

# Moline Stamp News.

Vol. 1.

MOLINE, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER, 1899.

No. 1.

## TO OUR READERS.

This is the first issue of this paper; it is new to you and you will of course think it to be a fake. That is not our aim, and we hope that you will not think such. We have selected only reliable advertisers and hope that you will give them a trial. As you would rather be reading something more interesting than this introduction, we will proceed.

Very respectfully, THE PUBLISHER.

## STAMP ALBUMS

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U. S. Rev., 5c., black and green	\$4.00	80c
Antioquia, '78, 5c., unused	2.50	50c
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U. S. Bank Chk, 2c., pt. perf.	20	05c
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Pountch, '85, 1/2a, white laid, unused	18	04c
Porto Rico, '91, 6c, unused	15	05c
Cuba, '82, 2 1/4c., unused	15	05c
Cuba, '96, 10c., unused	15	05c
U. S., '70-'71, 1c.	15	05c
French Colonies, unpaid, 40a, black		06c
Indo, China, 50c		05c
Straits Settlements, Marine Policies, 8c.		05c
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Travancore, 2 ch.	12	03c
Porto Rico, '98, 5c., unused	12	04d
British Guiana, '89, 1c., mauve and black	12	06c
U. S. Pos. Ser., Env., unused	10	02c
Cuba, '77, 25c., unused	10	03c
U. S. Rev., '98, \$1.00	10	03c
Cuba, '91, 5c, unused	10	03c
French Colonies, unpaid, 15a, black	10	04c

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MONTHLY.

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We desire to exchange one or  
two copies with all philatic publi-  
cations.

Your adv. in this space, 20 cents.

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**EXCHANGE COLUMN.**

Advertisements, etc., under this heading,  
one cent a word.

**W**ANTED — To buy stamps. If you  
have any, send them, with lowest  
price. L. Mayer, Moline, Illinois.

**SAY!**

Don't you think your adv.  
would look fine here?

**35 Cents.**

Yes, 35 cents will put it here.

MOLINE STAMP NEWS.

**H**ELLO!

**L**et me talk to you about my  
approval books.

**T**he best in the land at  
50 cents.

**H**ow about packets? 50 var.

**E**nvelopes only 5 cents.

**D**on't forget a reference.

**E**ach time you write give full  
name and address.

**H. L. THEDE**

Box 2114.

MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

### Notes of Interest.

In an old stamp paper of '95 are the following "Dont's" for stamp collections:

Don't put counterfeits in your collection. They are not stamps, and are a disgrace to any collection.

Don't put torn or soiled stamps in your collection unless they are very rare.

Don't collect stamps simply to have more than anyone else, but study your stamps.

Don't write to a dealer for an approval selection, and then forget to return same.

Don't expect to receive sample copies each month. If you want them regularly, subscribe.



### Trade Notes.

The New York *Philetalist* of January states: "It is not likely 1d English stamps will ever be rare, when 384,000,-000 were sold to the public last year."

The Mason City Stamp Co., under the management of J. W. Adams, Jr., is giving some very desirable bargains.

Henry P. Day, of Peoria, is selling stamps way below catalogue. It will pay you to look up his ad.

Henry Vierich, Jr., is sending out first-class approval books, of which he makes notice on our back cover page.

Some of our readers who are interested in collecting should not overlook the ad of H. A. Schultz.

H. L. Thede has quite an attractive ad, which should bring him returns.

**Jim Haystack's Wheel.**

We present herewith a joke which we hope you will enjoy reading.

If anyone has any jokes to send us we will be pleased to publish same free.

The following letter was received a few days ago by a prominent firm of bicycle dealers:

"Deer sure — My neffew in indiana bought hissself a new bisickle and sent me his old one by frate. I've learned to ride some and its a pile of fun. A fellow cum along yes-tirday with a bisickle that had holler injun rubber tires. He let me try hissenn, and my, it run like a mashene. Send me prices. etc., on your bi-sickles.

"Yours truly,

"Jim Haystack.

"P. S. — How much do you charge for the doo-dad that you stuff the wind into the tire with, or will it come any cheaper without. I can get all the wind I want out hear in Kansas free."

