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Greeting.

FRIENDS AND FELLOW COLLECTORS:

Another paper pounces in upon you, we hope very much that you will not resent it. We present to you the initial number of the COLLECTOR'S PRESS, a magazine which within three months we intend to place among the foremost, if it is possible for, "money," "push," and "determination," to do it, a magazine whose pages are open for all Collectors, and we shall depend upon them to help fill our pages.

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Yours truly,

THE PUBLISHERS.

Crinoid Heads of Flag Pond, Va.

In speaking of the Crinoids of this section, I shall mention only two of the most beautiful specimens. The first, is a new variety, which has never been found in any other part of the World, as far as I am able to learn. The name of this specimen is, *Batocrinus Robinetti*, or *Batocrinus Davisi*, in honor of Rev. John Davis, of Hannibal, Mo., who now has the specimen. The calix is bowl-shaped Vault a depressed cone. The three oblong basal plates form a low rim about the column. First radials twice as wide as long. Second radials quadrangular, and not so wide as first.

Third radial bifurcate, and not so wide. Proboscis tube very slender. It occurs higher up in the Geological horizon, than any of it's class ever found. It belongs to the Kaskaskia group, and Sub-Car. age. The other species we call *Pentremites Puriformis*, They are found about eight miles west of Flag Pond, on the land of Mr Chas. Hill, and on the top of Mount Newman. These beautiful Crinoids are very rare. Now and then a *Pentremite Elongatus*, is found on the same spot. Each variety is becoming more rare, and are being sought after by collectors from Maine, to California. I once had over 25000 of this and other types. I did not know then what they were, and I sold a great many of the largest, and best to a man by the name of Mercer, @ \$1. per 100, and took my pay in old watches. I still had some left, and he did not want me to let the World know it, but wanted to do all of the selling himself. I still sold to others, so he got mad and is mad yet I suppose, but I am on top, and aim to stay there.

— G. W. Robinette.

History of the Trade Dollar.

The Trade Dollar was a commercial convenience when first coined but it is now a commercial nuisance. In 1873 the Trade dollar was issued for purposes of trade with China, and other Asiatic countries. Before that time Americans had been buying Mexican dollars, and shipping them to the Orientals in payment of merchandise. The Trade dollar was never intended for circulation in this country, but for exportation abroad. For five years they were coined and largely used. The act authorizing their coinage repealed the act authorizing the coinage of the standard dollar, thus making them for a time the only coins issued by the United States. The merchants might as well have used large silver bars for Eastern trade, but it was thought that the stamp of the government certifying 420 grains of silver, 900 fine would give other countries greater confidence, than to use simple bars of silver, unstamped, and uncertified. From 1873 to 1876 they were legal tender, and 15,000,000 of them were coined. From 1876 to 1878 all trade dollars coined were not legal tender, but it is the opinion of eminent lawyers that the 15,000,000 already coined was legal tender, while those coined after 1876 were not. Their coinage was discontinued February 22, 1878, up to which time there had been

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Editorial.

We have no interesting notes for collectors this month, so we will use this space for other purposes. We will have Notes for both Stamp, and Coin Collectors, next month.

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Monthly Exchanges.

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THE NEW YORK STAMP, is a new 12 page and cover monthly, full of news, advertisements, etc. Published by Messrs Grevning and Spooner, of New York City

THE PHILATELIC FRAUD REPORTER, Contains an extra large fraud list this month. We consider the Reporter a very valuable paper for Dealers and Collectors.

History of the Trade Dollar.

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85,957,360 coined. The exact value of the trade dollar now is 77 cents, although people get as much more than that for them as they can. February 19, 1887 an act was passed by Congress, authorizing the redemption of trade dollars for six months, dollar for dollar. At that time statisticians estimated that there were about seven million in the country. As 7,689,036 were redeemed, it is probable that there are not now many in the United States although they do not command a premium as rarities. Like all other coins of value, the trade dollar has been counterfeited, most of the counterfeits being made of type metal and circulated in China, Japan, and the East Indies. The inhabitants of the East have learned to be wary and watchful when handling coins that come from the Occident. Most of the trade dollars that went to the Eastern countries were melted and re-coined in the currency of the Orient. The trade dollar contains four grains more of silver than the standard dollar and has eight one-thousandths, less alloy.

—Felix.

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The Pine-Tree Shillings.

Captain John Hull was the mint-master of Massachusetts, and coined all the money that was made there. This was a new line of business; for, in the earlier days of the colony, the current coinage consisted of gold and silver money of England, Portugal, and Spain. These coins being scarce, the people were often forced to barter their commodities, instead of selling them. For instance, if a man wanted to buy a coat, he perhaps exchanged a bear-skin for it. If he wished for a barrel of molasses, he might purchase it with a pile of pine boards. Musket-bullets were used instead of farthings. The Indians had a sort of money, called wampum, which was made of clam-shells; and this strange sort of specie was likewise taken in payment of debts, by the English settlers. Bank-bills had never been heard of. There was not money enough of any kind, in many parts of the country, to pay the salaries of the ministers; so that they sometimes had to take quintals of fish, bushels of corn, or cords of wood, instead of silver or gold. As the people grew more numerous, and their trade one with another increased, the want of current money was still more sensibly felt. To supply the demand, the general court passed a law for establishing a coinage of shillings, sixpences, and threepences. Captain John Hull was appointed to manufacture this money, and was to have about one shilling out of every twenty, to pay him for the trouble of making them. Hereupon, all the old silver in the colony was handed over to Captain John Hull. The battered silver cans and tankards, (I suppose,) and silver buckles, and broken spoons, and silver buttons of worn-out coats, and silver hilts of swords that had figured in combats—all such curious old articles were doubtless thrown into the melting-pot together. But by far the greater part of the silver consisted of bullion, from the mines of South America, which the English buccaniers (who were little better than pirates) had taken from the Spaniards, and brought to Massachusetts.

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All this old and new silver being melted down and coined, the result was an immense amount of splendid shillings, sixpences and threepences. Each had the date, 1652, on the one side, and the figure of a pine-tree on the other. Hence they were called pine-tree shillings. And for every twenty shillings that he coined, you will remember, Captain John Hull was entitled to put one shilling into his own pocket. The magistrates soon began to suspect that the mint-master would have the best of the bargain. They offered him a large sum of money if he would but give up that twentieth shilling, which he was continually dropping into his own pocket. But Captain Hull declared himself perfectly satisfied with the shilling. And well he might be; for so diligently did he labor, that, in a few years, his pockets, his money-bags, and his strong box, were overflowing with pine-tree shillings. This was probably the case when he came into possession of Grandfather's chair; and, as he had worked so hard at the mint, it was certainly proper that he should have a comfortable chair to rest himself in. When the mint-master had grown very rich, a young man, Samuel Sewell by name, came a courting to his only daughter. His daughter—whose name I do not know, but we will call her Betsey—was a fine, hearty damsel, by no means so slender as some young ladies of our own days. On the contrary, having always fed heartily on pumpkin-pies, doughnuts, Indian puddings, and other Puritan dainties, she was as round and plump as a pudding herself. With this round, rosy Miss Betsey, did Samuel Sewell fall in love. As he was a young man of good character, industrious in his business, and a member of the church, the mint-master very readily gave his consent. "Yes, you may take her," said he, in his rough way, "and you'll find her a heavy burden enough!" On the wedding-day, we may suppose that honest John Hull dressed himself in a plum-colored coat, all the buttons of which were made of pine-tree shillings. The buttons of his waist-coat were sixpences; and the knees of his small-clothes were buttoned with silver threepences. Thus attired, he sat with great dignity in Grandfather's chair; and, being a portly old gentleman, he com-

