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STAMP COLLECTORS

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2 "	blue	Express	02
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10 "	blue	"	

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EDITORIALS

We intended to Publish this paper in January and the cover was printed then. But on account of sickness it has not been published until now. The next number will be April.

FREE. FREE.

Free to all SENDING for my FINE APPROVAL SHEETS at 40 p. c. com. As a prize I will give a STAMP worth from \$ 10 to .25

H. B. STEELE.

199 Chestnut St., New Britain, Ct.

A History of the U. S. Stamps.

BY JIM.

In 1845 United States reduced the rate of postage to 5cts for a distance of less than 30 miles, for over 30 miles the price was to be 10cts. The prices were for $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. or less.

In 1847 United States issued a 5 & 10c stamp. The specimen of the 5c we have before us is unperforated. At the top of the stamp the letters U. S. appear in the corners. Below this are the words "Post Office." In the two lower corners are the two figure 5s, and above these are the words "Five Cents" In the centre of the stamp is an oval in which appears a poor picture of Franklin. In the inside of this oval it is brown, on the outside there does not seem to be much of any color.

The 10c is black, and has a picture of Washington. The 5c is worth \$3 unused & 75c used. The 10c is worth \$19 unused & \$3.50 used.

New Plates were engraved by the government in 1876 to complete the display at the Centennial. These stamps were really government counterfeits. They were not receivable for postage. The 5c is worth \$1.50 unused, the 10c \$2 unused.

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NOTES.

BY THE EDITOR.

T. H. Judd has purchased a new printing press. It is supposed that he will print a stamp paper.

H. B. Steele reports that the stamp business is picking up.

The rare (?) 30 & 50ct. Due Stamp are down nearly where they ought to be. We don't think they are worth over \$.50 apiece.

The \$1. columbians are worth about \$2 each.

Save all of your 2c "pink" of the 18 4 issue.

Many New York dealers expect a rash as great as that of the famous 3c "pink" of 1861.

The 2c columbians will be very rare in a few hundred years.

THE PROVIDENCE ROBBERY.

A prominent stamp collector of Providence has been robbed of his collection of postage stamps. It is valued at about \$1,500.—BY TRIP.—

Look for H. B. STEELE'S ad. on Last Page of cover.

United states 1890 used,

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10c. 6 \$.05 a set or 10 sets for \$.35 postage 2 centss extra.

D. W. STEELE & CO., New Britain, Ct.

NEW BRITAIN NOTES

BY D. W. S.

D. W. Steele & Dr. R. M. Clark M. D., have gone into the Stamp business together. The concern is known as D. W. Steele & Co.

The "West End" is crowded with Stamp Dealers which have not been running long.

It has just become known to the public that H. B. Steele & Gerald Stamp Co. have consolidated. All though they are known as two different Concerns.

H. B. Steele is talking about having another auction,

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2	"	3c	red	.02			.08
3	1857	1c	blue	.10	.20		
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C. W. Parker Agent, 232 Cook Ave., Meriden, Conn.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Two million Stamps of the present issue, have been called in by the government.

It is queer that the stamps of the Seebeck Countries are catalogued the same used and unused.

The stamps now issued are equal to any ever purchased in the United States.

Continued from no. 1.

A History of the U. S. Stamps.

BY JIM.

In 1851 United States issued a new series of stamps. They were of the following denominations and colors, 1c blue Franklin 3c red Washington, 5c brown Jefferson, 10c green Washington, 12c black Washington, 24 cents black Washington. Some dealers catalogue a 30c & 90c but these are only proofs. These stamps were all unperforated. U. S. Postage appears at the top, and the value in a label below.

The necessity of issuing the stamps was on account of the rate of postage being reduced to 3 cents for $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce. And the letters were carried anywhere in the United States for the same sum. The 1 cent is worth \$1.00 new or 25 cents used. The 3 cent, 25 cents new or 2 cents used. The 5 cent, \$20 new or \$7.50 used. The 10 cent \$2.50 new or 75 cents used. The 12 cent \$8.50 new or \$1.25 used. The 24 cent \$60. new.

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COLLECTORS should be very careful about their stamps since the big robbery in Providence.

HOW TO TELL A PHILATELIST.

FROM TEXAN PHILATELIST.

He always dresses well, even if his clothing is not of the finest quality. He understands the harmony of colors. His room is well cared for. He has a neat library with beautiful scenes scattered around the room.

He has photographs, convention scenes, steel engravings and other objects suitable for a *Philatelist's* den scattered around the room.

He has learned to be neat by handling and placing stamps in his much cared for album. He is seldom found in bad company, he is probably absent minded at times.