**DELAY**

We hope our advertisers will excuse our delay, as we expect to get out our next issue on time.

MOLINE STAMP NEWS.

**CAMERAS.**

- 1 Eastman Pocket Kodak,  
1 1/2 x 2 . . . \$3.85  
1 Sunart Camera,  
3 1/2 x 3 1/2 . . . \$4.00  
Others, also, from \$5.00 to \$100.

**H. A. SHULTZ,**

1045 14th st. MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

**LOOK HERE!**

- 50c C maha . . . . .35c  
12c and 10c, due. '94 . . . . .04c  
10c due. pairs and blocks . . .02c  
3 var. 1861 Rev. . . . .03c  
7 var. 1898 Prep. Rev. . . . .08c  
4 var. fine Cuba . . . . .05c  
50 var. fine foreign . . . . .05c  
500 Best Hinges . . . . .05c

We solicit beginners' correspondence.

**Mason City Stamp Co.**

223 West State street  
MASON CITY, IOWA.



NAMES OF THREE COLLECTORS  
34 CENTS, and 2 CENTS for POSTAGE  
FOR 10 DAYS ONLY AND YOU WILL  
RECEIVE A GOOD USED COPY . . .

— 50 CENT OMAHA —



ADDRESS MOLINE STAMP NEWS  
Box 2124, Moline, Illinois

. . . OMAHAS ARE FAST BECOMING SCARCE. . .

## Newspaper Stamps

1895

Complete set 1 cent to  
\$100.00 . . . . . \$6.50

### L. MAYER,

Box 2124. MOLINE ILLINOIS.

A year's subscription to this paper and 50 var. of foreign stamps, 16 cents. Postage extra.

MOLINE STAMP NEWS,

Box 2124. Moline, Illinois.

The first person who subscribes to this paper will be given a free notice in the Exchange Column or 50 var. of stamps.

## CUBA.

1894 — 20c. brown,	Cat.	\$0.40	\$0.12
1890 — 5c. green,	"	.10	.02
1878 — 25c. green,	"	.03	.01
1896 — 2½c. rose,	"	.06	.03
1876 — 5c. blue,	"	.10	.03

The above catalogue 69c.  
for 20c.

L. Mayer, Moline, Illinois.

## 50

Var. Foreign Stamps  
and a Pocket  
Stamp Album

8 cents, post free.

L. Mayer, Moline, Illinois.

If you have any stamps to sell put an ad. in the Exchange Column, 1 cent per word, or, you can have this space in our next issue for 35 cents.

## A Stamp Album

50 var. foreign stamps  
and 500 best hinges,

10 cents.

—  
L. MAYER  
Moline, Illinois.

You send us 15 cents, and  
you will receive this paper for  
one year.

MOLINE STAMP NEWS.

## A Pocket Stamp Album FREE

For names of three  
stamp collectors.

—  
MOLINE STAMP NEWS,  
Box 2124  
Moline, Illinois.

50c. Omaha, . . . \$0.35

50c. orange, . . . .10

50 var. foreign postage  
stamps, . . . .05

—  
L. MAYER,  
Box 2124. MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

## This Space

Is awaiting 35 cents. It will just as  
soon take your ad. for that amount as  
anybody else's.

—  
MOLINE STAMP NEWS,

Box 2124,

MOLINE, ILLINOIS

## Approval Sheets.



Yes, prices are advancing ; the new catalogue is not yet out, and I am still marking my stamps at the old catalogue prices. It will be well for you to order a selection before the new edition comes out and get the stamps at the old . . . . .

Cheap Prices.

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HENRY F. VIERICH, Jr.  
MOLINE, ILLINOIS.



# Moline Stamp News.

SAMPLE COPY

VOL. 1.

MOLINE, ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER, 1899.

No. 2.

## TO OUR READERS.

We are with you again and take pleasure in presenting to you our second issue. With our last number we told you that we have come to stay, and we intend to as long as we have your kind support. From time to time we will have our little magazine contain more news than at present, and with each number get some interesting facts for our readers. Kindly look this paper over and see if it is not worth 15 cents a year. It will pay you to subscribe now, as we will increase our rates soon. Show that Illinois can have a good stamp paper as well as any of the eastern states.

