

THE BRISTOL COUNTY STAMP NEWS.

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NO. 1.

A CIRCUS AT THE POST OFFICE.

BY UNCLE SAMUEL.

Jones was a stamp collector. There was no getting out of that. But that was not all. He collected varieties of envelopes, varieties in regard to size, shape, knife, gum, watermark, etc.

A week ago, more or less, (chiefly less) the aforesaid Jones entered the P. O. and asked for the full set of 22 varieties of the Columbian envelopes. The office had them, and the clerk handed them out, whereupon Jones politely asked him if he would cancel them for him. His clerkship said he would, and with a malicious gleam in his eye, unnoticed by Jones, he picked up the envelopes and began to manipulate the disfigurer, alias the cancelling die. How he did thump those poor, innocent envelopes! The clerk probably had not worked so hard since he had been in the office. Obliterations galore were jabbed onto the stamp in the corner, till it would take a Lick telescope to discern the color of the stamp, or to find even a vestige of it. Twenty times and twice was the dose administered.

Then with a fiendish sigh did the clerk desist, and then handed those cruelly assaulted envelopes to poor Jones, who was about 4694 times madder than seventeen March hares.

Jones had, by the way, paid for those envelopes. If he had not done so he would have been all right: he would in that case have had the screws on the P. O. clerklet. But, alas, Jones' 87 cents were gone, and ditto his good nature.

"You fool, what have you done? I didn't tell you to cover them all over with ink!" thundered Jones.

"Whom are you calling a fool?" demanded clerkly angrily.

"You, you bow-legged villain; you cock-eyed specimen of a pug-nosed, bald-headed, white-livered, gibbering idiot; you carrot-headed, howling, knock-kneed, beet-nosed, long-eared, crawling member of the jabbering babboon family!" and as he stopped to get his "second-wind," the clerk quickly reached forth with one of his claw-like hands and gently grasped Jones' proboscis, generally known on the map as a nose. And then he pulled till Jones' head and shoulders were wedged into the aperture. And poor Jones—he could not use his

hands! The clerk kept his XXX grip on his victim's olfactory organ for several minutes or more, now and then giving it a tweak, and finally with a terrible wrench, he let go his hold.

Jones' nose was 45 degrees out of plumb, and it felt as if it had been embraced by a monkey wrench; and if he ever catches that clerk outside of the office he is going to push that individual's face in till it protrudes through the back of his neck.

Jones carries his nasal appendage in a sling at present.

MANSFIELD NOTES.

BY "THE CROWD."

The oft repeated expression in philatelic circles that "All the finds are not yet found" has been proven here. In looking over a sheet of duplicates belonging to L. W. Harrington, John Wills saw a fifteen cent orange 1872 issue marked 3 cents. While looking at it he thought he saw something peculiar about it, and on going to the window for better light he saw that it was a grilled specimen of the 1870 issue; "how's that?"

Mr. S. W. Shepard while in Chelsea recently found an 1861 letter-sheet, 3c pink on blue, small size,

postmarked New Bedford. He also found a 3 cent green on *thin wove paper*, lightly cancelled. Can anyone give any information of the above 3c.? (Ten 2c 1887's on white *wove paper* have been found.—ED.)

In a packet that Mr. Shepard purchased recently he found a 2 penny Tasmania, blue on pink paper, water-marked T. A. S. Can anyone account for that?*

How're 8 applications for a starter?

We all want to go into the exchange circuit.

We have had calls from Benton, Kirby, Elliott and Ashley, who are all good fellows by the way. Send up the rest of the cranks.

Mansfield has about 35 active collectors at present.

By the way, we sent some of the new postal cards down to Taunton over a week ago so your philatelists could see how they looked; we have had them on sale here two weeks; so much for having a philatelic postmaster.

* It may be a 2 cent *green* chemically changed to blue, which is very easily done with hydrochloric acid, otherwise known as muriatic, also "tinman's" acid. And as for paper, there are about 999 ways of making white paper pink. We have a 5c Garfield on pink paper—found in a packet. We would be pleased to see the specimen, and could tell very quickly whether it was a changeling or not.—ED.

