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. . . . EDITORIAL . . . .

There is absolutely no crying need of this publication, but right here let me state that Bill is an absolute "dyed-in-the-wool" Philatelist from Stampville, and has taken this means of allowing some of his surplus enthusiasm to escape, - enthusiasm stored up from years of toil, worry and chase after the festive stamp, and right here another remark, - Bill claims to have the best "A No. 1" brand of philatelic enthusiasm in captivity today. If you are skeptical, Dear Reader, just send 12c, Bill will show you, Billy kin.

This little maglet is entirely Bill's, and Bill intends to have his say in this and future issues of the Mag. Its his'n. Don't let Bill worry you, for that is not his mission. Let it be more to make you laugh and see things as they ought to be. A good laugh and the world is all the better for it. A good laugh and you feel more like strapping up your suspenders and having another try at the brown reds and the red browns.

A laugh, and that old discolored copy of the 5c "47" takes on an orange tint. Throw in a couple of smiles and the metamorphos is complete. Just collect a few laughs and smiles and stow them away in your album pages. Get the true worth of Philately in its fullest sense, for without these smiles and laughs you are not a true Philatelist.

The Growl is like a forgery:
Dear Reader - Buy it not.
The Scowl is as a mended stamp,
You've some of them, I wot.
The Smile, a better specimen,
With margins wide and true.
The Laugh- Ye Gods, A rarity,
That's what it means to you.

Can't you smile - Billy kin.

The report has just reached us as we go to press that the famous Seybold "Original Cover" collection has been sold to Mr. John T. Coit of New York City for a consideration in the neighborhood of $26,000.00. It would thus seem that it would be held intact and augmented by those already in the possession of Mr. Coit. Verily - he is a fortunate individual indeed. Praises be.

Bill has recently seen a copy of Mr. Eustace B. Power's new work on U. S. Stamps and cannot pass it by without comment. Mr. Power is undoubtedly the best posted man in the world today on the values of United States stamps, and the beauty of his book is that every stamp is PRICED. Those that have come in personal contact with Mr. Power know that he knows the difference between a "haich" and a "ho" when it comes to stamps. Bill is still smarting from an experience yet - but as Woodyard Kipling says "that is another story." However be it said Mr. Power's new work on U. S. is the "Best Ever" and should be in the hands of every philatelist in the U. S., particularly those who have difficulty with the different printings, as Mr. Power has distinguished them so clearly that "he who runs may read."

The new work is 6x9 in size, 124 pages, nicely printed, cleverly illustrated and bound in paper, 75c and in cloth $1.00. Copies may be secured from Mr. Power at 198 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Bill desires to congratulate Mr. Power on the studious effort and the neat appearance of his progeny.

Has anybody heard anything about the "insurgents" at the A. P. S. convention at Atlantic City? Bill likes to insurge a little bit himself and would be glad of information that would lead him to headquarters - can anybody put him next? Speak up, you brother in the Amen Corner.

Dear Reader - Should you have something on on your mind that worries you and you wish to get rid of it - just write to Bill, he will help you to feel better and induce a few smiles and laughs. *Sabe?*

The old philatelic adage, "there is nothing new under the philatelic sun but issues" holds good no longer. We cannot but call specific attention to the advertisement of the Central Stamp Exchange on the opposite page, and then refer back to the adage in support of our statement.

The Exchange of Stamps is in itself as old as the Science of Philately, but the manner in which the Exchange is facilitated is a novelty. To use their own expression it is a Philatelic Bank, which word in itself lends stability and respectability to the concern.

The manager, Mr. Opha Moore, is a philatilist of long standing and high in the esteem of his philatelic brethren. During the term of office of the late President McKinley as Governor of Ohio, Mr. Moore was his private confidential secretary, and held this position with successive Governors Foraker, Bushnell, Nash and Harris. The real strength of Mr. Moore can only be computed when one knows that these offices came unsolicited on Mr. Moore's part - the rare case in which the office sought the man. Surely an exchange with such a personage in charge should gain the confidence of a vast majority of collectors.

The real medium of value, where duplicates are concerned is exchange, not cash, and from the businesslike statements of Mr. Moore, we predict that the Central Stamp Exchange will be an unqualified success. Mr. Moore will be glad to enter into correspondence with any collectors interested. We thoroly commend him to our readers.

BILL has secured the services of that famous philatelic writer, Pernicious Penslip, who will be heard from in our February number.

Exchange your duplicates for what you need.

The **CENTRAL STAMP EXCHANGE** affords the only medium for immediate disposition of your duplicates and the prompt return of the stamps you need.

It is, in effect, a **STAMP BANK.** You deposit your duplicates or surplus stock and receive immediate credit for their catalog value less 15 per cent, which covers the expense and our commission for transacting the business.

When you make your deposit, you file a **WANT LIST,** which should be for an amount larger than than your deposit, and we begin at once to send you the stamps you require and continue to do so until the account is closed.

The **ADVANTAGES** over any other system of exchange are obviously the following:

PROMPTNESS in securing returns.

THE FACT that we have a large stock of our own from which selection may be made.

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If interested, send us a card with your name and address and we will be glad to send our rules free.

The Central Stamp Exchange,
103 W. Fourth Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Knowledge of a Recent Deal in the business end of Philately leads one to inquire whether or no there is room in this game for an honest man. Should not one devote the same cardinal principles of truth and fair dealing in this the same as in any other line of business endeavor? One is apt to overlook the damaged specimen, sold at a few cents, for the perfect copy, even though there is no mention made of such defect, yet some people argue that the low price itself should be the proper notification. True enough for the advanced philatelist, but what a hardship it works on the tyro, the busy man who has only a few hasty minutes to devote daily to his hobby, and the man who has entire confidence in the firm with whom he is doing business. The aforesaid confidence receives a tremendous jolt when the philatelic brother next door points out the true status and the owner of the aforesaid confidence draws himself up in his shell immediately and, clam like, refuses to take an interest in what was his only pleasure and diversion from his daily business grind. Human nature is the same the world over, and it is a question just how much the dealers of today are losing by this method, for the once steady buyer becomes shy and possibly dormant for a period which is lost to the commercial end of Philately.

