

PHILATELIC COMFORT.

VOL. I.

CUMBERLAND, ME., MARCH 1, 1894.

No. 1.

DOUBLE IMPRESSED ENVELOPES.

BY N. H. MAYER.

Entering the place to get a point on the double impressed envelopes, some information claims attention on the special object and it takes but a minute to demonstrate that these abnormal types are absolutely worthless from any point in philately.

The envelopes unfolded get their impression while passing over a plate from the lower side, the indented bed of die being underneath and rising as the paper passes over it and forces it against a disc of soft leather, cut the same size as the disc which is set in the machinery opposite, with sufficient force to indent the leather and leave a fine clear cut impression on the envelope, which then runs into a folder and comes out ready for use.

Sometimes it happens during the day that the machinery is stopped and in such a case when the machinery starts again one of the printed covers is usually passed between the disc and leather one or more times

to catch any surplus coloring. These are dropped into the waste-basket but occasionally one gets into the made up lots accidentally and so to the public.

Thus we get our sample envelope with a double and sometimes triple impression.

POINTS.

Send 15 cents before March 15th for a year's subscription and receive free 10 stamp papers.

Read the adv. of L. E. Curtis on another page, he is headquarters for anything in the stamp line.

We will be "bigger and better" next month, "see if we aint."

This paper is from the press of Andrew J. Kirby, Taunton, Mass. Better write him about your printing.

Belgium has evidently made a success of her "Sunday Stamps," for she has continued the series by the addition of letter-cards, envelopes and letter-sheets impressed with the anti-sunday-delivery stamp.

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J. S. DUNN,

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER,

CUMBERLAND, ME., U. S. A.

Editorial and Notes.

Well this is number one of PHILATELIC COMFORT, what do you think of us? We shall be larger and better next month, and we wish to further improve month by month, to do this we need your 15 cents.

Auction sale buyers including those who have sent for our catalogue will find same on page 4. When receiving your bids we would be pleased to have your subscription also.

Next month our readers may expect something from the pen of that old time journalist, Mr. L. E. Curtis of Freeport Maine. Mr. Curtis published the "Philatelic Herald" in 1888.

Gone is the *Eagle Philatelist*, gone is *Kissingers Philatelic Postal Card*, postponed is the publication of the *Stamp Collector's Weekly*; all consolidated with the *Pennsylvania Philatelist*. Mr. Kissinger will now devote all his efforts to the "Pennsy."

We hear that a publication is soon to hail from Cornish, Maine, by name "Eggs and Stamps."

John Lewis Childs, the seedsman of Floral Park, N. Y., mails his great floral catalogue prepaid by a 6 ct. Columbian. Inside is a circular requesting the return of the stamp for which a seed novelty will be sent. Who is the lucky one?

The New Jersey Philatelist is to be started over again with T. G. Kitchin at the helm. Success to you, old friend.

Comfort, a periodical published at Augusta, Maine, had a long well written article on philately in its January number.

We are sorry to note a change in the *Golden Star* of Taunton, Mass. Once we had fond hopes of its continuing in the form that Mr. Benton run it.

We hear that George Bennett, a druggist of Terre Haute, Indiana has been arrested. He used the names of Geo. Bent and Harry L. Tremaine

in defrauding stamp dealers. Let it be a warning to others.

The Brownies at the Stamp Store is a novelty which appeared in the January *Hoosier Stamp*.

Ready sensitized postal cards are now being placed upon the German market, so that the photographic tourist can very easily dispatch prints of the pictures he is making in his travels to his friends and relatives at home.—*Boston Globe*.

The *Bristol County Stamp News* is a neat and interesting eight page journal hailing from Taunton, Mass., published by the Bristol County Philatelic Society. It has a healthful appearance.

U. S. Document Stamps

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3	Chicago "	5	20	Same, assorted	17
4	" Stamp News, nos. 1, 3, 6	3	21	Mohawk Standard	3
5	Same, vol. 1, nos. 9 to 12; vol. 2, nos. 1 and 2.....	6	22	Nebraska Stamp complete.	5
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13	Fitchburg Phil. vol. 1, nos. 2, 5, 10; vol. 2, nos. 2, 3, 7	6	30	Same, vol. 5, no. 1; vol. 6, nos. 4 and 5	3
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16	International Phil.....	3	33	Same, nos. 90, 93, 94, 97.	4
17	" " Adv....	5	34	P. J. OF Canada, nos. 1, 3	2
			35	Philatelic Messenger.....	2
			36	P. Tribune, nos. 21, 22, etc.	10
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			40	Same, assorted.....	10
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			42	Southern Phil., vol. 4, comp	12
			43	Same, vol. 1, nos. 5, 6, 8; vol. 2, nos. 2 and 3.....	5
			44	Same, vol. 3, nos. 12, 13, 15; vol. 4, nos. 1, 3, 6, 10, 11	8
			45	Stamp (N. Y.) complete..	20
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			47	Western Phil., vol. 1, nos. 3, 4, 5, 10; vol. 3, nos. 2, 3	6
			48	Yankee Philatelist.	8
			49	Foreign papers, from 1886 to 1893. Assd.....	10
			50	10 papers all cov. but 1 ..	10

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NO. 2.

AT RANDOM.

Judging from what I have seen the interest in U. S. envelopes seems to be on the decline. Envelopes scarcely ever bring catalogue prices, while the general issues and department stamps often bring more than what they are catalogued.

The Columbian stamps seem to be the only U. S. stamps that will bring higher prices in Europe than they will at home.

The following item is going the rounds of the daily and weekly newspapers in this part of the State: "Mr. Fred. O. Conant of the firm of Conant, Patrick & Co., wholesale grocers, Commercial street, Portland has a collection of 11000 varieties of postage stamps. He says that there isn't as much stir made over the fad as formerly, but that about as many persons are engaged in collecting." Wonder what he means about "stir" if there are as many collecting now as formerly. I have been collecting now for 14 years, and should say that not only are there more collecting now than there were then but

they collect more carefully and earnestly. There are more and larger firms engaged in the business of dealing in stamps for collectors, and more and better papers published in the interests of stamp collectors. Even such papers as *St. Nicholas* and *Harper's Young People* have opened a department devoted to stamps.

Probably the P. C. will cater to the wants of the younger collectors. Wouldn't it be a good thing to have a question box? You could then send in any question that bothers you, and get many good and new ideas about philately.

I have several pairs of the 3 cent green, 1870 issue, one of which (in each pair) has a perfect grill while its mate has no sign of a grill. In looking over a young collector's album some time ago I saw a 3 cent green of the ungrilled 1872 issue placed in the space made for the grilled one. On asking him why he had placed it there as it had no grill, he replied that it was taken from a letter sent previous to 1872. Was the grilling done imperfectly or are the catalogues wrong in regard to dates? L. E. CURTIS.

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J. S. DUNN,
Cumberland, Me., - U.S. A.

Editorial and Notes.

Owing to the change of business of our printer, Mr. Kirby, this issue appears in 4-page form.

"Uncle Samuel's Explanation," which will appear in our next month's issue, cannot fail to interest you if you are an admirer of wit in philately.

If you do not wish to subscribe for P. C. a year, we would be pleased to have your subscription for six months, the price for same being 10 cents.

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Occasionally, though not regularly, we shall publish any newspaper clippings which we think may prove of interest to our readers.

Thanks to our kind readers and friends for their wishes of success, and salutations to P. C. No. 1.

Uncle Sam is going to print his own postage stamps for the next four years at least. By so doing he saves a good deal of money and gets better work.—*Boston Herald.*

This is too good to be true, but we hope it will hold out as good as it reads, especially the better work. Give us an issue excelled by none.

The manufacturers of "H. O.," a cereal food, are out with an advertising cut, the "Flagship of Health," designed from a 3 cent Columbian.

MY COLUMN : by Xc.

INTRODUCTORY.

To the readers of this interesting Philatelic monthly I wish to state that this column has been given to me to fill to the best of my ability with news pertaining to "our hobby," as many term it. This paper will undoubtedly find it's way among the younger collectors, and I intend to devote my time to them generally. In nearly every one's nature, especially in youth, there is a desire to collect something which may either build up or tend to weaken the intellect. This mania is for something beautiful, old, odd, etc., and at the present time the collecting of stamps is the leading hobby. This is both interesting and instructive and tends to show the pupil how to be neat. It has been said by some that the disposition of the collector can be judged by the way he mounts his collection. "Neatness" should be your motto. As I cannot say too much or "Ye Editor" will think I intend to monopolize his paper, until next issue, when I will try and be more interesting, I beg to remain

—Xc.

Mr. J. Edwards of Montreal, Canada, wishes us to state that he is agent for a number of papers, and can save money for those sending ads. and subs. through him.

MABEL'S ACTING.