He may be thinking of some new treasure of his, or how he can obtain one.

If some of our "haters" would investigate this subject before condemning it, their eyes would be opened to many startling facts, and they would be forever dumb on this subject.

AUCTION : SALE,

My first AUCTION SALE will take place May 10, 1895. Look on last page of next issue for list.

C. W. PARKER,
232 Cook Ave., Meriden Conn.

MERIDEN NOTES.

BY C. W. PARKER.

Dennis Edwards of this city has a fair collection.

A. B. Aubrey has one of the best collections of United States Rev's. in this city.

The eight cent of the issue of 1890 is getting to be quite rare.

Dennis Edwards is spending the summer at Indian Neck.

NOTICE.

This Paper Will be hereafter Published only quarterly. The next number will be July, Aug. & Sept, The subscription price will be 10c a year

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Wanted, to exchange a bracket saw cost \$3
for \$2 worth of stamps U.S. or Foreign. H.
B. Steele, New Britain, Ct.

We will give this paper 1 year for any U. S.
Stamp Catalogued at 25c or over.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Editor has purchased H. B. Stahl's share of this paper & the printing business.

The stamp business is better now than ever this time of year.

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10 *THE BEE HIVE PHILATELIST.*

We were very much surprised to learn that Mekeel had stopped publishing the Philatelic Journal of America as a monthly.

Mekeels Weekly Stamp News has been enlarged to 8 pages and cover.

Until Oct. 1, 1895 we will give this paper 1 year and a $\frac{1}{4}$ page ad. 1 time for 10c.

Vote for Kissinger for president of the P. S. of A. and New York for the convention seat in '96

We want agents in every state in the United States and we will give good commission.

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1000 for 8 cents

3000 for 20 cents

Post free.

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C. W. PARKER,

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A History of U. S. Stamps.

Continued from No. 2.

BY JIM.

In 1857 United States perforated the 1851 series. It was found that the stamps of the 1, 3, and 5 cent values were too large to perforate nicely and so the outer ornaments of the 1 & 5 were cut off and the outer line of the 3 cent was also cut off.

A 30 and 90 cent were added to the series, and also a five cent red brown. The 30 cent is orange and has a picture of Franklin, the 90 is blue and has a picture of Washington. The 1 cent outer ornaments is worth \$1 new and 50 cents used. The 3 cent outer line \$10 new and 35 cents used. The 5 cent brown outer ornaments \$7 new or \$3 used. The five cent red brown, outer ornaments, \$20 new or \$6 used. The regular issue i. e. the stamps with out outer lines and ornaments are not worth so much the 1c being worth 25c new 12c used the 3c 8c new or 2c used the five cent 2 dollars new or one dollar used. The 3 cent, 8 cents new or 2 cents used. The five cent two dollars new or used.

The 10 cent, 75 cents new or 40 cents used.

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History of U. S. Postage Stamps continued from page 11.

The 12 cent, \$1 new or 75 cents used. The 24 cent, \$4 new or \$3.50 used. The 30 cent, \$5 new or \$4.50 used. The 90 cent, \$12 new or 15 dollars used.

These stamps were not received for postage after the war because the Confederate government seized so many of them. They were reprinted in 1875.

(THE END.)

When this story was started it was proposed to treat on all of the U. S. adhesives, but this plan has been changed on account of lack of time.

THE EDITOR.

NEW BRITAIN NOTES.

BY D. W. S.

H. B. Steele is traveling in Canada on his vacation. He expects to pick up many rare Canadian stamps while he is there.

H. B. Steele is talking about publishing a stamp paper.

A. C. Hine has moved to Walnut Street. It is thought that he will give up the stamp business

The Adhesive Stamps of England.

Their Introduction and Manufacture.

BY H. J. T.

THE history of postage stamps begins in the United Kingdom, and with the great reform of its postal system in 1839-40.

Stamped wrappers for newspapers were made experimentally in London in 1830 under the name of the "go-frees." Finally, and in its results most important of all, the adhesive stamp was made experimentally by Mr. James Chalmers in his printing office at Dundee in August 1834. These experimental stamps were printed from ordinary type, and were made adhesive by a wash of gum. Mulready's form of stamped letter paper, and the adhesive stamps came into use in 1840. They were met at first, but only for a few days with a very large sale.

That of the first day yielding £2500. Soon afterwards the public rejection of the Mulready envelope was so complete as to necessitate the destruction of nearly all the vast amount prepared for issue.

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The Adhesive Stamps of England continued from page 13.

