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## ANNOUNCEMENT I

To our Philatelic Friends:

Herewith we introduce you to "The Philatelic Mail and Express." We are starting out with great odds against us. But we can and will overcome all these difficulties. Our Subscription Price will be but 15 cents per year. Circulation 1000 copies, each month and Advertising rates but 25c. per inch. We will have the best of reading matter each month and will do all in our power to advance our "Great Science." To carry out this work we need your help, and we desire your subscription, as we know you will be well pleased with your investment. We will close these remarks with a cheerful "Good Day," for we know you would rather be reading more interesting articles than an "Announcement."

The Publishers.

## OUR EARLY POST OFFICES.

The first stage route, was between Providence and Boston taking two days for the trip. A post office system had been effected by the combination of the colonies which united the whole country. Benjamin Franklin who was the first Post-master General, made a grand tour of the country in his chaise, perfecting and maturing the plan. His daughter Sally accompanied him by his side in the chaise, and sometimes on the extra horse he had with him. It took

five months to go the rounds which could now be done in as many days.

A mail was started in 1672 between New York and Boston by way of Hartford and according to the contract the round trip being made monthly. The Post Offices in 1790 numbered about seventy-five. Between New York and Philadelphia there were only five mails per week and it required two days, for a letter to go this short distance. They were generally carried by men on horse back, the saddle-bags easily holding the scanty number of letters and papers then sent.

Mails were forwarded between New York and Boston three times a week in summer and twice in winter. In remote places the mail was allowed to accumulate until enough was secured to pay the cost of transmission.

It was favored rural villages that had a weekly mail. The time of its arrival was locally know as "post day."

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 COULD A STAMP BUT SPEAK.

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 A. H. BRETT.  
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As we look upon our album pages let us have the question come into our thoughts, "Could a Stamp But Speak" and what about, they might tell of their short but eventful career. Very little can you realize what a Postage Stamp goes through. Here is one which perhaps might tell us of a Great Railway

Accident with its tales of horror and scenes of sorrow and woe. Then another might tell us of a steam ship wreck of the great storm which cast destruction on the noble ship and how the mail bags sunk to the depths of the "Deep Blue Sea" and after lying there for a few weeks to be rescued by the government ships and in time reach their destination. Here is one that could tell us of a journey over the "Great Desert," it might give us an account of the ancient Pyramids, of the Sphynx and of the general life on this "Great Sea of Sand." Other stories more interesting and numerous than those mentioned might be told to us, "Could a Stamp But Speak."

## THE COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

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The beautiful new Columbian postage stamps placed on sale yesterday reached the standard that had been expected of them. The Post Office Department



determined to make this issue the most memorable in the history of this country, and to that end the most expert workmen were engaged upon the work for months.

Yesterday people

gathered in great crowds at the Post Office stamp windows, and the long lines there were the best evidence of the interest that has been awakened. The stamp collectors was out bright and early and took home numerous samples.

The new stamps are works of art. They are called technically the Columbian series, and are in ten varieties.



Denominationally they are one, two, three, four, five, six, ten, fifteen, thirty, and 50 cents and one, two, three, four, five dollars. They are about the size of the

special delivery stamp. The new series are to be issued only during 1893, and the old style will be continued as well.

On the new stamps the engraving work is particu-



larly fine, and each denomination is marked by a different design, yet all illustrative of events in the life of Columbus. The one cent is "Columbus in Sight of Land," after the painting by W. H.

Powell; the two cent, "Landing of Columbus," after the painting by Vanderlyn in the rotunda in the Capitol at Washington; three cents, "Flagship of Colum-

bus;" four cents, "Fleet of Columbus;" five cents Columbus Soliciting Aid from Isabella," after the painting by Brozick in the



Metropolitan Museum of art; six cents, "Columbus Welcomed at Barcelona," from one of the panels in the bronze doors at the Capitol by Randolph Rogers ten cents, "Colum-

bus Presenting Natives," after Luigi Gregori; fifteen cents, "Columbus Announcing His Discovery," after R. Baloca, in Madrid; thirty cents, "Columbus at La Ribida;" fifty cents, "Recall of Columbus," after A. G. Heaton, in Washington; \$1, "Isabella Pledging



Her Jewels;" \$2, Columbus in Chains;" \$3 "Columbus Describing His Third Voyage;" \$4, portraits in circles of Columbus and Isabella; \$5, profile of the head of Columbus, similar to that on the souvenir

half dollars. This is the second jubilee issued of any country. England honored Queen Victoria on her 50th birthday as the United States has honored Columbus. The New York Post Office was unable to supply the demand yesterday. Long lines of purchasers were on hand all day.—N. Y. Press, Jan. 3rd-93.