TAUNTON NOTES.

Arthur E. Park, the promulgator of the old Taunton Philatelic Society, and who was one of the founders, is, after occupation in other lines for a year or so, back in the ranks again. His application is filed for admission to the B. C. P. S., and his occupation is given as a "Stamp Dealer." He is buying Columbians by the yard.

We recently read of a Boston collector having a Columbian six-cent *blue*. B. C. P. S. member "Nobie" Ashley and applicant Park possess such specimens, the latter gentleman having two varieties, blue and ultramarine. When held up to the light, traces of red are detected. All are undoubtedly changelings from various causes.

The Blue-Book gives among the list of Taunton collectors, "C. H. Lane, Librarian." This is a mistake, which is corrected in the alphabetical list. It is *Templeton*, Mass. Quite often mail comes to our P. O. for him.

The new rooms of the B. C. P. S., Taunton Division, are at 70½ Main street, "third floor front." The two large windows command a fine view of the surroundings.

Mr. Irving B. Dean, (B. C. P. S. 6) a member of the Taunton Division, will move to Raynham about Feb. 15.

PHILATELICS.

There are 591 varieties of the Egyptian Franks, presumably.

To specialists in Hyderabad stamps there are at least 1434 varieties to be collected ere anything like completeness would be attained.

In an article on the stealing of revenue stamps from documents in the Middlesex probate courts in the *Boston Common* of Jan. 7, the pilferers are designated by a new word, and one which is not found in the Century Dictionary, namely: "*Philatelic Thieves*."

As near as I can figure, there are, including 2438 postal cards and 231 letter-cards, 27358 varieties of stamps positively mentioned or specifically catalogued in the new 54th catalogue. Few persons other than cataloguers or compilers realize the amount of work in such a catalogue.

Among the countries which have issued "Jubilee" stamps are:—Argentine Republic, France, Gt. Britain, Hong-Kong, Montenegro, New South Wales, Paraguay, Roumania, Switzerland, United States and Venezuela. Hong-Kong, Montenegro and Paraguay celebrated with surcharges; cheap John farces.

L. H. Benton.

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Ms. solicited, especially from B. C. P. S. members, and will be thankfully received; matter to be in our hands 10 days before date of publication.

We desire to X two copies with all philatelic publications.

An X opposite this line signifies that your subscription has EXPIRED; renew before you forget it.

MY DEBUT.

My name is BRISTOL COUNTY STAMP NEWS, and I was born on the 22d day of January, 1894. The Bristol County Philatelic Society is my father, and is therefore responsible for my birth. However, judging by the present propitious outlook, I shall soon be able to support myself. I am a precocious philatelic baby, and skipped the creeping period and began to walk as soon as I was born. With the assistance of the postmaster of my native village, I shall soon be

able to run. I am a healthy youngster and hope never to be ill. My uncle, *The Golden Star*, was laid up twice, once for a month, when two months old, and at another time for five months, beginning with last April Fool Day, and has been recuperating this month, but is now out again (size 22x26 inches) and will resume work Feb. 1st. He is going to work for his adopted father, Lester D. Dickerman. I am musically inclined, for I play the Official Organ for my father; so keep your optical organ on me while I, with my fingers on the keys and my I's on the page before me, grind out some of the most philatelic musical notes you ever saw or heard; and when you behold me on my dozenth birthday, remember the promise made in my "dayboo" and note the faithful fulfillment of that promise.

EDITORIALS.

This paper will fill out all unexpired subscriptions to the *Golden Star*, as per notice in our last STAR, in addition to Mr. Dickerman continuing them also. We fill out unexpired subscriptions to the *Massachusetts Philatelist* also.

Observe the number on the wrapper; it is that with which your subscription expires.

We keep very few back numbers on hand.

The page headings in the 54th are meritorious and useful improvements.

Why was the crossed-line variety of the five-cent Garfield left out of the new catalogue?

