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THE Midland Philatelist.

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How many people know that every part of postage stamp making is done by hand? Not many.

They are first engraved on steel with 200 stamps to every plate.

Two men ink the plates which are then printed by a girl and a man on a large hand press.

They are dried as fast as printed and then gummed with a paste of potato starch. This paste is dried by placing the sheet in a steam fanning machine.

The stamps are then put under a pressure of 2000 tons in a hydraulic press.

The sheets are next cut in half of 100 stamps each, after which they perforate them.

If a single stamp is injured the entire sheet is destroyed.

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Read SPECIAL OFFERS for SUB. ELSEWHERE!!

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STANLEY GIBBON'S CATALOGUE.

That much looked for catalogue from across the waters turns out to be but a poor excuse for one.

It is mostly a repetition of Scott's 55th.

It is good to collectors in that it contains illustrations of all the United States' stamps; but even the illustrations are very poor.

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THE MISSOURI PHILATELIST.

Another new stamp paper, The Missouri Philatelist, will be issued the same time ours is issued, by N. G. Wilson at St. Joseph, Mo.

We wish it the best of success and may its future be as bright as ours is appearing at present.

CHIPS.

The first stamp paper was published in England in 1862.

The U. S. Postal dept. in the fiscal year just ended received \$73,477,440 on sales of postage stamps, newspaper wrappers, and postal-cards.

Look for a new issue from FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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**We desire Mss. pertaining to stamps. We
also desire correspondence in all the states.**

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**We will give a year's subscription to this paper
for every perfect, used 15c.; 4, 6c.; or 8, 3c. Col.**

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We will sell the advertising space on the front cover for 15c. a month, 40c. for three months or six months for 75c.

We consider it the most desirable place for an ad. as it is more likely to be seen.

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While sending the die from Hartford to Philadelphia it was damaged and, the engraver in repairing it, made the extra line.

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we offer.

SEND immediately as this offer will not appear
again!

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YOUR AD. of 20 words inserted in 1000 to 3000 of my circulars every month if you will mail 100 and send 3 cents for postage. 40 word ad. for mailing 200 and 6 cents for postage. Larger ads. at same rate.

I will X mailing 100 to 250 a month with all reliable agencies.

Albert Bagwell, Reno. Ky.

Pub;—Insert this and above for same space or for mailing 250.

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Stamps to sell at 1c each. 20c. per 100.

“ “ “ “ 2c “ 25c. “ 50

“ “ “ “ 3c “ 25c. “ 25.

All the above containing 175 stamps for only 65c

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APPROVAL SHEETS.

George Griffith, living near Kansas City has a case in court for obtaining approval sheets and not returning them. This is using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

In a case in the east not long ago, it was decided that the collector is responsible for approval sheets until they are returned to the owner, provided the collector has asked for them. The Post Office department takes such cases in hand.

The Post Office Department ought to have done this long ago but since they have begun it, we most sincerely hope they will rid philately of this kind of collectors.

It has also been decided that when a dealer sends, "unasked for," approval sheets the dealer is responsible for them and not the collector to whom they are sent. This kind of dealer is one of the greatest nuisance to the collector.

NOTES By Phil. A. Telist.

The Pennsylvania Stamp received., Lawton Cleave & Co., are Publishers.

The ninety cent justice goes up in the fifty sixth catalogue from twenty five dollars to sixty dollars.

We are:—"Not so large but, Oh! how good."

—THE MIDLAND PHILATELIST.—

The Badger Philatelist has enlarged. We think the new form better than the old.

The new special delivery can be told from the old by scroll like marks under the words "Ten cents."

The Diamond Philatelist has crossed our threshold, we have also received No.1 of the Fire-side Philatelist.

* The Confederate States issued twenty one stamps of their regular issue and eighty stamps Provisinal issues.

Dec.tenth, the K. C. P. S. held an auction sale of stamp. Princes ruled high many going beyond the catalogue prices and very few below, showing that there is some reason for the rise in Prices of U. S. stamps in the fifty sixth.

* The Evergreen State Philatelist got out a fine large addition for the holidays.