When Mabel stamps her dainty foot,*
And fixes me with angry eyes
That speak of rage and pain and scorn,
And grieved and wondering surprise,
I know that she but feigns her woe;
And all her acting is in vain,
For I incline my head once more
And kiss her upturned lips again.
But when she talks in accents soft
And smooth and silken and as mild
As those that fall from mother's lips
In calm reproof of wayward child,
I know that underneath it all
There lurks a feeling that I fear;
So I restrain my ardor quite
And long for succor to appear.
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50 " good stamps—no trash	30
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No. 3.

Uncle Samuel's Explanation.

"Uncle Samuel" sends us the following interpretation to the letters Sur-charged on the South Australian official stamps. He says he knows they are correct, because his papa says so.

- A. Altered.
- A. G. Awful Grill.
- A. O. Altered Over.
- B. D. Been Doctored.
- B. G. Bogus Gum.
- B. M. Broken Medallion.
- C. Counterfeit.
- C. D. Crude Design.
- C. L. Crazy Lithograph.
- C. O. Colored Over.
- C. P. Clearly Printed.
- C. S. Counterfeit Surcharge
- C. Sgn. Counterfeit Signature
- C. T. Color Turned
- D. B. Deucedly Bogus.
- D. R. Destination Rubbedout
- E. Engraved
- E. B. Evidently Bogus
- G. F. Good Forgery
- G. P. Grilled Perforation
- G. S. Gummed Surcharge.
- G. T. Gummed Tenaciously
- H. Handprinted.
- H. A. Hasty Answer
- H. G. Horribly Grilled
- I. A. Ingeniously Altered.
- I. E. Iron Engraving

- I. S. Inverted Surcharge
- L. A. Lost Answer
- L. C. Ladies Correspondence
- L. L. Long Letters
- L. M. Limited Mail
- L. T. Lightning Transit
- M. Mailed
- M. B. Male Boy
- M. R. Muchly Registered
- M. R. G. Mail Robbers Grievances
- N. T. Never Transmitted
- O. Original
- O. A. Once Answered
- O. S. On Sandpaper
- P. Perforatedward
- P. A. Postally Asphyxiated
- P. O. Purely Original
- P. S. Perforated Surcharge
- P. W. Postoffice Wrinkle
- R. B. Red Backwards
- R. G. Really Genuine
- S. Sold
- S. C. Seebeck Contract
- S. G. Sour Gum
- S. M. Suddenly Mailed
- S. P. Stamp Punched
- S. T. Similarly Treated
- T. Taken
- T. R. Twice Returned
- V. Valuable
- V. A. Villanious Answers
- V. N. Very New
- W. Watermarked

Yours not very truly,

Uncle Samuel

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J. S. DUNN,

Cumberland, Maine. U. S. A.

Died in Cumberland, April 21st,
JOHN E. DUNN.

The above announces the death of my father, words cannot express the grief which I feel. Until next month, when I will try to say something, I must remain silent.

Notes Here and There.

It is said that the 50 cent Columbian is the hardest to find in that series in a well-centered condition.

According to my view the *American Philatelic Magazine* and the *Pennsylvania*

Philatelist would take a higher place in philatelic journalism should they drop their personalities and simple witticisms. A few words in a personal matter may pass but when lengthened out in this manner, it makes poor reading.

The One Dollar Columbian is getting to be quite a *rara-avis*. Specimens are known to have been sold for \$2.00.

Mr. L. E. Curtis, a dealer and collector, also grocer of Freeport, Me. lost quite heavily in a recent fire in that place.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer the Chicago dealer opens a branch at Buffalo, N. Y. on the 15th of this month.

Following the footsteps of *St. Nicholas* the *Argosy* has opened a department devoted to Stamp Collecting.

Two essentials to Cleve Scott's funny publications will be the writings of Gus Luhn and Will M. Randall.

Mr. W. A. H. Connor of San Francisco has our thanks for a neat little perforation gauge and Millimeter scale.

MY COLUMN; by Xc.

BEGINNERS.

The beginners are the life of stamp collecting and as long as they strive to advance and leave the beginners ranks for a larger field it leaves room for a new one, and it by this way of force that stamp collecting grows. Now my friend 'have you began?' We are a good sort of fellows (some fine young ladies too, boys) and would like to have an introduction to you and help you along. Since I have offered you this invitation, I will try to tell you how to begin. Secure a blank book, or better a cheap album, the first thing, if a blank book, label the pages (as there are several stamp issuing countries which are not mentioned in your geography. I would refer you to some standard catalogue, as these give all and can be secured for 50 cents) from A to Z giving each country the number of pages in proportion to the number of stamps issued, *Dont paste stamps flat.* Although this advice is given in nearly every article there are still a large number of collections mounted in this way. Any dealer will sell you a Thousand gummed hinges for a dime. Thus prepared with books, hinges, catalogue and lots of patience, with an order to your dealer for some stamps I will leave you until next issue, when I will tell you the best way to buy your stamps and the way to treat them.

Yours, In Philately,

—Xc.

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100 " " " " " " " " " " " "	20
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2 " "	8
3 Buckeye State Collector	2
4 Chicago Phil.....	5
5 Collectors Exchange.....	2
6 Collectors Press (comp. ex. 5)	6
7 Curiosity Collector (N.J.).....	10
8 " stamp World	4
9 Electric Phil	8
10 Essex Co. Phil.....	5
11 Eureka "	5
12 Florida " complete.....	6
13 Hawkeye State Collector	3
14 Hoosier Stamp	9
15 Int. Phil Adv	9
16 Manhattan Jol	3
17 Mekeels W. S. News Ass'd	28
18 Missouri Phil.....	3
19 Mohawk Collectors Standard..	5
20 N. H. Phil.....	2
21 Nebraska Stamp complete	5

22 Old Curiosity Shop.....	7
23 One Dime.....	25
24 Same Vol. 3	12
25 Park City Collector	2
26 Phil. Era Vol. 3	6
27 Same, Vol. 5	12
28 Same, Vol. 6	12
29 Same, Vol. 7	12
30 Phil. Fraud Reporter Vol. 1 ..	12
31 Same, Vol 2 (except 5, 6, 11), Vol 3, nos. 1 and 2, (Crete, Neb and Vol. 1, No. 1	12
32 Phil. Herald Vol. 4, nos. 1 & 4	2
33 Phil. J. of A.....	6
34 Phil. News (Utica).....	2
35 " Reporter	2
36 " Sun, comp. except No. 1.....	5
37 Phil. Tribune (many old nos.)	25
38 Plain Talk.....	8
39 Post Card.....	26
40 Postal Card	8
41 Southern Phil. Vol. 4	12
42 Stamp (N. Y.) complete	34
43 Stamp Collector (England).....	4
44 Tiny Phil.....	2
45 Witch City Phil	3
46 Yankee Phil. (Boston)	6
47 " " (Vermont)	2
48 Uncovered Papers	25
49 Same, ...	25
50 Covered Papers	25

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No. 4.

Envelope Stamps.

BY L. H. BENTON.

There is a class of stamps which is unjustly slighted by the philatelic fraternity, and that is the envelope class.

This is especially so in regard to our own issues in that line, and it is said to be due to the confusion on the part of many to distinguish the various dies. If one is interested enough, these trouble disappear. Yet what can be expected when the compiler of Scott's Standard Catalogue (whose only interest is a financial one) puts the description of the various dies of the first issue in such illogical language as he has done?—a "description" which will puzzle one who does not already know the points and one who at the same time knows more English than the aforementioned compiler appears to. How many *straight* labels are there in these stamps? Perhaps "with *straight ends*" is meant; yet, if so, what kind of a looking stamp is the one bearing a "*straight label with octagonal ends*"?

The simple beauty of a collection of United States envelope stamps in a cut square condition is something remarkable. Few instances are there where a more charming array of colors can be had. The various colored stamps on various colors of paper have, when to-

gether, a peculiarly diversified beauty that is afforded by no other class. However, the demand for this class is, in comparison with others, small; hence we see few in the average collection. The standard prices are much above their market value; yet if fools can be found who will pay the aforesaid "standard" prices when the stamps are to be had from many dealers at 25 to 50 per cent (or even more) less, I suppose it is all right, —for the seller. If the victim cannot realize this, let him try to sell his treasures to the dealer of whom they were purchased. A "reasonably avaricious" dealer recently offered me two magnificent used specimens (for which some of our "big" dealers *ask* something like \$25.00) for \$7.50.

Envelope stamps are issued by only about 130 countries, or nearly twice the number issuing postals, and in the vicinity of one-third the number issuing adhesives.

There are about 3000 varieties of envelope stamps, and Great Britain claims nearly 1200 of them, issuing many on fourteen varieties of paper. The United States shows 298 in the new catalogue. There are probably about 350 legitimate varieties. The catalogue still continues to list the 5cent brown Garfield fake on blue and fawn papers, which material is generally understood to have

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Cumberland, Maine. U. S. A.

Editorial and Notes.

The editor was sworn in as Assistant Postmaster of Cumberland on the 4th inst.

A copy of this paper is sent to every Maine collector whose address we have obtained, this is done for the purpose of letting you know that there is a good lively, philatelic society in this state, and also a live little philatelic monthly. Join the one and get the other gratis.