pletely filled it from elbow to elbow. On the opposite side of the room, between her bridemaids, sat Miss Betsey. She was blushing with all her might, and looked like a full-blown peony or a greased apple. There, too, was the bridegroom, dressed in a fine purple coat, and gold-lace waistcoat, with as much other finery as the Puritan laws and customs would allow him to put on. His hair was cropped close to his head, because Governor Endicott* had forbidden any man to wear it below the ears. But he was a very personable young man; and so thought the bridemaids, and Miss Betsey herself. The mint-master also was pleased with his new son-in-law; especially as he had courted Miss Betsey out of pure, and had said nothing at all about her portion. So when the marriage ceremony was over, Cap'n Hull whispered a word to two of his men-servants, who immediately went out, and soon returned, tugging in a large pair of scales. They were such as wholesale merchants use, for weighing bulky commodities; and quite a bulky commodity was now to be weighed in them. "Daughter Betsey," said the mint-master "get into one side of these scales." Miss Betsey—or Mrs Sewell, as we must now call her—did as she was bid, like a dutiful child, without any question of the why and wherefore. But what her father could mean, unless to make her husband pay for her by the pound (in which case she would have been a bad bargain), she had not the least idea. "And now," said honest John Hull to his servants, "bring that box hither." The box to which the mint-master pointed was a huge, square iron-bound oaken chest; the servants tugged with might and main, but could not lift this enormous receptacle, and were finally obliged to drag it across the floor. Captain Hull then took a key from his girdle, unlocked the chest, and lifted its ponderous lid. Behold! it was full to the brim of bright pine-tree shillings, fresh from the mint; and Samuel Sewell began to think that his father-in-law had possession of all the money in the Massachusetts treasury. But it was only the mint-master's honest share of the coinage. Then the servants, at Captain Hull's command, heaped double handfuls of shillings into one side of the scales, while Betsey remained in the other. Jingle, jingle, went the shillings, as

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bandol after bandol was thrown in, till, plump and ponderous as she was, they fairly weighed the young lady from the floor. "There, son Sewell!" cried the honest mint-master, resuming his seat in Grandfather's chair, "take these shillings for my daughter's portion. Use her kindly, and thank Heaven for her. It is not every wile that's worth her weight in silver!"

HAWTHORNE.

*John Edlicott, governor of Mass, was born in Dorchester, Eng., in 1689, and died in Boston, Mass., March 15, 1865. He was a sincere and zealous Puritan, rigid in his principles, and severe in the execution of the laws. He was opposed to long hair, and did all in his power to establish what he termed a pure church.

NOTE: The above is from an old fifth reader, and though it is not a collector's story; John collectors, will find some very good notes in it. [Ed.]

The Southern Art Emporium, are in possession of some very rare colonial, and War Relics, among which are two old clocks. The first: Is made of wood, altogether, and was used in the family of Mr. Wm. Dandridge, (the Father of Martha Washington,) New Kent County, Va. Mr. S. J. Chandler,—the Proprietor of the Southern Art Emporium,—is a native of New Kent, and has had an excellent opportunity to collect these relics. The clock is positively genuine. The second is the "Castle Thunder" clock, which was used in the old prison during the War.

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The House Committee have reported favorably on the bill to extend the Free Delivery Service to the rural districts, and also on the bill authorizing the issue of Fractional Postal Notes.

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Several important events in our history, have occurred since our last number: We have lost the May number, owing to the breaking of our press, and delay in the shipping of the duplicate part. We have moved our headquarters, and have "busted up" the Antique Pub & Supply co. I am its successor, and ask your hearty support in the enterprise.

an ingenious mail-box has been offered for the approval of the government. It is operated by a time-lock, which automatically displays a card, announcing when the next collection will be made. It also stamps upon each letter, as it drops in, the very minute when it was placed in the box.

The free letter carrier system went into effect July, 1863. Join the S. of P., now,!! or you'll kick yourself later on envelopes were first used in 1839. What next,? the new issue howls over, and the Socceities are thinking about consolidation.

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A curious state of affairs prevails in Nanticoke, Pa., a mining town of 11,000, inhabitants. Two thirds of the population are foreigners, mostly Huns, Poles, and Italians. Three months ago the free Mail delivery was inaugurated in the town. It has proven a failure. A great deal of foreign Mail, matter is received at the post office daily, but no streets or numbers are given. The letter carriers simply take a bag mail and march through the town blowing a whistle, the people come out and the carrier allows them to examine the letters, in this way he delivers to owners. The people are honest enough, and will not take a letter that does not belong to them. The postoffice authorities at Washington however, do not like the mode of delivery, and it is likely that the free delivery system will be discontinued.

NUMISMATICS.

The earliest coin for American use, was made about 1612, and bore, as a design, the picture of a hog.

The new series of silver coins, are attracting but a languid interest, among busy people. They pass current, and that is the main thing, while their bright new surfaces, adorned with the Greek-American, face of Miss. Williams, on one side, and the "Bird of Freedom," on the other, are a pleasing novelty. But changes in bills, and coin, are too frequent in these American States, to create much excitement anywhere.

The Business men of Omaha, Nebr., are straining every nerve to have a branch mint there. Representative Bryan, has already introduced a bill into Congress, providing for the construction of a building, at an expense of \$100,000, and the chances of Omaha are considered better than any other Western city, except Chicago.

Monthly Exchange.

The Eastern Philatelist, introduces something new: "Philatelic jokes," which are: "Supposed to be Funny."

The Hoosier Stamp, is principally taken up with a description of the C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUB'G. CO.

The Philatelic Fraud Reporter, is as usual—"Hittin' 'em hard." It is invaluable on your corresponding desk.

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The Washington Philatelist, is a "New One", from the National Capital. The cover represents a stamp of the French Colonies, printed in its original colors each month.

The Missouri Philatelist, is all right except on that serial story, "Jim and Mr Crankey."

The Eagle Philatelist, "is a dandy and no mistake"

The New York Stamp, does not say a single word about us, what's the matter with you Ralph Perkins Spooner?

The Philatelic Era, is the best we have seen yet. W. W. Jewett, Portland, Maine.

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We shall have a good piece on philately, in our next.