While, on the other hand, the presses of the stamp-office were producing more than half a million of adhesive stamps, by working both day and night, they yet failed to meet the demand. It was only after weeks and after the introduction of a series of mechanical improvements and processes that the demand could be effectually answered. To find an obliterating ink which worked effectually without damaging the letters, was also a special difficulty.

[TO BE CONTINUED]

NOTES.

BY H. J. T.

A post paid envelope was in common use in Paris in 1653.

Stamped postal letter-paper was issued to the public by the government of the Sardinian states in 1818, and stamped envelopes were issued by the same government from 1820 until '36

The little canton of Zurich was the first foreign state to adopt postage stamps.

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Wanted, to exchange a Philatelist stamp Album.
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Steele, 199 Chestnut St., New Britain, Ct.

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"	10c green	.07
Hinges 8c P 1000		

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" @ 2c	"	.50	"
" @ 3c	"	.90	"
" @ 4c	"	1.25	"

Die Cut Hinges — 40c Ⓟ 1000
Post Free.

BLANK APPROVAL SHEETS.

Ruled to hold 25 stamps,
40c per 100.
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MERIDEN,

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BARGAINS.

IN U. S. STAMPS. GOOD UNTIL NOV. 1, '95

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1861 1c. blue	.02
1869 2c. brown	.12
1893 1c blue*	.05
" 8c magenta*	.11
" 10c brown*	.13

*means unused

 REMEMBER 10 per cent discount on the above.

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THE BEE-HIVE PHILATELIST.

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D. W. Steele.

Editor.

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Exchange Column Free to subscribers, but not more than 4 notices a year will be inserted. The limit for each notice is 30 words. Only bona fide exchange notices will be printed. Notices to persons not subscribers 5c each.

Agents.

C. W. Parker, 38 Wood St., Meriden, Conn.

H. B. Steele, 199 Chestnut St., New Britain, Ct.

Will exchange 1 or 2 copies with stamp papers.

THE NEW FIRM.

As was stated in our last issue D. W. Steele has purchased H. B. Steele's share of this paper & the printing business He has now bought Dr. R. M. Clark's share of the stamp business known

as D. W. Steele & Co.

He will consolidate the two under the name of
D. W. Steele Stamp & Publishing Co.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

D. W. Steele Stamp & Pub. Co. will sell no
more "Sebecks."

C. W. Parker has moved to 38 Wood Street,
Meriden, Connecticut.

This is the last number of this volume. With
the next issue we shall commence a new volume

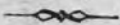
A. C. Hine has sold out his printing business
to T. H. Judd and The Editor.

We are willing to give Advertising space in
this paper for articles of interest to Philatelists.

The Evergreen State Philatelist has changed
Printers.

Notice the improved appearance of our Dealers
Directory

THEY all have it on the brain,
And its very, very plain,
They're a bother greater far
than tramps,
For every single cent,
That can be spent,
Is sure to go for
Stamps.



The Adhesive Stamps of England

Their Introduction and Manufacture.

CONTINUED FROM LAST NO.


BY H. J. T.

IN the production of the stamps both cheapness and security against forgery had to be combined. The queen's head was first engraved on a single matrix, the effigy being encompassed with lines too fine for any, but the most delicate machinery to engrave. The matrix being subsequently hardened, was employed to produce impressions on a soft steel roller of sufficient circumference to receive twelve, and this, being hardened in turn, was used under very heavy pressure to produce and repeat its counterpart on a steel plate, capable of working off, at each impression 240 stamps.

Engravers, printers, chemists, and artificers of several kinds had to combine their efforts before the desired results could be secured.

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They occur on various kinds of envelopes as the people used any kind they had taking them to the postmaster who placed the stamp on them when payment was made.

Now, since this stamp alone was used and as it denotes prepayment of postage is it not fairly and honestly right that it should be recognized and given a place among the other U. S. Locals.

CLIPPINGS.

A great find of the "St. Louis Bear variety" stamps were made in the Louisville, K. Y. Court House by two janitors who were ordered to clean out some old papers. Some lively bidding was made by a few local and some outside dealers among the latter was C. H. Mekeel of St. Louis, Mo. The janitors immediatly resigned their positions on account of the sudden wealth acquired. Some of the stamps are said to be worth \$1000. each. —Ex.

The inscription on the stamps of British Guinea "Dumas Petimasque Vicissim." Means, "We give and take by turns." —Ex.

The differunt paper used for U. S. Revenues some-times puzzles young collectors. Old paper is plain wove paper. Silk has fibers of Silk thread running through the paper. Watermarked has portions of the letters U. S. I. R. Pink refers to the color of the paper. —Ex.

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Another Crank.