The *Detroit Philatelist* is no more, the publishers of the *American Philatelic Magazine* having bought it out.

Mr. R. H. Rockwood of Waterville, Maine, is a candidate for the office of Vice-President of the S. of P. Every one should vote for him.

The *Collector* has changed hands, Nicklas & Lang of Baltimore, Md. are to publish it now.

Philatelic Society of Maine.

Organized Jan. 7, 1893.

Pres.—R. H. Rockwood, Waterville.
Sec'y-Treas.—C. L. Curtis, Freeport.
Libr.—R. E. Lincoln, Waterville.
Ex.Supt.—H. G. Haskell, Green's Land'g
Counterfeit Dec.—L. E. Curtis, Freeport.
Trustees { R. H. Rockwood, Waterville.
 { F. E. Wing
 { J. S. Dunn, Cumberland.

Brothers, we have at last secured an official organ. Ever since our society was founded, the lack of proper means of communication with the members, has proved an obstacle to retard our growth.

Mr. Dunn has offered us the use of one column each month gratis the society paying him 12c. a year for each members's subscription.

This paper will act as our official organ until the next convention, which will be held in Lewiston, State Fair, week.

Please send your nominations for the new officers to the Secretary.

The members have not patronized the Exchange Department as they should. Mr. Haskell has sheets for sale at 5c. each or 6 for 25.

Do not forget to send a few of your duplicate papers to the library.

Next month will appear a complete list of members. All Maine collectors should join us.

MY COLUMN; by Xc.

Have the young collectors all secured their books, hinges, etc., now ready to begin and become a through Philatelist

"The world is advancing and we must advance with it," so I am going into some of the finer points of our study and try to make it more interesting.

Several have enquired how long it would take to get all the different kinds? You can't get them all and so please don't try. 20,000 varieties would fall short of the total number.

Considerable comment has been going through the papers about the variety in the 2c red issue of 1890. It is found with a small cap on the figure 2, on right, left and both sides. The one at the left is most common, on both sides is next, but those on the right side only are very scarce, being offered by some dealers at 75c,

Now my young friends see how many you can find. They are found on the stamps issued in 1893 mostly, (not colombians)

It is rather hot weather to put too much time on stamps but they should not be forgotten altogether, as many bargains can be picked up,

I will take pleasure in answering, through this column, any question which may bother the younger ones, if said questions be addressed to the editor who will forward them.

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been furnished in this instance by private parties, who had these varieties made to order for themselves. They are good for a collection of *bogus* stamps only.

Germany has 164 varieties; Hyderabad 154 positively known, besides others; Salvador 50; and Ceylon 45, most of which are surcharges. Dominican Republic has 66; Prussia 44; Russia 33; Baden, Gwalior, Lubeck and Tasmania 11 each.

There are sixteen places which have but one each. They are: Belgium, Bermuda, Bosnia, British Guiana, British Levant, British South Africa, British South Central Africa, German Levant, Grenada, Malta, Oil Rivers, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Straits Settlements, Tobago and Trinidad.

There are quite a number of prominent stamp issuing countries, many of which have issued unusually large numbers of stamps, that have not a single envelope stamp among their issues. Among these non-envelope countries may be found: Cuba, Gambia, Italy, Luxemburg, Natal, Orange Free State, Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, Portuguese Indies, Roumania, St. Helena, Servia, Siam South Australia, Spain, Venezuela, Western Australia, the individual Leeward Islands issues, etc.

Columbian Republic with her issues in profusion, has three varieties in the envelope stamp line, France but two, Shanghai only four four, Turkey six,

and so on.

Prussia's 44 envelope varieties just exceeds two-thirds of the entire issues, and four of Poland five are envelope stamps.

I know of but one objection to a collection of *unused* cut square envelope stamps, and that is, unlike the case of adhesives, they would be unavailable for postage in case of emergency. Perhaps this furnishes an excuse for collecting them entire, yet it does not alter the fact that collecting varieties of size, shape, etc., of envelopes is in reality beyond the confines of *stamp* collecting.

BRIGHT BOY.

Teacher:--In what battle was Stonewall Jackson mortally wounded?

Pupil:--Dunno; I guess it was the last one he fought in.--Epoch.

When you write to the editor of this paper or to any advertiser, enclose a stamp for reply.

ABOUT HIS SIZE.

Minister--So you go to school, do you Bobby?

Bobby--Yes, sir.

Minister.--Let me hear you spell kitten.

Bobby--I'm getting too big a boy to spell kitten, sir. Try me on cat.-Tit-Bits

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The 2c. 1890 Variety.

A quite widely discussed stamp at present is the variety of the two cent stamp of our 1890 issue.

Some call it scarce, some do not.

A friend of mine looked over a thousand and found five. I looked over a thousand, ten bunches of 100 each, and found 74. There were 46 with cap on left, 27 with it on both, and one with it on the right figure. This latter variety is really very scarce. I know parties who have looked over thousands and thousands and found none. In the first hundred I found 7, in the second 13; in the third 11, including a strip of three with left cap, and a verticle pair with cap on *right* figure of lower stamp while the upper stamp was the regular variety, that is no caps at all.

Between this cap and the figure "2" is faint hair line. A correspondent in the "*Post Office*" mentions this hair line variety in addition to those discovered by Mr. Davison. Numerous others of those found by me have this hair line including the strip of three, before mentioned. In fact, about one fourth of mine are thus. In the fourth hundred I found 13; in the fifth 3; sixth one; seventh 6; eighth none; ninth 7; tenth 14.

I looked over 96 on envelopes, and

found 9, eight of which were with caps on left, and one with cap on both. The letter was mailed from Boston, Nov. 23, 1892, over a year and a half ago.

The other eight were mailed at the following places at the dates given
Taunton, Aug. 14, 1893.

" " 15, "

Boston, " 22, "

" July 31, "

Providence Oct. 25, "

New York, Feb. 28, "

" " Sept. 16, "

Greene, N.Y. Oct. 13, "

For unused copies of left cap variety Mr. Gremmel is asking 50c. each, while for a set consisting of (two) left and both caps variety, used, he is asking 10c I haven't, as yet, seen them advertised at that, or any other price, in his paper but a friend says he has them in his show case.

Most anyone possessing a few dozen of the two centers can find at least a set among them.

This variety is more difficult to find among the present stock of unused ones, but they are procurable at a dime each, for I see by the *Philatelic Era* for June 1, that a Kansas dealer is offering them at 10c each, six for fifty (Gremmel's price for one). The same dealer then beards the lion in his den by inserting the same adv. in the *Post Office*.

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Editorial and Notes.

Behind time but gaining though.



The announcement of our new volume will be in our next number.



We mail two copies every number of our publication to about 35 philatelic papers, of these only about 6 have ever responded, and of the 6 only two send two copies. These are the *Philatelic Era* and the *Evergreen State Philatelist*.

If the others do not soon begin to recognize us, we shall surely begin to forget them.

MY COLUMN; by Xc.

Although it is very hot weather and uncomfortable indoors the collectors should remember that many bargains can be found now. Watch out for some

The question ask; "How shall I buy my stamps?" This subject has been handled a great many times but I think it will prove interesting to many readers

Collectors having less than 500 varieties can find many to add to their collection by investing in packets and exchanging the duplicates with friends. Another way is to receive approval sheets from dealers and select from these what is required and return the remainders, but the stamps are a trifle higher in buying this way as the business of mounting and changing prices, etc, occupies more time than making up packets and the dealer has to receive something for the extra trouble.

Joining a good stamp society affords some chance of getting better bargains as buying through auction sales, exchange department, etc. In some future issue I will show the workings of some stamp societies and trust in will secure a number of members to some of them. They are next to our papers in value to the advancement of the business.

Any question to be answered send to the Editor. he will forward them.

—More anon.

Philatelic Society of Maine.

Organized Jan. 2, 1893.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE.

Waterville, Aug. 1, 1894.

Members of the P. S. of Me

Greeting:—Owing to various causes it has been thought best to omit the second annual convention of our society. The election of officers will be held Monday Oct. 1. All votes shall be sent to the secretary.

R. H. Rockwood,
President.

The officers to be elected are
Pres, Vice Pres, Sec'y Treas, Libr,
Ex. Supt, Counterfeit Detector and one
Trustee.

Nominations have been received as
Vice Pres. G. O Vickery, Augusta.
Count'ft Dectr. L. E. Curtis, Freeport
Trustee C. L. Curtis, Freeport.

As the records of the society have been lost, we are unable to give a complete list of members, as was promised last month. When remitting your dues do not forget to enclose your number, in order to have a membership card sent you.

If you are in doubt as to the genuineness of a stamp send it to the Counterfeit Detector, Mr Curtis is one of our advanced collectors and is as well informed on philatelic matters as anyone in the State.

Send you nominations to the Sec'y,

About the Ex. Department.

I'm very sorry to say that our exchange department has not prospered very well during the past.

I had 500 sheets printed for exchange use, and they have been and are now for sale at 5c each or 6 for 25c.

Please bear in mind that filled sheets will be sent only to those applying for same.

