

# THE PHILATELIC SUN.

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## Rare British American Stamps.

Few stamps of North America are more to be desired by collectors than those of Van Couver Island and British Columbia. The island of Van-Couver is on the western coast of British America and it contains about 14,000 sq. miles. British Columbia is east of Van Couver Island and contains about 200,000 sq. miles. In 1861 a postage stamp was issued for the joint use of the two colonies. It was a 2½ d. of rose color. When the separate organization of British Columbia was effected, Van Couver Island, in 1865, issued stamps of a distinct design. They were issued unperforated and soon after perforated. The issue consisted of a 5 cent rose and 10 cent blue. In 1865 British Columbia issued a single value, 3d. blue. In 1868 a full series was issued of the foregoing, and different values made by surcharging the value in

different colors on the stamps as follows: 2 cent black surcharged on brown; 5 cent black on red; 10 cent black on rose;  $\frac{1}{2}$  55 cent violet on yellow; 50 cent red on violet; & one dollar green on green. These stamps are among the rarest there are.

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### Philatelic Items.

Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, the stamp dealer of Washington, D. C., estimates that there are some 500 stamp collectors in that city. A local branch of the A. P. A. is being talked of.

J. W. Scott of New York is said to have the finest collection of stamps in the U. S.. Its estimated value is placed at \$50,000. It contains the original of almost every revenue and postage stamp ever issued.

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Last month I received a call from Mr. Alvah Davison a well known and popular Philatelist and he joined The S. C. U. as an Honorary member. His presence among us will secure us some members.

EDITOR.

Sensible,-- The collections of Messrs. Ferrary, Tapling, Tiffany, &c., are not of the well centered and original gum class but consist of stamps.

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Treasurer, C. H. Smith.

**Financial Statement of the S.C. U.**

Nov. 1891, sundry expenses,	\$ .14
Dec. " "	.25
Jan. '92, " "	.22
Feb. " "	.06
March " "	.02
April " "	.08
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	.77

8 Members' Dues, \$1.95.

Cash on hand, \$1.08. C. H. Smith, Treas.

## S. C. U. Notes.

Brace up all ye members and get us a few more "Philates" to fill our young ranks.

The Exchange Department will hereafter be operated on a cash basis. The Exchange Supt. charging members 5% on all sales. Sheets furnished free to all members. All who read this paper should join the S. C. U. as we are the people.

## Members.

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| 2. Fraser Brown. | 7. A. B. Conger.   |
| 3. J. Behn,      | 8. Arthur Maynard. |
| 4. C. H. Smith.  | 9. W. J. Batlin.   |
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## Revenue Stamps.

A. H. BRETT.

One of the most interesting and instructive parts of a collection of stamps are U. S. Revenues. First in point of interest are the document stamps, and next the match and medicine stamps. Of the latter many are to be found in drug stores on old bottles, pill boxes, etc. Match Stamps may be found on old match boxes in a grocery store. As the prices of Revenue stamps as sold by Stamp Dealers are quite moderate, it is a good chance to collect these, which though not so much desired by collectors, yet the artistic designs of the same make a fine addition to a good collection of postage stamps.

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## Mexico's Loss Is Our Gain.

The Mexicans on the border of this country have an ingenious plan in cheating their government out of postage to the advantage of the U. S.

The Mexican postal rates are high as it costs ten cents to send a letter from any of the river towns to the City of Mexico or states south of there and five cents to nearer points. Instead of paying the high rates of their own government, they simply paddle across the Rio Grande, buy a two ct. U. S. stamp and mail their letter to any point in Mexico they please. They take a dollars worth of trouble for a few cents, but then the government is cheated and that is some satisfaction for the people.

The officials try to stop the business but they do not succeed in their efforts.

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### Philatelic Pointers.

Join the S. C. U. all ye stamp fiends and improve your collections. Points of interest; no initiation fee, exchange sheets free to all members, and dues only 25 cents a year including this paper.

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### Financial Statement.

11 Members' Dues	@	25¢,	\$2.75	
Sundry Expenses,				.77
12 6 mos. Sub. to the Sun,				1.08
Cash on hand,				.90
			<u>\$2.75</u>	<u>\$2.75</u>

C. H. Smith, Treas.

### New Members.

3. Herbert Washburn, Brushton, N. Y.  
 10. Rev. H. A. Cresser, Greenbush, N. Y.  
 11. E. P. Tryon, St. Regis Falls, N. Y.  
 Honorary Member, Alvah Davison New York.

Mr Jay Behn has resigned, Mr. Washburn taking his number.

Every member should get at least one new Philate this month, and just think, it would double our present membership.

A. H. Brett, Sec'y.

There were several mistakes in spelling in our first number. We hope our readers will feel no offence from the same.

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## PHILATELY IS A SCIENCE.

