

The Stamp.

VOL. I.

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No. 1.

United States Stamps.

There have been very many different issues of postage stamps in this country since the first in 1847.

Each administration has to tinker with the stamps. As soon as we get used to the green, they are followed by the red, the red by the brown, and so on until it comes back to green again. This makes work for somebody and probably that is the reason for so much changing around.

For the most part the stamps of the United States bear portraits of men distinguished in history. On the 1847 issue we find portraits of Washinton and Franklin; the issues of 1851-6 have the portraits of Washington, Franklin and Jefferson, and so on through the different series. Portraits of Jackson, Lincoln, Clay, Webster Scott, Hamilton, Perry, Stanton, Taylor, Garfield, and others appear, forming a national portrait gallery.

Besides portrait stamps we have others issued during the year 1869. This issue is the most notable because it is the most striking of the different issues of our postage stamps.

In 1870 return was made to the portraits again and we are sorry

to state that they are still in use. Scott's catalogues notice over ninety-five varieties of regular United States postage stamps down to 1888.

Since then the Columbian stamps have been issued, bringing the number above one hundred.

A Rare New Brunswick Stamp.

The rarest New Brunswick stamp is the five cent brown of 1860 bearing the portrait of Mr. Cornell, the postmaster.

The story is that the regular stamps gave out and the postmaster made this one himself. Whether this is true is not known, but it is known that Postmaster Cornell was removed from office for permitting his picture on the stamps, which now command a high price.

Special Delivery, Unpaid Letter, Newspaper Stamps.

These represent the various business methods of our post office department. The newspaper stamps are used only for large quantities of papers direct from the publishers. The unpaid letter and special delivery stamps everybody knows.

Tired of Them.

Stamp collectors are getting tired of the portraits on the United

States stamp, not because the portraits are bad, but because they have been on our stamps ever since 1847, with the exceptions of the issue 1869, the re-issue of 1875 and the Columbian issue. The countries of Central America have no better scenery than the United States, but there stamps are far prettier than ours. I suggest that the post office department issue a set of stamps containing the pictures of The Capitol, Washington, Monument, Plymouth Rock, Niagara Falls, Our Flag, White House, etc. C. A. R.

Stamp Notes.

The one cent blue is sold at three cents.

The Centennial envelope stamp is catalogued at 15 cents in green and 25 cents in red.

The value of a stamp depends so much upon small details, that collectors should be very careful they are right before they claim to have a certain stamp.

The 1 cent green United States Internal Revenue stamp is valueless. The 4 cent brown is worth 3 cents, but if rouletted is worth two dollars.

The 20 Paras is one of the most common of Turkish stamps and has but a nominal value.

Do not cut the stamped part from the stamped envelopes. It lessens the value of the stamp. While the two or three specimens of

the entire New Haven envelope are worth \$1200 each, the same stamp, without the entire envelope, is only worth \$350.

Stanley Gibbons paid \$3400 for the penny red and two-penny blue Mauritius stamps issued in 1847.

The fad with European collectors just now is old British Colonials and Italian States stamps, notably Neapolitans.

A new set of postage stamps has been issued by the Chinese customs post office to commemorate the sixtieth birthday of the empress dowager.

At an auction sale in London, a Ceylon 8 cent rose unperforated sold for \$500. A Mauritius used 4 cent blue brought \$370.

Rouletted means a perforation like that made by a small toothed wheel used by engravers or by women in tracing patterns.

Post Official.

If we get the post office at Mud Creek it will be run on strictly business principles.

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Anybody growling and stamping outside the window will be drawn in, stamped and sent off.

Second-hand stamps can be used if you stick new ones over them.

No man allowed to carry his wife's letters around a week without mailing, unless a satisfactory excuse is given.

If you don't see what you ask, want for it.

Please call again.—Chicago Sun.

Bogus Stamps.

It is reported that thousands of counterfeit stamps have been sold and that are in use from Maine to California. A Salem paper says if it sticks it's counterfeit: otherwise it is genuine. Like many other frauds it has a stronger backing than the real. The Transcript says that "The counterfeiter who will counterfeit the present issue of two-cent stamps can have no pride in his profession."

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GROVELAND, JULY, 1895.

No. 2.

Stamp Notes.

Very little is known about the counterfeit United States postage stamps. It seems, however, that the extent of the fraud has been exaggerated, and that very few of the imitations were in circulation.

I have not yet seen a counterfeit, but I learn from a collector in Chicago, who has one in his possession, that they are poorly made and can easily be detected. The engraving is different from that of the genuine, being somewhat coarser.

It is a fact that very few successful attempts have been made to counterfeit United States stamps, and detection has always quickly resulted. A case similar to the present one occurred thirty years ago, when the one cent first issue revenue was imitated.

Mexican postage stamps, envelopes, cards and wrappers appeared April 2, and are a decided improvement upon the other issues. The set of adhesives consist of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20 and 50 sentavos, and 1, 2, 5, and 10 pesos.

It may be of interest to some of our young philatelists to know what the rarest stamps are. The following list of foreign and their

value is considered nearly correct, basing their claim on the actual number known to exist: 1d Mauritius, postoffice \$2000; 2d Mauritius, postoffice \$2000; 2d Sandwich Islands, first issue \$1250; 1c. carmine, 1856, British Guiana, \$750; 2c. rose, 1850, British Guiana, \$500.

There are a few other stamps we might mention, among them the Millbury and New Haven, which are undoubtedly rarer than some of the above.

In some localities in China, where the postal facilities are poor, the United States, with the permit of the local government have established post offices of their own, consequently a letter can be sent from that place to the United States prepaid with a United States stamp.

A Lucky Find.

"Lucky finds of curios that have brought large sums of money to their discoverers happen frequently," said a stamp collector to a New York Evening Sun reporter. "Every collector of postage stamps has had experiences in this line or knows of the finds of friends.

"Some time ago it was chronicled that the original plate for printing the stamps issued by the postmaster of Providence, R. I., back in the '40s had been discovered. It was sold by the finder for a neat sum in four figures.

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“A schoolboy not long ago, in a small stamp collection he had purchased, found a 30 cent United States stamp of the issue of 1869, in two colors, with a portion of the design printed in one of the colors, inverted, or upside down, instead of normal. The collection had cost him \$3. The same stamp has since been sold for \$150.