So far the dep't has been patronized by Mr. Dunn, Mr. Rockwood and myself only

Now let us see the members spur up, and make the dep't the booming success it should be. I advise all members of the P. S of M, to send in for a few blank sheets, fill and return same, and the dep't will soon be in working order,

Yours in Philately,

Harry G. Haskell,

Green's Landing, Box 20, Maine
Ex. Sup't P S of M.



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The illustration of the variation, that is, the "cap", in the *Post Office* was exaggerated in proportionate size and a trifle too far forward. The "cap" is more of a plane frustum rather than so rectangular

—L. H. BENTON.

My Philatelic Information Bureau

BY UNCLE SAMUEL.

A person with a desire to know new things always interests me, and I always like to impart what I don't know to those who come to me seeking information. Quite a number embryo philatelists, knowing me to be a human encyclopaedia on matters philatelic have of late been addicted to propounding to me various questions regarding our hobby. Thinking that some of these valuable discussions may be of interest to philatelists at large, I will exhibit some of them in cages four the philatelic public to gaze at.

A asks: whose picture is it on the 5 cent first issue of United States stamps and what did he do to deserve such honor?

Why, A, old boy, I am surprised at your ignorance. That is the picture of George W. Columbus, who discovered stamps in 1492. He was the first woman who ever went whaling on the Potomac. He once assassinated a cherry-tree with a hatchet that had been a Christmas present from Sitting Bull.

B inquires; How much is the first issue of Greenland worth?

Yes; certainly.

C enquires: Are those 5cent 1866 and 1880 stamps of Newfoundland the "official seal" stamps?

Yes; warranted.

D interrogates: who got up the first

stamp?

Confucius' wife, only she got it down when she stamped her foot when Conny came home late from the club one night about four-thirds full of Tam foo city water.

E demands: Shouldn't there be two L's in "Heligoland" on her stamp issues?

Yes; there are aren't there?

E queries: How fast is that steamship going on the 12½ cent New Brunswick stamp?

Why, yes, to be sure, don't care if I do

G warbles: who is that chap on the one cent 1868 Newfoundland stamp, and where did he get that hat. Is it on

Concluded in our next.

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No. 6.

My Philatelic Information Bureau

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straight?

That "chap" my dear G, is Grover Cleveland. and the chapeau is one purchased second-hand from Benjamin Harrison. Grover has been talking through it over a year now, that is why it is not on quite plumb. The feather in his cap was there when Grove bought the hat of Ben.

H propounds; What is the difference between the U. S. 5 cent brown 1861 and the 5 cent chocolate 1862?

Seventy-five cents.

I (it's a gurl this time) simperess Do they have special stamps for *billet-doux*

Yes ma'am; stamps of large sighs, printed in a soft, green color. The backs of the stamps are fully slobbered with chewinggum, and many are dead stuck. They all have an imprint, and are best when damp from the press. They are very popular with the male carriers.

J vociferates: Are stamps the only philatelic things that are surcharged?

No; many collectors are surcharged with an ambition to become dealers, or to "run a stamp paper."

K wants to know: Do any cities of Germany issue stamps? If so, what?

Yes; Cologne issues a stamp of three scents value.

L jabbers: Is there more than one die of the *post obitum* stamp?

No. The Catchak stamps, however have nine *lives*.

M chirps: What is the best stamp paper out?

Out of what?

N mumbles: Did Methuselah ever collect stamps?

I'll ask him next time I see him.

O enunciates: How many stamps has Nigger coast issued?

About that, I should say.

P solicits an answer to this query: shouldn't "Nage" be spelled "*Neige*"?

Yes; his articles are "coolers" and the identity of the writer is buried under "Nage".

Q questions: Was Columbus a Dago?

No; he was a Commanche Irishman.

THE A. B. C. of the D. W. I.

BY L. H. BENTON.

While all know, either from name or from geographical observation, that the Danish West Indies, so called, are in "The West Indies", few seem to know just where and what they they are.

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Editorial and Notes.

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They comprise St. Thomas, St. Croix (or Santa Cruz), and St. Johns, and are among the Virgin Islands, east of Porto Rico. East of the Virgin Islands, as well as the Leeward Islands, of which the Virgins are a part, are British property. This Danish island of St. Johns must not be confused with St. Johns on Antigua island or St. John on Porto Rico.

Their first postage stamp was issued in 1855.

The D. W. I. stamps are used on all three islands, but Stanley Gibbons's Catalogue lists them under the head of St. Thomas, instead of Danish West Indies as our American catalogues do. This English catalogue lists nineteen varieties of stamps, other than cards, while our American ones each list but sixteen Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s standard lists 8 postal cards, Gremmel 5, and Stanley Gibbons 7.

St. Thomas is 38 miles east of Porto Rico, and is seventeen miles long by four wide, and yet contains but 37 square miles. The island must be pretty slim in some places; perhaps it

wears corsets! The surface is rugged and elevated, and is highest in the center.

Though the soil is sandy and much of it uncultivated, there is an extensive trade carried on there, greatly owing to the magnificent harbor.

The population of the whole island is but a little over fourteen thousand, and 13,000 of them are in the capital, Charlotte Amalie. Three-fourths of them are black—various shades. The capital has one daily paper and two semi-weeklies. It has a gas works, three hospitals (whether lunatic or surgical I can't say), etc. St. Thomas is connected with the continent by cable so it can't get away.

St. Croix is the largest of the Danish possessions, and, in fact, the largest of the Virgin Islands. It is 20 by 5 miles in extent and contains 110 square miles. This island must have taken a teaspoonful of Scott's Emulsion after each meal it is not mentioned in Scott's 54th however! This island lies (though it has no tongue) 65 miles E. S. E. of Porto Rico; it is flat, well-watered (though not necessarily by *well*) and fertile. About two-fifths is in sugar cane, one half in general crops, and the balance is uncultivated. Sugar, molasses and rum are the principle exports. Cotton coffee and indigo figure prominently in the list also.

Christiansted is the capital, and has a population of 6000. Fredericksted is

an important town and was nearly destroyed by insurgents in 1878.

St. Croix has been under Dutch, British, Spanish and French control.

The latter ceded it to "those Dutchmen".

The prevailing language spoken by the 19000 people here is English.

St. Johns is E. N. E. of St. Thomas and is a small a small island 42 square miles in area, chiefly noted for the bay rum it exports. The population of the island is a trifle above one thousand, and the latest census gives the population of the capital "city"—Cruz Bay—as 99.

The metropolis of St. Johns!

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Nomination for librarian declined by
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Election of officers Oct. 1st If you
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NO. I.

Stamps of the Barbados.

BY R. H. ROCKWOOD.

The specialist in British Colonials has a rich field in which to work and the general collector is sure to take considerable interest in these stamps. One of the most popular colonies with the average philatelist is the Barbados, and many collections show up strong on this particular group of islands.

One reason for this favoritism is the oddity of design on the earlier stamps, those issued from 1852 to '82 bearing the figure of Britannia seated, grasping a spear in her right hand and leaning on a shield. But two other countries have issued stamps with this design, Mauritius and Trinidad. Then too, a nearly complete collection can be made without much expenditure of money, a fact which causes many to be partial to our specialty.

The first stamps were issued in 1852, the value not appearing on the stamps.

$\frac{1}{2}$ p green, blue and white paper.
1p blue, " " " "
4p red " " " "

In the 54th edition of Scott's 'Standard' the 4p is catalogued on white, while other lists issued later do not mention this stamp.

Stamps bearing the expressed value of 6p and 1sh appeared in 1859, the colors being red and black respectively. The first perforated stamps were issued in 1861, as follows:

1-2p green.	6p rose.
1p blue.	6p vermilion.
4p red.	1sh black.
4p rose.	

In 1871 the color of the 4p was changed to vermilion, and the 3p claret was issued in '73. The values of the 1-2, 1 and 4p stamps are not expressed, while the remainder of the series have the value below the figure. The 5sh pink was first used in 1873.

A number of changes were made in 1874.

1-2p green.	6p orange.
1p blue.	1sh violet.
4p scarlet.	

The denomination of the three lower values were, for the first time, expressed in this set. In 1878 the color of the 3p was changed to violet. The famous split provisionals, 1p on half of 5sh, were used the same year.

(Concluded next month.)

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J. S. DUNN,

Cumberland, Me., - U. S. A.

Editorial and Notes.

The copy for our last number was in the printer's hands 6 weeks before we received the number, this delay added to our other lateness put that number away behind time, so we have thought it best to issue 4-page numbers for September and October to catch up with time, however we will have a larger number in November.

And so the genial Bob Miller is no longer among us with a paper. If Bob had'n't recently joined the benedicts we would be willing to bet a quarter that he is lonesome without his pets.

For though it may reduce a fellow's wealth to zero, there is a taste that is suited and a feeling that is gratified in receiving number after number from the printer and consigning it through the mails to almost every part of our great world.

"We are dwindling away boys"—
Washington Philatelist.

Yes, we are dwindling away but we still seem to have courage to withstand the knocks to which we are subject. Eh, Major?