We wish to exchange two copies with all the "exchanges" of the old *Golden Star*, that is to continue the same as ever, except to send them now to THE BRISTOL COUNTY STAMP NEWS.

There is much information to be gotten out of a stamp catalogue if one takes the trouble to look for it, as is manifestly apparent by various statistical statements throughout this number.

The *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* has appeared from London, with Stæbler at the helm. The first number was 'way ahead of Mekeel's in the "essay" line. We now have three weeklies, Mekeel's, Miller's and Stæbler's.

We not long since remarked in an article to the philatelic press that we thought the number of times the Queen's head appeared on stamps would exceed one thousand. One thousand! Well, taking all small varieties of stamps mentioned in the new 54th, the number just exceeds

5800. British North Borneo is, as far as we know, the only British colony not using the Queen's headpiece for decorative purposes.

Norway is agitating disunion to the Scandinavian crown. If the proposed secession becomes a fact, look out for new stamp issues! We say the same in regard to the Gilbert Islands, of which the British hog—excuse us, lion—has just possessed itself.

We do not desire to exchange any ad. space at present, as we do strictly cash advertising both ways. Neither shall we run an Exchange Department at present, wishing to devote our limited space to reading matter and a limited number of advertisements. Though this number consists of 8 pages, our regular size will probably be 4 or 6 pages. But should sufficient encouragement be received we will continue with 8 or more pages each month.

In a footnote among the La Guira stamps in the last catalogue we read: "*In the reprints the horizontal lines of the background cross the figure of value.*" Reprints, as well as originals, are priced; and in the illustration *the horizontal lines of the background cross the figure of value.* Where do they get the originals (!) they sell?—and how many have they? And reprints *varying in design from the originals, too!*

Pertinent Philatelic Paragraphs.

BY THE EDITOR.

POSTAL CARDS.

There are 2438 varieties of postal cards catalogued in the new 54th. Austria, the first country to issue cards, (1869) leads the list with 133. Being issued to accord with the various Provincial dialects, they count up rapidly. Next in order comes Mexico with 112 varieties, many of which are literally (also *figure-atively*) priceless. They are on various colors of cardboard. Dominican Republic has 78; Luxemburg, 74; Wurtemberg, 69; Germany, 64; Bavaria, 59; Uruguay, 53; Norway, 52; Servia, 48; Venezuela and Finland, 43 each; France, 42; Switzerland, 41; Turkey, 40; etc. Postals are issued by 68 countries, whereas adhesives are issued by nearly (or perhaps a little more than) five times as many places.

U. S. POSTAL RECAPITULATION.

There are in this same 54th edition 2734 varieties of United States stamps listed, besides 87 from the Confederate States. They are divided as follows:—Provisionals, 32; General Issue, 151; Carriers, 30; Special Delivery, 3; Newspaper, 29; Unpaid, 19; Envelope, 298; Letter-Sheet, 1; Department Adhesives, 101; Dept.

Envelopes, 54; Postal Cards, 13; Telegraph, 93; Locals, 578; Document Revenues, 408; Match, 291; Canned Fruit, 1; Medicine, 535; Perfumery, 69; Playing Card, 28. The total number of Postage stamps is 718.

THEIR MAIDEN ISSUES.

Stamps from 16 new places (or at least 16 new *names*) have been added in the new catalogue. They are:

<i>Anjouan,</i>	<i>French Occanica,</i>
<i>Benin,</i>	<i>Ger. East Africa,</i>
<i>Cavalle,</i>	<i>Ivory Coast,</i>
<i>Gen. Am. S. S. Co.,</i>	<i>Mayotte,</i>
<i>Dedeagh,</i>	<i>Mazagan,</i>
<i>Eritrea,</i>	<i>Niger Coast,</i>
<i>French Guinea,</i>	<i>Oil Rivers,</i>
<i>French India,</i>	<i>Port Lagos.</i>

Oil Rivers and Niger Coast are identical, the latter being a later issue of the former under a new name.