The Recent Deal, about which Bill spoke, is one involving hundreds of dollars, and one which plainly shows that there is room for a big improvement in the business methods of one of the oldest stamp firms doing business in the Quaker City. Shades of the Immortal Penn - Has it come to THIS?

A little incident of the late A. P. S. Convention at Atlantic City has just reached us. Mr. New Member came with his wife and family and meeting Mr. Constant Attender, the following conversation ensued:

MR. NEW MEMBER: "Glad to meet you, old man. Did you bring your wife and family?"

MR. C. ATTENDER: "My dear Sir, when you have attended as many A. P. S. Conventions as I have, you will know better than than to bring a ham sandwich with you to a banquet."

. . . FROM OUR EXCHANGES . . .

PORKTOWN, ILL., DEC. 1, 1909. Mr. Henry N. Mudge, of this city, President of the American Philatelic Society has left suddenly for Central America, in response to a wireless phone message received late last night, urging him to come instantly and install an insurgent postal system in Nicaragua. Mr. Mudge has had signal success as an instalator and when interviewed by our special correspondant - Parnassus Penflip - stated that he expected no trouble in his new undertaking. Mr. Mudges ability as a pacifier is well known. It is understood that the insurrecto government intends to install a weekly post office bulletin and we understand that the editorial department will be in the hands of Mr. G. E. Severn, of this city. Mr. Severn is peculiarly fitted for this position, as by means of his acrobatic editorials he should be able to jump from one side to the other in a week's time and thus keep pace with the winning side in the revolutions. The BAZOO extends congratulations to both these gentlemen.

—— PORKTOWN BAZOO.

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February
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Sic'em Towser - To the front once more. Bill feels rather knifty over the reception of the little Mag and has no further apologies to offer for its appearance other than the kind words with which it has been received. It is a well known fact among literary people that the first six months determine the life or death of an effort or a project in the publishing line, and Bill in this short time has arrived at the point where he can "feel life." To him, it is no longer an experiment, it is a reality that he hopes to foster and nurture into something worthy of its purpose. If Bill can superinduce a few smiles on the careworn countenance of the busy collector, procure a hearty laugh from those philatelists more jovially inclined, and in his small way tend to lighten and brighten the

dreary and tedious side of our hobby, suffice it to say, his mission is accomplished. He asks no higher reward.

But there is another side to this. Bill must have some support. Were he a Pittsburg millionaire he would little think of asking the small sum of twelve cents per year, one cent a month (mailing expense alone) but from philanthropic motives would be glad to give it free. Bill, however let it be whispered gently, is not of the before-mentioned malefactors of nefarious wealth, and consequently must ask at least mailing expense. Do you blame him? The subscription price to this little Mag will remain 12 cents until midnight of March 31st, 1910. Thereafter it will be strictly 25 cents, no discounts and no rebates. To those advertisers appearing in our columns previous to the April issue, our present rates will apply until July 1st, but those coming in later must stand the increased price at once. Our rates are more than reasonable and Bill requests your kind consideration toward making it possible to accomplish his purpose. Should the advertisement not be satisfactory, payment will not be required. What more can Bill do to show his good faith? It is time for you to show YOURS.

Bill is trying to do his duty to Philately according to his "lights." Surely a few laughs and smiles are worth 12 cents. Can't you do your duty too, by telling your philatelic friends about Bill and induce them to send that dozen pennies. 2 Doses of Smiles and Laughter for 12 cents. Better you and they come in now before the water from the 25 cent faucet is turned on.

An idea - Good - Send it to BILL.

Finerty Joins the S. S. S. S. S.

"Finnerty, have yez j'ined th' S. S. S. S. S. yit?" asked Hogan, as he met that occasional Philatelist the other evening.

"Whisht! Sh-h! Phwat's that!" exclaimed Finerty. "The s-s-s-s! Hogan, y'r v'ce is cowld an' clammy, loike that av a sarpint. Phwat's th' s-s-s-s-s-s——?"

"Yez nade'nt 's-s-s-s' so long about it," rejoined Hogan with some heat. "I mane phwat I say. Th' S. S. S. S. S. But I f'rgit an' f'rgive yez. Y'r moind isn't thrained t' these noice inthricacies av thought, as I moigt say. I'll warrant yez have j'ined iv'rything ilse in th' way of a shtamp society, but not th' latest an' greatest av thim, wan f'r which th' childher, Finerty, shtand on th' cor-r-rner an' cry f'r not bein' owld enough t' grasp th' grasp th' great an' gowlden opporthunity in th'——."

"That'll do f'r yez, Hogan," said Finerty. I've rid thim worruds in th' prospictases av th' lasht foor societies I've j'ined. Phwat's th' s-s-s-s-s? I've j'ined all th' geographical shtamp societies they is — in lathitude an' longitude an' p'ints av th' compass; the only thing I've missed is a verthical shtamp society. Th' rist av them is horiontal, I know, f'r they've all pulled me leg. But phwat's th' s-s-s-s-s?"

"'Tis th' Society f'r th' Suppression of Spiculative Shtamp Societies, Finerty; t' suppriss th' same leg-pullin societies yez complain av. 'Twill have no dues, Finerty, an' no official organ; no of-

ficers an' no private shnap. 'Twill boosht wan's game. Ivery member will be a committ av wan on ways an' manes t' knock out th' graft ers that live be preyin' on an honest hobby, plisu 'r pasthime. 'Twill have no shtamps to dispo av; no official or-r-rgan, with fat adverthisi columns t' boosht; no cinch on th' conthrol av great organization t' be cinched still tighter. 'Tw fill a cryin' nade, Finerty."

"An' yez say, Hogan, there'll be no selli me a foine fifthy cints paper, that 'd be dear at quarter f'r, th' unparalliled price av a dollar, ju f'r th' good av th' cause?"

"They will not." said Hogan.

"That sittles it,"said Finerty. "I'll j'ine.

There was a young man from Tatentum
Who played with his stamps till he bent 'em.
Says he - "I don't care
For the wear and the tear,
For you see I don't buy 'em - I rent 'em."

How can BILL improve the Mag - Tell Bill.

St. Peter — "And You, Sir; Pray Whom may y be?"