PRINCE VICTOR NAPOLEON, who hopes to see himself one day Emperor of the French, is a tall, stout young man, with a Bonapartist cast of countenance, and the dark eyes and skin of an Italian. He lives in Brussels, and has quite a collection of Napoleon I. relics, including the coffee-pot and cup which the Emperor used at St. Helena, a good collection of his despatches when a young general, and many of his love letters to the Empress Josephine. Above the writing-table where Prince Victor habitually sits, hangs a splendid portrait of his famous great uncle, and in a glass case are preserved a lock of the Emperor's hair, his riding whip, and a pair of strong

doeskin fur-lined gloves, worn by him during the retreat from Moscow. It is thought probable that the Empress Eugenie will leave part of her large fortune to the heir of the Bonapartes.

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* You should be careful to so arrange your stamps in the album, as to show off to the best advantage possible. Always be careful in handling your album, never handle it with soiled hands, or allow others to do so, for if the album is soiled, it destroys one half the value of the stamps, as a collection. Many persons think it silly, collecting bits of colored paper, and being so happy to obtain a new, or rare specimen, but only a collector can appreciate the pleasure that a true Philatelist experiences, when he sees a fine collection of stamps, neatly arranged in a nice album.

— C. B. Parker. —



Tennessee Ridgemonites.

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HAVE you ever seen a Ridgemonites,² called by some, Collinithis. These mysterious remains, are found North East of Sneedsville, Tennessee, about three miles, in considerable quantity. At one place, I have seen as many as three kinds, but it is not common to find them with any variations, except the Base, which in some species, have a deep depression, and in others there is a sort of Elongated Protuberance.

It is thought by some that they are very ancient, some-what later than the Post Pliocene age, others suppose the Post Tertiary, while a few place them as belonging to the Mammalian. But I consider that all of their suppositions are groundless, for I find that all Petrified Remains of the Tertiary, and Post Tertiary, show signs of the Enamel, while in this Peculiar Species, the Enamel has long since disappeared, and not a trace can be found, except it be at the Apet. I have traced this interesting little curio, (not so little however, as some are found quite large,) for over 25 miles, through the wilds of Mount Newman, and I believe that they can be found at Crane's Nest, Wise County, Va., and at Buffalo Head, Scott County, and also at Pound, Wise County, Va., as I have seen traces of them at all of the above named places. I have never had the pleasure to take a minute search, will some-one who has made this branch of collecting a study, please give us their views as to the Age, Origin, and Habits, of the Ridge-monites? With best wishes, I am,

Ever, G. W. Robinette,
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NOTE. Any person wishing to reply to the above, is perfectly welcome to do so through the "PRESS." [Ed.]

How I Became a Collector.

—BY BEN. RUSSELL.—

WHILE I was in school, there were several boys who had gotten an idea of collecting, so I being with them every day, was soon inclined in the same direction. I finally sent to one of the large dealers, for some approval sheets, at first I did not have an album, so I sold to the other boys. Thinking that I could find some valuable stamps myself, I went home and got out my Father's old letters, and took what I could off them, and every evening I would go to some of the

merchants, and ask permission to look through their old letters, and in that way I got a great many. They would all ask: "What do you want with those old stamps?" "What are you going to do with them?" "They are no good, are they?" On one occasion, I remember, that none of us could get any Revenues on approval, and one day, to my great joy, I received about seven, priced at 1; 2; and 3 cts, I took them off the sheet, and sold them, I think, for seven cents each, and I did this several times, — sold one stamp, for what the whole lot cost me. But all of us know better what they are worth now. My collection gradually growing, I finally made myself some approval sheets, and placed a small ad., in a stamp paper, have been selling ever since, but now I am not quite as fresh as at first, and I am now a full fledged stamp collector, and a member of the S. of P.

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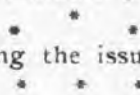
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We are patiently awaiting the issue of the Return Cards,

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The Sons of Philatelia Convention.

The First Annual Afternoon Moonlight Convention, of the S. of P., duly met at Gettysbury, July, 4th and 5th, we greatly regret that we could not get there, however

The chief point was the fixing of the age limit of the President, Treasurer, and Exchange Superintendent, at twenty-one years, and the measure requiring all candidates to be members for at least three months. These measures barred out Mr. Clifford W. Kissinger's chances for President.

Election Returns:

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We do not admire so many contributions by one writer, as is in American Philatelist and collector. 25c per year. F. B. Estabrook Stamp and pub co., marlborough, mass.

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The Monthly Visitor, says that it is not entirely Philatelic, but we are unable to find anything but good Philatelic notes 10c per year. Haverhill, Mass.

The Eagle Philatelist, is a credit to Philately, it contains a Portrait and Biographical Sketch, of Mr. J. H. Thomas, of Jersey City. Roy F. Greene, Lock Box 102, Arkansas City, Kans.

The manuscript on which was the review of several others was accidentally blown out of the window, which had been left open during a storm.

Announced:

The Florida Philatelist, E. D. Hazen, Thonotossa, Fla.

The Pentucket Philatelist, Box 466, Haverhill, Mass.

The Columbian Philatelist, Lock Box 28, Camden, N. J.

A thing of the past, is the Conrath co., owing to other business interests, they sold out their stock of stamps, albums, etc. to the Miller-McCormack Stamp co. Mr. Ph. Conrath will continue the Missouri Philatelist.

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Such letters as have remained in the post office for three months or longer, are at the end of every quarter, to be sent to the general post office. These are called dead letters.

By the 17th section of the post office act, every master of a vessel is bound, immediately on his arrival at a sea port, and before he is permitted to report, make entry, or break hulk, under a penalty of not exceeding one hundred dollars, to deliver all letters directed to any person within the United States, or the territories thereof which are under his care, and within his power, and brought on his vessel; except such letters as are for the owner or consignee of his vessel.

If the cargo is not chiefly consigned to one person, no person is considered to be a consignee, and all letters must be delivered excepting such as are for the owner. Only letters for one person or firm are to be retained as directed to the consignee, and not the letters to each individual who may have a small consignment.

Experience has proved how inattentive many people are to the payment of such small debts as arise from trusting the postage of newspapers: you are therefore not to give credit. To save in future any trouble or inconvenience on that account, it will be proper for you to require the subscribers who receive papers through your office, at the commencement of every quarter, to pay the amount of one quarter's subscription in advance, and without such payment in advance, not to deliver them any newspapers, even though they tender you the money for them singly. If any letter or memorandum is enclosed in a newspaper, or in a package of newspapers, addressed to any person, single letter

postage is to be charged upon each article, of which the package is composed. If the packet is addressed to the office and contains papers for several persons, only the newspaper in which the letter or memorandum is enclosed, is to be charged with letter postage, and not to the newspapers addressed to others.