“Some of the revenue stamps which used to come on match boxes and patent medicine bottles are now very rare. Collectors who, years ago, took certain varieties off the original boxes and bottles have since sold them for \$50 or \$100. They cost their possessors nothing but the trouble of soaking them from their resting places.

A Task.

It seems to be quite a task for young collectors to correctly classify the grilled stamps of the type of 1861. The grille was first used in 1867. This was an embossing like that used upon bank checks, and the idea was that by its use the government would be able to prevent counterfeiting. The first stamp upon which the grille was used was the 3c. rose. This was grilled all over. If this stamp is examined with a microscope on the face, there will appear to be rows of slightly raised squares, separated by depressed straight lines, with a still more raised cross, formed by diagonal lines running from corner to corner of the square. If the back is examined,

the straight lines will appear to be raised and the crosses depressed the embossing is flat. This type was adopted May 8, 1867.

The 3c. stamp of this type is valued at \$17.50, used, while the 5c. brown and 30c. orange are valued at \$250. In the second variety the embossing does not cover the entire back of the stamp, but is replaced by a smaller grille, in the form of a rectangle measuring 13x16 milimètres. This rectangle is composed of sixteen rows of twenty small squares in each row. In some copies, one or the other side row consists of half-squares, and in some the top or bottom rows are missing entirely. This variety was adopted Aug. 8, 1867; and the 3c. is valued at \$5, canceled. As it is a very easy matter to make a mistake in the identification of this stamp, collectors should carefully compare it with the description before they claim to possess it.

In the third variety the grille is still smaller, measuring 11x13 milimètres. The rectangle consists of fourteen rows, each containing seventeen small squares or parts. This variety was adopted January 8, 1868. It is rather common, and may be found on the 1c., 2c., 3c., 10c., 12c., and 15c.

The fourth and most common variety of the series, the exact date of the adoption of which is not known, is a grille 9x13 milimètres, which appears on all the stamps of the series. There are twelve rows of sixteen and a half squares each.

All of the embossed stamps are sometimes found reversed—that

is to say, the back often presents the appearance which the front should have, and vice versa.

Blue Locomotive Stamp.

A great many collectors have the impression that they have the 3c. blue locomotive stamp without embossing, which is quite rare.

This stamp, and the others of its series, are reprints made by the government in 1875. In that year the government had all of the old issues of its stamps reprinted, primarily for the benefit of collectors. A circular was issued, with a list of the stamps, saying that they were on sale in Washington, and could be bought at face value. It was also stated (and this is where they differ from other reprints, increasing their philatelic value) that all but the 1847-51 issues were receivable for postage; therefore making them actually a re-issue.

It was a common thing for people to buy these stamps, and take some of them for collections and use others in the mail. In 1883 the sale was discontinued without previous notice. These stamps are comparatively scarce because comparatively few of them were issued.

The embossing which appears on the regular 1869 issue, which is a small grill, does not appear on these stamps.

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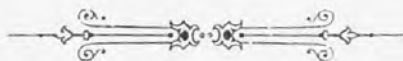
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GROVELAND, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1895.

No. 3-4.

Confederate Stamps.

C. H. P.

During the brief existence of the Confederate States of America, many stamps were issued which of course belong in a certain sense to the series of the United States.

A portion of these were issued by the Confederate Government, others by the various postmasters throughout the south.

Provisional and general issues we may style these two classes.

When the war broke out the South suddenly found itself without postage stamps, and various expedients were at once resorted to that the want might be supplied.

Some postmasters surcharged the regular U. S. stamps with the letters C. S. of A., the letters being placed in the corners; but others went further and made stamps of their own while waiting for the government to issue a supply.

These are the "local" or provisional stamps: which with hardly an exception are extremely rare. Many of them are so rare that it would be difficult to fix their value.

The following will convey some idea of how choice they are:

Mobile issued two stamps, the 2 cent black and 5 cent blue. The former is worth \$35.00; the latter, unused, \$8.50.

Raleigh, N. C. issued two stamped envelopes, both bearing the black 5 cent stamp, one being on white paper and the other on buff. Either of these stamps are worth \$35.00.

The rarest of these provisionals is the famous New Orleans local, which is catalogued at \$1000. The catalogue must be studied with care if one does not wish to get mixed in the matter of these rare stamps. There were five local stamps issued by the N. O. post-office. A 2 cent blue, 2 cent red, 5 cent brown, 5 cent red and 5 cent red on blue. The 5

cent red is valued at \$1000, and the same on blue at \$500.

The regular issues of the government are not rare as a rule. They are badly engraved and poorly printed and bore portraits of Jeff. Davis, Calhoun, Jackson, Washington and Madison.

New England Notes.

Every collector in New England should join the "New England Philatelic Association." For blanks address the Sec'y, Mr. C. H. P. Roney, box 1064, Springfield, Mass.

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The *Weekly Philatelic Era*, in order to catch up with Father Time, issued its May 28th number and then skipped the month of June, issuing its next number dated July 6th. This number contains the announcement that it will appear like clock-work in the future—and we hope it will.

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The "New Hampshire Philatelic Society" is steadily increasing in membership and ought to be one of the best state societies.

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Bro. Jewett endeavors to give us a little criticism in his witty editorials in the *Era*. We would suggest

that he fill his literary portion with something besides reprinted matter and "review."

Another "Corner."

BY W. SANFORD.

About two weeks ago I received a letter which read as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, PA.,—1895.

DEAR SIR:

Have you any two dollar Columbians, used or unused, for sale? If so, how many and lowest cash price. An immediate reply and low rate will get you an order.

Yours truly,

J. C. _____.

About two weeks after this I received another letter similar to the above, and about a week after that still another came—all asking if I had any two dollar Columbians for sale.

I immediately wrote to the Washington, D.C. office and was informed that all the Columbians had been bought up but a short time before, so that from appearances it would seem that some enterprising gentlemen had formed, or tried to form, a "corner" on these stamps similar to the one effected upon the one dollar ones. Whether they will reap a harvest remains to be seen.

