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Notice.

Readers: When we named this little paper The Stamp we were not aware of the fact that another philatelic publication of the same name existed. So we will hereby change it to The Stamp Herald.—EDITOR.

Collectors, don't get discouraged because of Uncle Sam's new law prohibiting the illustration of stamp albums, catalogues, etc., with cuts of foreign stamps. New ways will be devised to describe stamps and it will only make collectors more eager to get specimens they can't see illustrated.

A Useful Table.

Below we publish a German table to help collectors to arrange their stamps of that language which have the value in letters:

Ein,	1		Sieben,	7
Zwei,	2		Acht,	8
Drei,	3		Nein,	9
Vier,	4		Zehn,	10
Funf,	5		Zwoelf,	12
Sechs,	6		Achtzehn,	18

General Notes.

By L. S. Shaw.

In the new U. S. issue with the triangular ornaments in the corner there are a great many different shades. It must be that the government is experimenting with colors.

I will call the collector's notice to the new special delivery which is a reingraved plate of the last issue

with a few additions at the bottom, on each side of the figure 10, and a little plainer in color.

The collectors who were so carried away with the Central American stamps, such as Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica and paid the prices asked, which are four times their value, should begin now and not neglect our own valuable stamps for those pretty but valueless Central American pictures.

Why do not the boys of Holyoke have a Philatelic Association. There are a good many collectors in this city and they could meet and exchange stamps and have a social time. Make a break, someone.

The 90c of the 1890 U. S. issue, has been replaced by the new \$1 black. The 90c has been issued for forty years.

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Editorialisms.

Here we are with No. 2, 12 pages.

We are come to stay. Subscribe and watch us grow.

We hope our readers will overlook our changing the name of this little paper, but it was through an error that we took the name of another stamp publication.

Did the law prohibiting the illustrating of U. S. stamps a few years ago discourage collectors from collecting them? Decidedly not. And the new law prohibiting foreign stamp illustrating ought to have the same effect.

In the Springfield Homestead of Jan. 19, there appeared a long article entitled "The Stamp Craze." Among other things it says:

"Springfield has fallen a victim to the fascinations of the craze. Not only schoolboys but lawyers, physicians, clergymen, women of society and professors have become enthusiastic collectors."

It also gives the names of many Springfield philatelists and describes their collections.

INTERESTING.

The Philatelic Sons of America has now 1070 members, and it is rapidly growing.

Another valuable English collection has followed Castle's Australians into Stanley Gibbons store, in London. It belonged to Mr. F. A. Philbrick. The price paid is not known.

Quigley, the notorious stamp swindler, who is now in South America, has sent a letter to Mekeel's Stamp News asking forgiveness from those he has defrauded. He wants to reform.

A bill to come before the present session of Congress provides for a postal insurance. It is proposed to insure all fourth-class matter at the rate of: \$5 in value for 10 cents, up to \$100 worth for 40 cents. If this

bill passes it will probably put a series of postal insurance stamps in use.

Scott's 55th. catalogue prices the \$1 Columbian at \$8 unused and \$6 used. This is a pretty high figure, considering the number issued, 54,472. A short time ago a strip of five of them, unused, sold at a New York auction sale for \$16.25, \$3.25 each. The 5c Columbian, unused, is put at 15 cents, while the 6c unused is priced at 12 cents. This seems as if stamp speculators forgot all about the 5c denomination.

United States Prosecuting Attorney W. H. Clopton has prepared an opinion, which has been sent to the secret service at Washington, that there is not authority under the U. S. statutes to seize stamp cuts from album and catalogue publishers.

Stamp News.

There are vague rumors of a large stamp find in this city.

There were 5,099,500 10c orange Special Delivery stamps issued.

The Canadian Philatelist stopped publication with the December number.

Chicopee Falls postoffice had 200 8c Columbian stamps on hand January 22.

The Pacific Stamp Co., is the name of a new company in San Francisco, with a capital of \$15,000.

The picture of James Madison appears on the new \$2 blue stamp, and that of John Marshall on the \$5.

The Chicopee, Mass., post office had still a lot of 4c, 8c and 10c Columbians and 1c, 2c and 5c Columbian envelopes on January 21.

2c Caps.

THE 2c 1890 stamps with the caps on top of the 2's are creating quite a lot of interest among the philatelists in this city. Mr. Herbert Atherton is the possessor of fifty with the cap on the left 2.

Another gentleman in this city looked over 6000 of these stamps and found four with the left 2 capped, and about twenty with an imperfect cap on the right figure.

These varieties seem to be rare and should command a good price.

First Collector—"Why are they going to put Corbett's picture on the postage stamps?"

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Another crack at the Columbians.

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Collector—

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