VARIETIES GALORE.

There are some heavy postage stamp figures in the new catalogue, and postals and letter-cards are not counted in at that. Variety in papers, perforations, plate nos., etc. swell the aggregates wonderfully. Look! :—Great Britain, 1497, (many envelopes on 14 varieties of paper); New South Wales, 1048, (plate varieties of "Sydney Views," etc.); United States, 718; Egypt (including Franks), 691; Turkey, 639; Mexico, 610; Victoria, 492; etc.

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E. Park, Andrew J. Kirby.

Dues for 1894 (25c) are now payable,
and all members are requested to remit
same to me at once and they will receive
new Membership Certificates. Hereafter
new members will be numbered according
to the order in which their dues are paid.

Owing to lack of space we are unable to
publish a full report of the recent election,
but the new board of officers will be found
at the head of this report.

New sheets have been provided for the
Exchange Dept., and the Supt. advises me
that he is ready for business. A circuit
will be started as soon as enough filled
sheets are entered. Blank sheets may be
obtained from the Supt. at the rate of 3c
each, 4 for 10c; 25c per dozen.

All stamp collectors residing in Mass.
are invited to join the B. C. P. S. Initia-
tion fee, 10c; dues, 25c per year. For
further particulars and application blank
address the Secretary.

Andrew J. Kirby, Sec'y.

BARGAINS 

- ☆ 25 var. worth over \$1.00, price
- ☆ 20c, postfree. Argentine, 15
- ☆ var. worth over 35c, price 15c.
- ☆ Agents wanted at 3 1/3 to 50%.

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NO. 2.

THE CENTENNIAL ISSUE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

BY L. H. BENTON.

With each stamp comprised in the Centennial issue of New South Wales there is associated a bit of geography, ornithology, history, or zoology.

On the one penny violet is what is meant for a view of Sydney, the capital city.

This metropolis is situated on the shore of Port Jackson, five miles from the entrance of the harbor. It is the oldest city in Australia, and was founded by Capt. Arthur Phillip in 1788. Sydney is a city of nearly three hundred thousand people, and has three colleges, a grammar school, and a university. Gold was discovered near here in 1851, two years after the California gold fever set in. In May 1855 a mint was established; and in that year the gold coinage of Sydney was, by royal proclamation, made legal tender in the United Kingdom.

The two pence blue has depicted thereon an emu. Some call it an

ostrich, but that is "way off." It has been called a cassowary, but while that is much nearer, it is not quite right. The cassowary, which very closely resembles the emu, and belongs to the family, is an inhabitant of lands farther north, in Java and the Malaccan peninsula.

On the four pence brown the portrait of Capt. Cook greets us. Who has not heard of Capt. James Cook, the great English circumnavigator and explorer? He was born in 1728 of poor parents, and followed the sea in a collier awhile, after which he entered the royal navy as a volunteer. He did such able service in various parts of the world that he was sent to the South Pacific on voyages of discovery. He also sought a northern passage between the Pacific and Atlantic. His Behring voyage was not a howling success, though his endeavors in the South Pacific were more fruitful. He discovered New South Wales in 1770, landing at Botany Bay. What is now the French colony of New Caledonia was discovered by him in 1772, and the Sandwich, or Hawaiian Islands, he first brought to the knowledge of geographers in 1778. Cook was

eventually killed by the savages in the South Sea islands.

The six pence carmine has the head of the Queen above a diagonal curved band label, and below is the coat-of-arms, along with the inscription which is found on all these Centennial stamps, namely: "ONE HUNDRED YEARS."

The eight pence mauve has portrayed thereon the lyre-bird. This bird is a native of Australia. The male has sixteen tail feathers arranged in the form of a lyre. One who has seen the bird and counted the feathers says so, and it is undoubtedly a fact, unless he is a *liar*. Naturalists call him—the bird, not the liar—*Menura superba*.