My opinion is that it will prove a very unsatisfactory investment for the following reasons:

First, it will require a very large amount of capital to effect any sort of a corner; and second it is too late in the day to do it. The gentlemen are forced to buy them, or nine-tenths of them from collectors and dealers *above face value*, for any who received one of the above letters I don't believe would let them go at *less than face* if they let them go at all.

Why did not these gentlemen with the great craving for speculation corner the 30c and 90c '90's? Surely here was a fine chance if ever there was one, far better, we should say, than trying to corner \$2.00 Columbians after they had all been sold at face.

Philately in Rhode Island.

(BY OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.)

Even in Rhode Island Philately is booming!

We have a number of dealers, collectors galore, a state society, and only lack a stamp paper for now that that the old-time *Rhode Island Philatelist* is flourishing no more, "Little Rhody" is left without a journal; we hope, however, that sometime soon the *Rhode Island Philatelist* will be

replaced by a more able journal, and sincerely wish that it may happen before many months have passed.

Providence is the philatelic centre of our state; in this city will be found three well-known dealers and a large number of collectors which form the chief membership of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society.

An annual meeting of the R.I.P.S. is held every year—the last in February, '95, which was very well attended. It was on this evening that Mr. George Wood lost his \$1500 collection never to see it again; the particulars of this are of course known to every collector.

Pawtucket has a goodly number of Philatelists, also that beautiful city called Newport, and in fact almost every city and town in the state are collectors to be found and I believe that a good philatelic monthly would meet with success.

Not Stamp Collectors.

The Groveland, Mass., post-office was broken into last week and 15 cents and \$3.00 worth of postage due stamps taken from the safe. If the robbers had been collectors they would have known enough to get some stamps they could use.

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EDITORIALS.

Doesn't this look better than the old size?

The STAMP can be expected to appear when due now that it is being printed by a new and enterprising printer.

The *Lone Star State Philatelist* is a welcome visitor every week and we hope it will continue to be.

We notice by an exchange that there are 23,358 varieties of stamps positively mentioned or specifically catalogued in the 54th catalogue. Someone must have had a nice job.

All of the British colonies except North Borneo have the Queen's head on the stamps.

If you receive a copy of THE STAMP and are not a subscriber it means that you are invited to subscribe.

The following are the prices of Columbian stamps as catalogued this year:

1c deep blue (Columbus in sight of land.....)	02	01
2c violet (landing of Columbus..)	03	01
3c green (flagship of Columbus..)	06	06
4c ultramarine (fleet of Columbus.....)	08	03
5c chocolate (Columbus soliciting aid from Isabella.....)	15	04
6c purple (Columbus welcomed at Barcelona.....)	12	10
8c magenta (Columbus restored to favor.....)	15	10
10c black-brown (Columbus presenting natives.....)	15	05
15c dark green (Columbus announcing his discovery.....)	25	25
30c red-brown (Columbus at La Rabida.....)	50	50
50c slate blue (recall of Columbus.....)	75	75
\$1 salmon (Isabella pledging her		

jewels	6 00	5 00
\$2 brown red (Columbus in chains)	3 00	2 50
\$3 yellow green (Columbus describing his third voyage)	4 00	3 50
\$4 carmine (portrait of Columbus and Isabella)	5 50	5 00
\$5 black (profile of Columbus)	6 50	5 00

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1857	3c red	15	30	55	1 00	
1861	3c red	06	15	25	43	
1869	3c blue	15	32	60		
1872	1c blue			10	18	
1872	2c brown	.....	08	18	32		
1872	3c green	.....			05	08	
1872	6c pink	.....	15	30	55		
1875	2c vermilion	.....		08	15	25	
1882	1c light blue	.....			08	15	
1882	3c green	.....			05	08	
1883	2c claret	.....		05	10	18	
1883	4c green	.....	15	30			
1887	2c green	.....				03	15
1888	5c blue	.....	15	30			
1890	1c blue	.....			05	08	
1890	2c carmine	.....				03	15
1890	2c wine color	.....	05	12			
1893	1c Columbian	.....			15	25	
1893	2c Columbian	.....				07	30
1894	1c blue	.....				08	
1894	2c carmine	.....				03	15
1894	2c perfect pink	.....	25	58			
ENVELOPES, 1c assorted		.....			15	25	
— 2c green on white		.....			05	10	
— 2c green on amber		.....			08	15	
— 2c green on fawn		.....		15	25	50	
— 2c green on blue		.....		18	30	60	
Revenues, 4 var. assorted		.....			08	15	70
Playing card, "On hand Aug., '94		.....	58	(unused, in strips)			
1872	2c, 5c, 10c browns	.....		18			
1851-57-63	3c red	.....		30			
Good U. S. cat. 1c each		.....		12	22	40	

Good U. S. cat. 2c each.....	30			
Dues, 1c red-brown.....	20			
Damaged U. S.			06	25
Damaged U. S. no common.....	06	15	25	40
Envelopes, assorted, perfect.....				18

FOREIGN . . .	PER 10	25		
Packets 50 varieties.....	30	70		
— 75 “.....	50	1 10		
— 100 “.....	70	1 70		
— 100 assorted.....	25	60		
— 500 “.....	\$1			
— 1000 “.....	\$2			
New Brunswick, 5c green.....	25			
Venezuela, unused, assorted.....	10			
25c orange.....	12			
25c brown.....	12	30		
50c blue.....	20			
Switzerland, 1882, 9 var., cat. 36c per set, unused. Per set.....			10	
Columbians, 100 2c, 50 1c, 10 4c, 10 5c, 5 8c, 10 10c—the lot.....			1 00	
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100 fine foreign to retail at 1c each, no common.....				23

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I beg to inform my friends that I now have a first-class job printing office, and intend to devote most of my time to the stamp and printing business. I can do almost any kind of printing you may want. Am especially prepared to print small amateur and philatelic papers (this is a sample of my work.) If you need some new stationery, or if you intend to issue a new price list or some circulars for the Fall trade, better write me now. Prices are right. A trial solicited.

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Vol. 1.

GROVELAND, OCTOBER, 1895.

No. 5.

Universal Postal Union.

The Universal Postal Union, which was formed in 1862, will for the first time in its history meet in Washington in 1897, and several very important questions will be discussed.