Where, oh where is the *Philatelic Kaleidoscope*? So far we have seen but one number of it, and we liked it so well we are wishing for more.

What's that you said? Was it that the *Weekly Philatelic Era* is the best weekly philatelic paper published? Well, those are just our symptoms; give your support to Jewett and you are putting it in a good place.

The best new comer we have seen is the *Philatelic Sun*, of Taunton, Mass. It is a good one and no mistake. Success, Bro. Kaupp!

From way down in Abilene, Texas, the *Lone Star State Philatelist* comes to us every week with more or less regularity. It will come to you, too, a whole year for only 25 cents. It is worth it, man!

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF MAINE.



~~NOTICE~~ NOTICE.—The election in our Society has been postponed till December 1st, 1894. Full list of candidates will appear in next number of this journal. The Editor is working up a list of members which he hopes to have ready for publication in time for the next number.

MY COLUMN, by Xc.

COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

Of all the beautiful sets of stamps, our Columbian set excels in beauty, both in diagram and engraving. Although they caused some dissatisfaction among business men who use hundreds every day, the majority of the people were well satisfied with the set—stamp collectors especially.

Very few errors exist in the set; among the first ones put out it was discovered that the B in COLUMBUS was damaged, and in this way making a perfect R, but this was fixed in a short time. Also among the first they were issued in a dark blue shade 34 mm. long by 22 1-2 wide. There are shades of light blue, bluish purple and ultramarine blue. The later issues measure 33 1-2 x 22 1-2 mm.

The two-cent is found in maroon,

pink, and difference in length same as one cent. I found a 4 cent with S in COLUMBUS like a perfect 9.

The 10 cent comes in a fine chocolate to a light brown.

The usual number of shades exist among the 3, 5, 6, 8 and 15c, and also among the higher values (*if you can get them to compare.*)

The above are not necessary to be classed as errors, still it affords some pleasure to look for them, and the slight difference may mean dollars to you in the future.

The envelope stamps come in scores of varieties. It would take pages to tell them all, but they are there. The principal difference is in the periods after CENTS and AMERICA; some with and some without. Also the eagle's left wing differs at the points. Look these small points up—they may prove interesting.

SHADES.

An interesting branch of our pursuit is the collecting of varieties of shades. At the present time there is not much attention given to the slight difference in the color of the stamps for the reason that there are so many distinct errors, misprints, etc., discovered all the time that we hardly find time to hunt them out. There is an end to these sometime,

however, and what then will the industrious searcher turn to unless it be the varieties of the colors? It doesn't require an old stamp collector to find the difference in the shades as it does to find the errors, etc., and for this reason I think the younger class should give it more of their attention.

(Concluded next month.)

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No. 2.

Stamps of the Barbados.

BY R. H. ROCKWOOD.

(Continued from last number.)

The old designs had been in use for thirty years, when in 1882 a new set was issued bearing the head of the Queen.

1-2p green.	4p slate.
1p carmine.	6p brown.
2 1-2p blue.	1sh orange.
3p mauve.	5sh ochre.
4p brown issued in 1885.	

In 1892 the 4p brown was surcharged 1-2p. This year also saw a new set of stamps, bearing the seal of the colony, *i. e.* Neptune arising from Old Ocean.

1-2p green.	2 1-2p blue.
1p carmine.	5p blue.
6p mauve and red.	
8p orange and blue.	

This completes the list of adhesives. Besides these are several envelopes and wrappers, but those will be left until another article.

Just a word with the younger collector and we will finish. Very likely you collect stamps of all countries, but don't you feel a special interest in some few of these? If so, don't forget the Barbados.

MY COLUMN; by Xc.

(Continued from last number.)

Some colors do not afford as many varieties of shades as others, namely, blue, purple, black, and most all *dark* colors. Red gives us a large number, as in the 3c 1851-56, 1863, postage due stamps and the 2c 1890. Of the latter stamp the shade varies from a light pinkish-rose to a dark lake. Only two varieties are listed, a rose and a lake. The 3c of 1863 comes from light pink to brownish-rose, some of the shades being very distinct. Look at some of them. I think more attention should be given to the 3c of 1851, both to the shades and several distinct varieties. I have found them as follows: 19½ mm. and 20 mm. in width; 1 line at left and 2 at right, (the original plate has 2 lines at each side), 3 lines at left and 1 at right, no line at left and 1 at right, and the R in THREE forms a perfect B. Another slight difference is the S in POSTAGE; the points meeting the stem make a figure 8.

In shade I have a rich brown, a chocolate and several shades from these to a light orange-red. See if you can find any.

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Editorial and Notes.

The list of members of the Philatelic Society of Maine is the result of the labors of the Editor for a little while past. From the communications I have received, I have revised the list and think it is now all O. K. If not, however, will the members please state any corrections or additions which should be made.

After the election we must settle down to business and set the ball rolling to pick up new members and patronize the various departments.

Mr W. S. Weatherston has found that too much of everything is involved in issuing the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* as a semi-monthly, so he has kept it in a monthly form.

If Mr. L. G. Quackenbush is as good an editor as he is a writer, the *Philatelic Review of Reviews* has certainly secured a good editor. The typography of the magazine is superb-excellent.

The best article I have read lately is the one in the September *Washington Philatelist* on Seebecks; those who are "on the fence" on the Seebeck question can do no better than to read this article.

S. of P. members are at present receiving great (?) benefits through that society. Two official organs without extra charge.

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The election will occur on Dec. 1st. Send in your vote now a postal card addressed to the Secretary at this address:

Chas. L. Curtis,
230 Main street,
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Following is a list of the nominations:

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No. 3.

PHILATELY IN NEW ENGLAND.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

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Westward the course of philately has made its way, and thus it is that New England can justly claim the honors not only in being the present residence of more old time collectors than any other section of the country but of being, also, the Plymouth rock of philately, the realm where our banners were first planted and our ancestors in the pursuit took up permanent residence, in after years to slowly but surely push the savages, who sought to stay onward progress, back and back and set the outposts of our ever-growing army of collectors farther, ever farther, towards the interior.

The term "savages" which I have made use of in connection with the opponents of philately is but a figure of speech, yet it is not singularly out of place considering the methods of warfare indulged in by our enemies who have held us up to ridicule and attacked us by innuendoes and covert thrusts.

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a moulder of public opinion in his day, is also delightfully recalled. Though Goldsbury has passed from this world to a higher, purer, and better sphere, and Goodrich is but a tender memory, while Parrish has departed from the paths of philatelic prominence, their influences are still felt and their names are endeared to all old time collectors.

The philatelists of New England have always been well recognized on the Official boards of our leading societies and have invariably acquitted themselves, and performed their duties in a creditable manner, reflecting credit upon themselves and the section of Colombia's domain which they represent.

Yankeedom has never suffered to any great extent with philatelic frauds, though some may say that S. Allan Taylor was the father of them all, yet I think it is agreed that Taylor is not half as black as he is painted, and many collectors of the present can trace the inception of their philatelic pleasures to Taylor, "way back in the sixties."

In all the various side walks of philately New England has contributed shining lights, and when the history of our hobby is written, the names of her sons will occupy a place well up towards the top on the scroll of honor.

A COLUMBIAN ALBUM.

BY L. H. BENTON.

There are specialists and specialists and albums and albums, but nearly all are for a general collection. To be sure, we have two makes of United States albums (Scott's and Mekeel's), and one especially for Mexican issues, and I believe there was one promised for Canadian issues, but it has failed to materialize.

There is a large field for special albums, but I think it probable that with few exceptions the aggregate number of devotees in each case is not large enough to warrant the publication of one. However, I think one for the issues of the British Empire would take, that is one with spaces for all the postal issues of Great Britain and her colonies.

But that is not "what I am coming at," though it serves my purpose as an introduction to my subject.

My point is that these special albums can be gotten up by the collector who is interested—be he sufficiently so—himself.

What a field he has!

Spain and her colonies—Cuba Porto Rico, Fernando Po, Philippine Islands, etc.; France and her colonies; Portugal ditto. An "Italian

Album" could be made interesting, including Italy proper, Naples, Sicily, San Marino, Eritrea, Italian Levant, etc. So could a "Dutch Album," with Netherlands, Dutch East Indies, Curacao and Surinam represented. A "Danish Album" with Denmark, Danish West Indies and Iceland issues provided for would be interesting.

An album for Jubilee issues, or, still finer, one for a section of that class,—for Columbian issues.

But my subject delves still deeper than that, and treats of an album for U. S. Columbian stamps alone.

Not enough varieties, eh? Do tell!

Now gaze, while I chew the American language!

I won't stop to mention the few varieties of adhesives,—shades, papers, etc.—just now, but will devote myself to the envelope stamps.

There are undoubtedly 288 classified varieties.

The side ornaments furnish four varieties: solid dots, holes in both dots, hole in right dot only, and hole in left dot only. These latter are really rings. These varieties exist without periods, with period after "America," and with periods after "America" and "cents" both. I have yet to see a single one with period after "cents" only, and I have examined hundreds of all values. Has any

of the readers seen one? I do not say that this variety doesn't exist, but if it does, I *do* say it is very scarce.