A. H. BRETT.

Is stamp collecting or Philately a science? If so how do you make it out to be such? Non interested persons will say to a Philatelist, "So stamp collecting is a science is it? Why you are foolish." But in this article I will explain to the reader that "Philately is a science." To begin with we should see what a science is, or what difference there is between an amusement and a science. We turn to a dictionary and find the following definition for science; Knowledge -- collection of general principals of leading points relating to any subject. Philately is certainly a subject of thought, and thus we come to the point that Philately is a science.

Philately is very much like other great sciences; for instance a man who is a collector of plants, vegetables, etc. subjects them to study, he determines their class and value, studies their manners and how and where they grow he is called a scien-

tific man. Then again a man who collects minerals, analyzes or studies their parts and proper ties is a scientific man. A man who collects insects, birds, and animals, studies their organs, habits, etc., he also is a scientific man.

Now come back to my subject again, a man who collects postage stamps studies the engraving, the different qualities of paper, examines the water-marks, and classifies them. Is he not a scientist? Is not his study a science? Non-philatelists would say "It's well enough to say that, but look at these little boys collecting stamps. I suppose they are scientists also?" Think a moment. What reader of this article has not seen a boy studiously collecting plants, minerals, birds' eggs, etc., and yet no one ever says that Botany and Mineralogy are not sciences. Thus we parallel cases to the young stamp collector. Now I want to say that a boy collects stamps for amusement. A Philatelist is one who studies stamps and can lay claim to being a scientist. Now reader, do you not think "Philately is a science?" □

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Ivory, it is said, is used for plates from which some of the Native India stamps are printed.

The Post Office Department rules that mail matter upon which an indefinite address is written or printed, such as "Any Itelligent Farmer," is not deliverable.

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12. Allen R. Hughes, Oakland, Cal.
  13. Frank S. Griffin, Brushton, N. Y.
  14. Wm. Haskell, Albany, N. Y.
- Honorary Member, Alvah Davison, New York.

The Exchange Department is now in working order and with Mr. Cresser at its head it will no doubt please every one. Members send your sheets to the Ex. Supt. at once. Blank Sheets furnished members free on application to the Ex. Supt.

All members should talk S. C. U. with all their philatelic friends and get them within our ranks.

A. H. Brett.

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The U. S. official seal now comes rouletted instead of perforated.

Will someone please explain what difference there is between the two varieties of the one cent stamp of the issues of 1851 and 1857 as catalogued by Scott?

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## MY EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

The early recollections of my first collection and album are very dear to me. I can remember the day a friend allowed me to go through his office and I was possessed of a few stamps. This started my collection. My next thought is about my album which was a very crude affair; nothing but an old blank book with the countries arranged alphabetically in it. One day I saw a stamp agent and purchased myself some treasures. I paid seven cents for one and I thought that was a large sum to pay for a stamp. In a short time I became an agent of the "Standard Stamp Co.," and I would also state that I received a sample of the *Standard Philatelist* and subscribed to it. From this day my progress was assured, I think that that advertising sheet set me right in the way of forming a good collection. Now, though as yet I have not a very fine collection, I am progressing very rapidly. At present I subscribe to five papers and belong to two societies.

Boz.

## THE STAMPS OF MONTENEGRO.

Montenegro is one of the least known of the stamp-issuing countries. This country contains about 3,500 square miles and has a population of 236,000. There has been but one issue of stamps from this country, that appearing in 1874, consisting of the following values; 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, and 25 Soldi. The proper name is Czernogora (black mountain) Montenegro being an Italian translation.

## A POSTAGE STAMP MUSEUM.

In Vienna a postage stamp museum has been opened to the public, at Plankengasse No. 1, in the very heart of the city. The museum is open to visitors daily. In one room are shown specimens of stamps which were issued from 1840 to 1891. Among the postal curiosities shown are balloon letters, pigeon post, and submarine post letters as they were sent during the siege of Paris, in 1870. A collection of forged stamps is also very interesting to collectors. Among the curious objects are letters of the Authropophagi in the Dutch Indies, pieces of wood covered with hieroglyphics, and postal cards that have made the tour of the world. For one of these with a penny stamp which took 119 days to return to its starting point, an offer of 1,000 florins has been made. There is also a case with a collection of all the coins struck during the reign of the present Emperor, Francis Joseph. The finest objects here are believed to be a Dundee stamp worth £500, and a Cape of Good Hope stamp valued at £100. The exhibition comprises 3,000,000 objects connected with the post.

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**NEW MEMBERS.**

15. Fred C. Myers, 207 Jay St., Albany.  
 16. Edward Danforth, Bainbridge, N. Y.  
 17. Fred L. Smith, Amsterdam, "  
 18. Geo. Sharpless, Catawissa, Pa.  
 19. Chas. Remington, 705 University Ave.,  
 Syracuse, N. Y.