It seems that not many young collectors know what a block of stamps is. It is four unsevered stamps in the form of a square.

A Special delivery stamp 1885, first issue, sent to any one sending us ten cents, for a year's subscription, and five cents additional. Twelve numbers of the Midland Philatelist and an 1887 special delivery stamp for the price the special delivery stamp catalogues for, in the 56th catalogue. We have only 50 stamps to give away this way so send early.

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EDITORIALS.

We would like to exchange copies with all stamp papers.

Collectors, any items about stamps will be cheerfully Published by us.

Ye Editor wishes all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We are always desirous of receiving good Mss and notes pertaining to stamps.

Next Month we will give a review of Scotts fifty sixth and some of the Princes that have advanced. Better subscribe soon and get this article.

Advertisers, we guarantee you a circulation of 1000 copies monthly and our "ad." rates are less than half of most papers with such a circulation.

Any stamp dealers or collectors that would like to have their circulars mailed to a selected list of names with the Midland Philatelist, send them to us and we will mail them for only 10c. a 100.

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This Department is free for the use of our subscribers. Limited to thirty words. All others, five cents for each insertion.

I desire relations of exchange with all collectors. Send sheets and receive mine. C. E. Burnsworth,
Box 174, West Plains, Mo.

We would like to exchange subscriptions to this paper for every perfect stamp cataloguing twenty five cents or over, provided the stamps are not reprints nor Seebecks. F. R. Hurst,
1517 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

A perfect 1857, 3c. outer line, given for every 12 perfect 6c, 1890—sent us. A perfect 50c Columbian, used, for every 90c, 1890 used in perfect condition. Hurst Stamp Co.,
1517 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

TO TELL A WATER MARK.

Many are the plans given to tell the water mark, but below we find very good and simple.

Take a piece of card board and cut a hole in it a little smaller than the stamp. By confining the light entirely to the stamp, the water mark can easily be seen.

Some of the Hussey Locals were printed by N. F. Seebeck.

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50 foreign stamps for only 8cts, in stamps.

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Four curiosities from Zanzibar, New Zealand
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72 “ “

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STAMPS

The Very Best Investment.

—By Phil A. Telist.—

Those people who look upon philately as child's play, could do no better than read the remarks recently made at an anniversary dinner by Mr. J. W. Scott,—the father of philately in this country.—Mr. Scott said that he had sold stamps for thirty-three years, mention the names of Gen's Grant & Sherman, Blaine, R.L. Stewart, Pruyn & Vanderbilt, as parties to whom he sold stamps, and also mentions some prices he received, to wit: Executives twenty years ago brought 75c. per set, which to-day are eagerly bought at \$75.00 per set. For State Dept he got \$10.00 per set, to-day they sell for \$230.00 per set. He also had a standing offer to rebuy all unused old issues of U.S. at 75 per cent of his selling price in any quantity. Is there a business man in any other line who will make a similar offer to his patrons. These are facts to ponder over, and when we take into consideration that stamps always increase in value, cost nothing for keeping, and can be sold within 5 minutes, to any dealer, we can say without fear of contradiction that they are the very best investment.



Sixty-four pounds is the weight of one million postage stamps.

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“Neat—Newsy—Original,” is the Michigan Stamp from Clarion, Michigan.

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Recruits are comming in fast to the Philatelic press, some realy good ones.

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One of the best new papers we have received is the Southern California Collector issued at Orange Cal.

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There were 5,099,500 ten cent orange special delivery stamps issued.

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The Missouri Philatelist is at hand. It is a nice 16 page paper from St. Joseph, Mo.

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The little island of St. Helena gets over \$1000, of its yearly revenue from the sale of stamps to Collectors. Its total yearly revenue is not over \$40,000.

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All anxiety and no more being held in suspense as some dealers and Colectors were as the 56th Catalogue is out at last.

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We have received a copy of the “Daily Stamp Item” issued by C.H. Meekel every day in the year except Sunday.

They must be hustlers to get out a daily.

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Send us 2 copies of your paper marked x if you want to exchange with us.

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Mss. are always in demand at our Office.

—†—
We had intended to give a review of Scott's 56th but we didn't receive them until so late that we hadn't time to write up an article.