Sometimes large packets of newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, and books, chiefly from abroad made up in the form of letters or packets, are delivered at the post office to be conveyed by post. Made up in this, they are to be rated with letter postage, according to their weight; when they arrive at the office of delivery, if the party to whom they are addressed would claim an abatement of letter postage, he should open them in the presence of the post master. If they contain only the articles above mentioned, he may receive them on the payment of the postage, legally chargeable on those articles. Books as distinct from pamphlets are not mentioned in the law, but as they are not likely to be sent by post, unless by mistake, or, because they have come from abroad, and have been lodged at a post office by a ship master, among his ship-letters, they may well enough be rated with postage, like pamphlets, by the sheet. Other bulky articles and frequently of small value are sometimes conveyed by the mail: but as the law furnishes no rule by which any indulgence can be shewn, they must be the subjects of special representation to the general post office.

It is the practice of lottery agents and others, to address their hand bills to post masters, by which means, they give them an extensive circulation, free of postage. This is an abuse which must be corrected. In every instance when you receive a communication, addressed to you as post-master, with an evident intention of giving circulation to hand-bills or other papers, without paying postage, you will return the same to the person who sent them, under a new envelope with the charge of letter postage endorsed for each article contained in the envelope.

Numismatic Notes.

— A coin collector began in 1881, a record of the number of pennies passing through his hands, and took the percentage of 1887 to other dates. In '81 he found the percentage to be .0048; in '82 it was .0034; in '83 it was .0032; in '84 it was .0028. The record was abandoned after that, but from time to time examinations were made which showed the percentage moved nearer the Zero point. An examination of a quart of pennies collected from a slot machine, showed but one of the 1887 date. Unfortunately the examiner did not learn how many pennies there were in the lot, so the present percentage can not be given. In a banker's window on Nassan Street, New York City, is a frame containing sixteen of the 1887 date, showing that one man at least has awakened to their rarity.

One who has been on the lookout since January 1887, has secured eighty-four of this date. Look over your change hereafter, and pick out all the '87's, as they are becoming more valuable and no collection will be complete without one.

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— The $\frac{1}{2}$ cent has become a necessity in American trade, and the American News Dealers' Association will petition Congress to establish a $\frac{1}{2}$ cent coinage. On 1-cent papers the dealer's profit is only $\frac{1}{2}$ a cent, and in many instances the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent is lost because there is no coin of this value. An appreciable loss arises from this source in the course of a year. It is the favorite way in marking retail goods to rate them in such a way, that the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent comes in, and in every case goes to the dealer. This odd cent in a large establishment certainly amounts to several dollars daily, which the buyers lose and sellers gain for the want of the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent coin. The infinitesimal divisions of industry and retail supplied long ago made these small coins a necessity in Europe. A centime is the fifth of a cent. Switzerland has a centime piece. Belgium the 2-centime piece. Germany has the pfennig, equal to one-fourth of a cent.

—Felix.

— The largest greenback extant is a ten thousand-dollar bill, and only one such note has been printed by the government. Of the five thousand-dollar bills, the largest, there are seven.

Bidding "Au revoir" to Numismatics, we enter,

Philatelia's Realm!

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— "The Stamp," is "raising thunder" with the Third Ass't Postmaster General, about it's second class. Now Bro. Spooner must be mistaken, his paper may have been overlooked or mistaken for another. Our only fault was more pages, *** we didn't wear any badges,? but we "got there" just the same!!!

— There is a new dealer, (in Cedar Rapids,) and the next, we hope, will be "the Iowa Phil.," with E. P., at the wheel!!

— We's er gwine ter hab er new issbur fo' sho!!

— Who knows anything about "the R. F. Greene Stamp and Publishing Co., Lock Box 102, Arkansas City, Kansas.???

— Mr. G. W. Robinette has a pair of 10c blue Confederates, we have ascertained that there was such a stamp issued, it is not catalogued, what has "the Father of Philately" to say.?

— "The Hus'ler" must have "hus'led" itself away, we have not seen it for a long while—"Kicked the bucket" we'll bet.!

— In a recent review, Swanbeck, —formerly of the "Eagle," insinuated that the jokes?? of Gussie Luhn,—in the "Southern," were some-what as "kittenish as a six-months-old baby." It has probably broken his heart, as there are very few in the latest. More s'm'other time.

Monthly Exchanges.

— The Philatelic Tribune is the smallest out. Smyrna, N. Y.

— The Missouri no longer contains "Jim and Mr. Crankey," and is ran by Ph., entirely, now. We wish him success!

— The Washington Philatelist has put in an appearance earlier than usual, and run two numbers together on us, last month's was green, and this red. 935 F St., Washington, D. C.

— The Pearl is a neat literary, from, Pleasant Plain, Iowa.

— One Dime, -although in Volume 5, Number 8,- is no better printed than we are. Why don't you improve, Brother.?

— The Southern is full of the wonderful? adventures? of G. J. L.

— The Collector has also run together two numbers on us.

— The Stamp is completely turned around, name changed, address changed, printers changed, and—and all for second class.

— The Golden Star wishes to know the good of "Review" we think that "Philatelic Press" should hold communication with one and another, for mutual benefit, and to "bring to time" a straying one, for instance—that story in the "Missouri," "Jim and Mr. Crankey," which had nothing to do with the advancement of "Our Hobby."

— The Postal Card contains 2½ pages of new issues.

— We have sent copies the following papers, but have received no returns, now if these papers are civilized, and know the meaning of "Exchange Copy," we should like to hear from them:— the Metropolitan, Malden, Florida, and Columbian Philatelists; Post Office; and Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

— Mr. W. H. Hollis of San Francisco, has presented us with his Price List, in which are some rare bargains in sets. We think that he is the cheapest man in America.

— We are also in receipt of the price lists of Messrs E. E. Raub, Hyde Park, Mass., and Henry Braun, Cincinnati, Ohio, and also a circular of Mr. Newcomer, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

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August, 30th, 1892

Mr. J. C. Weckert, Dear Sir:—

In reply to your card rec'd this date I will state that John J. Morgan left for parts unknown about one month ago, he is undoubtedly a fraud and you are but one of a great number of individuals and firms who have been fleeced by him, throughout the United States and Canada. A warrant for his apprehension has been issued and has been in the hands of a U. S. Marshal for some time. The case is in the hands of W. P.

Edgerton, Post-Office Inspector for the District, whose office is in Room 12, 2nd floor, Post-Office Bld'g, Philada. No such paper as the "Columbian Philatelist," has been entered as 2nd class matter at this office.

Respectfully,

WM. J. BROWNING, P. M.

THE above letter fully explains itself. He has \$2.33 worth of U. S., stamps, of o^rs, with him, on his triumphal travels.

Postal Monsoons.

—Mail matter for Afghanistan, forwarded through British India, is charged with extra postage, by means of CABUL postage stamps, and according to rates fixed by the Emir.

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Written expressly for the Press.

Numismatic Notes.

—BY CLEVE SCOTT.—

—The U. S., Government has decided to issue a special World's Fair half-dollar, and these momentos will readily retail at one-dollar. A squabble is now on foot about 'who' will get the exclusive sale* of these coins. Big bids have been offered.

—Dr. Heath's journal for Numismatists for last month contains an ably composed article on coins and is worthy of perusal.