Respectfully yours,

THE PUBLISHER.

## STAMP ALBUMS.



Above is a reduced illustration of cover. This is the best album for a beginner. It is printed on the very finest paper and contains 100 pages, 7x10 in. It is profusely illustrated with different types, and contains spaces for Columbian and Omaha stamps.

**No. 1** - Cloth back, board covers. Spaces for over 3,000 stamps. The best cheap album made. Post free, 30c.

**No. 2** - Bound in full cloth, extra pages for new issues. Will hold about 4,000 stamps. Post free, 55c.

**No. 3** - Full cloth, gilt lettering, interleaved throughout with blank pages, to accommodate 6,000 stamps. Post free, 75c.

Hinges for mounting stamps in albums, per 1,000, 10c.

**L. MAYER,**

Box 2124

Moline, Illinois.

## DON'T

Forget to send return postage, but

## BUY

Some of the stamps advertised.

## THESE

Are the ones:

50c. orange.....	\$0.35
50 var. packet, foreign....	.05
Canada map, two shades, unused.....	.10

And receive a Pocket Stamp Album *free*.

**L. MAYER,**

Moline, Illinois.

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Your adv. in this space, 20 cents.  
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Advertisements, etc., under this heading, one cent a word.

**WANTED**—To buy stamps. If you have any, send them, with lowest price. L. Mayer, Moline, Ill.

**WANTED**—Bargain seekers to look up my adv. H. L. Thede.

**SAY!**

Don't you think your adv. would look fine here?

**35 Cents.**

Yes, 35 cents will put it here.

MOLINE STAMP NEWS.

**Beat Them if You Can..**

Look up my big add.

Subscriptions taken for this paper.

**Henry L. Thede,**

Lock Box 2114. Moline, Ill.

## Philatelic News.

THE 59th edition standard catalogue has appeared. It is very attractive and should be in the hands of every intelligent collector.

ALL the envelopes that have been surcharged for Cuba are speculative, and collectors should not buy them.

WHILE talking of Cuba, we may as well mention the following taken from the *International Philatelic Review*: "Cuba's special delivery has an error in the word immediate, being spelled *immediata*." The error will probably be corrected in the next printing.

IT is reported that some U. S. revenue stamps have been washed and used for the second time, and that the Treasury Department is unable to decide how to prevent it.

SEND in your subscription NOW.

## Notes of Our Paper.

ALTHOUGH our paper is not the greatest, we hope you will not regard it as the *smallest*.

WE shall consider it a personal favor if you will mention our paper when you write to advertisers.

WE hope our paper reaches you in good condition and that you will speak a good word for us to your friends.

BY the time our next issue comes out we hope to rake up a good budget of news, besides some popular story about a popular stamp collection.



## The First U. S. Postal Card.

The first American postal card was issued in May, 1873. During the first two months of their use 31,000,000 were used, the following year 90,000,000 and in 1878 the number had risen to 200,000,000. In 1892 we used 386,000,000 postal cards. These cards cost the government 35 cents per thousand, or at the rate of thirty for 1 cent.—*Hoosier Stamp.*

## Are They in the Civil Service?

Some three hundred and odd cats are maintained by the United States government, the cost of their support being carried as a regular item on the accounts of the Postoffice Department. These cats are distributed among about fifty postoffices, and their duty is to keep rats and mice from eating and destroying postal matter and canvas mail sacks.—*Hoosier Stamp.*

THE NEWS for one year only 15 cents.

## A FEW BARGAINS...

Wuhu set of 2.....	\$0.04
Chili Telegraph set of 3..	.05
Kewkiang set of 2.....	.04
Packet of 20 variety .....	.05
Postage extra.	

Look up my large ad.

## HENRY L. THEDE,

Lock Box 2114, Moline, Ill.

## CUBA

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1878—25c. green, “	.03	.01
1896—2½c. rose, “	.06	.03
1876—5c. blue, “	.10	.03

The above catalogue 69c.  
for 20c.