—†—
If you receive this number as a sample copy you know what it is an invitation for—.

—†—
One of our most valued exchanges, "The Stamp Journal, alas! is no more.

Try an ad. in our next. The circulation is 1000 copies every month.



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This Department is free for the use of our subscribers. Limited to thirty words. All others, five cents for each insertion.

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The Missouri Philatelist costs 25c. My price for
both papers one year is 35c.

N.G.Wilson, Box 878, St. Joseph, Mo.

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A 25 word ad. in the Union Philatelist for 3 good covered stamp papers.

Carl Suderman, 610 Byron St., Mankato, Minn.

—†—

Want, Mich. Stamp I.-3. Pipestone Phil. I.-1 (small size). Phil. Star I.-1. Stamp Journal I.-1. Bee Hive Phil. I.-1-2. U.S.P. I.-1-2-4, and others, cash or exchange.

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A years Subscription to "Phil. Facts," a years subscription to "Missouri Phil. & a 10c book, all for only 30c. Address.....

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" " 4 U.S. 20 " 12c.

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K.K.K.

25	var.	U.S.	Stamps	cat.	over	60c.....	\$1.15
50	"	"	"	"	"	\$1.25...	.25
25	"	"	"	"	"	50c...	10c.
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100 Well mixed foreign stamps post-paid 7c. 100 15c. Will exchange the mailing of 100 circulars.

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L. of A. P.
D. P. A.
Col. P. S.
P. P. A.
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	Cat. at.	Price per 1.	per 10	per 25
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8c "	15c	11c	\$1.05	2.50
10c "	25c	15c	1.40	3.50
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I will send them charges prepaid to you.

The stamps are in first class condition. No torn stamps among them. J.Reiter, Chip. Falls, wis.

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THE DAYS GONE BY,
"By Phil. A. Telist."

In our last number we called attention to stamp collecting as an investment. But although facts and figures show it to be the very best investment extant, there are still a number of people who are of the "doubting Thomas" order, and who say that the days of such advances in prices are over, and that the large number of people collecting stamps at present will tend to wraken prices eventually, and that collectors who put their money into anything so worthless as old stamps must surely be weak in the upper story, and so on. It is the aim of the writer to dispel any gloomy thoughts, which might be indulged in by collectors when they hear such nonsensical remarks made, and to cheer them up with the assurance that such talk deserves no serious attention, as it usually emanates from people, who cannot comprehend the subject, because they have never given it serious attention. Let any collector take the 56th edition of Scotts' Catalogue, and compare prices of U. S. British Colonials, etc. with prices in previous catalogues, and he can readily see, that the days are not gone by, for good stamps to advance, and if he listens to scoffing indulged in by his "Doupting Thomas" friend, he will some day realize his mistake. Broth-

er Collector wake up, think for yourself and stand up for Philately every day in the year, for she will surely reward those who assemble under her banner, and are loyal to the cause.

The Fifty-Sixth Catalogue. By F.R.H.

Scott's Fifty.—sixth edition Catalogue is more complete and far outshines all previous works of a like nature. An appreciated addition is "Hints for Collectors." It omits the pricing of all reprints and this, we believe, is a mistake since many collectors will want to cover the space of an almost unobtainable stamp with a reprint, until an original is procured. The beginner might buy a reprint thinking it an original, not knowing that reprints of such a stamp exists.

—CHIPS.—

The Spanish stamps with a bar cancellation were cancelled such when they were sold as remainders.

We consider the Michigan Stamp the best low priced paper published

Philatelic Facts Continues to improve in size and reading matter.

Publico, from Philadelphia has a stamp dept.

The Diamond Phil. holds good to its name.

A good new one is The Philatelic-west, from Superior, Neb.

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We can use any good stamp MSS.



Subscribers, remember our exchange column is free.



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I will give \$1.00 worth of Foreign stamps (each cat. 3c or over) for 20c. A.G.Black,  
710 Woodland Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

\*↓\*

15 var. stamps for every 3, 4, 5, or 10c Columbian, also for every stamp paper. Stamps must be in good condition. G.C.Andrews,  
316 Woodward Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.

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