—W. E. Skinner of Boston, has the largest and finest collection of coins in the United States.

—A good set of U. S., copper cents makes a fine display, and they are sold cheap.

* **NOTE:** the writer has probably made a mistake; the half-dollars would be medals, because they were not used as money.

Editorial.

—The "Collector" says that Andrew J. Kirby, S. of P. 313, has been confined to the house for the last two years, by sickness. We can sympathize with him, as we have been there.

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(Signed), J. C. WECKERT.

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Probably the greatest advance in price was the 3c pink of 1861, which formerly catalogued 25c; Scott's 53d prices it at \$2.00. Every philatelist will agree that it isn't worth half what is catalogued. Why the 3c red, 1857, with the outer line is worth two 3c pinks anyway, and yet it is catalogued at 35c, (too much at that.)

The 13x16 mm. grill on the 3c 1868 was listed at \$3.00 in the 52d catalogue. It is now priced at \$5.00. One recently sold in Boston for \$3.00, in the November sale of the Boston Philatelic Society, proving that it is priced too high.

Of the 1869 issue the advance was justifiable. The 24c black and green is certainly worth its catalogue price. Why are not the varieties of this issue with inverted medallions catalogued?

Why are not the reprints of the 1857 issue catalogued as such to distinguish them from originals? The rejected die envelopes are unlisted. Why? Are they not distinct varieties, much more so than the rose, pink and scarlet?

Philatelists collect shades, yet very few are catalogued.

We will not endeavor to weary the reader with a table of the prices of foreign stamps, but will turn our attention to the "Reprint Question."

There are nine classes of reprints, but only

one of these nine concerns us here—the fifth class. "Reprinted in quantity for a cash consideration from some stamp dealer." Example—Heligoland issues.

Under no circumstances should these stamps be collected and Scott should not catalogue them. They are not good for postage and so cannot be called *postage* stamps. A reprint of this class is "next door neighbor" to the counterfeit.

Of course no catalogue can be perfect—that is impossible. But we claim that Scott's 53d is far from perfection. The writer has conversed with others on this subject, and has yet to find one who does not agree that these objectionable reprints should be eliminated from the catalogue.

Then again many who collect the Seebeck issues, used, are at a loss to know what they are worth, no prices being given in this condition.

Most of the "revenues used for postage" are fakes. The New Zealand ones are used for telegraph purposes. What use is the Terra del Fuego local, issued by a mining company? It should be classed with the famous Hamburg locals. It is about time for collectors to let such stuff alone.

Prices of Canada stamps on watermarked ribbed paper and pelure paper, are not found in the catalogue. A variety of the 1c Canada in a deep orange color is unnoticed. Why?

The split values of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia (legitimate postage stamps) we fail to find mentioned. For what reason?

The 1c yellow 1862 of Chili is catalogued at 15c used. Very few of these stamps were used, postally; the commoner way was to use them as revenues. A good copy of one with a postal cancellation is worth \$5.00. Why not price it correctly?

The number of horrible examples might be multiplied indefinitely. The prices of many stamps are so low that dealers pay full catalogue value for them. Example—U. S. 1890 90c orange, catalogued at 10c used. Some are catalogued too high and dealers sell them at a small per cent of catalogue value. Example—U. S. 4c carmine 1888, catalogued at 4c used.

Only by auction sales can collectors determine the value of rare stamps. The time is not far distant when a standard catalogue may be published, with prices from a collector's standpoint—not from a dealer's or a combine of dealers, as is Scott's 53d catalogue.

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An old almanac for 1814 gives the following as the rates of postage prevailing at that time: "For every single letter by land, for 40 miles, 8 cents; 90 miles, 10 cents; 150 miles, 12½ cents; 300 miles, 17 cents; 500 miles, 20 cents, and more than 500 miles, 25 cents. No allowance to be made for intermediate miles. Every double letter is to pay double the said rates; every triple letter, triple; every packet weighing one ounce, at the rate of four single letters for each ounce. Every ship letter originally received at an office for delivery, 6 cents. Magazines and pamphlets, not over 50 miles, 1 cent per sheet; over 50 miles and not exceeding 100 miles, 1½ cents per sheet; over 100 miles, 2 cents per sheet.

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"Speaking of postal cards," he continued, "that reminds me, there was one of the large-sized cards went through the office last night with nothing on the correspondence side at all, at first sight, but a careful examination revealed the word "blue" written very fine and light, in blue ink, away up in one corner. Doubtless a bit of humor perpetrated by some woman who wished to settle a controversy about a dress or something or other. We have lots of things as odd as that pass through here every day."

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By this statement all business connections with the paper are severed. I will still continue to conduct the Review Column. I hope that all my former patrons will give my successor their hearty support.

Under the new management the paper will prosper, as the Editor is experienced in matters relating to Philately. I tender him my best wishes for future success.

J. C. WEICKERT.

NORFOLK, VA., Nov. 11, 1892.

The above explains itself, and we solicit a continuance of your patronage.

JAS. H. SEXTON, JR.

EDITORIALS.

Our increased size is permanent.

This number is a fair sample of what our subscribers can expect. In order to double our subscription list, we will send the COLLECTOR'S PRESS to any address in the U. S., Canada or Mexico, for ten cents. Don't you honestly think the paper worth it?

The new COLLECTOR'S PRESS is a consolidation of the Collector's Press of Richmond, Va., the Pentucket Philatelist of Haverhill, Mass., and the Malden Philatelist.

Subscribers to the Pentucket Philatelist and the Malden Philatelist will have their subscriptions filled by this paper.

Advertisers always appreciate a good advertising medium. A good "ad." in a good paper with low "ad." rates and a large circulation will always pay. Try one in the COLLECTOR'S PRESS. It will pay! Moral:—*Don't advertise if you wish to keep your stamps.*

Our January issue will contain several excellent philatelic articles by prominent Eastern philatelists.

We have in preparation an illustrated article entitled "The Paris Stamp Exchange," which will appear in the February number of the COLLECTOR'S PRESS.

Mr. W. J. Calder's article on "False Values" in the Malden Philatelist for July, received editorial notices in many of our contemporaries. We will soon print another article by Mr. Calder.

MONTHLY EXCHANGES.

Conducted by J. C. WECKERT.

The COLLECTOR for October is as good as ever, but the November number has not put in an appearance yet.

The FLORIDA PHILATELIST is a first class magazine from the "Land of Flowers."

There are certainly no flies on the DETROIT PHILATELIST.

The GOLDEN STAR is certainly a corking little paper, the October number having three illustrations of the differences in the one cent envelope.

The STAMP is "still alive and kicking" with second class rates at last.

The POSTAL CARD is as bright as usual, and has reached its 100th. number. It has been refused second class rates. We thought it already had them.

The MONTHLY VISITOR appears without a cover--the wrong season.

The EASTERN PHILATELIST is the leader. It always contains the best of reading matter and Bro. Pinkham can well be proud of it.

The "office kid" seems to be quite a prominent personage in the "den" of the WASHINGTON PHILATELIST.