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*Our Philatelic Review.*

The "Yankee Philatelist" for December is a decided improvement over number one. Yankee Phil. Pub. Co., Boston, Mass. 15 cents per year.

The "Philatelic Tribune" for Dec. 24th. has an interesting article about The United States Post Office also Stanton 31st Auction Sale Semi-Monthly 15 cents for 6 mo. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

The "Weekly Philatelist" for Wed. Dec. 14th is at hand. An article entitled Should Ladies be admitted as members of our Philatelic Associations? is it's most interesting article. The Weekly Philatelist. New Chester, Pa. 40c. per year.

The "Post Office" is always welcome. The December number contains several interesting articles. 35c. per year. H. Gremmel, 80 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

The "Collector's Press" is a new one to us, and hope to see it often. Its contents are "up to the mark." J. H. Sexton Jr., Malden Mass.

The "Eastern Philatelist" Dec. is as good as ever. We like to see bright papers such as this. F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H. 25c. per year.



## SOCIETY NOTES.

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## PHILATELIC FINDS.

T. H. OMPSON.

There have been numerous accounts in our Philatelic Journals lately, of rare finds of stamps in old trunks etc. Several of these accounts are of course true, but some are simply made up in story form. These are supposed to be thrilling, and they are, but the subject has been worn nearly threadbare. I will note a few instances, where the finds were real and not made up. A find of some rare British Colonials and United States stamps, was made in Chicago last spring. A still rarer find came to light in an eastern city. This was composed mostly of United States and amounted to about \$175. Another large discovery of rare stamps was made in New Orleans amounting to \$1500. These were United States stamps in large lots. But the find that "knocks 'em all out" was reported to have been made in Southern Africa. This seems almost incredible. The most valuable of the stamps were thirteen three cent Manritius, catalogued at \$1000 each. There were also some St. Louis and Brattleboro, etc. In all, this find catalogued at about \$20,000. More rare finds may be ex-

pected this year, as there must certainly be an enormous amount of rare stamps yet undiscovered. The demand for United States stamps has increased wonderfully in the last year and "finds" are one of the sources left to supply this want. Many collectors have even started out get permission to ransack old garrets, etc., in quest of new varieties for their collections. There are many ancient houses yet "unskinned" of their old stamps and there is no telling of what may yet be found by those who seek for them.

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### Some Specimens of Philatelic Literature.

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The New Jersey *Philatelist*, Vol. 1, No. 2. is the worst printed sheet that has yet to my knowledge appeared. Absolutely without any regard to the rules of unity or of typography, this paper claims to be a "dandy" and without any reading matter (in the ordinary acceptance of the term) asks a subscription price of twenty-five cents a year.

Mr. Kitchin has a number of well-known advertisers, which is still more surprising. There is also something wrong in the way of its transmission through the mails, as it comes without a stamp and has no notice that it is entered as second class matter in the body (nor the rest for that matter) of the paper.

I started out to give "*One Dime*" a roast, but upon my soul, I can't think of it, as being so absolutely bad, now that I have perused the "well printed and neatly set up" New Jersey *Philatelist*. If brother Peugh would, however, adopt some system of punctuation it would be appreciated by his readers. Peugh might also purge his paper of the ink-slingings of Cleve. Scott.

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### EDITORIAL.

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Our first number was unavoidably late. This will not occur again. Notice that we will hereafter be issued on the 25th of each month, instead of the 15th.

We beg to call your attention to the Stamp Collector's Union, which we advise you to join.