Anyway, these dot and period variations give us twelve varieties. Each is found in dark, medium and light shades. That makes 36. With and without meridian—72. Four values—288. See?

On each page I allow for twelve stamps—four rows of three (shades) each. Take the first envelope page for instance. Here is the arrangement:

ONE CENT BLUE.

NO MERIDIAN. NO PERIODS.

Solid dots—dark, medium, light.

Holes in both dots—d., m., l.

Hole in left dot only—d., m., l.

Hole in right dot only—d., m., l.

On page two the third part of the heading reads "Period after America," instead of "No periods." On page 4 the *second* part of the heading reads "Meridian" instead of "No meridian." This is the first page of the second set of three, and all read that way of course, that is the *second parts of the heading*. The third and sixth pages read "Both periods" in the *third* part of the heading, of course.

Page 7 begins with the 2c. value.

In the adhesives, the 1c. appears in deep "Antwerp" blue, and also in light blue (plain American variety I guess!); the 2c., 4c., 5c., 8c., and 10c. in various shades, and the 15c. value has been found on laid paper.

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Everybody, P. S. of A. members in particular, should read "A Great Offer" on page 13.

We take no part whatever in the S. of P. fracas, but we have heard it pretty straight that "much can be said on both sides." The whole affair is too disgusting to be taken

notice of. Too much wire pulling has brought this once prosperous society down to a very low basis.

As this number has been delayed unexpectedly since the outside pages were printed, we are requested by Mr. Kirby to say that he will extend until January 15, 1895, the offers in his advertisement on page 16.

Look up our Auction on page 15 and send a few bids.

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ELECTION.

Waterville, Me., Dec. 3, 1894.

To the members of the Philatelic Society of Maine.

I beg to announce the result of the election of officers for the ensuing year.

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Chas. L. Curtis,
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There are about 580 U. S. Locals. Those that issued the most are, Boyd's, 87 stamps, Hussey's, 80, D. O. Blood's, 31, and Wells, Fargo & Co., 21. These are only a few that issued them.

There are 92 different U. S. Telegraph stamps issued by the various companies. The leading companies are, Western Union, 23 stamps, American Rapid, 16, and Baltimore and Ohio, 13. The others issued only a few apiece.

There are forty varieties known to exist in the one cent blue of 1890.

There are 80 Provisional stamps of the Confederate stamps known to exist, and they were issued by 30 different postmasters.

If Iceland is a small country, it gets there just the same, for it has issued 17 adhesives, 7 officials and 6 postals between the years 1873 and 1892.

THE U. S. ISSUE 1872-'82.

BY E. G. MCFALL.

Many, especially among the younger collectors, do not know the difference between the regular issue of 1872 and the same RE-ENGRAVED which were used in 1882. There is a great difference which I will point out to you.

In 1870 the issue came out as follows: 1c blue, 2c brown, 3c green, 6c pink, 10c brown, 12c dark purple, 15c orange, 24c purple, 30c black and 90c carmine. At this time all the stamps were grilled or embossed, that is, the fibres of the paper were broken by a steel die to allow the ink used in cancellation to sink into the paper, thus making the stamp secure against being used a second time.

Two years later the system of embossing was done away with and the stamps were used plain. As the embossed issue was only in use two years they are very rare, the 12 cent selling for \$50.00 unused, and the 24 cent at \$75.00 unused. The 3 cent is rather common.

The postage rate at this time was 3c on each letter per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce, and consequently a large number of the 1c, 3c, 6c, 10c and 30c were used.

In 1882 the plates were worn so that it was found necessary to alter them somewhat; this was done, and the result was the re-engraved set of 1882, which I intend to describe for benefit of those who do not understand them.

The 1c blue of 1882:—shading of the oval containing bust of Franklin meets the border at the right, while on the 1872 issue it curves to the left and follows the oval. At the left of the oval under the letter U in the U. S. POSTAGE the shading is long, but of the 1872 it is short and prominent. You will find more of the 1882 issue.

The 3c green, 1882:—shading of the oval containing portrait of Washington, on the right side, is small and joins the oval before reaching the label, while in the 1872 issues it is wide and joins the shading of the label.

The 6c pink of 1882:—corner panels are very heavy, while in the 6c of 1872 the lines are very light. The issue of 1872 is the most common.

The 10c brown of 1882:—corner panels are very dark, while the 1872 issue are very light and with a heavy crossed background back of bust in oval. Both issues come in various shades of brown and make a fine collection.

The 30c black was not listed in the re-engraved condition until this year. It has the distinction of the 10c, but my collection of these shows very small difference.

Keep your eyes open for the 10c re-engraved, 1882. "Our Catalogue" lists them at 10c, used, or *ten times* as much as last year.

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50c Lease, very fine	.17
Western Union, 1890	.05
Official Seal, brown, unused	.02
First issue U. S. cards, both varieties of watermark, the pair	.05
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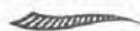
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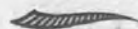
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Mr. Guy O. Vickery, our P. S. of M. Vice-president-elect, will start on December 28th, 1894 on a three months trip to Central America and

West Indies, where he intends to pick up many desirable stamps. We wish him *bon voyage*.

It has been a noticeable fact that the majority of collections have been lacking in U. S. Due stamps, but a great number could be and were (when the catalogue price rose) at once brought into market. They have now settled back to a fair increase on their former market value.

Correspondence.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 12. 1895.

J. S. Dunn, Esq.,

Editor PHILATELIC COMFORT,
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The above applicants will have been admitted on Jan. 1st, 1895 if no objections are received before the next issue of this paper. Members should take a great interest in the Exchange Department, Mr. Cunningham will soon have things in running order. Write now to have him place you on a circuit, and send him a

quarter for 6 blank exchange sheets. I think our Constitution should be looked up and remodelled and published in this paper; for my part I have never seen a copy of it although perhaps the other members have.

The dues, 25c, for the year 1895 are now due and payable to the Secretary, please take this in mind and remit before I have to notify you by postal. All Maine collectors should join us; dues are only 25c per year, no initiation fee, and each member gets the official organ free beside the privilege of the use of all the departments. Application blanks can be had of J. S. Dunn,

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We note that Messrs. Bickford and Piper, two enterprising dealers of Wolfeboro, N. H., have consolidated their business. Notice their ad. in this number.

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PHILATELIC COMFORT.

VOL. II.

CUMBERLAND, MAINE, FEBRUARY 1st, 1895.

NO. 6.

THE WORLD'S FAIR POST OFFICE.

Where once the electric machines were wont to cancel and postmark the mail passing through the World's Fair Post Office, is now a space of vacancy and desolation. Aside from the Fine Arts Building (the Field Columbian Museum now) the Government Building is about the only structure standing, and it has a forsaken and desolate appearance. Twisted beams of iron, vast piles of rubbish and ruin mark the places where once stood the World's choicest representations. And even the Midway (which stamp collectors had a love for) has: "Folded its tent like the Arabs, and silently stolen away."

But this is not the subject. The question is as to whether the stamps and letters postmarked at the World's Fair Station have any special value to a philatelist or stamp collector. Ordinarily a stamp collector would just as soon place in his album a stamp postmarked "Chipmunkville" as he would one postmarked Chicago or New York.

As the Columbian stamps were in use during the life of this post office,

and as the post office was abolished before the stamps were changed, hangs a pretty distinction. To the collector of postmarks, it certainly would be a rarity to have a World's fair postmark. But all philatelists do not collect postmarks.

The Columbian stamps were issued to advertise the fair, and, incidentally, make money off philatelists and the public generally. As an exhibit and accommodation, a small post office was established at the fair grounds, mail boxes placed around, mail chutes in all the buildings, and mail was collected just the same as in Chicago proper.

I do not think the World's Fair postmark will add any value to a stamp, though it cannot be denied a Columbian stamp cancelled at the World's Fair Post Office is very nice and appropriate to have in one's collection.

However, the use of Columbians was not confined to Chicago. They were used everywhere! From every corner in the United States and far off Alaska, they came. A stamp postmarked at Jackson Park (World's Fair Grounds) is, in one sense, rarer than some others, yet the others are just as collectible. At least it seems so to

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This number completes volume II and our first year.

There will be no numbers of this paper for March, April and May. We take this course to catch up with time, subscribers will not lose anything by this, as they will get the same number of issues just the same, as Vol. III, No. 1 will be dated June, and will appear sometime in May.

We are seriously thinking of enlarging this paper with our next issue, and in case we do we shall raise the circulation to 2000 copies.

Advertisers who have standing ads in this paper may change copy if so wished with the next number; in case you do, please send copy as soon as possible.

We agree with the *American Philatelist and Collector* that the chances for many of our stamp editors going to heaven are rather slight. One of the oldest publishers "in the ring" tells us that many of the statements made by editors concerning their circulation are fibs of the worst kind.

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Guy O. Vickery.

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VOL. III.