One of these questions is the suggestion for an international postage stamp of the value of five cents, to be recognized as a prepayment of postage from any country in the Postal Union to any other country in the Union.

This suggestion was made at the last convention—in Vienna—by the delegates from the United States.

It would be of great convenience to have such a stamp, especially to correspondents who wish to prepay a reply from another country; but changing currency values are an obstacle to its adoption.

Another question is that of cheaper postage. In all probability the limit

of weight on foreign letters will be increased to 1 ounce the same as on domestic letters, but the five cent rate will be the same.

The admission to the mails of small parcels, other than trade samples of no value, is another question which will come up.

The United States has led in all reforms, but in one or two cases we are behind other nations.

For example, we offer no compensation for the loss of registered matter. The United States is the only country in the Union, with the possible exception of one or two South American republics, which does not do this.

But taken as a whole, we have the finest postal service of any country in the world.

NOTICE.

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The Stamp Hinge.

BY W. SANFORD.

The little stamp hinge to a great many of the younger collectors is apparently in their minds not at all an important thing. So long as they have their stamps *mounted* it matters little to them *what* they are mounted with as long as they are hinges. If they can save (?) three or four cents by buying a thousand hinges of a dealer who offers to send them with his new list, or with a fine packet of stamps, for only 5 cents, they immediately snap at it like a turtle, and mount their stamps with these "death to stamps" bits of paper.

Hinges that are offered at five, six and seven cents a thousand are absolutely worthless, and I would no more think of mounting a stamp in my album with one than I would of buying a set of Heligoland reprints; not that they always discolor your stamps after they have been mounted six months or so—although they do this often enough,—but try to remove one of your stamps at anytime and you generally leave the back of it on the hinge; which, as a good many know, does not increase its value any.

And then the paper on this grade of stuff is generally so thick that it makes an ugly bunch under the stamp so that it is impossible to mount it with it and do a good job.

The gum used is most always very undesirable, smelling like rank mucilage. Why any collector will throw his money away and ruin his stamps for the sake of saving two or three cents is beyond me.

Even in buying hinges at the regular rate of ten cents a thousand, great care should be taken in selecting them, as some of these are as bad as any of the cheaper grades. No hinge is better, in my opinion, than the "Perfect" manufactured by the Excelsior Stamp Co., although there are several that are close upon it.

R. F. Albrecht & Co. have lately placed a good hinge on the market which should meet with success, and although the price is five cents more per thousand, still if a collector buys a thousand he may delight in the thought that he has thrown nothing away. Buy a good stamp hinge and you will lose nothing by it.

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Philatelic Nic-nacs.

Philately "feels" better this cool weather.



Soon will be the season of auctions, and the usual rise in prices.



The 5 cent Columbian is reported to have been cornered in an unused condition.



Collectors should not hesitate; *now* is the time to fill the blanks in your United States collection. Why wait until they are higher?



In selecting specimens great care should be taken to get as near perfect ones as possible. Especially so with U. S. stamps, as their value is determined according to condition.



It is predicted that the "pale pink" 2 cent stamp issued in 1894 will take an upward shoot this winter.



It appears that the color used on the present two-cent stamps is not

as good as that used before the change. In soaking off a number of the stamps the color came out to a considerable extent, discoloring the water used.

H. I. Watts.

Our New Due Stamps.

The new series of due stamps are a decided improvement over the old issue. They are smaller in size than the former stamps, and somewhat resemble the American Telegraph stamps.

Although the Post-master General states that they are of the same color as the old ones, they are being issued in a very different hue.

The first of the set to appear was the two-cent stamp, on July 20, 1894. Next came the one-cent on August, 14, 1894.

The one-cent was soon followed by the ten-cent on September 24th, and on April 27, 1895, appeared the 3, 5, 30 and 50 cent values, completing the set.

The present issue is certainly the finest set of due stamps ever issued by any nation, and one of which Uncle Sam may well be proud.

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**New Use for the Post
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The post-office in India not only collects and delivers letters, parcels and other articles, but acts to a certain extent as a banker to the general public, sells quine and salt, pays military pensions and collects the revenue accruing to the government from land and other sources.

But to the fertile brain of one of the oldest officers in the department is due the latest development in the work of the post-office. The Punjab post-office has come forward as an elementary teacher. It not only collects letters and delivers them, but also teaches boys in elementary schools how to write them and address the covers.

—*Exchange.*

An exchange tells a story of a man in London who determined to spend all he made the first year in advertising. He soon found that it was impossible, for the simple reason that

the more he advertised the more he made, and after a strenuous effort to get rid of his money in advertising he had to give it up.

—◆—
"Haste Makes Waste."
 —◆—

A collector in a western city recently went to a dealer and offered for sale a considerable quantity of old stamps. Among them were about 1000 2c carmine of the 1890 issue.

The dealer requested the collector to remove them from the lot, as he did not care to purchase worthless trash; but the collector then refused to sell *any* unless he sold *all*.

At length the stamps were accepted, and the 1000 "reds" went for the sum of 15 cents.

When looking over the lot next day, the dealer found 21 with the cap on the left 2, and 4 with the right figure capped. When disposing of stamps it is often money saved to take time to examine even the commonest for varieties.

H. I. Watts.

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NOTICE.

For November and December we will insert a one column "ad" for \$1 cash with copy. We do this to show advertisers how cheap our rates are, and hope they will try our columns.

Every person who sends his money for a year's subscription on to THE STAMP before November 1 can have it commence with No. 1.

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2	Meekeel's Weekly	2
3	Philatelic Comfort	1
4	The Stamp	4
5	The Stamp Journal	2
6	Brazil newspaper stamp, cat. 25 cents	1
7	500 all mixed	500
8	100 all different	100
9	5 varieties postal cards	5
10	7 Columbians	7

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Quinnipiac Stamp Co., New Haven, Ct	100
F. W. Kaupp, (second order)	200

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GROVELAND, NOVEMBER, 1895.

No. 6.

Collecting Surcharges.

Surcharges form of themselves a subject which necessarily consumes more or less of the collector's time.

It is *very* hard to know where to draw the line when once the collection of surcharges is commenced. Varieties of surcharges pour forth before the collector until many give up in despair.

