3 cts. used.

In some cases the watermark is inverted, which causes a variety of the stamp, and a stamp of this kind is priced higher than one whose watermark is not inverted, though the stamps are the same in design and color, and so, the watermark is again the cause of a change in price.

Among some of the most curious designs used for watermarks may be mentioned swans, elephants, lions and fruit. What — fruit? Yes, I said fruit; we have the pineapple, which is the watermark of some of the stamps of Jamaica, etc.

And now for a farewell I will say, Collectors study the watermarks of your stamps.

“What-ifs.”

What if brother Pinkham did think that this was to be our funeral number? We all make mistakes sometimes.

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What if some publishers won't exchange papers with us? We can get along without them, and they will have to get along without us. (Publishers see the point?—Well, sit on it.)



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stamps. “Our cat.” lists both sets.

Russia has about 1200 regular varieties, besides many minor ones, distributed among about 150 towns. They are auxiliaries to the government service where that is inadequate, and have the sanction of that government.

South African Republic has three local express stamps.

Sweden has 5 stamps for Gothenburg and 9 for Stockholm, besides a card for the latter place.

Switzerland has thirteen locals distributed among Belalp, Maderanerthal, Kaltbad, Kulm, etc. The lot is worth about half a dollar.

The early Cantonals of Basle, Geneva and Zurich are really locals. The prices they command are well known to the philatelic public, the majority of whom can but look on and sigh for pocketbooks of ample proportions.

The Turkish locals of constantinople are cheap, but those of Mount Athos are not. Those of Catchak are not looked upon as authentic.

In this article I have mentioned most of the prominent local stamps of the world, many of which are little known to the average collector.

PHILATELICS.

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BY F. W. KAUPP.

Stamps for postal purposes were proposed to be used in Paris as far back as 1653.

It is said that stamped envelopes were used in the kingdom of Sardinia as early as 1819.

The first English postage stamp was issued the same year as the famous Mulready, and the color was black.

In the British Empire, including her colonies and dependencies, upwards of 6000 different postage stamps have been issued.

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50c Lease, very fine17
Western Union, 189005
Official Seal, brown, unused02
First issue U. S. cards, both varieties of watermark, the pair05
Same, with watermark inverted20
Perfect Stamp Hinges, good, 100004
Eureka Stamp Hinges, best made08
Letter Sheet, series 1, entire, new06
Set of 5 "Time Posted" stamps, cat. by Sterling, 1886, at 50 cents10
2 cent 1890, "cap" over figure 201
Same, cap over both figures02

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A Hair Trunk Made to Order.

BY "COLLY."

John was a stamp collector; he was also a son of a gun, that is, he was the son of one of the big guns, of the town. And, as he was the son of a big gun it followed that he had money, and he who has money naturally has a good collection.

Now John had a desire to run a stamp paper, but his pa would not advance the "tin", so he asked a friend of his if he knew of a good way to raise some cash. Now this friend knew that John had a fine collection of U. S. stamps, and as he was anxious to get them, you can bet your last dollar that it did not take him long to find out a way by which John could raise that required cash.

Well, he told John that he had hit a good plan.

'Have you?' said John, 'well, spit it out at once.' So his friend proceeded to tell him the plan as follows:

'In the first place you will have to have an old trunk, one that looks as if it had come over in the Mayflower, you know what I mean, the kind you read about, an old hair trunk. Next you will have to fill the trunk up with a lot of old letters, and then take the best U. S. stamps in your collection, put them on envelopes which have been through the mail, and put these in the trunk on top of the others. Next take the trunk up attic. And now I will tell you what I am going to do. There is a friend of mine who is great for finding stamps in old trunks; well, I will tell him that I know where there is a lot of stamps stored away in an attic, and as he will want to know where, I will bring him here, and then you must take him upstairs and show him the stamps in the trunk. Now when he sees the stamps on top, he

will offer you a big sum of money for the lot, for he will think that the trunk is full of very rare stamps; but as this chum of mine is a very queer fellow he may want to take some of the stamps with him when he goes, so as to find out if they are genuine. Now if he does ask you to let him take a few of the stamps with him, you must not refuse, but instead pick out the stamps which you took from your collection and let him take them, and as they are all genuine he will be around in a couple of days for the trunk full, and give you the sum stated. Understand?

'Yes.'

'Well, get things ready, and I will bring my chum here tomorrow.'

John did as he was told, and the next day his friend came and brought Mr. Stampie with him; well, they went up stairs and looked at the stamps in the trunk, and as soon as Mr. Stampie saw the ones on top he offered \$500 for the lot. John took him up, and Stampie said he would be around next day with the 'tin,' but I would like to take a few of them with me now, and have them examined, for they may not be genuine.' John said he could, and picked out the stamps he had taken from his collection, and gave them to Mr. Stampie.