We wish two exchange copies; one to the editor and the other to J. C. WECKERT,

NORFOLK, VA.

A COLLECTOR'S REMINISCENCE.

My first collection was begun in 1876 while I was at boarding school.

We boarded out in town and fortunately I lived with a gentleman who used to delight us boys with stories of the civil war in which his brother and cousins were active participants on the Southern side. One evening he was relating to us stories of their capture and stay in a Northern penitentiary and later their escape. He told how he had sent money in the cover of a bible and how they had written using a cipher. He got out the old letters and I begged one as a souvenir. It had the old three cent stamp of 1861-68, which I had never seen before. In his package of old papers I also found some three cent stamps with the locomotive, these I eagerly begged and obtained. I was so proud of my curiosities that I pasted them in a copy book and thus my first collection was begun.

I found here and there different stamps and finally began to ask at the post office for foreign stamps which a friend in the office saved for me. How different then and now. I had never heard of a catalogue, dealer or stamp journal, and these common stamps from foreign climes were more valuable in my eyes than any U. S. stamp I possessed. An old gentleman gave me several Confederate stamps, among them two of Nashville, Tenn. I also had a four cent U. S. envelope of 1861, which I promptly cut in two pieces with a stamp on each piece. When I went home that summer I would get my stamps out after all had retired. I was afraid of being laughed at for engaging in a pastime that ranked with making paper dolls. I went to Philadelphia that fall to the Centen-

nial and while there I first heard of a hitherto unknown personage, a stamp dealer, I think it was Mr. Durbin. I went to see him and how I gazed at the treasures spread out before my eyes! I invested my surplus cash and came home happy.

I had a collection and when again in Philadelphia, in 1879, I lost all of it in a fire. I sigh when I think of what it would have been worth today. However, I still have my envelope which first induced me to collect stamps, and two confederate stamps, which I had left at home. These are my choicest treasures, not for their intrinsic value, but their associations. After my loss I had not the heart to begin again for nearly two years and when I began again my first purchase was a full set of "Hamburg Locals," which I still possess and would not part with, as they are part of my historic relics.

GEO. N. CAMPBELL.

PHILATELIC FORAGE.

Fill up the vacancies in your U. S. collection as soon as possible. The 1890 issue will probably be the last issue with 30c and 90c stamps, and these stamps are bound to rapidly rise in value.

Collect Seebeck issues in the *used* condition only, leave the unused severely alone. They are about as good as so much wall paper.

The new reply cards are quite neat in appearance and they fill a long felt want. Send a few to your foreign friends.

Be very careful in handling native India stamps. They are liable to carry disease germs. Soak off the gum before placing them in your collection.

A sheet of the 2c carmine, current issue, unperforated, was recently placed on sale in a country post office. They were all sold before a local philatelist discovered their existence.

The demand for U. S. revenues is increasing and dealers are unable to fill orders for the better class of stamps. Beware of clipped perforated revenues sold as unperforated.

Every collector should own a good album, a Scott's catalogue, a microscope and a millimeter and perforation gauge combined. The uses of the first two are so evident as to require no information about them. A good microscope will aid in detecting counterfeits and distinguishing watermarks. A millimeter scale is useful in measuring grills and entire envelopes. A perforation gauge will enable you to distinguish the reprints and originals. The originals of the U. S. 1857 issue are perforated 15½ and the reprints are perforated 12. The stamps were reprinted in 1875.

If possible secure a 3c pink 1861 for your collection the post mark of which has the date 1861 or 1862 on it. The 3c rose did not appear until 1863 so a 3c with the date 1861 or 1862 is unquestionably the 3c pink.

The 5c register Canada has three distinct shades. 1 green, 2 yellow-green, 3 blue-green. The 2c register Canada also has three distinct shades. 1 orange, 2 vermilion, 3 brown.

Don't use perforated hinges! They will ruin your stamps. The onion-skin hinge is the best. It is cheaper to buy hinges than to make them.

By all means use gummed hinges in placing stamps in your album. A collection hinged in an album will bring 100 per cent more than a collection stuck down with mucilage. This fact is worth remembering if you should ever be obliged to sell your collection.

What a scramble there will be for the Columbian issue. Happy will be the foreigner who secures one of the treasures. It is safe to say that in 10 years they will be rarer than the 1869 issue.

Didn't the old Mexican standbys of the 1879 and 1882 issues drop in Scott's 53d. It is said that a certain Western firm controls the supply of these. The demand for them is very slight at present.

STAMPS OLD AND NEW.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General Hazen has returned to Washington after a unique vacation trip to the coast of Maine and Nova Scotia, while his family remained at Atlantic City.

He returns to his desk in the department browned and healthy, and with pleasant remembrances of his little family reunion. During his absence the American Bank Note Company, which has the contract for making the postal stamps, has been working on the designs for the Columbian issue, which is to be put out the 1st of January and to continue in use during the year, in honor of the anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America.

These designs are only suggestive and Gen. Hazen has yet to lay them before the postmaster-general. There is not much time to spare if the plates are to be prepared and

the new issue made ready by January 1st

One of the designs will be the head of Columbus. Another will be the landing of Columbus, from the well known American painting representing Columbus standing on the shore of America, sword in one hand and banner in the other.

The same picture was used in the design for the 15 cent stamp of the issue of 1869. These stamps were printed in two colors and the scene was set in the center of a square with a wide border surrounding it.

It may be that the department will have to make the Columbian stamps square to allow room for the elaborate designs with which it is proposed to decorate them.

In the stamps of 1869 much of the design was sacrificed because it was impossible to crowd so many figures into so small a space as was allowed on the stamp surface.

Mr. Hazen was asked if the department would return to the present two cent stamp at the end of the year or go back beyond that to the venetian red stamp which was so popular a few years ago.

"We will probably go back to the stamp now in use," said Mr. Hazen. "I think that this issue has been very popular. We have seen very few criticisms of it. There is an advantage in the color now used which we do not talk about very much because it might suggest fraud to people.

"These stamps will not bear washing. Of course there is not much danger that any one will commit a great fraud in this direction because any one who washed stamps in quantity would be detected in trying to dispose of them.

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CHRONICLE.

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2 centavos, light blue.

5 centavos, dark blue.

BENIN.—The 5 cent has been surcharged 01 cent in black.

1 cent on 5 cent., green.

BR. NORTH BORNEO.—In addition to the provisional of last month, we have the eight cents surcharged.

1 cent on 8 cents, green.

CHILI.—Two new values of the current type and a new 1 peso stamp of a different type have appeared. Rouletted.

15 centavos, blue.

25 centavos, red-brown.

1 peso, brown and black.

DIEGO SUAREZ.—The entire current set of the French Colonials has been surcharged diagonally in black, *Diego Suarez*.

EGYPT.—The color of the 3 millimes has been changed to orange.

3 millimes, orange.