Spirit — "I am the first man that had his pictu on a postage stamp."

St. Peter — "Um-m Yes, I see; Have your crede tials been sent to Copenhagen yet?"

If you appreciate Bill's efforts, Tell Bi Let him know and feel that it is not time wast d and by your appreciation shown, help him to refle t it on to others who may need it. The greate t possible blessing is to do good to others, not to ha others to do good to us. Lets all be members the SUNSHINE STAMP SOCIETY. Wri BILL.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDANTS

GEORGE - It is hard to give you the exact meaning of the term "tete a beche," philatelically used. The best illustration we can give is for yourself and three friends to drop in on another friend to spend the evening, get caught in the rain and have to sleep in one bed.

MABEL - Try a little peroxide of hydrogen. If the hair off color it will surely restore its pristine vigor. Yes, those 1d. reds do oxidize something awful.

MAUD - Not being an artist I cannot describe fitly what is meant by "Perce en arc." I would suggest that when your hubby next goes out with "the boys" that you wait up for him and observe the trail he makes from the corner lamp-post to the front door, coming home.

DEBORAH - No, I can't give you any information regarding the Puritan Blue Stocking Philatelic Society. I would suggest however, that you write my friend, Mr. H. Weasley Legg, who can no doubt, supply the needed deficiency.

PERCY -No, the letters in the paper composing the watermark C. C. do not stand for Champagne Charley. Our information bureau informs us that it is a "code word" used by people having a good time far from home and is rightly interpreted; Can't Come.

This is pure stuph right fresh from the fount. Have you ever heard of Abiding Faith? The other day Bill and a Philatelic Friend were standing on the street corner passing pleasant nothings to wile away the time. While standing there an

Iusurance Agent came up and spoke to the Friend as follows: "Old man, I am sorry you gave up that policy you were carrying with us. If you were hard pushed why didn't you come to us and let us tide you over so you could take it up again when you felt able." Bill sort of turned around so he would not be in the way, but could not help hearing the response. "Thank you very kindly, but that is not quite the reason. My wife and I talked the matter over very carefully and decided that instead of paying out a little over $100.00 every year it would be better to take that and invest it carefully in stamps for my collection." The Insurance Agent shook his head and walked on without another word, a strange thing for an Insurance Agent to do, but true nevertheless. He could not understand. Think of it — A young man with a wife and child dependent upon him, having enough faith in the future that he would deliberately surrender a policy to place the premium upon that policy in stamps. This then, is either Abiding Faith or a case of Sadly Misplaced Confidence. WHICH

A Philatelic Cocktail — A Dutch Split.

There were some men in Bostontown
And they were wondrous wise.
They ordered made some envelopes
And held them for a rise.
And when the rise, it did not come,
They nearly went insane.
They sold and bought, and bought and sold,
And BURNT and sold again.

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12 doses of the GREATEST, LIVING, PHILATELIC NERVE TONIC for 12 cents - See BILL

Bill has just received a communication from his old friend, the Bard of Benztown to this effect- "Dear Bill - I read your effort without effort. Say, old stamp fiend, I really must take exception to your statement regarding the Seybold "Original Cover" Collection. The greatest original "Original Cover" Collection was that of EVE. (Brothers Coit and Kelley please take notice.)

Anything on your mind - Tell it to BILL.

FROM THE GREAT AND NEAR GREAT

It is with pardonable pride that Bill submits these rhetorical boquets to your vision. These came spontaniously, without the least effort on Bill's part, and show that there evidently is some merit to the Mag. We strenuously deny that there is any collusion between these parties and Bill, or that any factor entered into their secural other than GOOD-WILL. READ, You Skeptical Brethren and Be Convinced.

New York, N. Y.

Mr. Wm. I. Kin,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Billy Kin:—

I have seen a copy of Billikins Philatelic Magazine. It is original and really funny - No, I did not say Phoney, - And that REAL brown paper is "so different." It is worthy of the Billioustine of East Aurora. I think I must squander twelve cents on a subscription, so I enclose the equivalent little red stickers. I hope they'll reach you but I am not at all certain that your address is not part of the "general jolly."

Very Truly Yours,
JOHN N. LUFF.

Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Wm. I. Kin,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—

A copy of "BILLIKINS" just to hand. I am very busy but I just could not lay that little bit of "dope" aside until I had devoured EVERY word of it and I hoped its capacity was about 10 times that which it is now. I enclose 12 cents so that I will be sure to be there "every now and then." I hope the next bite will be coming soon. Hoping you will be smiling when the next number is being prepared, I am,

Sincerely Yours,
B. O. KOMOROUS.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Billykins:—

Billy kin have my 12 cents if he never appears again. I have had at least that much pleasure looking over the Philistiny looking paper and I must confess that many smiles were FORCED from me. I trust there will be many more smiles to follow and I am sure if Pernicious Penslip is engaged that they can't help but be found. Good Luck to Billikin.

CHAS. R. MORRIS.

New Orleans, La.

My Dear Mr. Kin:—

I received the copy of the little Mag you so kindly sent me and I wish to express my thanks to you for so doing by enclosing four subscriptions, one for myself and the others for the three philatelic friends whose addresses I enclose on a separate slip. Billikins is a decided relief from the Puritanical, Blue Sunday philately of today. It is in effect, an oasis in the "dry a

dust" desert of scientific philately. I shall look forward to the first of every month with pleasure, as that means a new number of Billikins.

Here's smiling at you.

Gr. de Lechesse.

Can't you smile - Billy kin.

The young philatelic Hopeful was seated in front of the fire industriously endeavoring to make heads or tails out of the french philatelic journal received in the afternoon's mail, but without much success. "Pa," said the young Hopeful, "What is timbrologie, and how do they get the name?"

"My son," said the pater familias, after consulting the encyclopedia, "timbrologie relates to stamps and the word is evidently derived from the fact that the paper on which the stamps are printed is made from wood pulp which comes from timber."

Bill is real, Bill is earnest - Tell it to BILL.

Anything doing - Tell BILL.

Something worry you - Tell it to BILL.