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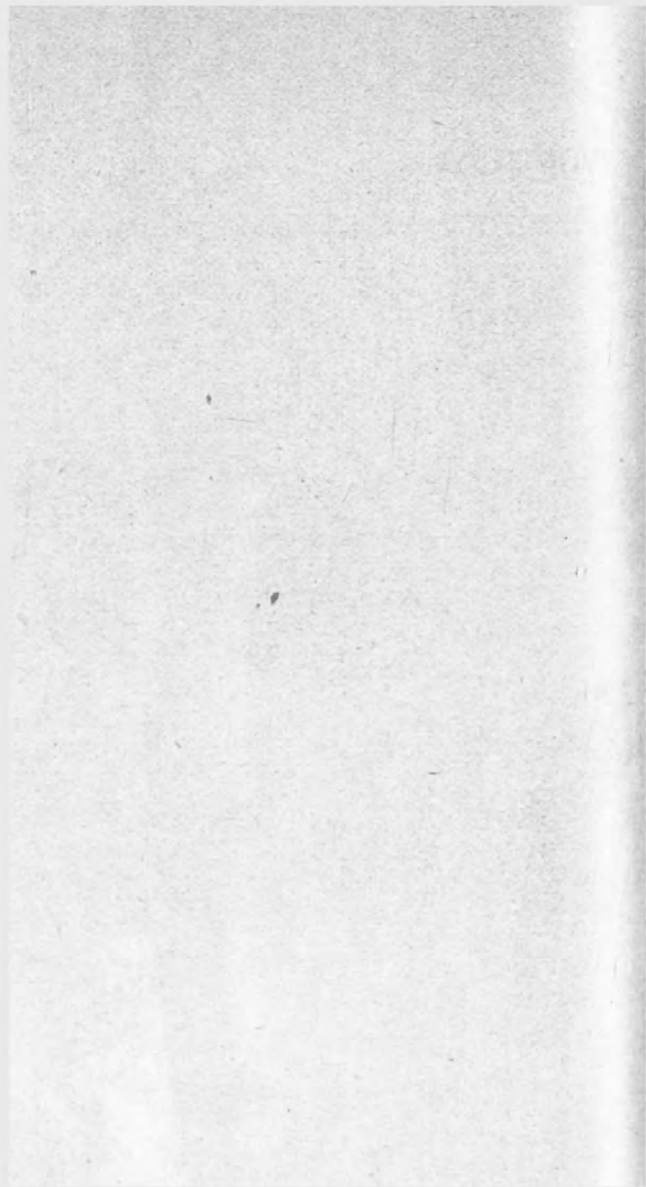
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As an intelligent Stamp Collector an objection pertaining to the location of a country's government or the capital, coin itself and other invariable is well given out the correct name. Any change of government is easily noted as a change in stamps which is noticeable by the stamp collector.

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Parents would do well to favor this fancy of their children, and help it a long.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 2.)

A young child will be interested in stamps, and, given a good Stamp Album with one of the later maps of the world, you will be surprised how easily he will accumulate a good deal of useful knowledge.

It is a far better way for the children to spend their spare pennies than for confectionery, which is often the cause of large doctors' bills if nothing more serious follows.

Another thing I would say in its favor, money, invested in this way is increasing in value, in after years if the collector wishes to dispose of his collection of stamp he can do so without any loss to himself, more probably he will find they have increased enough in value to pay him a good profit. Can we say this for any of the other fads?

Then do not throw cold water on stamp collecting, although it may be a little annoying at times. Let us bear with the Stamp Crank patiently.

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OUR prove reader was a year behind hand on the date in page one of this issue, it should read January, 1896. instead of January, 1895.

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WITH this number we put vol. 2 on the field expecting a much larger circulation than we had last year. We have also put on a new dress of type for our many readers.

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Mr. Charles Parker of Meriden, Connecticut was in town the other day.

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"PROVISIONAL" DUE STAMPS.

It is reported that the post office at Detroit, Michigan, recently made use of one and two cent provisional due stamps.

It is said that they consisted of the current stamps surcharged "Due 1c", etc.

When this is reported to the Department it will doubtless be found that the officious P. M. has much exceeded his authority in this matter.

The ruling in the P. L. & R. on this subject is much too plain to be mistaken.

Any who cares to look up this will find in the U. S. official Postal Guide, a full outline of procedure.

Thus we may look upon these "provisionals" simply as curiosities. For the good of Philately it is to be hoped that the Post Office Department will come down *hard* on this case, else we may expect a deluge of provisionals

worse than all the "Sebecks" ever issued. Just suppose each post in the U. S. should issue *one* provisional. Who would ever dare try to make a collection of them? Then Philatelists of other lands could point to America as the greatest "Gumbug" country on the face of the earth.