## L. MAYER,

Moline, Illinois.

## Fine Mixtures

U. S. and U. S. Revenue, per 500.	\$0.25
U. S. and foreign, per 1,000.....	.25
U. S. documentary, '98, 10 sets (10 var.) .....	.35
Mixture of 500 U. S. stamps, con- taining slightly damaged stamps, worth 40c. to \$3 each	.35
30 var. U. S. ....	.05
50 var. foreign.....	.05

## HAROLD ZEISS,

11 Aldine Square, Chicago, Ill.

## Editorial.

Do not fail to look up the grand prize contest.



It will pay you to subscribe now, as we will increase our rates soon.



THE new catalogues have appeared and can be had from most any of the dealers.



ADVERTISERS will do well to send in copy for our next issue, as the stamp season is then at its height. Why should the up-to-date dealer not reach the collectors at such a time?



WE beg to announce D. T. Eaton, of Muscatine, Iowa, as our first subscriber. Mr. Eaton is one of the most popular stamp dealers in the United States, and we hope he will remain one of our subscribers as long as we continue to issue.



SUBSCRIBE NOW.

## Received.

The following papers have been received since our last number went to press:

*Illinois Philatelist.*

*Junior's Collector.*

*Bi-Monthly Collector.*

*International Philatelic.*

*Review.*

*Bay State Philatelist.*

## CUT THIS OUT

And send to us with fifteen cents in stamps.

-----1899  
MOLINE STAMP NEWS, MO-  
LINE, ILL.

Enclosed find fifteen cents for which send the MOLINE STAMP NEWS for one year to

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## JOB LOT. TRY ME.

Blank approval sheets, per	
50 .....	\$0.22
Heligol and wrapper, un-	
used, set of 4 .....	.07
Equador Rev., set of 2.....	.08
Album holding 480 stamps..	.12
Postage extra.	

H. L. THEDE,

Box 2114. Moline, Illinois.

The following are a series of packets which would make a fine gift to some friend collector. Try one.

50 var. foreign.....	\$0.05
100 var. foreign.....	.10
200 var. foreign.....	.35

Postage extra.

**L. Mayer, Moline, Ill.**

## DON'T FAIL

To be in the grand prize contest. Full particulars given on page 15. If you are not interested, show to some friend collector. We will appreciate this highly.

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## BARGAINS

### TRY ME

Hawai set of 2.....	\$0.05
Greece set of 4.....	.05
Salvador set of 2.....	.05
*Costa Rica set of 4.....	.05
50 var. packet, foreign.....	.05
2 blank approval books.....	.05
500 Perfect hinges.....	.05
* Unused.	

**This Entire Lot 30c.**

### 10c. LOTS.

Simoor (Elephant) set of 2.....	\$0.10
Mexican, 1864, set of 3.....	.10
Sweden (official) set of 6.....	.10
Somalia Coast set of 2.....	.10
Guatemala set of 5.....	.10
U. S. Rev., 12 var.....	.10
U. S., 1890, set of 8.....	.10
100 var. foreign stamps.....	.10
1,000 Perfect hinges.....	.10

Postage extra with orders under 50c.

I have a fine line of approval books at 50 per cent discount.

A trial will convince you.

**HENRY L. THEDE,**

Lock Box 2114. Moline, Ill.

## PRIZE CONTEST

In order to get more subscribers to this paper we offer the following prizes to the persons making the most words out of "Stamp News."

**First Prize**—One Popular Stamp Album, No. 3 Bond, in full cloth, extra pages for new issues, gilt trimmings. In fact, the most appropriate Album for a beginner.

**Second Prize**—Popular Album, No. 1, 1,000 hinges and 50 var. foreign stamps.

**Third Prize**—Six inches ad. space in **MOLINE STAMP NEWS**.

**Fourth Prize**—50-cent Omaha stamp, used.

### CONDITIONS

The only way you can enter this contest is to subscribe for the **MOLINE STAMP NEWS**. If you are already a subscriber you enter free. If not, 15 cents is the price for a year.