DEAR READER — Now that you have read the little Mag thro, Don't you think it is worth 12 cents to help Bill in his endeavor to brighten and lighten the dull and tedious side of our hobby. If you are in sympathy with a better, brighter and purer Philately, you are in sympathy with BILL. Send him your 12 cents now, for after March 31st, the water from the 25 cent faucet will be in operation. DO IT NOW.

THE GENERAL ISSUES OF UNITED STATES STAMPS: THEIR SHADES AND VARIETIES

BY EUSTACE B. POWER

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(See inside back cover.)

A Collector whose Eyes gave him Trouble,
About "papers" got all in a Muddle.
Of the - Green "73"
Single Papers to See.
So he bot Them on Paper that's DOUBLE.

MORAL

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(See inside back Cover.)

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VOL. I. MARCH 1910 No. 3.

BILLIKIN, - The god of things as they ought to be.

Published every now and then by Wm. I. Kin, and sold by him at 12c. a year. Advertising accepted at rates that should be reasonable. Inch - single insertion 20c. Half page 17c per inch. Page, 15c per inch. Cash must accompany order. Should you feel interested, address, Wm. I. Kin, 1466 Worthington St., Columbus, Ohio.

Now just a word about BILL. Many subscribers have written asking - who the duece is BILL? Who is back of the little Mag anyway? Where did BILL ever come from and many other questions. Since BILL has become such a public character in this short period, it is high time that the secrets of his past life be fully unveiled to the public gaze.

To the first of these questions Bill has invariably replied, Kin is Kin. And again repeats it, this time in caps - KIN IS KIN. Wherefore let let him rest in peace on that score. Now for the rest - Wm. Irving Kin (Bill in private life) was born in the 70's of poor but respectable parents (as they all say) in a small town in Ohio. This small

town continued to be burdened with his presence for some score of years with the exception of a day now and then spent in the surrounding country. When quite a wee sma' laddie aboot the age of 15 years he became afflicted with stampitis, which gave him a thirst for knowledge hitherto unknown in his small community. Some few years after this he grew old enough to think he was old enough to go to college, so to college went Kin. After spending more or less time and his dads hard earned nefarious wealth he decided that he had imbibed enough from the fount of learning and with the assistance of the college authorities he departed from the paths of knowledge and science into the bibulous cruel, cruel business world. He settled in the suburban city of Columbus whither he had attended the think factory and has lived a life of smiles and good cheer ever afterward.

Just at present Bill is domiciled at 1549 Worhtington St. where he has a 2x4 room, second floor, back. This serves him as boudoir and office in turn. It is the sinctum sanctum sanctorum of Bill's philatelic literary endeavor and rents for five per. When Bill wants to change his mind he goes out in the hall to get enough room.

Bill is not rich - Oh no - far be it from that - the cruel disease of stampitis has hung with him these many years. Operation after operation has been performed upon his pocketbook with the hope of effecting only a partial cure, a permanent cure being out of the question, but all in vain. Bill is unalterably incurable. Surely this poor mortal is worthy of your pity, your support, and your 12 cents. (Since reading the above we have

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FILATELIC FALLACIES

THE PROVIDENCE STAMPS. We have for sale an entire sheet of these rare and interesting stamps — 11 varieties of the 5-cent and one of the 10. This is one of the finest things that can be placed in a U. S. collection. It is perfect in every respect and guaranteed original. These stamps have never been reprinted, ALL TRACE OF THE PLATE HAVING BEEN LOST. Apply soon. (From "The Philatelic Monthly," Nov. 1891, published by Durbin & Haines. shortly after, the Bogert & Durbin Co.)

THE PROVIDENCE STAMPS. REPRINTS WERE TAKEN from the plate of these stamps in **1893** on hard, white, thin yellowish and thick yellowish wove papers, and in **1898** on thin, tough, white wove paper, sometimes with lilac threads in the substance. The reprints have a large capital letter at the back of each stamp in yellow brown, the combination of these letters on the entire sheet of twelve stamps forming the names BOGERT DURBIN. (From Stanley Gibbons' Catalog.)

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12 doses of the GREATEST, LIVING, PHILATELIC NERVE TONIC for 12 cents - See BILL.

A Dealer recently sent a Small Boy some stamp circulars, etc. The Small Boy sent for a packet of 100 all different for 10 cents and requested some 50 per cent approvals. The Dealer sent them and in a few days received the following letter from the Small Boy: Mr. Deeler:— I inclose 7 cents to pay fer stamps bot. Please don't send me eny more as i hav completed my collectshun.

— P. White.

LETTERS
FROM A SELF-MADE STAMP DEALER TO HIS SON
LETTER NUMBER I.

Dear George:— I am glad to know that you have at last decided to settle down and try to earn an honest penny, following in your old dad's footsteps. You are fairly familiar with the business, having spent more or less time loitering around this old place here, and evidently must have absorbed some things that will stand you in good stead in the future. It will be a hard pull for you until you can make yourself felt in the trade. You ask my advice - When I started it was entirely different from now. To use a slang expression I have often heard you use -- "Things have changed since Hannah died" and so it is today, environment and demand have entirely changed the natural course I first met when I started in the business. But one thing remember -- Just keep plugging along - Steer a straight course and let the other duffers do the dodging. You will find the stamp world willing to step aside for a fellow who knows where he is going If you are billed to arrive, bumping the bumps will be a mere bagatelle. Meet me at the top.

Honk! Honk!

Dad.

HE KNEW BEST

Mrs. Hochenstein - "Ikey, vich do you vant for your birthday present, dat rare ten cent Baltimore you gave me for Xmas, or a neckdie?"

Ikey - (thoughtfully) "I guess I dakes der neckdie."

(Funny Foolatelist.)

Now that the U.S. Post Office Department has handed out that "ukase" regarding magazines enjoying second class rates and acting as official organ for one or more societies, we wonder what will be the future of the Philatelic Press in this country. Heretofore it has been possible to pad one's list with a large society roll, but now it means that the hard cash must be forthcoming to gladden the heart of the Philatelic Publisher. And Bill has not seen any real tears shed yet, either. There is one place where it will work an unwonted hardship, however, and that is in the little town of Superior, Nebraska.