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| ....5.                 | '68 3c. " grilled.                      | 25         |
| ....6.                 | '69 3c. blue,                           | 25         |
| ....7.                 | '72 1c. blue,                           | 50         |
| ....8.                 | --- 2c. brown,                          | 50         |
| ....9.                 | --- 6c. pink,                           | 25         |
| ....10.                | --- 10c. brown,                         | 25         |
| ....11.                | '75 2c. vermilion,                      | 75         |

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| ....14.                   | " " 20 pi.,                                                            | 91         |
| ....15.                   | " '86 2 pi.,                                                           | 46         |
| ....16.                   | " '84 2 pi.,                                                           | 61         |
| ....17.                   | " '80 5 pa.                                                            | 6          |
| ....18.                   | One lot Mekeels Weekly Stamp News,                                     | 30         |
| ....19.                   | 10c. In'd Exchange, vertical pair imperf<br>top and bottom. Very fine. |            |
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To Officers and Members of the S. C. U.,

Please accept my resignation from the office of President, as I have concluded that I am too young to hold that high office in our growing society. I would request that the Society choose in my place as President, an experienced and careful member.

Fraser Brown.

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## THE STAMPS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

A. H. BRETT.

**N**EW BRUNSWICK, now a Province of the Dominion of Canada, has been subject to the English rule since 1763. Its area is 27,174 sq. miles: population 349,395. Stamps first appeared from New Brunswick in 1851, the issue consisting of a 3d. red, 6d. yellow, and 1sh. violet. These stamps, especially the 1sh. are quite rare. In 1860 there was a new issue which consisted of a 1 cent brown, 1c. violet, 5c. green, 10c. vermilion, 12½c. blue, and 17c. black. Recently these stamps appeared very plentiful and are so called Government Reminders. One of the peculiarities of these stamps, the reminders, is that there is no gum on the back.

In 1861 Postmaster General Connell took the liberty of taking the Queen's head out of the 5c. stamp, replacing his own picture, and printing the stamps in brown. About 100 of these stamps were circulated before the government recalled

and destroyed them. At a sale held recently in London one of these stamps brought about \$300 in U. S. money. In 1863 a new value appeared, a 2c. orange. This was the last of the stamps of New Brunswick as they were superseded by those of the Dominion of Canada in 1867.

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### POSTAGE RATES REDUCED.

The Postmaster-General has issued an order reducing the rates of postage on mail matter addressed to all places outside of the Universal Postal Union, to which higher rates of postage previously applied, to the uniform rate of 10 cts. per half ounce for letters and 2 cents for each two ounces for other articles. These non-union postal offices include the islands of Ascension and St. Helena, places in China, Madagascar and Morocco, Cape Colony and other colonies and States of South Africa. The British Colony of Natal, in South Africa, has joined the U. P. U.

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### S. C. U. NOTES.

Send nominations for the offices of President and Vice-President to the Sec'y. before Sept. 15. Election of same to be held Sept. 30, 1892.

To Officers and Members of the S. C. U,  
I hereby nominate Allen R. Hughes as a candidate for President of the S. C. U.

A. H. Brett, S. C. U. 1.

## ALLEN B. HUGHES.

Candidate for President of the S. C. U.

Mr. Hughes has collected stamps since 1884, or 8 years ago. During this period he has acquired and disposed of six different collections. He now has an all around collection of 7,300 varieties. His stronghold is U. S. adhesives and Dep'ts. and he is lacking but a few of the very scarce ones.

In U. S. Revenues Mr. Hughes is way up, his collection lacking but 22 of the Document stamps catalogued and containing 651 unperforated, perforated, part perforated, and double perforated specimens. This part of his collection alone fills a volume of 59 pages, cardboard, 11 x 18 inches. Mr. Hughes is a member of 11 Philatelic Societies and subscribes to 211 different Philatelic papers. He has a large amount of Philatelic literature and stamps to sell or exchange.

Mr. Hughes is in the P. O. Dep't. at Oakland, Cal., and is at present acting as Deputy County Clerk. I would say that I think Mr. Hughes is one of the strongest, if not the strongest, Philatelist in the S. C. U. and trusting in his confidence I have nominated him for the office of President of our society. Hoping all of our members will support my choice, I am,

Yours in the work of the S. C. U.,  
Arthur H. Brett, Sec'y. S. C. U.

I nominate E. P. Tryon for Vice-President of the S. C. U.

Mr. E. P. Tryon, S. C. U. 11, has been connected with the Post Office at St. Regis Falls for a number of years. He is an ardent collector of U. S. stamps of which he has a very good collection.

Chas. H. Smith, S. C. U. 4.

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members who have joined since May, their Society was organized that month, either of the now consolidated societies, were to be numbered according to date of joining: see full list of members elsewhere. These are the principal facts concerning consolidation and hoping this act to better our society will please our members, I am

Yours in the work of the S. C. U.

Arthur H. Brett.

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To Officers and Members of the S. C. U.:-

Owing to press of other business and lack of time to tend to the duties as secretary of our society. I hereby hand you my resignation,

Arthur H. Brett.

The following nomination for Vice-Pres. is in the hands of the Secy,

E. P. Tryon, St. Regis Falls, N. Y.

To Officers of the S. C. U.:-

I hereby hand you my resignation as Ex. Supt of the S. C. U. as I have come to the conclusion that I have not the time to take care of the Dept. as it should be.

Yours truly,

Rev. H. A. Cresser.

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