We call your attention to the fact that there are two distinct dies of the two cent green on white 1887 envelopes. Examine these stamps and you will notice the dies for they are both quite common.

Look over your two cent Brown 1872. I was recently looking over some three or four thousand and came across no less than four distinct shades of this stamp.

Subscribe now! Our subscription price will be advanced to fifteen cents per year, beginning with the March number.

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## OUR REVIEW.

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The *Eastern Stamp* for January is a neatly printed eight pager and we hope to see it regular. Thirty cents per year. Argorian Stamp and Publishing Co., 46 Perry Street, Worcester, Mass.

Brother Weatherstone's December number of the *International Philatelist* improves with age and he deserves the success which we hope he is getting. W. S. Weatherstone, 13 Peter Street, Toronto, Canada. Twenty five cents a year.

The December and January numbers of the *American Philatelic Magazine* are as usual up to the mark. Sanders and Brown, P. O. Box 860 Omaha, Nebraska. Twenty-five cents a year.

*The Stamp*, January number is one of our most interesting exchanges. Its article on Leading American Dealers is its best "hit." R. P. Spooner, 37 W. 32d Street, New York. Twenty-five cents a year.

*Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*. for December is bright and interesting and its pages contain none but the best of reading matter. W. Sellschopp & Co., 104 O'Farrell street, San Francisco, Cal. Twenty-five cents per year.

*Philatelic Tribune*, for January 16, is about the same as usual. Stanton's 32nd Auction Sale takes up four of its eight pages. F. J. Stanton, Publisher, Smyrna, N. Y. Fifteen cents for six months: semi-monthly.

*The Philatelic Era*, for December, comes to us bright and attractive, all its reading matter being excellent, and its "Philatelic Literary Review" is conducted in a manner to please every one. Fifty cents a year. W. W. Jewett, editor and publisher, Portland, Maine.

*The Hoosier Stamp*, begins the new year by again appearing once more in philatelic journalism. Its appearances are good and the outlook seems to be that it will be successful in its cause. Chas. E. Babcock & Co., 244 College Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Twenty-five cents a year.

The January number of the *Philatelic Argosy*, Vol. 2, No. 1, is indeed a great improvement over Vol. 1, No. 1. Its eight pages are full of interesting reading matter. Frank R. Hoyt, 115½ Whitney Place, Buffalo, N. Y. Fifteen cents per year.

The *Postal Card* for January, 1893, begins its fifth volume, and as they say, they're not tired of it yet. Twenty-five cents per year. The Postal Card, 223 W. Grand Street, Elizabeth, N. J.

The *Southern Philatelist*, January number, comes to us under the management of G. S. Luhn and is bright and interesting. Twenty-five cents per year. Southern Stamp and Publishing Co., 25 Broad Street, Charleston, S. C.

The *Eastern Philatelist* for January, begins the new year in a most creditable manner, judging by its contents. F. H. Pinkham, New Market, N. H. Twenty-five cents per year.

The *City Stamp*, a journal of Birmingham, England. J. Edwards, agent, 50 Latour Street, Montreal, Canada. Fifteen cents per year. Acknowledge receipt of complete file.

The *Chicago Philatelist*, *Long Island Philatelist Eagle Philatelist*, *McKeel's Weekly* for Jan. 26th and Feb. 9th, and *International Phil.* for Jan. are also received.

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### CAPITAL CITY NOTES.

BOZ.

Skating is fine here, but does not interfere much with Philately.

There are now enough collectors in this city who are members of the Stamp Collector's Union to form a local branch. Why is it not done?

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Albany notes appear by "Beaverwyck" in the *Weekly Philatelist*.

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'63	3c. Rose	.03	.10	18
'68	2c. Black (Grille)	.60		
'68	3c. Rose	.08	.35	60
'69	3c. Blue	.08	.40	75
'70	3c. Green (Grille)	.12		
'72	1c. Blue	.03	.12	20
'72	2c. Brown	.04	.18	30
'72	3c. Green			.03
'72	6c. Pink	.08		.60
'72	10c. Brown	.05		.30
'72	15c. Orange	.12		
'83	4c. Green	.04	.15	
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