What -- never heard of Superior! Well, where have you been for the last ten years? Superior is the largest and most progressive philatelic bailiwick in the corn fed state, and is noted as being the home of the Sage of Superior. Now that the Hard Hearted department has ukased its ultimatum what will that typographically immaculate publication, "The Philatelic West" do? Cruel Department to put such a thriving Official Organ "infant industry" out of business. Why the country will go to the demnition bow-wows.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and this wind will help to blow away some of that "Official Organ for 40 societies, over 45,000 members" blarney that has been circulating the country for some time. The Department has uksed that the truth must be known, and we surmise that if published at all, it will be nearer "4 societies, 400 members." Verily the Department is a lasting benefit to suffering philatelic humanity. *Sic Semper Peruna.*

A Philatelic Cocktail — A Dutch Split.

Most likely Bill will be the recipient of an indignant epistle with reference to the fore-going, hailing from the Sage. Say - Did any of you ever get a letter from Brody? Many and many a time in the dim and musty past has Bill been favored, and the pleasure was all his (?). When Brody uses a typewriter it is bad enough, but those indited by manual labor are absolutely untranslatable. At first they seemed to be a cross between shorthand and esperanto, but lately Brody has evidently added a few more languages to his repretoire, as Bill finds traces here and there of Assyrian, Tungalese and Hebrew, to say nothing of some cryptic designs known only to the ancient Egyptians and Brody. Horace Greely was a "beaut" in this respect, but Brody has him lashed to the mast, yelling for Help. Horace was a wonder in his day, but he was unfortunate in not being able to enjoy the advantages of modern research such as are now enjoyed in Superior. We tremble to think what might happen had Horace lived today, but in any event, our money goes on Brody, he looks like a three time winner to Bill. Certes-amigo, if you have to write to Bill about this, and do it by manual labor, just turn your face towards the East, and whistle. It will do just as much good, and will save you a postage stamp.

DETROIT — Dear old Detroit, is just awakening to the fact that she has not exactly a white elephant on her hands, but an A. P. S. Convention. Mercy - goodness, how time does fugit, why it seems only a few short weeks since Columbus was doing the honors, and now here it is almost two years ago. History has been made in the interim, and more in the making.

Columbus tried to vary the old time worn method of procedure by instilling a little variety into the program, but - Oh Horrors - the impuduating young upstart was slapped on the wrist and sent to bed without any supper, and the warning, not to monkey with the buzz saw when it was in operation. Bill sincerely hopes that Detroit will be able to vary the monotony of reports and silly inattentive twaddle to such an extent that it will be of real value and a pleasure at the same time. Should some one get up in meeting and say "Get away from that horse's head," don't get scared and run like we did here in Columbus, just keep sittin' on the lid. The vast majority of the Society is with YOU.

From all reports Detroit is getting ready to open somebody's eyes. Rumor has it that as an entertainment feature, there will be a large exhibition and an auction sale. One evening will be devoted to an "inter-member" performance, chief of which will be a buck and wing dance by those Philatelic Gold Dust Twins -- Parnassus Penflip and Pernicious Penslip. W. O. Wylie will read an interesting original paper on the Use of Adulterated Alcohol in Original Gum, while Messers Quackenbush, Nast and Johnson will present a scene from the "Three Mousquetaires in Philadelphia" (with apologies to Rogers Bros.). C. E. Severn, the World's Word Wizzard, will give a highly interesting exhibition of acrobatic word juggling, and C. H. Mekeel, we understand, is considering an invitation to talk on - The fine points of Philatelic Law with regards to High Finance. Should Mr. Mekeel be unable to be present, Mr. Tuttle of Philadelphia will probably be substituted. The crown-

ing feature will be Toppans Philippic against the Philatelic Philistines, which has been carefully preserved in the archives of the Society, and must be heard in order to be appreciated. Other added attractions will be announced as secured. Surely there will be a feast of good things this year.

LATER - Just as we are going to press we are informed that the genial A. W. Batchelder of Boston, will read an original poem entitled, "The Miracle."

Quite the most unique thing in philatelic journalism today is the initial number of "The Arizona Philatelist"' consisting of sixteen octavo pages and cover. The leading paper is devoted to certain revenue stamps, which have eluded the search of specialists. The writer is of opinion that the one cent, proprietary, first issue, imperforate, in pair, is scarcely to be accepted as proof-positive of authenticity, but he cites the two cents, proprietory, orange, in imperforate bocks, as absolute evidence of existence of the stamp in question. The editorials are somewhat inclined to personalities, although the reason is not far to seek. The one on a certain "genial" editor, whose prejudices are no less marked than his injustices, finds expression in the designation and review of his publication which, "like a tall bully, lifts his head and lies." The publisher is dismissed with the reference, "that Pecksniff and halt hypocrite." Another undeserved sarcasm follows: "'The long-promised and much self-praised 'Philatelic Journal of America' has made its appearance finally. Its editor displayed admirable foresight in demanding a guarantee of 5000 paid-up subscriptions in advance of publication, for

the journal itself certainly lacks both tone and quality sufficient to sustain it on merit. The editorial portraits and the pictures of the editorial home are quite in keeping with the editorial taste displayed elsewhere in the magazine.''' Readers who are inclined to personal journalism should send for a copy.

Hogan Discusses Official Organs.

"Have yez decided, Finerty, phwat yez'll do about th' official or-r-r-gan''? asked Hogan as he met that occasional Philatelist, the other night.

"I have not", said Finerty; " they's enough in the avil day whin it comes, as Morphy says. I have more official or-r-r-gans now thin I know phwat to do with, an' sorra a bit am I worryin' over th' chanst av havin' a few liss".

"'Tis a sore spot wid yez, Finerty; an' I don't blame yez", said Hogan. "'Tis har-r-rd f'r an honest Phi-lay-telist, these days, t' till if he has a official or-r-r-gan 'r an official milker. I 'm a mimber av no liss th'n foive Phi-lay-telic s'cieties, ivery wan av which pays thir-r-r-ty-foive cints av me dues f'r th' same official or-r-r-gan, but I git only wan of thim. But as th' official or-r-r-ganizers is all honor-r-able min, I suppose th' ither foor goes t' th' benoighted haythen, t' eddicate thim in th' noicities av buyin' missionar-r-ry mixthures av U. S. two-cent rids, fr'm th' woilds av Checawgo an' Boston. But bein' more 'r liss asy, Finerty, I don't moind, ixcept, that I've got me thrusty pin in hand ag'inst th' day av th' ballot."