Let us hope the time will never come when any cross-roads office can at its own sweet will issue provisional stamps to fill our already full catalogues and curse Philately.

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A Delusion Spoiled.

Recently while, visiting a fellow Collector, I was shown a pair of 3c Columbians which the owner asserted were on *green* paper.

They were used and on the original wrapper and the paper did appear very green indeed.

The collector thought they must be very rare and therefore valuable.

I saw at once that he was entertaining a very common delusion and resolved to dispell it.

So I offered to wager any sum that I could prove that it was not colored paper at all, but white paper colored by contact with a plate imperfectly cleaned, and that in printing stamps such a discoloring of the paper often occurred.

I then proposed removing them from the wrapper. He at first refused but at last I obtained his consent and with the aid of a wet blotter soon had them drying face down to preserve the gum. He looked at the backs and instead of the green which he expected, saw that it was perfectly white.

It frequently happens that stamps are described as being on colored paper, when in fact it is perfectly white paper, discolored on the surface as I have described.

Many of our common 2c stamps are examples of this; appearing to be on pink paper, but really on white.

H. I. WATTS.

The Philatelic Press.

The February number of the Evergreen State Philatelist will be large in reading matter and the March number will be large in circulation.



The Nutmeg State Philatelist of this city is no more. It issued only one number.



The Stamp Journal and Philatelic Comfort have also suspended publication.



J. F. Dodge of Windsor, Connecticut announces the Columbian Philatelist.



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J. F. Dodge informs us that the Columbian Philatelic Society has now ninety members, and is growing very fast.

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We are a few days late this month on account of sickness, but will try to be on time next month.

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Senator Pugh is going to present a bill to Congress asking that each city of over 100,000 inhabitants may issue one or more stamps of its own to commemorate some event.

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Detroit's Curious Marine Postal Service.

With the close of navigation on the Great Lakes, says "Harper's Weekly," there came to an end an experiment by the postal authorities of extending the free-delivery system of Detroit to the river on which that city is situated. The experiment consisted of delivering to and receiving from vessels mail matter while the vessels were going at full speed. The scheme was in operation during the entire season, and was an unqualified success. For the first month only ninety letters were delivered to passing ships, but before the close of navigation the mail delivery amounted to an average of 500 pieces of mail matter a day. It is the only delivery service of the kind in the world.

The plan adopted was to make use of a yacht, which towed the rowboat directly in front of a passing vessel and left it there. Then came a fine exhibition of watermanship. Just before the steamer crashed down on the rowboat and its occupant, a dexterous twist of the

oars placed the little boat under the flank of one of the Lows of the steamer. The "bone" in the teeth of the steamer then gave the rowboat a sharp thrust to one side, and as soon as the little craft had ridden the foaming wave the carrier rose in his seat and tossed a light line to the deck of the vessel, and then resumed his seat. The line was made fast, and soon the hissing coil of eighty feet was paid out from the rowboat, and, with a leap like that of a monster fish attached to a line, the rowboat sprang forward, while the carrier in it hung on with a fierce grip to prevent himself from being hurled overboard.

As soon as the rowboat reached the momentum of the passing vessel, a pail was lowered from above with mail to go ashore and in it was placed the mail for the ship, after which the line was cast off and the rowboat was picked up by the yacht to which it was attached. This feat of delivering mail was always difficult in smooth water, but on stormy days, and with the river plowed up by a strong sou'wester, it was exceedingly dangerous as well. Darkness added more danger to the task; but week by week the service grew and became a success. It is proposed now to ask Congress for an appro-

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NOTES FOR COLLECTORS.

Only 6250 of the current \$5.00 stamps were issued on unwatermarked paper.

There is a great many more lady collectors now than formally.

The design for the 1881, 3c Liberian stamp is supposed to have been copied from the common Canadian 3c.

All the best societies are acquiring new members rapidly.

A little less sarcasm and a great deal more Philately would vastly improve some of our so-called stamp papers.

Have you got the current 10c stamp with inverted watermark?

—H. I. Watts.

NOTES

The Collector (Minn.) was refused 2nd class rates. Mr. Martin is now publishing the International Stamp.

The Philatelic Literature Society is a good thing.

—Edwin Reynolds.

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We are late again this month. The May number will be issued in a few days and the June number will follow as soon as possible.

The Lone Star State Philatelist has sold out to the Texan, and the International Philatelist has bought out the Michigan Philatelist. We are sorry to lose two of our very best stamp papers.

Philatelic Facts has changed printers and looks a good deal better.

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EDITORIAL.

Just a month and a half behind time but we shall try and get caught up by August if possible.



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