The way to avoid this is to collect *only* those of known value and undoubted genuineness.

In other words, *go slow* when you enter this part of the philatelic world. It is full of pitfalls for the unwary.

If one were to collect *all* surcharges he would need the services of a couple of lightening clerks.

When the actual necessity leads to a surcharge being made, *then* that becomes a distinct and collectible variety.

But if some "progressive" country surcharges 50 or 100 stamps at a bound just for pure "cussedness" and filthy lucre, *then*, say we, don't collect surcharges of that class.

H. J. Watts.

The Cincinnati Hand Stamp.

This is one of the U. S. Locals which is comparatively little known, and one that is at present recognized by few dealers. That, however, does not in the least detract from its interest. For without any doubt whatever it is a genuine local, and as such it has the right to a place in philatelic history.

Some dealers make the foolish assertion that it is nothing but a postmark. That is a plain misstatement. Did any collector ever see or hear of a postmark containing figures and words of value?

The stamps are found on various kinds of paper. This is accounted for by the fact that the public used any envelopes they might have, and took them to the postmaster, who on receipt of the fee applied the stamp.

The stamp was improvised from the regular postmarking stamp, and reads as follows: "Cincinnati, O., 5 cts.," followed by the date; One I have bearing the date "May 31."

They were printed in red and blue ink. The majority were in a dull red.

Although at present almost unknown, the day is not far distant when these stamps will be lifted from oblivion into the light—Philately—and receive their proper place among other U. S. locals.

H. I. Watts.

Canadian Notes.

Weston Stamp Co. have opened an office at 8 King St., E. Toronto.



Another Canadian collector, Mr. McKensie, Toronto's well-known banker, has sold nearly all of his collection.



The following are the officers of

the Ottawa Philatelic Society for the current year :

President, H. P. Brunell.
Vice Pres., W. H. Hunter.
Sec -Treas., C. N. Robertson.
Ex.-Supt., A. F. Sladen.

Executive Committee :

N. C. Sparks,
J. P. Nutting,
C. B. Powell.



Collectors and dealers here look forward to a good year for stamps.



Mr. Irving E. Patterson of Guelph is the sole Canadian representative of this paper, and all advertisements and subscriptions may be sent through him.



It is proposed to have a Canadian edition of the STAMP every month. Advertisers should remember that their "ad" goes in both the U. S. and Canadian edition.



More next month.

Stampus.

Every one who remits 60 cents for one year's subscription to 3 different persons will be given one year's subscription gratis.

NOTES.

Many Canadian dealers carry a snug amount of insurance on their stocks.



Foochow, China, has again issued a set of stamps. Nothing slow about them.



The *Philatelic Era's* latest form is a decided improvement over the old one.



The *Rocky Mountain Stamp* now comes to subscribers in a large envelope instead of being rolled as before. This is a great reform.



Candidates for office in '96 are springing up on every hand. Evidently they believe in the old maxim that "The early bird catches the worm."



Catch on to the STAMP for 20C a year.



All the papers have special holiday editions. Are you in them?

Irving E. Patterson of Guelph, Ont., has purchased the stock of the Dixie Stamp Co. and is now prepared to fill orders for all packets, etc., advertised by them.



Massachusetts has a full quota of stamp papers.



Mr. Chas. G. Hart is now Sec'y of the L. A. P., Mr. I. E. Patterson, the former Sec'y, having resigned.



The *Michigan Philatelist* is now run solely by Bailey & Co.



S. L. Wing having retired from the business, he is now selling out his stock of U. S. revenues.

Irving E. Patterson.

AUCTION

Of scarce philatelic literature. Bids accepted on single papers or the entire lot, and must be received by Dec. 20th. All papers are in fine condition. A. J. Kirby, Taunton, Mass.

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- 2 Metropolitan Phil. I, 1. II, 1.
- 3 Era, I, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6. II, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.
- 4 Post Office I, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
- 5 Pennsy II, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
- 6 Same, VII complete.
- 7 Eastern, I, 1, 4, 5. V, 5.
- 8 Evergreen State, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12.
- 9 Michigan (Coldwater) 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10
- 10 Stamp World, 1885. 58, 59, 60, 61.

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EDITORIALS.

In the *Badger Philatelist* of Oct., under the heading of “New England Notes” appeared this: “*The Stamp*, of Groveland, Mass., a new paper, has come out in enlarged form with No. 5. You should subscribe for it.”

We specially refer all who receive copies of this number and are not subscribers, to the advice given above.

All of the large magazines now devote a column or more of each issue to stamps.



The office of the Excelsior Stamp Co., of Elkhart, Ind., was destroyed by fire on the 3rd inst., and half of their stamps burned.



We acknowledge the receipt of Mekeel's, Dunkhorst's, Carter's and Thomas' latest price-lists.



Canadian collections seem to be changing hands now “to beat der band.”



We have received a pretty booklet from the Excelsior Stamp Co. about their “Perfect” hinge.



It is reported that the *Sucker State Philatelist* has given up the ghost.



That the S. of P. is not dead is shown by the *Collector*, of Minneapolis, Minn., the official organ, as it reports 69 applications.



The Rocky Mt. Stamp has gained still another point. This time she is the first to have her papers come out in envelopes.

The Excelsior Stamp Co. is sending out an attractive price-list to its patrons.



The E. P. enjoys the distinction of being the oldest stamp monthly in America.—*Ex.* She is old and reliable.



Forest and Field has an interesting column of philatelic notes in every issue.



The S. of P. have awakened from their long sleep and are now in the land of the living.



A large amount of the reading matter will have to be left out this time on account of so many advertisements.



Mr. Wm. E. Baitzell of Baltimore, Md., announces that he is going out of the retail stamp business owing to pressure of other business.



Mr. N. E. Edwards announces the *Western Philatelist*, a new paper with an old name, will appear shortly.



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NOTICE.

The next auction sale of the Acme Stamp Co. will be held December 29th. See December number of the STAMP.

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*5c red-brown due.....		10
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†Canada letter-card.....		06
†Canada 3c red envelope.....		06

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GROVELAND, DECEMBER, 1895.

No. 7.

Registered Matter.