After talking stamps for a little while, John's visitors went away. As soon as they left, John sat down and had a good laugh. Now John had a good reason to laugh, for it would make most anybody feel good to sell \$200 worth of stamps for \$500.

But 'he who laughs last laughs best,' as John found out next day, for neither Stampie nor his friend came to see him and he has not heard from them since.

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BY L. H. BENTON.

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Somebody kicks, A jealous brother dealer it may be, or perhaps it is a disgusted surcharge collector.

Yet, are not those gotten up by B. D. & Co. just as collectible as those issued by the French government? If not, why not? Adare equally useless, postally speaking. Even where they may be available for postage, B. D. & Co.'s surcharges are about as "necessary" as their official brothers, and pass current with the rest, for who can discriminate, even where the source of each is known to be different?

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By the way, it is said that some of the French colonies listed in our catalogues are to be found nowhere on a map anywhere, though they are supposed to be somewhere. Where?

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 lowing officers were elected for
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 Eldredge, for Mansfield; and E.
 F. Pierce, for Fall River.

The following are to be voted
 on at the Jan. 18 meeting and as a
 two thirds vote is required, mem-
 bers please send proxies at once.

Whether ART. 7. SEC. 1 of the
 constitution, is to be changed so
 that the Philatelic Sun shall be
 the official organ.

Whether a new rule (K) shall be
 made under by-law 9 that 10 p. c.
 of the sales made in the exchange
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 half to the treasury.

Whether a new by-law shall be
 made (12) that the Sec.-Treas.
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BY A. J. KIRBY.

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Editorial notice.

The Auction sale adv on page 47 will take place Feb 22 instead of the 18th as adv.

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OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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MARCH, 1895.

NO. 1.

The Taunton Philatelic Society.

BY H. H. ELLIOTT.

In the latter part of December, in the year 1889, philately obtained a stronghold in the Taunton High School, and for quite a time there remained such an interest in everything pertaining to stamps, that it was but natural that the idea should be suggested of forming a society for the mutual benefit of all the collectors in the city. To state the objects and possible results did not take much time, although it took a long time to convince, and consequently the support given did not warrant calling a meeting until the month of February, 1890.

A meeting was then called for Wednesday evening, February 12th, half-past seven o'clock, at the residence of Mr. E. C. Borden, No. 12 Purchase St., but owing to the inclemency of the weather, only three persons gathered with Mr. Borden, and these four gentlemen had the honor of being the charter members;—

Mr. Arthur E. Park,

Mr. Lewis H. Benton,

Mr. Everett C. Borden,

Mr. Howard H. Elliott.

After the examination of a few collections and several sales of stamps, the meeting was called to order by Mr Park, who was then appointed chairman, and Mr. Elliott, secretary. The election of officers was the next business in order, and as the result of a motion which evoked considerable amusement, it was voted that they be elected to serve an indefinite time. Upon the statement that some of the future members might "kick" if all the charter members were elected to

positions, Mr. Borden magnanimously requested that his name be omitted from the list of nominations. The election of officers resulted as follows :-

President, Geo. W. Pepper, Secretary, Howard H. Elliott,
Treasurer, Lewis H. Benton, Exchange Supt., Ar. E. Park.

A vice-president was nominated at the next meeting held Feby. 27th and W. Fuller Hersey was elected by a unanimous vote.

The meetings of the society were held fortnightly, and for the first two months a very good attendance was maintained, but during the month of April the interest on the part of some of the members seemed to be abated, and the records show that out of fourteen meetings held from February to May, nine had "no quorum." But, despite these depressing circumstances, the society transacted enough business when it did have a quorum, to keep the machinery in motion.

None, however, need entertain the idea that the members did not enjoy themselves when one of the unfortunate "no quorum" meetings occurred. On the contrary, the pleasant, agreeable social times which were participated in by those present, on such occasions, are remembered by all.

At a meeting held March 21st, it was voted to discuss the "surcharge question pro and con," although but one member volunteered to take the affirmative side. The secretary, however, was never given the laborious task of recording this debate, for the subject was never called up. It might be mentioned that the gentleman who volunteered to take the affirmative did not appear at the next three meetings, and this fact might have had some weight in the matter, for no one could be found to fill his position.

The election of permanent officers took place on April 25th, and the following were nominated for one year :-

President, Geo. W. Pepper, V. Pres., W. Fuller Hersey,
Secretary, Everett C. Borden, Treasurer, Howard H. Elliott,
Exchange Supt., Lewis H. Benton.

The meetings following this until the close of the season in July, all

had "no quorum" present, so that no more business was transacted except the formal notice given at the meeting on June 13, "that the next meeting be held on the first Friday in September, at eight o'clock P. M."