" 'Tis a har-r-rd world, Finerty, an' yez niver know if th' Hawaiin missionar-r-ry shown yez at a bar-r-rgain in th' dar-r-rk av of th' moon is only th' falsetto note av a singer, sp'akin' as an imresay-rio moight, 'r has been swoiped fr'm th' pa-a-apers av a lone widdie woman."

"Th' same is thrue av an official or-r-r-gan, Finerty. Yez niver c'n till if it's a hold-up 'r a flim-flam till th' returns 're in fr'm th' ither societies. That bein' th' case, 'tis a woise Phi-lay-tellist that picks about two good p-a-a-apers an' pays f'r thim, an' tills th' rist t' go hang."

" 'Th' Society sh'd print its own bulletin av names an' business, an' th' byes c'n turn where they will f'r th' noos an' Phi-lay-tellic litherachure. An' they ain't manny av thim in this neck av th' woods, Finerty, that'll thravel as far-r as Boston f'r it."

Phil Ately - "Why is Wee Willie Stone at an A. P. S. convention like a woman?"
Tim Brologie - "Because he is so small and gentil."
Phil - "I'm ashamed of you, and you have attended three conventions at least."
Tim - "Don't know then, Give it up, Why?"
Phil - "Because he always has the last word."

If you appreciate Bill's efforts, Tell Bill. Let him know and feel that it is not time wasted and by your appreciation shown, help him to reflect it on to others who may need it. The greatest possible blessing is to do good to others, not to have others to do good to us. Lets all be members of the SUNSHINE STAMP SOCIETY. Write BILL.

There is much fun poked at the English with regard to their joke making, and as strenuously denied on the other side of the pond. An Englishman visiting this country once said, "You Hamericans say we 'ave no 'umor, but I'll 'ave you understand, sir, that Henglish jokes are not to be laughed at." Withall, we wish to call your attention to two paragraphs that are here reprinted from The Postage Stamp, edited by Fred. J. Melville, which we site as worthy of the cause. Surely Stampic Humor is not confined to one side of the world or to any one country or people, and we welcome these wholesome diversions from our English Cousins as worthy of your kind consideration.

MIGHT HAVE BEENS

"If Dr. Cook or Commander Peary had been up to snuff, philatelically speaking" says the American Stamp Collector, "either would have clinched his proof of presence at the pole by getting out a provisional issue of stamps." "Just think what the Danish Geographical Society would have made of a few original covers with special stamps dated from ETOOKISOOKVILLNORDPOL. But it would scarcely have paid a genius like the famous Cook to frivol away his time on issuing commemoratives or provisionals, for the New York newspapers pay much better.

The Postage Stamp.

A yarn is going the rounds of the American press to the effect that a young lady insists on ushing 3 cent stamps on her correspondance (instead of 2 cents) in order to harmonise with her lavender stationery. This is an excellent idea which Mr. Buxton (the English Postmaster General) should encourage with a view to extra revenue to the

British Post Office. It would be quite appropriate for instance, for suffragettes to use the British three-halfpenny stamp, which is purple and green on white, thus shewing the colors of the Women's Social and Political Union. The candidates of one party in the present general election should use the 2½ d. blue stamps on all their correspondance, while the other party might be refered to the recently issued 4d. orange. —The Postage Stamp.

Jack Sprat had no fat,
And his wife had no lean.
With the high price of meat
They had nothing to eat;
And so between them both they
Licked all the gum off their postage stamps.

How can BILL improve the Mag - Tell Bill.

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The forces under General Mekeel have been surprised by a brilliant night attack by the insurgents under the command of General Flachmann, or Flachskamm, in the near vicinity of St. Louis, Mo. Flank attack has followed flank attack with terrific infighting and uppercutting. As soon as the smoke of battle clears away sufficiently to give any idea of the carnage and casualities on both sides, Bill intends to give a resume of the fight. You don't want to miss THIS.

Anything on your mind - Tell it to BILL.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDANTS

H. S. A. - We are at a loss to know what you mean. We do not know of any watermark such as G. G. Could you mean a double surcharge G on Cape of Good Hope used for Griqualand? Better write to Chas. E. Severn, ? Editor of Mekeels.

WM. J. - We know of no die or sinker used in the manufacture of postage stamps that answers to the appelation of "sine." Probably the die you refer to is the "sine die" always used by Willie Stone at A. P. S. Conventions.

MADGE - The term "en serpentine" has nothing to do with, nor was derived from the Salome dance. It is philatelic in meaning and refers to a wavy manner of separation. See Spokeshakes' Antony and Cleopatra for confirmation.

R. J. B. - Your inquiry about replacing missing teeth or perforations. Dr. Singer of New York is about the best Stamp Dentist we know. Ask Stanley Gibbons.

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Something worry you - Tell it to BILL.

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decided to open a BILL fund. Those in sympathy with this movement please send 12 cents to the editor and we will send this little Mag for one year free of charge. (EDITOR.)

DEAR READER — Now that you have read the little Mag thro, Don't you think it is worth 12 cents to help Bill in his endeavor to brighten and lighten the dull and tedious side of our hobby. If you are in sympathy with a better, brighter and purer Philately, you are in sympathy with BILL. Send him your 12 cents now, for after March 31st, the water from the 25 cent faucet will be in operation. DO IT NOW.

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Many things have happened since Bill last made his official kow-tow. Mrs. Bill ukased that it was up to Bill to find quarters that contained larger rooms so that Bill might have room to a little more than turn around and change his mind at the same time. When Mrs. Bill sends forth a ukase, it is but to obey, so down from the Philatelic Empyrean came Bill and forthwith and forsooth obtained domicile for Bill, Mrs. Bill and the little Bills at 1466 Calle Worthington, Colombo, Ohio, Estados Unidos. SABE. Hereafter and henceforth Bill will be found at the above number.