No wonder that the registry business of the postoffice department is steadily diminishing! The people are losing confidence in the system as a means of insurance. Though the fee has been reduced from 10 to 8 cents, the number of letters and parcels registered during the last fiscal year was less than 11,000,000. Four years ago the number exceeded 15,000,000 annually. What is wanted is safety, and the system does not give it.

When a mail car or a postoffice is robbed, it is always the registered matter, advertised on its face as valuable, that is taken. In 1860 the postmaster general of the United States advocated the abandonment of registration on the ground that it was "fruitful only of danger to what it was designed to protect."

The remedy is very simple. The government ought to grant compen-

sation for registered letters lost or destroyed. Nearly all foreign countries give such insurance. In Great Britain, for example, the registration fee is only 4 cents, and if a letter is not safely delivered to the addressee, an indemnity of \$10 is paid to the loser. A graduated series of fees is so arranged that the sender of a parcel can insure it up to \$250, this maximum guarantee requiring the payment of 22 cents. The parcel must be marked with its value.

It is stated in the postal regulations of the United Kingdom, rather quaintly, that payment of such insurance will be made by the postmaster general "not in consequence of legal liability, but voluntarily and as an act of grace." Registration of money or jewelry is compulsory; such articles are not permitted to be sent in the ordinary mails. At the same time parcels addressed to foreign parts cannot be registered, though for India they may be insured. The

British government pays up to \$10 for any ordinary unregistered package that is lost in its mail service. This applies only in the United Kingdom, and it does not govern at all if the parcel is improperly wrapped or contains eggs, liquids or very fragile articles.

Nearly all foreign countries insure letters and packages up to \$10 in their domestic service without extra fee. On the other hand, no indemnity is paid even for registered mail matter by the United States, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, British India, Japan and Kongo. These are the only exceptions to the general rule. The third assistant postmaster general of the U. S. in two annual reports has recommended to congress the granting of an indemnity on registered letters and packages not to exceed \$10. This is sure to be done sooner or later.

Turning to the regulations of the International Postal Union, one finds that the sender of a registered package to a foreign country is entitled to \$10 in case of loss, unless the latter has been occasioned by "force majeure"—meaning war. This indemnity must be paid by the government that dispatches the package. However, that government may recover the amount from the country wherein the loss was incurred.

The adoption by Uncle Sam of an indemnity limited to \$10 would increase the confidence of the public at very little cost. During the last fiscal year 654 pieces of registered matter were lost. Supposing the maximum payment to be granted in each instance, the entire expense of such insurance would be \$6,540 for the twelvemonth. This is a trifle compared with the money gained that would accrue to the government from the increase in the registry business that would follow the acceptance of the indemnity plan. The latter would take from the ordinary mails a vast number of money letters and would make the transmission of such letters much more safe.

The registry system practically prevents dishonesty on the part of postal employees. Every person who handles a registered letter or package must give a receipt for it. If it is lost, the department can put its hand, so to speak, on the spot where it disappeared. It can go right to the individual who had it when it vanished and can hold him responsible. If it is a case of theft, it is known exactly at what spot search ought to be begun, and the missing package or letter is very apt to be recovered.

It is considered most desirable that valuable packages should be taken out of the ordinary mails, as

their presence is a constant temptation to postal employees. Thefts by them involve heavy expenses for detective work, trials, etc. Thousands of people make a regular practice of sending money in the ordinary mails because they believe the chances of loss are increased by registration.

—*New York World.*

Philatelic Changes.

At the close of the busy and eventful year 1895 it is well to look back and see the changes it has wrought.

We shall look at it only from a philatelic standpoint.

One of the greatest changes has been in the approval sheet business. More care is being taken in sending out stamps; the time limit has been in some cases reduced to *three* days instead of the usual ten; less *trash* is being sent out, and the approval sheet thieves have been well advertised.

Another change is the mode of advertising adopted by dealers, and the great decrease of dealers' "directories." Some papers which last year had a full column of dealers' "cards," now have but a few inches. Advertising by circulars is growing in favor.

During the year many collectors have died, and many collections have

passed into the hand of the auctioneer. But perhaps the greatest change of all is in the prices shown by the latest catalogue. —*H. I. Watts.*

Stamp Thieves.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 12, 1895. Logan Carlisle, chief clerk of the treasury, has directed that exhaustive examinations be made of the files and papers of all the bureaus, auditors' offices and divisions of the treasury department, to determine whether the treasury records are intact or have been tampered with. This order is the result of the recent discovery that obsolete cancelled internal revenue stamps had been taken from government records, and in so doing, the records, in some cases, had been mutilated, and in others totally ruined. As a result of this investigation five employes were dismissed. It is believed that 75,000 records were either mutilated or destroyed. This occurred in one office alone, that of the first auditor, and the credit for discovery of the theft belongs to Auditor Baldwin.

Logan Carlisle said today that this petty pilfering seemed to have been going on for 10 years or more. Much of it was done in the presence of others, and those engaged in doing it evidently did not consider it a crime. Until the investigation of all the records is completed, no further discharges will be made. The investigation may consume several months.

—*Boston Herald.*

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EDITORIALS.

We agree with the *Springfield Philatelist* that the combination of the S. of P. and P. S. of A. would produce good results, but we think that the L. A. P. ought to be included.



Mr Irving E. Patterson, of Guelph, Ont., has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Dominion Philatelic Society.

We see by the *Philatelic Era* that the Toronto Philatelic Society has reorganized.



For some unknown reason our Canadian correspondent, Mr Patterson, of Guelph, Ont., failed to send his notes. We hope to hear from him shortly.



Persons wishing to subscribe for a good magazine cannot do better than send 50c to Lester Dickerman & Co. for one year's subscription to the *Yankee Hustler*. (See adv.)

From My Note-book.

VEDA.

In 1866 there were sixteen post-offices in British Columbia. The two leading ones being Westminster, with W. R. Spaulding, the postmaster general, in charge, and Ashcroft, the forwarding point for the Big Bend district, where C.F. Cornwall officiated.



Australia, Panama and Finland are all represented geographically on stamps. The map of the first ap-

pearing on the 5 shilling of New So. Wales, and the last on the universal postal card.