On September 19, 1890, the society again resumed operations, convening by invitation in the studio of Mr. W. F. Hersey, Taylor Building. This meeting was noted by the amount of business transacted, and was conceded to be the liveliest the society had ever experienced. A disturbance in the exchange department was reported, caused by the members not being prompt to settle their accounts. It was recommended that stamps be paid for when taken from sheets; but this plan met with objections, and a compromise was then effected, whereby monthly payments were to be made, and this motion was adopted. A committee were then authorized to procure approval sheets for use in this department, and the result of their labors may be found by the "remainders" possessed by the surviving members. Numerous minor matters and a social time occupied the balance of the evening.

The subject of an annual supper was brought before the members under the date of October 17th, and was referred to a committee who reported favorably at the next meeting, but their report was "tabled," and when taken up four months later, was rejected by vote of the society.

The third election of officers was held March 20, 1891, and resulted as follows:

President, F. Arthur Walker,	V-President, Wm. F. Grant,
Secretary, Sheldon L. Howard,	Treasurer, Howard H. Elliott,
Exchange Superintendent, Chas. H. Walker.	

A junior, or 2nd. vice-president, was elected at a special meeting held immediately after the regular meeting, and the mantle of office fell upon Mr. Lewis H. Benton. Mr. Chas. H. Walker handed in his resignation soon after this election, on account of his leaving the city, and Mr. E. C. Borden was appointed to serve in his stead.

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Editor's Corner.

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We shall endeavor to give our subscribers a good paper, as regards both reading matter and the quality of the paper itself. Good mss. solicited. Correspondents will save the poor, overworked editor much time and trouble if they will correct their sheets before sending them to us.

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Our subscribers, we are afraid, have become alarmed at the long non-appearance of our monthly; but they will excuse us when they learn that it is owing to the paper having changed owners. In the future we shall endeavor to arrive as near the first of the month as possible.

Believing himself to be "hoodooed" Mr. L. H. Benton of this city, so well known to the philatelic world, declined to act as editor of the "SUN" as his previous ventures in this line have been peculiarly unfortunate. Hence the position came to us. We hope that we may fill it as ably as he would have done.

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With the next number we shall open an information bureau, free to subscribers, in which the editor and his assistants will endeavor to answer such questions as may be in their power. Such questions as: "How shall I collect stamps?" "What is the best method of buying stamps?" will remain unanswered. Also those we cannot answer.

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A new catalogue is eagerly waited for by collectors, especially those who have been investing in some special stamps in hopes of seeing a good raise in their value. We confess that we were disappointed by the small advance in almost all of the British Colonies in Scott's 55th, St. Helena for instance; few prices went up, nearly all stood still, some even dropped. United States stock however shows a steady gain as usual. Most horrifying to those who have not and have been trying to get it, is the awful jump of the one cent blue, (broken circle) 1851, from fifty cents in the 54th, to \$7.00 in the 55th. This is worse than the advance of the three cent pink, 1861, from 25 cents to \$3.00. The editor of this paper was so fortunate as to secure one just before the crash came.

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Two stamps sure of rapid increase in value, are the 30 and 50 cent U. S. Unpaid Letter Stamps 1893 issue. The new series coming so soon (1894) after they were issued will make them very rare from being in use so short a time. Already they are catalogued at \$2.00 apiece. This is cheap to what they will be in the next catalogue so we advise you to invest.

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Ex-Supt., L. H. Benton.

Vice-Pres., E. H. Pendleton.
Librarian, A. C. Wood.
Count. Det., A. C. Paddock.

Resignations Accepted.

- 17 Susan Doane, New Bedford.
 37 W. H. Beaumont, Worcester.
 42 G. R. Hastings, Taunton.

New Members.

(Numbered according to revision)

- 47 W. W. Viles, Taunton.
 48 N. B. Newell, Still River.
 49 E. F. Thayer, Attleboro.
 50 W. H. Beattie, Fall River.
 51 S. Cook, Fall River.
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 53 H. H. Corbett, Mansfield.
 54 T. H. Cook, New Bedford.
 55 B. Crawshaw, Taunton.

Applications.

- Frank Drown, 20 Beacon St.,
 Boston.
 John J. Howland, 74 North St.,
 New Bedford.

NOTES.

Many members are lax in paying their dues. They may be surprised soon in finding themselves dropped for non-payment of the same.

Since the last issue of this paper, meetings have been held in Taunton, Fall River and Mansfield. Ensuing meetings will be held as follows:

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 13 Harrison Ave., Taunton.
 April 18, Residence of Res. V. P.
 Searles, New Bedford.
 May 3, Residence of Sec. Soule,
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An amendment to Sec. 1 of Art 7 of constitution, changing the official organ, was carried through at the meeting, March 1.

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