FRENCH CONGO.—The unpaid 1 franc stamp of the French Colonies has been surcharged in two lines, *Congo Français—Timbre Poste 10c.*

10c on 1 franc, brown; *black.*

GRENADA.—The 6 pence has been surcharged for use as unpaid letter stamps.

1d on 6d manve; *black.*

2d on 6d manve; *black.*

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new 4½d has been surcharged *Govt. Parcels.*

GUINEA.—A new series for this colony of a different type is announced. The 5 reis has appeared.

5 reis, orange-yellow.

PARAGUAY.—This country surcharged the 10c for use as a Columbian commemoration stamp, 1492—12 *de Octubre*—1892.

SARAWAK.—The 8 cents has been surcharged 2 cents.

2 cents on 8 cents, green and red.

SELANGOR.—A new 8 cents of the Tiger type has been issued.

8 cents, orange.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The provisionals have been replaced by permanent stamps.

2½ pence, blue.

5 pence, yellow-brown.

TONGA.—The 6d has changed color.

6 pence, orange.

Important, if True.

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CHRONICLE.

ARGENTINE.—Two special Columbian stamps were issued Oct. 12, 1892, and were in use one day only. They represent the three caravels of Columbus.

2 centavos, light blue.

5 centavos, dark blue.

BELGIUM.—The 5 cent has been surcharged 61 cent in black.

1 cent on 5 cent., green.

BR. NORTH BORNEO.—In addition to the provisional of last month, we have the eight cents surcharged.

1 cent on 8 cents, green.

CHINA.—Two new values of the current type and a new 1 peso stamp of a different type have appeared. Rouletted.

15 centavos, blue.

25 centavos, red-brown.

1 peso, brown and black.

DIEGO SUAREZ.—The entire current set of the French Colonials has been surcharged diagonally in black, *Diego Suarez*.

EGYPT.—The color of the 3 milhemes has been changed to orange.

3 milhemes, orange.

FRENCH COLONY.—The unpaid France stamp of the French Colonies has been surcharged in two ways, *Congo Libanais—Timbre Post 100*.

100 on 1 franc, brown, black.

GUAYAMA.—The 6 pence has been surcharged on unpaid letter stamps.

1d on 6d mauve; black.

2d on 6d mauve; black.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new 4½d has been surcharged *Govt. Parcels*.

GUINEA.—A new series for this colony of a different type is announced. The 5 reis has appeared.

5 reis, orange-yellow.

PARAGUAY.—This country surcharged the 10c for use as a Columbian commemoration stamp, 1492—12 de Octubre—1892.

SARAWAK.—The 8 cents has been surcharged 2 cents.

2 cents on 8 cents, green and red.

SELANGOR.—A new 8 cents of the Tiger type has been issued.

8 cents, orange.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The provisionals have been replaced by permanent stamps.

2½ pence, blue.

5 pence, yellow-brown.

TONGA.—The 6d has changed color.

6 pence, orange.

Important, if True.

The Boston Herald of Wednesday, Jan. 18th, says that C. H. Merced Stamp and Publishing Company of St. Louis, have made an assignment. Assets, \$150,000. Liabilities, not stated.

HOW TO DETECT FORGERIES.

Written for the Collector's Press.

Counterfeiting stamps has now become a regular industry. The Germans are the most expert counterfeiters, and their productions baffle all but an advanced collector.

Not only are the stamps themselves imitated, but the cancellation receives as much attention; for in many cases the cancelled stamp is worth several times the value of the uncanceled. Reprints or remainders offer the best field for the postmark forger.

No distinct rules are laid down by which false stamps can be recognized. Usually they are not so well engraved as the originals; but this means of identification fails in many instances.

The stamps of France, Egypt, Columbia, and early Greece, are badly executed. A good magnifying-glass is necessary to distinguish counterfeits of these countries.

In British Colonial stamps, the watermark is an almost infallible means of distinguishing the genuine from the imitations. But not all English Colonial stamps are on water-marked paper. Poor imitations of the New Brunswick cent issue, are being circulated, but the engraving is exceedingly crude.

A forgery of the \$20 State department is made in Europe, also fac-similes of our periodical stamps. The makers of the latter are honest enough to stamp on them the words, "Fac-Simile."

Surcharges find favor in the counterfeiter's eye, and are to be judged accordingly. The length of the false surcharge is usually either longer or shorter than the genuine. A letter changed, a word misspelled, a punctuation mark omitted—all these serve as means for

detecting the counterfeit.

Clever counterfeiters gum their imitations on to old looking envelopes, and then cancel them in order to give them an appearance of authenticity.

Some go so far as to manufacture stamps and surcharges that never existed. Of course these have no real philatelic value, and are only made to sell to young and inexperienced collectors.

But after all, the perforation is one of the best means of detecting false stamps. Counterfeit perforations are usually made by a sewing machine, or a kind of notched brass rule. They are generally imperfect and poor.

If, after exhausting all the means you know of to distinguish counterfeits, you are still uncertain as to the genuineness of your stamp, there is yet another recourse. Every society has a counterfeit detector, and the best thing for you to do (if you are a society member) is to refer the stamp to him. The cost is nominal, and if the stamp is found to genuine you are amply repaid.

ORION.

A Curious Circumstance.

Superintendent Thomas of the mailservice in Boston has in his possession an envelope addressed thus:

The Young Lady on the top floor,
last house at the end of the Alley, 1st
left on Pleasant St., from Washing-
ton St.

On the envelope there was also a map of the surroundings.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, has introduced a bill in the senate to discontinue the issue of the Columbian postage stamps, on account of their ponderous dimensions.

PHILATELIC FORAGE.

The 10c black 1847 is priced too high. The 4c carmine 1888 is worth about 2 cts., and the 3c vermilion would be cheap at ten cents.

Did you ever seriously think about the rapid rise in value of U. S. stamps without imagining that sooner or later a big drop would occur? That drop will never come, as collectors are rapidly increasing every year. What one will sell, ten are ready to buy—which means that prices will not become lower.

The 6c maroon will be the rare stamp of the 1890 issue. Don't take the advice of your *friends* who advise you to sell while it is catalogued at five cents each. Five cents is too low a figure for them. P. M. Wolseiffer offered some for sale a few weeks ago. He was unable to fill orders for them. Everybody wants to buy; no one, comparatively, cares to sell.

Another stamp catalogued too low is the 90c orange 1890 issue. Twenty-five cents is the proper price.

Contrary to all expectations a thirty cent stamp will appear in the Columbian issue. We cannot help thinking that a twenty-five cent value would be far more convenient.

Collectors, take our advice—do not collect surcharges of the various French Colonies. They are all made to order for stamp dealers and are worthless as any experienced collector will tell you.

Now that Grover Cleveland will be our next president we can expect a new issue to take the place of the present one. So lay aside all you can, for a series that has been in use only two years, is bound to be rare soon. Remember what prices the 3c vermilion, 4c carmine, 30c puce, and the 90c purple of 1888 bring, and don't get left when the rise comes in the 1890 issue.

The 9c periodical stamp (not priced by Scott) is worth \$6.50.