How many of you philosophical philatelists have enjoyed the moving stunt? Say—Isn't it hard to take your mind off stamps even for that length of time and descend to the commonplace task of escorting yourself and an armload of stamp albums two blocks down the street? Bill could hardly resist the temptation to sit down on the curbstone and take a fond look through those albums. But with heroic mien of mind he stood bravely to the task and finally deposited his treasures in safety. No more of this moving stunt for Bill. It's far too strenuous.

In order to pay moving expenses Bill has had to raise the price of the Mag to one quarter of a dollar. This was forecasted a month ago, but there have been so many calls for copies and requests that the price not be raised until certain persons had come in out of the damp, that Bill has decided to accept subscriptions at the former rate of 12 cents per year for at least another month. Those having the twelve please apply at once.

There have been so many requests for copies of number one and two, Bill desires to dispense the following information for the benefit of all concerned. Number One is entirely exhausted—Bill has not even one copy for himself, while Number Two will be very shortly if the demand keeps up. As long as it lasts Bill will start subscriptions when desired with Number Two, and will try to get copies of Number One if possible. Better Advertise.

Bill has received some very flattering letters congratulating him upon the contents of the Mag. One brother even sent in a ten years' subscription. It seems to be finding favor in channels least expected, and Bill is more than pleased with the outlook for the future. It surely is worth its price if it can divert your mind for a few minutes from the ceaseless care and worry of watermarks, sur-

charges, perforations and the like. The Mag is all that is claimed for it; The Greatest Liv-Philatelic Nerve Tonic. Your money back if not satisfied.

Say—Let Bill tell you—that Garfield-Perry stunt was some pumpkins sure. From dewy morn till dewy morn there was something doing all the time every blessed minute; and BILL was there. Parnassus, Bill and Pernicious had the time of their sweet young existence and had a love feast right off the bat. From the drop of the hat till the third crow of the clarion-voiced bi-ped, that trinity of philatelic journalists were in the game. Nothing was put on the boards but those eager philatelists devoured it with avidity surprisingly occult, especially that seance on the fifteenth floor skyward. Never has Bill seen anything o equal the cordial hospitality shown upon this occasion and to devoutly wish that there were more Commodores in existence, especially enough to go around. Bill sincerely congratulates these Clevelanders upon the consummation of such a happy event and trusts that they will ever have a warm spot in their heart for Bill and Parnassus, even tho Bill has received the following scripture from Cleveland: Dear Bill:—

Right side up with care this morning? The haze is just passing and things are beginning to assume normal proportions again. Cleveland was a dry town for three days afterwards because Parnassus and you stopped the output and it took the damp factories three days and nights to catch up. Boys feel rather hurt because of this lack of appreciation on your part.

Yours,

PERNICIOUS.

Finerty Will Vote For Bar-r-num

Hov yez decided who yez'll vote f'r, f'r sicrethary?" asked Hogan of Finerty, as they foregathered St. Patrick's morning to make arrangements for a trip together to the Garfield-Perry banquet. These details had been satisfactorily arranged, and Hogan's mind turned to the pending campaign. Finerty was slow replying, and he asked again: "Who are yez goin' t' vote f'r, f'r sicrethary?"

"F'r Bar-r-num," said Finerty. "Oi loiked him at th' convintion, he's been a good mimber f'r years, an' Bar-r-num's a good name, so Oi'm 'goin' t' vote f'r Bar-r-num."

"Finerty, 'tis proud av yez Oi am," said Hogan. 'Oi've had t' make up y'r mind f'r yez iver since th' Columbus convintion, an' 'tis proud Oi am t' think yez are doin' justice t' me trainin'. But how did yez do it?"

"Yez nadn't rub it in, Hogan," rejoined Finerty, with some heat. "Oi'm not a politician 'r a mimber av th' kitchen cabinet, an' bein' a slow thinker Oi can't jump loike y'rsilf to a conclusion."

"Aisy, b'y, aisy," said Hogan. "'Tis only me plisant way av sayin' y're doin' fine. But phwat decided yez?"

"Well," said Finerty, "Oi hadn't made up me moind at all at all. Oi wanted t' sthick by Bar-r-num, bein' a good Buckeye, an' Oi loiked some av th' matther Morris has been writin' f'r th' official or-r-gan. It was har-r-rd t' say which, without bein' unjust t' wan 'r th' ither.

"But lasht noight Oi wor comin' down town with Morphy, an' Morphy wor tellin' me his throubles, Mrs. Morphy bein' phwat yez might call sthrong-moinded. We met Flanagan, an' afther passin' th' toime av day an'

a few ither plisanthries, Flanagan says t' Morphy, he says:

"'Morphy, 'tis a foine new Morris chair Oi hear yez hov up t' y'r house.'

"'Oi hov,' says Morphy.'

"'Ah,' says Flanagan, he says, 'they're great things. 'Tis much comfort Oi know yez get out av it.'

"Oi do,' says Murphy, 'Oi do—whin Oi get it; but Bridget's cat ginerally bates me to it.'

"It wor an oi-opener, Hogan. Oi jus' thought, if th' Society acquoires a Morris chair, Bridget's cat more th'n loikely will bate us to it; in ither wor-r-rds—"

"In ither wor-r-rds," interrupted Hogan, "if we illict Morris, we'll hov a sicrethary f'r th' binifit av th' Amin Cor-r-ner, an' not f'r th' binifit av th' Society."

"Thrue f'r ye," said Finerty.

There was a young man from Mauch Chunk
Whose knowledge of stamps was quite punk.
Thought himself quite a Shark,
Tho in truth, quite a Mark,
And on whom was unloaded Much Junk.

A dealer recently sent a selection on approval valued at 25 cents to a small boy who kept them and refused to make returns. After writing this small boy several times the dealer received the following:

Dear Sir:—Please do not write me any more for the return of those stamps, as it will do you no good. I am a Bankrupt.

Bill feels rather hurt—No word from Brodie yet, and he has cut Bill off his mailing list.

There can be no doubt that the grace and beauty of design, characteristic of many of the world's stamps, add much to the interest and profit of philatelic pursuit and possession. One would naturally expect the publishers of journals devoted to this subject, and more particularly the makers and venders of alleged official organs, to have some ideas of standards of beauty and symmetry beyond those of the African troglodyte. But, alas, the futility of expectation is almost proverbial.