Do not delay. Make up a list. It is easy.

Words that cannot be found in Webster's or other standard dictionaries not accepted.

Contest closes December 25, 1899.

Try; you may win one of the prizes.

**MOLINE STAMP NEWS,**

**Box 2124.**

**MOLINE, ILLINOIS.**

## STAMP COLLECTORS

### NOTICE

Did you ever write to a dealer for an approval selection and get disappointed by receiving a lot of cheap trash? If you want to overcome this and get stamps of the best class at the best price and sent only to the best customers, give me a trial. If you promise to purchase at least 50 cents worth net, I will give you a year's subscription to this paper

**FREE**

My dealings are square all the way through, and I am going to keep up giving

**50 PER CENT**

Discount on all classes of stamps.

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# Henry Vierich, Jr.,

Moline, Illinois.



# Moline Stamp News.

VOL. I.

MOLINE, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER, 1899.

No. 3.

## How to Collect Stamps.

**W**E ALL have our hobbies — if they are good ones the riding of them will afford us infinite pleasure and satisfaction; if bad, they are sure to bring us into trouble in the end.

The collecting of various objects, rare, quaint or curious, is certainly one of the most harmless of hobbies in which either boy or man can indulge. Collecting of stamps teaches us history, geography, gives us ideas about art, inculcates in us habits of order, and, generally can only lead to good results. There are more collectors of stamps than of coins ten to one — probably even in greater proportion — yet stamp collecting is comparatively new, while the grouping of coins is said to have been followed ten thousand years ago.

There is less to learn in stamp collecting than in coins, but on the other hand it costs far less to get a good collection of stamps together. We therefore recommend boys with slim purses, who have no particular love for history, to devote themselves to stamps, and leave coins severely alone.

NOTE: — The above article will be continued in the next number on "How to Begin," which will prove very interesting.



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**APPROVAL BOOKS.**

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**Henry L. Thede,**

Lock Box 2114. Moline, Ill.

## WHAT TO COLLECT.

By D. P. A. 254.

**O**F COURSE begin with the stamps of your own country. Study them until you can tell ribbed paper, grill, water marks, etc. Take plenty of stamp papers. Have all your stamps in good condition and mount them neatly with a good hinge. British colonials are very popular; no wonder, as they are beautiful, interesting and instructive. Notice Western Australia with the swan; Straits Settlements has the tiger; Siroor has the elephant, etc. Hawaiians are also popular. Now is the time to get what Confederate stamps you can, as they are rapidly advancing in price and are much sought after. Do not trade your good stamps for any old thing. Have a catalogue so you may keep up with the times and not get cheated. Return your approval sheets to dealers promptly and they will give you good bargains. "Live and let live."



### Must Mutilate the Stamps.

On December 1 the Revenue Commissioner issued a circular amending regulations as to cancellation of documentary and proprietary stamps, providing that in all cases where a documentary stamp of the denomination of 10 cents, or any larger denomination, shall be used for denoting any tax imposed by the act of June 13, 1899, the persons using or affixing same shall, in addition to writing or stamping thereon with ink the initials of his name and the date when affixed, mutilate said stamp by cutting three parallel incisions length wise through the stamp, beginning not more than one-fourth of an inch from one end thereof and extending to one-fourth of an inch of the other end.

"Where such stamp is cancelled by cutting or perforating in any manner authorized by existing regulations, as aforesaid, the mutilation herein provided will not be required."

This provision shall take effect and be in force on and after Dec. 15.

Subscribe now.

1,000 Well Mixed.....	25
300 New.....	30
150 ".....	15
100 ".....	9

Stamps on approval at 50 per cent. References required.

### ALMA APPLETON,

Goodale's Corner, Portland, Maine.

### U. S. 1869

2-cent, brown horseman.....	8
U. S. 1890, 30c black.....	6
Siam 1899, 1 att. on 12 att.....	4
Postage extra.	

List Free.

### L. V. CASS,

McGraw, N. Y.

### HENRY P. DAY,

Box 762, Peoria, Ill.

