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## DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Believing in the economy resulting in cash transactions, we will, until further notice, accept deposit accounts, and will give you credit for 10% more than the amount remitted, thus: If you remit \$10.00, your account will have credit for \$11.00.

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## AUCTION SALE.

Early in June we will hold a very superior sale of stamps, mostly single stamp lots, with some fifty wholesale lots added. Would you care for a catalogue?

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Here, There, Everywhere

"Paper, and pencil, pen and ink,  
All you need to is to sit and think.  
Sit and think and write your thoughts down,  
And peddle your writings 'round the town."

**T**HAT is all right in print, but we find it rather difficult to "think" up enough notes for these pages. We receive so few papers now that we are totally at sea in regard to amateur affairs. The only papers we now receive from the east are: "The Eaglet," "The Beacon," and "American Monthly." Besides these we get "Ink Drops," "National Amateur," "L'etoile du Nord," besides the western papers, to all of which we give our thanks.

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The National Amateur for October contains an excellent poem by Miss H. C. Cox, entitled, "Greeting to the Old Timer." It is an appeal to the old time amateur to again take a part in the affairs of our association, or, as Miss Cox expresses it:

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“Take thy pen, for years neglected,  
Take thy pen grown old and rusty,  
Take thy pen, thine old companion,  
Sit thee down and call to memory,  
All those pleasant days and pastimes.”

What a noble tribute she pays to the amateurs of years gone by, in the following lines:

\* \* That upreared the grand old N. A. P. A.  
And who has made it firm, enduring,  
You, it was, who formed that structure,  
And with gratitude we thank you.”

And further on:

“ \* It needs the best endeavors  
Of the present to sustain it;  
Needs the faithful work and earnest,  
Of the future to complete it.”

In the following lines she expresses the sentiment of nearly all our present day amateurs, when she says:

“Never fear, O! Old Timers,  
We will give you kindest greeting,  
We will show you every token,  
Of our good will and friendship.”

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Again we have a novelty sprung on us, this time in the form of a nameless paper. Messrs. Lind and Magnes claim the editorship of this unique journal. The price is moderately put at thirteen cents, but the publishers will not

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feel aggrieved should it be offered for sale at ten cents by news dealers and other venders of good things to discerning people. Every paper is signed by both editors and numbered consecutively. It is issued "whenever circumstances combine favorably to both publishers."

Bainerd P. Emery contributes some criticisms while J. L. Magnes gives an excellent review of Count Tolstoy's novel "Master and Man." Mr. Magnes gives the story in a brief form, and adds some excellent comments. The book deals of the relation of the employer and employes.

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San Francisco has a number of excellent amateur papers, which are little know outside the city. An exchange of papers would be greatly appreciated by the publishers, who are, as yet, but novices in the work. They are: The Friend, 1018 Polk street; The Concord, 1917 Sacramento street; The Satire, 774 Bryant street; The New Era, 1915 $\frac{1}{2}$  Devisadore street.


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"Ink Drops," has again shown up with a bright and interesting issue. Miss Amy Lawrence, or at least,—well never mind, contributes some spicy notes under "A Cozy Corner." Under "The Onlooker," Miss Irene Bissonette hrs several pages of interesting comments on amateur affairs. This young lady has only been in the 'dom a short time, but from her many excellent articles, we expect a great future from her. The selection of Miss Bissonette as historian of the N. A. P. A., was certainly a wise move, and meets the approval of all.

WALTER RADIUS.

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### Clips From The Sunny South



I T has been very injudicious, to say the least, for amateurs to be forever quarelling and wrangling among themselves. To an outsider it must be very disgusting to be compelled to read a life history of H. A. Schoenfeld in Fargo's amateur papers. We shall lose all our respect for all concerned if it continues much longer. Granted that Fargo amateurs are active or inactive, we know it without being always told about it.

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The West for Dec. 24th. consisted of eight pages and cover. "Gems, from Blossoms of Yesterday," by Arthur H. Goodenough are very good. Mr. Schoenfeld has just issued this little volume of verses. We have not seen it yet.

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We have received a copy of the Salem World, from Salem, Mass. We don't know whether its any of our "biz" but it would improve the appearance of the paper if the head rules were omitted from the top of the pages.

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The Christmas edition of the Clarion from



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San Francisco has been received. The cover page is tastefully printed in bronze red. About the best thing in it are the editorials.

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We received a copy of the Eaglet, from Putnam, Conn. Allison Brokaw contributes "Bran in the Face," an interesting article on the troubles of the printer's "devil." It reminds us of our own troubles when we were boys. We had to hunt "Italic hair spaces."

Roy D. Bradley.

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NOTICE:—TEXAS AMATEUR has a San Francisco edition, which is mailed as soon as received from the press, to Mr. Radius, who distributes them at the meetings of the Gsapa. This is not done to slight any one or any city, but are sent direct to Mr. Radius. We sent, last month a bundle (five papers) to each of the officers of the Napa, but not ONE acknowledged the receipt of them. No more bundles will be sent to them. WM. F. LASSETTER, Publisher.

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**Ashes from the Bonfire.**



NOTHING would please us more than to have the United States recognize Cuba as a republic. It is a shame that all civilized nations will see such barbarous and cruel war waged against the patriots of that small island, by the bloody Spaniards. Take for instance, the United States when fighting for her independence, had not France come to our rescue, we would, in all probability have not won our freedom as easily as we did.

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It pleases us to receive a bundle of papers, and so it was when we received three volumes of the West. Schoenfeld has our sincere thanks for the favor.

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Among the exchanges we received this month we find: The Eaglet, The Salem World, Friend, Ink Drops, Prairie Breezes, and others.

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TEXAS AMATEUR is very late this month, but better late than not to appear at all.

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In The Friend we find a notice referring to the size of this publication, and says that its size is better and neater than a Century size. We could very easily enlarge to a Century size but we prefer our present size.

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Two numbers of the Fourth Estate came in a few days ago - one for October and the other for November. The former contains a large illustration of scenery near Fargo, N. D. The latter has the appearance of haste. Take for instance the following paragraph:

"We received a copy of the Texas Amateur it is small but all there."

A stop should be made after Amateur and it should begin with a capital letter.

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October and November numbers of the Planet are to hand. The appearance of them is very neat. We hope to receive it regularly. Beg pardon, but TEXAS AMATEUR devotes ALL its space to amateur affairs.

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The Satire of San Francisco, California, will change its name with the December number to the Courier.

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Prairie Breezes is not sleeping but is wide-awake. The November number is to hand. Devote a little less space to Schoenfeld.

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We desire to thank those who have been so kind as to remember us, on mailing day and wish to ask every publisher to see that our personal name is on their list.

## TANAS AMATEUR

Messrs. Lind and Magnes certainly have a novelty in their nameless magazine. It has no name, date or any set time for its issuance. We wish them success.

WM. F. LASSETTER.

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