The one shilling maroon has for a design a picture of a kangaroo sitting down (or is it *standing up?*) on his hind legs and tail, gazing around the country with an expression on his face that is equalled only by that of a New York policeman. There are two main varieties of this marsupial animal,—the kang., not the "cop"—the one here on the stamp being *Macropus giganteus*. The "variety" is the rat-kangaroo, and is much smaller, and of which there are many kinds. The first mentioned has very long forelegs, useful only in digging and bringing food to its mouth. The latter has forelegs nearly as long as

his rear locomotive appendages.

The five shillings purple is the stamp for the small school boy. It has a map of Australia thereon, and from which he could learn to locate New South Wales so well that the teacher could not keep him after school if she so wished.

The main figure on the twenty shillings blue is the three-quarter portrait of Lord Carrington, the last governor, and above, a little to the right, is the portrait of Phillip, the first governor, who officiated late in the eighteenth century.

The first stamp issued after this series—the two-and-a-half pence blue—has a fitting design in Progress. Would not this stamp look superb in two colors, say the frame in a deep wine color and the picture in a pale blue?

An unused set of these Centenary stamps would grace *any* collection.

TAUNTON NOTES.

The *Golden Star* has at last said goodbye, as Mr. Dickerman has merged it into the *Yankee Hustler*, after issuing a February number.

Arthur E. Park has accepted a position in a stock broker's office.

In the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* No. 5 appears a notice to the effect that the *Massachusetts Philatelist* has

just appeared from here. We don't know where the *C. P. W.* got its information, but it should have read *disappeared*.

The Holt Stamp & Coin Co., 57 Broadway, this city, is a new one. Harrie has several bushels of old coins for sale as old iron—and copper. He sells them by the pound!

It was deemed expedient to have the new B. C. P. S. approval sheets blank, or unspaced, as so many are there these days who collect strips, blocks, etc., and so various are the sizes and shapes of stamps.

The books would have been started on the circuit sooner had filled sheets been received before. Many sheets were sold before the NEWS appeared.

A "medium-fair" joke is on Mr. Blank, a local collector, who thought he had discovered a new confederate local—from McCallaway. He asked what it was. But alas, it was a Memphis, and catalogued at just \$ one.

Kirby, the new Secretary of the B. C. P. S. is a hustler, and is what has been needed for a long time.

There are in Taunton 25 B. C. P. S. members; 3 S. of P.'s (including the Vice-Pres. for Mass., L. H. Benton); 1 P. S. of A.; 8 P. L. of A.'s, (formerly H. P. S.); 1 E. P. A.; 1 S. P. & B. A.; 1 C. P. A.; 1 A. P. D. & C. A., etc.

Send in B. C. P. S. applications before the third Friday of the month if it is desired that the application be acted upon that month.

A NEW "GAG."

We have entertained until now the thought that all the resources of the philatelic dead beat had been exhausted, but—the latest is to send an ad. to a paper, say *Nov. 14*, with the injunction to "insert in the *January* number and send bill." Nine times out of ten the publisher will think the sender accidentally wrote it "January" when December was meant, and insert it in the Dec. no. accordingly, or so unexpected would be the Jan. provision that ten to one he would read it "December. It goes into the Dec. no. and bill is sent, and the schemer calls your attention to the fact that he requested it to be inserted in the January number, and you can't get around it, and even though your Xmas number may not appear till January, the schemer has "got you," though this last contingency would tend to show up his scheme in a very lurid manner. A 13-year-old "kid" from Mattapan worked that racket on the *Golden Star*. However, a cash-in-advance paper, as is the NEWS, is proof against all "skins."—ED.

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 EDITORIALS.

The new Borneos are very beautiful.

We doubled the unexpired subscriptions to *Star* (made in cash to us) when entering them on the *B. C. S. N.* subscription book.

Next month we shall publish the first instalment of a rare philatelic work, the value of which as a work of reference will be more appreciated as the years roll on. We may have

to run twelve pages or more in order to get it in one volume, should we desire to.

We wish somebody would untangle the synonymous confusion of some of the French colonies.