The earliest date (derived from the postmark cancelling the stamp) of the 1856 issue of British Guiana is Feb. 27, 1856, on a specimen cancelled at Berbice and now reposing in the great Ferrary collection.



While the \$1 and \$2 Columbians are both sailing toward the skies in price, the \$3, \$4 and \$5 values are drugs on the market and not worth enough above face to warrant a dealer walking across the street after them.



When we recollect that fewer of the three last were issued than of the two former, we naturally wonder which is it that represents the normal condition to which the market will eventually settle.

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No. 8.

ON NANGPAREE.

BY BARK N. TINE.

I have a friend, an old sailor, who now that his days of active sea life are passed, having fallen a victim to the charms of our deity, Philatelia, now delights to spend a large portion of his spare time upon his stamp album. His many years of roughing it have happily not left him without a good-sized "shot in his locker" and he is thus enabled to possess many a rare label which his fellow collectors for the most part vainly long for. The old man is a pleasing talker and many a good story has he told me over his album; and so, when I was spending an evening with him recently, and he inquired if he had ever related to me his experience on the island of Nangparee, I responded in the negative and composed myself to listen to my old friend as he "spun away." His manner of speech, quaint as it is, I am afraid I would

not be able to do justice to upon paper, and so will put his tale into every-day English, for the benefit of my non-seafaring readers.

It was on one of my last voyages. We sailed from the port of Boston for a mission station on the coast of Peru. The people at that station were at the time civilizing the natives and teaching them to wear clothes. Now it had happened that the mission society had sent out to them several ship-loads of various fabrics to be made up into articles of clothing, but by some oversight no buttons had been included. Thus the Peruvian missionaries had found themselves with a large number of garments on hand, but with no buttons to go with them. They had written home about their dilemma, the society set out to remedy the mistake, and that is how it came about that our ship was loaded with a cargo of buttons, all done up in small pasteboard boxes, and neatly labeled.

(To be continued.)

Notes and News.

BY I. E. PATTERSON.

Irving E. Patterson has been appointed Sec'y-Treas. of the Dominion Philatelic Association. The dues have been reduced to 25 cts. a year, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunity to join Canada's only philatelic society.



Wonder what ever become of that fine Xmas no. the *Reporter* promised us? We haven't seen it yet. The Christmas *Penny* was also late.



We agree with "Puritan" in saying that the *Michigan Philatelist* has been decidedly stale, but we hope for better things under the new management.



After a long interval, the *Michigan Stamp* has appeared, bigger and better than before. Would that a few others would do likewise.

FRAUDS!!

Chas. C. Rogers, 113 W. 15th st., New York. Look out for him. Present address unknown.

A. A. Thompson, Laconia, N. H. Present address unknown.

We shall publish a few more next month if we don't get a reply to our letters.



JUDSON N. BURTON.

The above named party is the President of the Dealer's Association which has recently been formed.

Mr. Burton entered Philatelia's ranks in 1885, and two years later held his first auction sale, the goods all bringing good prices. This season he will hold sales nearly every month.

—*Stampus.*

F. N. Massoth, A. J. Littlejohn, Judson N. Burton and others are organizing a dealers protective society. This is a good idea and we see no reason why it will not meet with favor with the dealers. Dues 50 cents a year. ***

N E P. A.

Haverhill, Jan. 14, 1896.

There was an informal meeting of the N.E.P.A. held at the residence of Miss Brown, 71 Kenoga ave., Friday evening. There were 22 in attendance and a good time enjoyed.

F. H. Pinkham was present with the first number of his paper which he published in 1872; also his 1873 pricelist of stamps—a 90c Justice, unused, for 50 cents! Among others were W.H. Page, the oldest collector in the town, with his U. S. new and almost complete; E. O. Eaton with his 6,000 varieties; Mrs. C. H. Graham with her fine match and medicine; B. H. Wares of the Board of Trustees, and others. A collation was served by the hostess. Letters of regret were read from many who were unable to attend. *A.J. Lloyd.*

Philadelphia Notes.

During the coming season this department will be a regular feature of the STAMP, and we will try to furnish its readers with the latest news from the good old Quaker City.

Mr. Carl C. Gonzales, one of the largest dealers in stamps in the city, has sailed for England to enter suit for \$100,000 against Harry Hilkes & Co. for defamation of character.

We learn by the *M. P.* that the League of American Philatelists refused the admission into that society of A.A.Thompson, Laconia, N. H.—another Doidge.

Belgium has issued a new set of unpaid letter stamps: 5c green, 10c brown, 20c olive, 50c bistre and 1fr. carmine. *H.M.P.*

Auction Prices.

A priced copy of the catalogue of Burton's Christmas auction sale is at hand, and a casual observation shows some good lots at high and some at low prices. Some of which are as follows:

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EDITORIALS.

We have been a trifle late the last few months but we will try and do better in the future.



The Minerva Stamp Co., of Haverhill, Mass., is a new one. Mr A. P. Tucker is manager, and any of our readers who may have occasion to trade with them will be fairly treated. The headquarters of the company are, we believe, at 120 Washington and 11 Grove street.

The auction of the Acme Stamp Co. advertised in another column should be patronized by every lover of philatelic literature.



Two more graves on the field of Philately — the *Stamp Journal* and *Philatelic Comfort* —, but more are ready to jump into their places.



Although early in the season, we predict the following winners in the P. S. of A. race: President, O. K. Carstaphen; Vice President, R. M. Bettesworth; Int. Secretary, Irving E. Patterson.



We propose to make the "Philadelphia Column" a regular feature each month.



The *Seneca Philatelist* comes out with its Dec. issue in enlarged form and a red cover.



With this number a fine article by Bark N. Tine begins. It should be read by every philatelist.



The *Daily Stamp Item* from Meekel's "office cat" has appeared. It resembles a kitten more than a cat.

This number of the **STAMP** contains the first of a series of interesting articles about prominent philatelists, illustrated, and written by "Stampus."

NOTICE.

In volume III, number 6, the last number of *Philatelic Comfort*, notice was given that a new paper called the *Golden Star* would fill the unexpired subscriptions to *Philatelic Comfort*. At the last moment it was decided not to issue the *Golden Star*, therefore the subscriptions will be filled by this paper, Mr. Pike's **STAMP**.