One year from now, the question will be; "How many \$5 blacks of the Columbian issue do you own?"

The 4c envelope, carmine on white, can still be purchased at the Boston Post-Office. The official size is the rarest.

We noticed in the Boston Record an illustration of the Columbian half-dollar. If that illustration appeared in a stamp paper what a commotion it would cause! The U. S. authorities would swoop down on us and woe to the unlucky offender.

At the Boston Post-Office, odd lots of envelopes are sometimes received from country offices. These are made up in bundles for collectors, and some good "finds" are reported by one Boston stampie.

Examine the watermarks on your stamps! New South Wales and Ceylon afford special opportunities. The watermark makes the stamp worth either dollars or cents. It is worth looking up, anyway.

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EDITORIALS.

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We may have to enlarge next issue if our advertisements increase.

Mr. Geo. M. Frame writes us that the Pentucket Philatelist may be continued under a new management.

Guy W. Green requests us to state that for various reasons the Philatelic Fraud Reporter has not lately appeared. The back numbers will be mailed together.

Mr. H. C. Beardsley will resurrect the Western Philatelist.

The usual influx of new papers may be expected. "The good die young."

It is "Canadenis" vs. "Colonailus."

The Argonian Stamp and Publishing Co. have resumed publication of the "Eastern Stamp" of Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Fred. Williams the publisher of the Yankee Philatelist, will remove the office of publication from Boston to Melrose, Mass., in order to secure second-class rates.

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BOSTON NOTES.

Written for the Collector's Press.

The election of officers for the B. P. S. was held December 7th., President Vanderlip was re-elected.

Owing to orders from Washington, the Columbian issue was not placed on sale until January 2d. Since then the Post-Office has been besieged with collectors and dealers who are laying in a stock of them.

Mr. W. P. Coolbaugh possesses a number of the Columbian issue, used in conjunction with two four cent carmine envelopes, on registered letters, Dec. 31, 1892.

J. F. Whiting's auction sale will be held in the middle of February. The sale comprises \$4000 worth of rare stamps.

The Yankee Philatelist for December was an improvement over the November number. Twenty pages and cover are promised for January.

E. A. Holton says that the color of the U.S. 24c 1869 is "green and lilac," not "green and black" as Scott has it, or "green and purple" as Albrecht catalogues it.

BOSTONIAN.

BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the B. P. S. was held January 11th. in Elks Hall, Hayward Place. When President Vanderlip called the meeting to order at 7.45 p. m. about forty were present including visitors and several members of the Providence and Worcester societies.

Secretary Sanderson read the records of the previous meeting, which were approved. Messrs. E. L. Upham of Lynn and Chas. E. Abbott of Andover were proposed for membership. The rules were suspended and the gentlemen were elected.

The list of delinquents for 1891 and 1892 was then read. Those for 1891 had been sent duplicate bills, and Mr. Sanderson recommended that their names be dropped from the role. On a motion by Mr. Batchelder the Secretary was instructed to address a written reminder to each of the delinquents for 1892. Mr. Sanderson suggested that the members bring their collections to the next meeting of the Society. There being no further business, the Society adjourned.

Mr. H. E. Woodward officiated as auctioneer and the sale began immediately. Mr. Woodward created much merriment during the sale. The bidding was spirited at times and the 180 lots were sold in two hours. Fair prices were realized, and the sale aggregated \$300.

The following are some of the prices:

1847, 10c, fine,.....	\$ 1.90
1851, 5c, very fine,.....	4.50
1861, 3c pink, uns. pair,.....	3.50
1863, 3c, imperf. 25x25 mm,.....	1.65
1869, 90c, punctured,.....	7.00
1872, 10c, imperf. 26x26 mm.,.....	1.25
" 24c unused, fine,.....	2.50

Envelopes:

1853, 3c buff p. Die 5 cut square,.....	6.00
1870, 12c plum, white p. unused.....	2.00
1884, 2c red on manilla, recut die, cut square, 3½ links, not cat.,....	10.00
" 2c brown on fawn, recut die. round O in Two, entire, unstd,	2.60
Revenue, \$20 probate, sewing machine stitch,.....	8.00

Revenue, \$200 red and green,	\$ 6.75
Confed. States, 1863, entire sheet (100)	
20c green, unused,	4.25
Post-Obitum, unused, original gum,	3.85
Canada, 1852, ½ pence, imp., wove p.	3.10
East India provisional, one-half of 8	
pies, 1860, with 4 anna black	
and 1 anna brown, on original	
cover, postm'ked Feb. 16, 1862	10.25
Nova Scotia, 6d green,	3.25

After the sale, a collation was served during which the visitors examined H. K. Sanderson's duplicate book; the auction sale was nothing compared with it. Whole pages of U.S. stamps, among which we noticed the following:— 53 90c. 1869 (Mr. Sanderson has about 25 more), forty each of the 24c. and 30c. 1869, forty 15c. 1869 (rare variety) ten New York 5c. black, some on original envelopes, 25 excellent copies of the 10c of 1847, whole pages of the 1868 issue, except the 90c., thirty-five 5c. brown 1851, a dozen fine copies of the 5c. straw 1861, a page of the five cent 1857, twelve 5c. black Providence, used and unused, block of four of the 280 reis red Brazil, five Nevis one shilling green, etc. The stamps in the book would catalogue fully \$1500.

All had an enjoyable time, and the B. P. A. will gain many members. Several will be proposed at the next meeting, and if the example set by Mr. Sanderson is followed, the Society will regain its standard of excellence and Philately will boom in Boston.

CANADIAN NOTES.

By "CURLEY."

And still another! Mr. H. Beasley of Toronto, intends issuing a philatelic magazine

early in January. The name has not yet been decided upon.

Collectors and dealers should beware of James McKay 9½ Adelaide St. E. Toronto and Thos. Watson, Room 9, Trade Building Toronto, as they are very dangerous approval sheet frauds. The official collector of the P. S. of C. is after them.

Just wait! Canada is likely to have a new issue of stamps towards the end of 1893.

I suppose Mr. Stæbler thinks his Canadian Philatelist was the first philatelic paper of that name. Mr. L. F. Barker of Whitby published the CANADIAN PHILATELIST in Dec. 1884. It survived for about six months. Mr. Lowe then published the CANADIAN PHILATELIST from Toronto, only one number appearing however. Another CANADIAN PHILATELIST was published by Mr. M. H. Bigger of Niagara Falls, South, Jan. 1888. And last but not least Mr. Stæbler's magazine appeared and is likely to survive the fearful storm of philatelic journalism.

Hon. J. Morriss was the first Postmaster General of Canada. He was appointed to the position on April 6th., 1851.

Canadian philatelists are going to invest very little money in the new U. S. Columbian issue.

In looking over a Scott's catalogue of 1879, we find that Canada 6d. are priced at 35c. each, and 3d. at 12c. each. What a change has taken place! The former has increased \$3.65 and the latter 8c. A great many 3d are still "floating around" and

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