CUMBERLAND, MAINE, MARCH AND APRIL, 1895.

NO. I.

That Variety of the 1864 3c Envelope.

I noticed in the December number of Philatelic Comfort an article headed "A New Variety." The writer is wrong about its being a *new* variety, as I have had it on both white and buff for a dozen years, although it is certainly a variety and should be entitled to a place in an album and catalogue just as much as is the "rejected die" of 1887. Among many collectors with whom I am acquainted this variety is known as the "spread die."

It was probably caused by the plate becoming worn, as in most of the stamps in my possession the letters of the spread die are blotted and blurred, while in the common variety they are clear and perfect. It must be remembered that these stamps are not printed the same as most U. S. stamps, that is, in the stamps of this issue the ink is on the background of the letters while in most U. S. stamps the ink is on the letters and the background is the color of

the paper. The only thing against this way of looking at the variety is the measurement which is narrower in the spread die than in the other. It may be, perhaps, that this die was retouched as were the dies of the envelopes of 1884. Let us hear from someone else in regard to how this variety came about. L. E. C.

Messrs R. M. Miller and H. A. Bricker are to publish a book containing a history of the S. of P. and a list of the paid-up members together with half-tones of several members.

Mr. Geo. E. Cleaver of Reading, Pa., writes us that he is using most of his spare time at present on his philatelic library. A good library is a good thing to have.

A rising young Society is the League of American Philatelists. The *Michigan Philatelist* has lately been chosen its official organ and it is conceded that the Society will take a big boom the coming season.

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Instead of skipping the entire
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double-headers until we catch up
with time. Subscribers will not lose
any numbers by this arrangement.



What is the matter with an East-
ern, yes a North Eastern convention
seat for 1896? The White mount-
ains or some sea-side resort would
prove a good attraction, but then if
we don't get it this year we will
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Printing memb. certificates	35
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Mr. Stevens takes Mr. Vickery's
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HAYTI.

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Truly specialism is a stimulator. When we have one country as our field, we have much time to study our stamps. We are after quality, not quantity. Whereas with the collector of the postage stamps of the world, or several years, his aim is quantity and not quality.

This argues not that to be a specialist you cannot also be a general collector. A stamp collector can specialize on one field, and yet add to his collection of the world. It is not to be supposed that all the stamps he receives are only of his favorite country.

In my estimation, a very good line of stamps to specialize on are those of Hayti.

Unlike Cuba, there are not a profusion of stamps to collect. Commencing with the first issue in 1881,

we find nothing too rare to be beyond our reach. This first issue consisted of six varieties, viz: one, two, three, five, seven and twenty cent. Of this lot, the 20 cent chocolate is the rarest,—it being valued between 50 and 75 cents.

The next stamps were issued in 1883, and were seven in number. The one, two, three, five, seven (two varieties—one of the blue color and one of ultramarine) and the twenty cent. This lot was perforated 13, and the rarest one is the seven cent ultramarine, its value being placed between 20 and 50 cents.

Of the 1886 issue we have three distinct lots. The first issue was perforated 16, and consisted of the one cent vermilion, two cent purple, three cent gray, five cent green, seven cent blue, and twenty cent red-brown. The seven cent blue is the rarest in this lot, it being valued at \$3.00.

The next lot is composed of five varieties, the two cent purple, three cent brown, five cent green, seven cent blue and twenty cent red-brown. This issue is perforated 14, and the faces of the stamps are shaded by horizontal lines—an excellent distinguishing mark.

(Concluded in next issue.)

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Most every paper demands it.

A philatelic paper should not dip
into personal disputes, whether its
editor has a "finger in the pie" or
not. The sooner several papers find
this out the sooner they will gain
general popularity.

What spells of inactivity philatelic
writers often have, sometimes you
fail to hear from them for months,

then they will come forth again and
delve into it deeper than ever.

Where can a greater or more
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A new arrival—*The Stamp Jour-
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The *Texan Philatelist*, published
by Mr. W. C. Lowry of Abilene,
Texas, has been changed from a
monthly to a semi-monthly. Vol.
II, no. 4, the latest number received
is the best number yet issued. Keep
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there.

We quote the following from Ir-
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advertising in the 80's," in the *Tex-
an Philatelist*:

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Bear in mind before commending this age, Bro. Patterson, that the early 80's were before the days of reprints, remainders, Seebecks and speculative issues, and at that time catalogues priced stamps much nearer their actual value. Even at this late date most anyone I think would chose to buy legitimate issues at 25 per cent off rather than "gumpaps" at 60.

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PHILATELIC COMFORT.

VOL. III.

CUMBERLAND, MAINE, JULY AND AUGUST, 1895.

No. 3.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

There are many countries that we would do well to complete now while the stamps are obtainable. Philately is growing daily. Prices of stamps are not likely to decrease. On the contrary, a sharp advance is to be expected.

The stamps of Danish West Indies are good ones to specialize. Or rather, I should say, to complete. It is much too small to devote several years upon, yet, as I have averred, 'tis a good time to complete that special country. It is an excellent plan to complete all these small countries while the opportunity offers itself.

The first stamp issued was in 1855. It was of the 3 cent denomination, red in color, and on yellowish paper. The next stamp issued was of the same denomination, of carmine color, and on white paper. It was first issued in 1867. Many writers class this stamp as of a rose color; it is possible some of these stamps have faded with age, and consequently appear in the rose color. These two

stamps were issued unperforated and watermarked with a crown. The former is worth about 75 cents new and 60 cents used. The latter is obtainable at 35 cents new and about 20 cents used.

In 1872 a 3 cent rose and 4 cent blue perforated were issued. The former is catalogued at 30 cents new and 50 cents used. The 4c stamp was used little, if any, and consequently it is considered rather hard to obtain. As none of the stamps of this country are priced very high, this stamp is not catalogued, as a rule, at all in the used condition.

The designs and colors changed the following year, for in 1873 a new set of five varieties appeared. This issue was composed of a one cent green and violet, and is catalogued at three cents new and two cents used. The 3 cent blue and carmine is quoted at 6 cents unused and 2 cents cancelled. The 4 cent brown and blue may be obtained for 8 cents new and 6 cents used. The 7 cent stamp is of lilac and orange colors, and worth 15 cents new and 10 cents used. A 14 cent lilac and green was the last of this issue. It is valued at \$1.25 unused. It had little use.

(Concluded in next issue.)

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Editorial and Notes.

Wonder if the \$2.00 Columbian
is chasing the \$1.00 value.

A number of our exchanges seem
to think that we have "gone up," but
such is not the case, so boys don't
forget to see that our name is put
on your exchange list.

Mr. Lewis H. Benton is going to
take a vacation from the ranks of
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time. We have secured an article
from his pen for publication in our
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Variety is a good thing—a late
issue of the *Rocky Mountain Stamp*
contains an illustrated article on
Denver and vicinity. The purpose
of the article was to induce as many
P. S. of A. members as possible to
attend the convention of that body.

We hear that a new paper is soon
to appear from Taunton, Mass., to
be called the *Cohannett Philatelist*.

Mr. H. C. Beardsley's new paper,
the *International Philatelist*, has ap-
peared. No. 1, July number is de-
voted mostly to the A. P. A. and the
P. S. of A. The next number, to be
dated September, will be devoted
entirely to the P. S. of A.

HAYTI.

(Continued from last issue.)

The third issue of this year consists of the one cent vermilion, two cent purple and five cent green. This lot is rather common. It is perforated 13—the same as the 1883 issue.

The following issue appeared in 1887, and consisted of four varieties: the one cent carmine, two cent purple, three cent blue and five cent green. This is also a very common lot.

So far the issues have been free of surcharges. About four years later, this little country caught the fever, as the three cent blue was surcharged two. This surcharge was in red. Many errors of this surcharge are in existence, and they are valued at from 25 cents to \$1.00 each.

The 1891 issue consisted of seven varieties: the one cent violet, one cent mauve, two cent blue, three cent mauve, five cent orange and seven cent red.

It seems too many of the three cent stamps were issued for in 1892 the three cent mauve and three cent blue were surcharged two cents in red figures.

Here is a good place to stop. It seems the surcharge fever was a lasting one. Complete your stamps of this little country up to 1892 before you go into more surcharges.

This is not a hard country to specialize, and the stamps are daily growing rarer. Why not complete your collection while they are within reach? *E. Quere Philman.*

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CUMBERLAND, MAINE, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1895.

No. 4.

IT IS DEAD!

One of the greatest evils of Philately has departed, and we are quite sure we can look around and say it will never return. I refer to the unsolicited approval sheet nuisance that raged so last winter and prior to that. The united efforts of several collectors and publishers have been successful in ridding the philatelic world of one of the worst nuisances that ever came upon it.

Last winter I received not less than twenty-five lots of stamps on approval unsolicited, some without and some with return postage, all of which I returned.

But about the first of May last I decided to act differently, and I did. I haven't got any unsolicited sheets since. A large western firm that used to send out a lot at every request for a copy of their price-list, has, I see with delight, reformed, as upon ordering their latest list a few days ago I found that no sheets came with it; neither have I got a single lot which I did not order since last June.