The cataloguing of postal cards in the 54th will give an impetus to that branch of collecting. Less than half the varieties known to collectors are listed however.

The *Philatelic Comfort* will appear from Cumberland, Me., on March first, with J. S. Dunn at the helm. A. J. Kirby, the *B. C. S. N.*'s printer, will do the press work.

Why was the 5c blue, *die B*, on cream, 1879, envelope stamp left out of the 54th? It exists, and we can show one to anyone who would like to see.

The Excelsior Paint and Roofing Co., 155-157 Duane st., N. Y. City, is a "skin" firm, and owes us money for advertising in *Golden Star* (and also Mr. Dickerman for ad. in *Yankee Hustler*.) There are several others who will receive a free ad. if they don't pay up.

We smile at the incongruities of the way various colored papers are even now catalogued, but one must laugh when he sees in old editions the *amber* called *lemon*. Lemons must have been pretty sickly affairs in those days.

There is considerable difference between an intentional fraud and one whose financial troubles come about through thoughtlessness, bad debtors and hard times. This is why we think Henry Ades Fowler should not be sat upon too harshly.

There are a few I-am-the-standard-listen-to-me, self-imposed critics of philatelic prose and poetry who make themselves and everyone else weary with their yawp. "Nage" Egan is the worst of them all. We are not philatelic poets or romancers ourselves, but we dislike to see so much uncalled-for "gas" flowing so freely, and it would be a relief if "Nage" would go and get himself locked up in some lunatic asylum somewhere or else drop dead. It takes all kinds of matter to fill a paper which caters to all kinds of people; don't forget that, "Major" of the "caustic" pen. No offense, old man; but please "dry up"; do!

There are several parties owing the *Golden Star* a considerable sum altogether, though not more than is due many trust-all-trust-everybody journals, perhaps. There is no such work on the *B. C. S. N.* Everything therein is paid for before it goes in, and the appearance of an ad. therein is a public acknowledgement of payment thereof. A paper with no ads. is

better off than one full of ads unpaid for. And people (no publishers included) wonder why any publisher has the "cheek" to demand cash in advance.

Philatelic papers are full of "literary chestnuts" and the populace righteously clamors for more originality, yet many of these "chestnuts" contain some new point, and if one article was written to contain them all, and in a logical manner, what a piece it would be! In connection with this we might mention that a local collector who is almost as bad as "Nage" in decrying philatelic fiction recently submitted to us a trunk-full-of-New Havens-up-in-the-garret tale. On receiving it back, the author tore it up, and so the public is saved.

There are over 400 varieties of "Sydney View" stamps.

Liberia is about to issue individual emissions, *a la* Azores.

Always collect envelope stamps on the original covers!

Someone has suggested Cleveland's picture for "adornment" of one of the stamps to be issued by the U. S. next fall. If the suggestion resolves itself into a fact, the people will rise *en masse* in indignation. It is fortunate that pictures of dead men only are put on our stamps.

NOTICE.

This number of the NEWS is unavoidably late, the printer (Mr. Kirby) having been out of town several days in connection with a position which he has accepted, and which will occupy the greater part of his time; so that in the future he will be able to handle small, transient jobs only. For that reason the NEWS will hereafter be printed by W. W. Jewett, the well-known philatelic printer of Portland, Me., and will always appear promptly on time. Apropos to this delay, the bids on the B. C. P. S. Auction Sale in this number will not be closed till April 5th, 1894. As we shall hereafter issue 1000 instead of 500 copies (750 this number) our rates will be 40c per inch for ads. Number 3 will appear in one week.

ERRATUM.

The first word in the third from the last line in the first column on page 10 should read *short* instead of *long*.

EUREKA

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STAMP : MOUNTS.

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE
STAMP HINGES

THAT YOU ARE USING ?

Some hinges come all stuck together in bunches, and it's a day's work to separate them; others are cut from hard, stiff paper, or are without sufficient gum, thereby causing the stamp to peel off and possibly become lost; some are coated with impure gum which leaves an offensive taste in the mouth. My New "EUREKA" HINGES (Die-cut, pure gum) are GUARANTEED

FREE FROM ALL IMPERFECTIONS !