Great Britain '40, 2d, unused.....	20
Tasmania '89, ½d, unused.....	04
Straits Settlement, 1c or 8c, green unused.....	01
México, '64, 2 R, unused.....	01
Martinique, '92, 10c.....	01
Bhopaul, '81, ¼c red, unused.....	04
Reunion, '92, 1, 2, 4, 5 or 15c.....	01
Bavaria, '50, ¼ kr.....	02
France, '52, 25c.....	03
France Colony, unpaid 1c, unused.....	02
Cuba, unused, '82, 2½c.....	03
Cuba, unused, '96, 10c.....	01
Belgium Packet, '99, 10c.....	01
Uruguay, '94, 1c.....	01

## Editorial.

AGENTS are wanted in the principal cities.

THE collectors companion is indeed worth mentioning.

OUR advertisers speak well of returns. Try an adv. for yourself.

THE Ohio Philatelist is one of the neatest little papers we have received.

IF our exchange column does not have more support than at present we fear that it will not appear again.

BY the way, the Illinois Philatelist stated we did not have enough reading matter. Are we supplied this time?

WE have received quite a few lists of words made from *Stamp News* as described on page 23, but hope to get quite a few more before the contest closes.

THE Bay State Philatelist promises us some good reading matter for 1900.

THE Bi-Monthly Collector for November has a good article on "Why We Collect."

WE were pleased to receive a copy of that interesting paper, The Evergreen State Philatelist.

WE may state the same about the Herald Exchange.

THE Philatelic Chronicle is a new one with sixteen pages and cover. Subscription 25 cents a year.

SUBSCRIBE now for the *Stamp News*.



**G. F. DOLD**

2607 39th street, Chicago, Ill.

**Agent For**

Illinois Philatelist.....	15c	a year
Ohio Philatelist.....	15c	a year
Junior Collector.....	15c	a year
Moline Stamp News.....	15c	a year
Int. Philatelist Review.....	25c	a year
Poultry Item.....	25c	a year

**SAMPLES FREE.****HINGES Only 4 C**

Per Thousand

New South Wales.....	01
Due 1 P. Cat. 12.....	03
Same 2P. Cat. 12.....	03
Both Cat. 24c.....	05

**Postage Extra.**

Will low prices get your trade?

**L. Mayer,** Moline, Ill.

**Clubbing Rates**

The *Moline Stamp News* and any of the following papers at the prices named:

Junior Collector.....	20c
Collectors' Companion.....	20c
Illinois Philatelist.....	20c
Bi-Monthly Collector.....	18c
Ohio Philatelist.....	20c

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**MOLINE STAMP NEWS**

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**Let the Eagle Scream!****UNCLE SAM'S LATEST POSSESSION.**

The U. S. Philatelist Association, the society for the young collector. Initiation fee 5c. Dues 20 cents per year. Official organ JUNIOR COLLECTOR. Application blanks by

**G. F. DOLD,** 2607 39th St. Chicago.

**The first twenty**

**Collectors answering this advertisement and enclosing 1 cent stamp for copy of Big Xmas Special will receive paper for ONE YEAR.**

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**Box 2124.**

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## How to Begin.

**T**HE FIRST THING to do in stamp collecting is to make up your mind what kind of a collection you intend to form. Shall it be postage or shall it be revenue? Will you devote yourself to one particular class or country or will you take anything that comes along and endeavor to make as good a showing as possible in all departments? For beginners, the latter course is undoubtedly the best. Having determined what to collect, next comes the question of how to keep it. There are several ways of keeping a stamp collection. One way is to get a number of large envelopes and label them with the names of different countries. No one but a very lazy collector would adopt this plan. Another way is to take sheets of thick paper and rule them off into squares, affixing stamps to them in proper order. But the best way, and the one most generally used, is to buy an album.

NOTE:—The above is continued from the preceding number, and will be continued in the next number on "How to Paste Stamps in an Album."



**Moline Stamp News.**

MONTHLY.

EDITED BY L. MAYER.

**Subscription Rates.**

To the United States, Canada and Mexico, 15 cents a year, in advance.