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GROVELAND, FEBRUARY, 1896.

No. 9.

Continued from last issue.)

ON NANGPAREE.

BY BARK N. TINE.

I had just become interested in stamp collecting, and had my collection, numbering about 2500 varieties, and a large number of duplicates, chiefly continentals, with me.

Well, everything was lovely for a time, but when we got into the south Atlantic there came the worst succession of storms I ever experienced. I won't tell you of what we went through, but when clear weather came again we had been driven many miles out of our course, and the vessel was leaking badly. The captain thought it best to put for the nearest land, which happened to be the Island of Nangparee, of which island we knew very little except that it was inhabited, and that the natives were not cannibals.

In a few hours we reached the island, in fact we reached it sooner

than we expected to, running on a sand bar in the middle of the night, when about four hundred yards from the beach. The islanders soon discovered our predicament and the navy came out to attack us. As one of their boats carried a cannon, and at the time we didn't know that they had no powder to go with it, while our sole armament was a thirty-two calibre revolver belonging to the captain, we surrendered unconditionally, and were taken ashore. There the general of the army, who had also been directing the naval operations, was waiting to receive us with his force, consisting of four petty officers and three privates.

The language of these people was a sort of Spanish dialect, and as I was the only man among our crew who understood Spanish, I was taken to the King to give an account of ourselves, while my companions were led away under guard to prison.

(To be continued.)

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EDITORIALS.

AN APOLOGY.

This number is reduced in size in order that our printer may catch up with Mr. Time, and we promise that it will not occur again.

Our regular Canadian and Philadelphia notes are left out this month but Boston Bits are added.

The *Philatelic West*, the *International Stamp* and *Western Philatelist* have all appeared recently.

Our next number will be out in a few days. Copy should be sent in at once.

Boston Bits.

From now on, Boston Bits will be a regular feature of the STAMP. We shall endeavor to furnish its readers with substantial news from the Hub.

The great Elliott Woodward sale which is to come off here in March will be *the* event of the philatelic season.

Speaking of auction sales, the New England Co's was a decided success. Bringing in most cases nearly catalogue value, and above in some instances.

The corner on the \$2 Columbian stamps having proved successful, it is now time to look out for a corner on the high values of 1894.

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Continued from last issue.

ON NANGPAREE.

BY BARK N. TINE.

I had managed to retain my box, which contained my stamps, and after his majesty had cross-examined me to his heart's content, he demanded to know what the box contained. I showed him the stamps, explained their use, gave him fifty all different, and in half an hour his majesty was as crazy on the subject as any stamp crank in the heart of New York City ever was. He immediately ordered an album to be woven for him out of palm leaf fibres. I saw that he was dead stuck on me, also; and was not at all surprised when he said:

"We will have these post offices, and these postage stamps! we will have the post office department and you shall be the Post Master General!"

The General of the Army was present and he cast an ugly glance

at me. I saw and understood it. He was jealous, and my enemy.

The ship's cargo had been taken ashore and stored in a large warehouse. Among a few other necessities which I found included in it was a small printing press, for the use of the missionaries in printing tracts, etc. This I appropriated and had conveyed to the hut assigned as the quarters of the post office department.

I began organizing the postal system at once. I divided the island into twenty districts, each with a different name. Each district had its own post master and its own postage stamps.

Then I began the preparation of the stamps. Of course, the designs had to be type-set, but there was no danger of counterfeiting, since there was not another printing press on the island. By varying the colors of inks and of papers, I soon produced some very pretty sets. As to the gum I

had little trouble. The juice of a certain resinous tree served me here, and as but a comparatively small number of the stamps were used on letters, it made little difference as to what the stamps were gummed with. When it came to perforating I was stuck—for a while. I let imperforate stamps go out until on one day a bright idea struck me. I had a large hair-brush with very stiff wire teeth, so stiff, in fact, that it was actually painful for me to put the brush to its rightful use. I knocked out all the teeth except certain rows, and soon had a very good perforating machine.

(To be continued.)

Philatelic Spokes From The Hub.

As it has been several years since I have wielded the pen in the fair cause of Philately, I trust that the readers of the stamp will not be too critical.



It is rumored that several new varieties in old U. S. general issues have been discovered, which promise to create quite a furor when published. However, I am not at liberty as yet to disclose what they are.

During the past month we have had many visitors among us. Mess. Calman, Albrecht and Luff, of New York, have all paid us visits. The latter two gentlemen were present at the Annual Meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society.



Mr Gardner R. Kennedy has been appointed Vice-President of the New England Philatelic Association. This society is becoming very popular with Boston collectors, and I hope soon to see at least twenty-five members in Boston.



Following are some of the prices realized on U. S. at the Fourth Annual Sale of the Boston Philatelic Society:

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Philadelphia Notes.

One of our largest dealers has in his possession a number of Samoa 1sh yellow express stamps used and on the original cover.

Several dealers here have received notice from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. in regard in selling their catalogues for less than what they were made to sell for, which is 50c over the counter and 58c by mail. Hereafter the dealer will be required to sign a contract stating that he will not sell below the publisher's price.



Now that we have two stamp papers in town (*Philadelphia St. News* and *Watson's Stampsonia*), there ought to be more activity in the stamp line.



A speculator here bought up a large stock of Columbians which he is now offering at face value, but there are no buyers.



A very few of the 1c State department can be found in town. All dealers are paying over catalogue price for them. —H. M. P.

Did Makin, Zobel, Sellschopp or Carrion name the following streets in San Francisco? If not, who did? Honduras, St. Helena, Venezuela, Trinidad, Paraguay, Gibraltar, Bermuda, Madagascar, Grenada, Corea, Java and Sumatra.

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The postal authorities of Victoria, issued some months ago, a postal card of large size, one-third of the space of which was sold for a beer and tobacco advertisement. The authorities were reprimanded and the cards withdrawn.—*Golden Rule*.

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We have never known of but two poor results of advertisements in this paper. The first was an advertisement in an early issue for which the pay was not forthcoming, and the other the advertisement of Mr. Kirby, our printer. He has advertised in nearly every issue, and got so much business thereby that he is unable to get our paper out on time, and when he does we can't get it the regular size.



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---N. H. E.

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