Try them! 10c per 1000 : 3000, 75c. A sample package sent free to anyone sending 2c stamp.

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UNUSED STAMPS.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

Albert C. Wood, Taunton.
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APPLICATION.

John R. Shea, 32 Willie st., Lowell.
Refs.: Edward J. Cryan, Andrew J. Kirby.

I would like to see the members more prompt in paying their dues. Since my last report several delinquents have paid, but there is still a large number in arrears. In my next report I will publish a list of

those remaining unpaid. The Exchange department is now in working order, and book number 1, valued at about \$40.00, has been sent out. There are about \$200 worth of stamps waiting to be sent out as soon as enough members have paid their dues and received new cards for 1894.

All stamp collectors residing in Mass. are invited to join the B. C. P. S. Initiation fee, 10c; dues, 25c per year. For further particulars and application blank address the Secretary.

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7	1	1868, 3c, showing part of grill at both top and bottom. Rare
8	1	1869, 2c, same condition as last..
9	1	1869, 3c, same as above.....
10	1	1870, 3c, same, but the grilles are at sides. 5 perf. missing at left..
11	1	Entire envelope, 1853, 6c green on white, lightly cancelled San Francisco. Perfect.....
12	1	1874, 15c orange on white, extra official size, unused and entire....
13	1	Beer stamp, '78, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c (1-6 barrel) fine condition; very scarce.....
14	1	Entire bank check impressed with 2c revenue (Sterling's 103, cat. at \$1.00) Check is embellished by a beautiful design in carmine. Small rip and pinholes in centre.
15	1	<i>Philatelic Journal of America</i> , Vol. I, No. 1. A 1 condition. A rare paper.....

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Postal Card Collecting.

BY E. E. ASHLEY.

This branch of philately has gained much progress within a few years. Only a few years ago, postal card collectors were not known; but now we have The Postal Card Society of America, the only one that devotes itself to this branch of our hobby, and which has over one hundred members. This branch of stamp collecting has already become the most popular of any, and why should it not be so? Postal cards bear far more interesting facts about distinguished men, important events and geography than can be found on the stamps.

On the cards we find artistic and beautiful designs. This alone would make postal card collecting a very fascinating pursuit. In artistic and beautiful designs, the Seebeck issues rank first. The cards of our own country are far behind those of other countries, both in their designs and in the number of cards issued. The United States has issued but fourteen cards, (including the varieties) while Austria ranks first in this respect, having issued 133 cards and is still

at it.

The first postal card was issued by Austria, October 1st, 1869. Hungary followed on the first of November of the same year. In July, 1870, Germany dropped into the ranks. Other countries seeing the usefulness of these cards, followed soon after. The U. S. followed in 1873. Over seventy countries have adopted this cheap and convenient way for carrying on correspondence, and others are about to follow.

Postal cards, as well as postage stamps, increase in value as the number of collectors increase. As the present number of card collectors is quite small, and the number rapidly increasing, a rapid and steady advance in prices may be expected. Great jumps will be taken in the near future with some of the old cards. The cause of this will be increase in the number of postal card collectors, thereby creating a greater demand. A postal card is generally used to convey some message of little importance and is usually destroyed by the one who receives it. This leaves the number of cards that can be procured, comparatively small, and as the number of collectors in-

creases, this class of cards will become very scarce, until only large sums of money will induce the owners to part with them. They will bring high prices and be beyond the reach of the common collector. At this early era of the postal card collecting age, there are numerous cards of which only a few copies are known; yet many others are now to be had for a few cents each.

For the advancement of postal card collecting, Messrs. Watson and Lohmeyer publish the *Postal Card*, a monthly magazine. Mr. Adolph Lohmeyer has published an album for postal card collectors, and Mr. Watson has issued a catalogue of postal cards. These are three publications that should be in the library of all postal card collectors, as they will benefit them in many ways.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., in the 54th edition of their catalogue, list over 2400 postal cards; but I find that there are a great many which they have not mentioned, and many of those they have listed are not priced, thus making this part very incomplete.