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One inch.....	\$0.20
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All matter for insertion should reach us by the 25th of the month. Address,

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We desire to exchange one or two copies with all philatic publications.

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**STAMPS**, papers, buttons, etc., in exchange for stamps. G. Dold, 2747 47th St., Chicago, Ill.

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**SAY!**

Don't you think your adv. would look fine here?

**35 Cents.**

Yes, 35 cents will put it here.

**MOLINE STAMP NEWS.**

## The Stamps of Our Country.

BY E. PLURIBUS UNUM.

OF ALL the stamps yet issued, the U. S. are probably the most popular, and will remain so for many years to come. For a collector that makes U. S. his specialty, knows that he is collecting something more than a mere gummed, perforated label. The U. S. are among the prettiest stamps in the world. Instances that may be mentioned are the 1869 issue and the 1861 revenues. Also other very attractive stamps are the department's Columbians and Omahas. These, as an investment, are, to use a slang phrase, a "sure thing," as there are no reprints or speculative issues to get fooled on. Take this hint, fill up your blank spaces with old U. S., as they are sure to steadily increase in value, and you cannot have a more attractive page in your album than a well-filled page of them. But I would advise you to fight shy of the Confederate state stamps, as there are thousands of counterfeits of these on the market, especially in an unused condition. The only safe way to collect these stamps is on the original cover, and even then the chances are that you are paying for a counterfeit instead of a genuine stamp.

MORAL—Buy your stamps of a reputable dealer, whose reputation is at stake. I hope to have some more to tell you next month.



## CANADIAN NOTES.

BY D. L. McDOUGALL.

THE number of 3c numerals surcharged 2 cents is said to be about a million.

MINOR varieties are quite prevalent among the map and surcharged stamps.

THE supply of maps and surcharged stamps which were on sale at the local postoffice (Montreal) are exhausted.

CANADA can now boast of three good papers. The *Jubilee Phil.*, the *Montreal Phil.* and the *Philatelic Advocate*.

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A NEW stamp club has been formed in Montreal under the name of the Canadian Philatelic Club.

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7.	99 " .....	29
8.	110 " .....	35
9.	121 " .....	44

**J. F. DODGE,**

New Oxford, Pa.

## Editorial.

HURRAH! We are still on deck.

DEALERS, see our notice on page 31.

IF you get this paper as a sample copy it is an invitation to subscribe.

WE have received a copy of the *Bay State Philatelist*, and it has a very fine appearance. Success to you, Bro.

IN this issue D. L. McDougall is our Canadian correspondent, but in the future we will have A. C. Telfer, Mr. McDougall having resigned for lack of time.

WE are in receipt of the *Collector*, an interesting paper, published by J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.

The Xmas number of the *Ohio Philatelist* is with us, and it is larger and better than ever.

THE *Herald Exchange* is one of the best monthlies we receive.

WE expect to have a cover next issue and a larger circulation than ever before.

THE only paper we get from the South is the *Junior's Collector*.

AMONG new papers to exchange with us are the *Philatelic*, *Inter Ocean*, *The Buckeye*, *State Philatelist*, *The Stamp Tribune* and the *New York Philatelist*.

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### The Prize Contest.

The prize contest ended Dec. 25, and the following shows its ending:

First prize, Fred Strombeck, Moline, Ill., 302 words. (Popular stamp album).

Second prize, Ed Hartwig, Milwaukee, Wis., 293 words. (Popular album No. 1, 50 var. stamps and 1,000 hinges).

Third prize, W. J. Maddock, Canon City, Colo., 225 words. (Six inches ad space).

Fourth prize, Chas. Smith, Moline, Ill., 182 words. (50c Omaha stamp).

The prizes have been sent and we hope the winners are pleased.

### Notice.

Our next issue will have a cover, and it will be circulated to a large number of non-subscribers. We hope to make it better than ever, and we know our advertisers will be satisfied with returns. The following speaks for itself:

*L. Mayer:*

Enclosed find 15 cents for one year's subscription to your paper. I had five answers from my ad in your paper.

Yours respectfully,

HAROLD ZEISS.

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