I have before me the "Thousandth number." While not blessed with unusual manly charms, thanks be to Allah for not giving me a face like that. The most prominent feature of the offense is a group of three balls, arranged in the usual manner to indicate a place where personal loans are negotiated at usurious interest, and it is worthy of mention that the half-tone portraits on the balls, instead of concealing the unpleasant suggestion, rather lend emphasis to it. The name Isaac in the same connection does not tend toward dispelling the Semitic expression.

Next in order of demerit is a table, sadly out of perspective and impossible in its proportions. Measured by familiar objects reposing thereon, this table is 16 inches high and 22 inches long—I wonder if it could be a tabouret and not a table at all! Judged by its architecture, however, it is a massive 5x7 library table, supporting a cheap globe, no doubt an unredeemed pledge from the pawn shop advertised on the same page, and the most extraordinary stamp album the world has ever known. The pages of this album must be at least five feet long, and the one in view is decorated with U. S. stamps of such enormous size (6x9) that one can hardly believe in their reality, but must rather imagine them to be reproductions of some stamp collector's dream induced by a jag of root

beer or other deleterious temperance beverage affected by the truly good.

Other crimes of a less serious nature tend to preserve the impression that the publishers mean to advertise their frugality in not employing an artist and recall the aphorism that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing because it is evident they have heard that "a penny saved is a penny earned," but stopped school before acquiring the further knowledge that "a thing of beauty is a joy forever."

S. T. PATRICK,
In the Arizona Philatelist.

A little incident of the Garfield-Perry banquet is quite worthy of your attention. Bro. Chas. Esterly Severn being called upon, made quite an eloquent talk and after the affair broke up, Pernicious called him to one side and after congratulating him upon his effort casually remarked that he had a book in his library at home that contained every word of that speech. Chas. Esterly immediately took umbrage and requested that the book be sent to him in the morning. About 10 A. M. the book came—It was a Dictionary.

Doesn't something clever come to your mind once in a while? Bill does not have a copyright on all that kind of stuff and would appreciate it if his readers would send in for publication such items that they think worthy of the Mag. We all have a duty to help make the world brighter and better to live in—let's try to make our Philatelic World as cheerful and habitable as possible. Send in your message of cheer and become a member of the Sunshine Stamp Society.

Letters From a Self-Made Stamp Dealer to His Son

LETTER NUMBER II

Dear George:—Yours just received, and while I have time I want to get a reply to you as soon as possible. Your efforts seem to be meeting with a fair degree of success and I am as glad as you. There are many things to remember in this struggle to establish a foothold in this philatelic world, chief of which is Honesty. A reputation is something that is absolutely essential to a business of this character if you desire it to last, and Honesty is the best Foundation upon which to build. A house built upon the shifting sands will tumble sooner or later about your ears, while that builded upon an Honest foundation will have the power to weather many a storm. It is as true today as when your old dad first made the plunge, and you may bet your bottom plunk that if he had tried to bamboozle the pennies and dollars out of philatelic pockets through shady means he would have had to take to the tall and uncut some aeons ago. I remember one firm in particular that advertised for collections. When these came in they would send a check for Twelve Dollars, no matter how many Hundreds it might really be worth, and when brought up sharp after some lengthy correspondence, would excuse themselves by saying that this particular collection became mixed with a very mediocre one received the same day and that they were sorry, etc. From the number of times they made this excuse they must have bought all the kid collections in the U. S. and still were not satisfied. They got away with this game several times to my knowledge, but at last tackled the wrong customer and their house of cards fell. They are

still doing business today in a way, but not one of the old regime have the least degree of confidence in them. Be Honest, Boy, be just, and you will find that it is your best asset. Be satisfied with making a reasonable profit legitimately and you will have accomplished what many have failed to do. Honesty pays better than a page add in any philatelic publication, and the esteem and confidence of your customers is worth more than money in the bank through dishonest methods.

Yours,

DAD.

If you have a tale to tell,
And will season it quite well,
Just write it out and send it in to Bill,
As he's looking for those things
Which to all a good laugh brings
And he wants a jolly lot his Mag to fill.

Tell the latest on yourself—
How some philatelic elf
Pinched a couple of your treasures on the sly;
Or that time you dropped a V
For a "howling rarity"
Which the seller now for 50 cents won't buy!

What is doing at the Club?
What's become of that old dub
Who specialized in Hamburg locals rare?
Or that kid so worldly wise
That he seemed six times his size,
And with his misfit knowledge made you swear?

Started up a paper yet?
Get new issues strictly "net"?
Won a prize on "Wadhwan" at the show?
If perchance you've made a hit
As a fool or as a wit,
Write it up in style to Bill and let us know!

MARK POST.

That 'ORRIBLE BATTLE at St. Louis was smothered by the atmosphere and rain checks were issued good at any succeeding performance. Getting right down to Brass Tacks and giving a resume is very simple. These two naughty, bad boys are just fooling with each other, each one being afraid.

Swindler, says one.

Thief, says the other.

Philatelic Cradle Robber, says one.

Philatelic Fakir, says the other.

Fraidy Cat, says one.

H'aint nuther, you're the Fraidy Cat, says the other.

Dare you to knock this stick offen my shoulder, says one,

Let's see you knock this one offen mine, says the other.

Just at this point some one came along with some stamps to sell and they both forgot about it. And there you have it in a nutshell.

That Detroit convention is certainly going to be a winner from all points of the compass. Those live wires are bending every effort to make it the Best Ever, and expect to set a mark that succeeding hosts will have to scratch some to surpass. Bill has just received word from Mr. Fernald, the chairman of the inter-member vaudeville performance, that inasmuch as Batch insisted upon reciting "The Miracle" upon every occasion in Cleveland, they have cut him off the program and have substiuted Messrs. Rhodes and Bruce of Cleveland, who will give a dualogue in Scotch dialect entitled — Jock MacGregor were a Hieland Mon.

DEAR READER—Now that you have read the little Mag thro, Don't you think it is worth 12 cents to help Bill in his endeavor to brighten and lighten the dull and tedious side of our hobby? If you are in sympathy with a better, brighter and purer Philately, you are in sympathy with Bill. Send him your 12 cents. NO IT NOW.

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