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THE PHILATELIST is published monthly by E. W. Roberts & Co., office over Neville's Drug Store. Subscription 25 cents annually. Single numbers 5 cents.

SALUTATORY.

In making our appearance as a candidate for the approval of Philatelists in the State of Texas, we have no promises to make, but simply desire to be an exchange of thought upon the subject and to be a channel of communication between the philatelists in our own City and State. The science of philately may be made not only interesting, but profitable and we desire to be of service to all of our friends engaged in making collections of stamps. We expect to address you at least monthly. Though our beginning is small, we hope to be worthy of your patronage to such an extent, as soon to be able to considerably enlarge our paper.

Respectfully.

Publishers Texas Philatelist.

Some of the benefits secured by stamp collecting, it develops the memory, cultivates a taste for art and science, teaches geography and history, and excites research in nearly every branch of learning.

PERSONAL.

C. B. Berry Jr., has a collection of about 900 stamps.

Willet Paul and Smith Ownby are engaged in selling stamps.

Miss Nellie Brooks has a handsome collection of stamps and coins.

Mr. A. W. Neville is good authority upon domestic and foreign stamps.

E. B. Baker is very much interested in the collection of coins. He has made a good start.

Mr. John LeClercq owns a collection of 2,000 stamps, probably the finest collection in the city.

We take pleasure in publishing a list of stamp collectors in our City, if we have omitted any we will be glad to add their names in our next issue.

C. B. Berry Jr., George Thebo Jr., Tom Johnson Jr., Pat. Gibbons, Bob Berry, Heubert Martin, E. B. Baker, Albert Cooper, Smith Ownby, Willet Paul, Henry Reuss, DeArthur Williams, Sam Long, Hal Phipps, Austin Pollard, John LeClercq, A. W. Neville, Alfred Long, E. W. Roberts, Miss Nellie Brooks and Lidu Manton.

NOTES.

Postage stamps were first introduced into the U. S. in 1847. Brazil was the second country to adopt the postage system.

A lawyer in St. Louis owns the most complete collection in America.

A New York banker is said to be in possession of a collection worth \$30,000.

M. Moens of Brussels was among the first to deal in stamps beginning in 1860.

Stamp collecting appears to be booming in South America, judging by the number of new papers we have received.

Collectors should not lose sight of the fact that U. S. Revenue Stamps are valuable and that there is a constant demand for them.

The U. S. leads the van in the number of different stamps in use at one time, one hundred and sixty two varieties having been issued. Great Britain issues 32. France 60.

Some noted stamp collectors are Baron Rothschild, the Royal Family of England, the Prince of Wales, the Pope, the King of Roumania and many other important persons.

Of late considerable talk has been indulged in as to who really originated the postage stamp. Mr. Jas. Chalmers is now quite generally credited with the innovation, although Sir Rowland Hill, we believe, is still given the credit of the practical work of their introduction.

The San Francisco Call gives Philately quite a send off in the shape of an article compiled from the December Companion. A few years ago the professional press spoke of stamp collecting only with ridicule; but of late the merits of collecting have become so apparent that it is getting fashionable for the daily papers to laud the pursuit they formerly jeered.

Our attention has been called to the fact that the Post Office Department has adopted a new invention, in the shape of a stamped letter sheet a combination of envelope and letter paper. A perforated line runs around the sheet, with the narrow space outside overspread with mucilage, so that the sheet may be folded and securely sealed. These are stamped by the Government, and will shortly be placed on sale. It is thought that their low price will make them so popular as to largely supplant the postal card.

ITEMS.

Postal cards were first introduced by Prof. Herman of Vienna, October 1869. England adopted them in 1870, Norway, Prussia and the United States in 1872—3.

Since the first appearance of the black penny stamp of Great Britain, more than 6,000 varieties of postage stamps have been issued by nations, colonies and provinces.

We recommend to all stamp collectors to get one of the International Postage Stamp Albums. Price \$1.50. We can furnish the album at the publishers price.

The prepayment of letters by the use of postage was first advocated by Rowland Hill in 1337, and adopted by the English in 1840 on May 6.

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