For an illustration of the incompleteness of Scott's catalogue in listing and pricing postal cards, we may take the great "Watson collection" which contains over 8000 varieties. Mr. Watson had a portion of this fine

collection on exhibition at the World's Fair A. P. A. Exhibit. His exhibit consisted of two frames containing 114 specimens.

I notice that Scott's catalogue prices most of the cards in an unused condition only. This would seem to indicate that those in a used condition are more valuable. The prices of postal cards range from one cent to forty-five dollars, and occasionally one brings even more than this.

If you are a postal card collector, you will find it an advantage to join the Postal Card Society of America, as it will enable you to exchange your duplicates by placing them in the Exchange Department, as well as many other advantages, including the Purchasing Department.

In closing I would ask that you give postal card collecting a trial and you will be convinced that it is THE branch of philately.

The number of regular postage stamps listed in the various editions of "Scott's Standard" are as follows: 39th, 1881, 4676; 47th, 1885, 6505; 48th, 1886, 8847; 49th, 1887, 9362; 50th, 1888, 10,351; 51st, 1890, 12,700; 52nd, 1891, 14,622; 53rd, 1892, 15,539; 54th, 1893, 22,770.

The varieties of Great Britain compound envelope stamps number 938 at present; extended at the will of the dealer or collector.

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All matter for No. 4 should be in our hands before the 15th of April.

The new Exposition stamp of 5c denomination has been received from Belgium. It is printed in green on pink surface paper and has Sunday coupon attached.

Of No. 1, we issued 500; No. 2, 750; this number, 500. As future editions will be of 1000, our rate per inch will be 40c., instead of 25c. MAKE A NOTE OF THIS.

As the B. C. P. S. meeting which should have taken place on the 16th was for general convenience postponed to the 29th, the NEWS, as official organ, could not appear before.

It is too bad that Stæbler's *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* is gone to rest, and all on account of being denied publisher's postage rate. Verily, the gentleman (?) in the P. O. D., who can grant or deny them, just as he chooses, is a promoter of industry. He should have a leather medal. He evidently is working out some grudge against Stæbler, as the latter has not been allowed to print handbook No. 5 in Canada, and so is having it done in England. However, Stæbler's enterprise will carry him through, in spite of the P. O. D. jackass.

Mr. Kirby, our regular printer, having managed to squeeze out enough time to print this four-pager right after finishing up No. 2, we, in order to make up for delay unavoidably experienced in getting out our Feb. number, have put before the readers the last number from Mr. Kirby's press, as the NEWS will hereafter be printed by Jewett, of Portland, Me., as was announced in No. 2. The original intention was to publish a four-pager each month, chiefly as official organ of the B. C. P. S., but nos. 1 and 2 were eight-pagers, and our cash-in-advance rules for ads. have worked so well from the start, and *unsolicited* subs. having come in faster than was expected, (though 10 cents is not much) we shall hereafter appear regularly and promptly as an eight-pager.

B. C. P. S.**SECRETARY'S REPORT.****NEW MEMBER.**

John R. Shea, 32 Willie st., Lowell.

APPLICATIONS.

Wm. H. Beaumont, 163½ Chandler street, Worcester. Refs.: H. C. Newton, E. E. Ashley.

George R. Hastings, 52 White street, Taunton. Refs.: Howard H. Elliott, E. E. Ashley.

W. G. Whilden, Jr., Station A, Boston. Refs.: M. L. Ryder, Andrew J. Kirby.

At the meeting on the 29th inst. the name of George W. Pepper was dropped from the rolls, and the Executive Committee appointed Mr. Frank B. Eldredge of Mansfield to fill the unexpired term as Counterfeit Detector.

The meetings for April 6th and 20th are at the residences of Lewis H. Benton and Carlton L. Soule respectively.

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