To the *Weekly Philatelic Era* is this largely due, (as are a few other things) for dealers now are really afraid to send them out unless ordered, for fear they will never see them again.

Brother philatelists, let us join hands and give three cheers, for the unsolicited approval sheet nuisance is dead.

—W. Sanford.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RESIGNATIONS.

7. J. S. Dunn.
12. S. S. Lowe.

In this, my last report as Secretary of the P. S. of M., allow me to heartily thank those members whose help I have received during my term of office.

I have sent the membership certificates to Mr. L. E. Curtis, and a statement of cash account can be found in Vol. III, No. 1 of this paper.

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Editorial and Notes.

Owing to lack of space Mr. Ben-
ton's article is put over till next
month.

PHILATELIC COMFORT resigns as
official organ of the Philatelic Society
of Maine.

The Northern Philatelist has reap-
peared. Vol. I, no. 5 is at hand,
dated September.

Forest and Field is a semi-monthly
from Utica, N. Y. It is devoted
mostly to club news, but has a phil-
atelic column and some good notes.

The Lone Star State Philatelist
has passed its first milestone, the
52nd number. It is a little late,
presumably on account of its pub-
lisher's absence to Denver attending
the P. S. of A. convention.

The Collector is a new paper with
an old name, published by Eben S.
Martin, of Minneapolis, Minn. Its
initial number has sixteen pages and
cover, and is composed of pretty
good material.

Much has been said lately about
a philatelic emblem. Now if this
matter is taken hold of in good ear-
nest, and a sensible button gotten up,
in all probability the project will suc-
ceed.

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(Continued from last issue.)

In '76 three more varieties were added. They were : 5 cent gray and green, now valued at 10 cents unused and 2 cents used ; 10 cent brown and blue, now quoted at 20 and 3 cents respectively. The third stamp is of the 12 cent denomination, and of green and lilac colors ; it is valued at 25 cents new and 12 cents used.

In 1879 a 30 cent mauve stamp was added. This latter can be obtained for \$1.00 new and one-half that price if in the used condition.

The Provisional issue of 1887 was the surcharging of the 7 cent lilac and orange to the one cent denomination. This surcharged stamp is valued at 12 cents, either used or unused.

Any collector would do well to add these fourteen varieties to his collection as soon as the opportunity offers, as it is very likely they will grow scarcer every year.

The first four stamps of this country were square in shape, while the remainder were enlarged and several mms. longer than wide.

It will be seen that all of these stamps are in the reach of the ordinary collector now. Whether they will be so in ten years is a matter of conjecture. *E. Quere Philman.*

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CUMBERLAND, MAINE, NOVEMBER, 1895.

No. 5.

TRIANGULAR STAMPS.

By L. H. BENTON.

To collectors having a penchant for odd stamps, I commend the various triangular postal labels found among the issues of the world.

Cape of Good Hope set the ball rolling in 1853, and up to 1861 had issued a dozen varieties in four values. In 1861 a provisional set was issued by the natives on hastily prepared "woodblocks," as the supply from England had run short. Two values appeared—one penny and four pence. Each is found in two shades—the one penny in deep red and rose red, and the four pence in light and dark blue. These "woodblock" productions were not in use for any great length of time, as the regular stamps soon arrived and continued in general use up to 1864, and are considerably scarcer than the earlier *taille douce* productions, that is excluding the various errors found in the earlier issue. Some of the errors are unofficial, especially those found rouletted and with scalloped perfora-

tions, rather than the various errors in color, etc.

The Colombian Republic has two triangular stamps. They are considered as unpaid stamps by most catalogues. Scott however does not. It is an open question. The first is the 2½ centavos, printed in black on pale lilac, and issued in 1865. In 1869 another type appeared, and in eight varieties. All were on violet paper, so called. The catalogues give us lilac and violet on wove, and lilac on laid and laid batonne,—each in two minor varieties. Some of the specimens I have seen come nearer black. I have seen unsevered pairs, with the longest edge—bottom—together, forming a rectangle, which arrangement gives convenience to printing in sheets.

Newfoundland issued what is probably the best known three-cornered stamp—the 3 pence green, issued in 1857. Its price seems to be steadily on the increase.

Last year Liberia gave us a triangular stamp—a 5 cent value. It has appeared in four varieties, the regular issue having one in black and

scarlet, unperforated, and another in carmine and black, rouletted. The stamp was then printed in lilac and green and then in mauve and green, and both were surcharged "O. S." in black for official use. The former is unperforated and the latter rouletted.

As a result of the ingenuity of some French colonial postal official, we have a few triangulars of French descent. Among those issued for (I didn't say *by*) Obock, there are half a dozen triangulars. They are supposed to be used by the "Camel Post." There were two in the first issue, both same design, but one was large (altitude, 35mm.) while the other—the 2 franc value—was small (altitude, 25mm.). The 2 franc is of a grayish green color, while the 5 franc is red. In this type the camel is gazing toward the rising sun, only the sun is out of sight. In the second issue, of which there were four values—5, 10, 25 and 50 francs,—the camel is gazing toward where the sun has gone to rest, wondering when he too can go to rest. The 50 franc is used in moving sand-hills! Somali Coast (Djibouti) has a 5 franc stamp similar to the Obock, except that the central design represents a steamship.

Göteborg, in Sweden, has a local stamp which is triangular. It is a 5

öre and is printed in blue. It is not very valuable, being worth about a nickel. It can be purchased in England for two-pence, and for less in Sweden.

I have now noted all the strictly triangular stamps, though the three pence Victoria envelope stamp issued last year has three corners, as have the local stamps once used by the Metropolitan Errand and Carrier Co., of New York City, but all the sides of the latter are curved, and the only straight edge of the former is the top. These stamps might pass as shield shaped. Diagonally split stamps, as are a few known provisionals, are triangular, yet they are hardly eligible to the triangular class in the common acceptance of the term.

—♦— NOTES.—♦—

Lots of new philatelic papers announced and quite a number have already appeared. We wish them—one and all—success.



Mr. Fred. W. Kaupp of Taunton, Mass., was the first dealer to advertise a "Trilby packet." In a recent issue of a contemporary we notice several dealers advertise "Trilbies." Imitation is the sincerest flattery.

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Material for editorials is scarce
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The "*Penny*" is a little late, prob-
ably owing to Mr. Kissinger's absence
on his extensive western trip.

Forest and Field is a semi-monthly
devoted mostly to club news, but
having a philatelic column. It has
a pleasing make-up.

The Weekly Philatelic Era has
doubled the size of its page. The
new size reminds us forcibly of the
Philatelic Herald of old.

Of our exchanges two have the
good custom of mailing their papers
unfolded. These two are the *Amer-
ican Journal of Philately* and the
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Can you induce a friend or two
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During a recent visit to a friend—by the way, he was a collector living in the city of Boston—I found him blue and the air was blue also.

On inquiring the reason of this, he replied that during the preceeding forenoon he had found a valuable proprietary stamp on an old cologne bottle, and wishing to remove it without injuring the stamp, he soaked it off and placed it by the window to dry, and then went to dine.

On returning to his room he looked for the stamp by the window but it was "out of sight." He hunted around the room and out of doors for about an hour and then happened to see his pet dog chewing up some paper.

The dog got an old shoe in the head and cleared out in short order. The collector went to the corner where the dog had been, and found—not the stamp, but one corner of it.

He was talking of opening the dog for the rest when I left.

Announcement.

This number of our paper—Vol. III, No. 6, or whole number 18—is the last one to be issued. All unexpired subscriptions will be filled by a new journal, *The Golden Star*, of Yarmouth, Maine.

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A happy holiday time to all our
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We clip the following from a price
list of the Royal Exchange Stamp
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"Don't cut your envelopes. Sev-
eral years ago, collectors cut envelope
stamps to shape. These are now
nearly worthless, and in a few more
years cut square stamps will have lost
their value."

Mr. Gremmel states in the Octo-
ber *Post Office* that 1894, \$2.00 un-
watermarked, evenly perforated spec-
imens are selling at \$10.00 each.
Whew! Got any?



The *Collector*, of Minneapolis, is
now the S. of P's. official organ. We
hope the society has now got a good
and regular representative.



We have received from Mr. Henry
Gremmel, 85 Nassau st., New York,
a copy of his 1895-1896 purchasing
list of stamps. Anyone having an
amount of stamps to sell would do
well to send for one. The price is
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Mekeel's Weekly for October 17th
gives half-tones of the different mem-
bers of its literary staff. Prominent
among them is Ex-President Severn
of the P. S. of A. No mistake about
it, Charley has got a fine face.



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We have received number one of the *Missouri Philatelist* from St. Joseph, Mo. It presents a neat and substantial appearance.



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Grevning's *Stamp*, no. 42, has appeared from Morristown, N.J. With this issue it ceases to be a regular publication, and is more of a "house-organ" than anything else. Of its 20 pages, 16 are occupied by the publisher's price-list of stamps, etc.

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