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APPROVAL SHEETS—THEIR USE AND ABUSE.

BY GENIE.

The system of sending out stamps on approval is practiced by nearly all dealers, and has grown within a few years to enormous proportions. The majority of collectors prefer buying their stamps from sheets instead of from price lists, as in the sheet system they have the stamps before them and know what condition they are in before buying. This system also affords a large number of collectors a chance to get their stamps for nothing, by acting as agent in their locality for some dealer. The commission allowed on sales can be taken in either cash or stamps, many collectors preferring the latter. There are many abuses connected with the sheet system, and of these I desire to speak particularly.

One of the commonest methods practiced by dishonest collectors is "substituting." After receiving a sheet, he takes off some of the stamps, substituting others of less value in their place. To any who practice this I would say do not do it, as the dealer in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred will detect it, and you thus forfeit your self-esteem, in addition to the good opinion of the dealer, who, of all persons, detests the "substitute fiend" the most.

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and then their value as unused stamps is gone, the gum being off the back. In many cases I have had to put a sheet in a vessel of water to soak, in order to get the stamps off something that would not happen if collectors would only exercise care and judgment. Stamps should never be "hammered down," and nothing so pains a true philatelist as to see a beautiful stamp glued to a page.

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The Naumberg Collector is a new venture of mine, which will appear in January, and I desire a copy to be in the hands of every numismatist and philatelist in the land. I shall issue 5000 copies, having entered into a contract for that many for the February issue, and the attention of advertisers is called to our low rates—per inch, 50 cents; three inches, \$1; five inches, \$1.75; cash from parties not furnishing a reference or having a well-known reputation. I claim for the Collector the largest circulation of any paper in the New England States, and the largest in the United States, with one exception, of any collector paper. Those who have transacted business with me know what I mean when I say this, and also know that what I say I can prove. Copy for advertisements must reach us by the 21st of each month.

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS, MARCH, 1887.

No. 3.

STAMPS OF LIBERIA.

BY A. G. MUCKE.

This Republic was organized in 1826 by the American Colonization Society. It has an area of 10,150 square miles, a population of 118,500. The capital is Monrovia, with 11,000 inhabitants. Mr. T. T. Roberts is the president. The standard coin is one dollar. This Republic first issued stamps in 1860, which was a set of three. The stamps were of a large size and very neat. The figure of liberty seated is on the left side, a vessel on the right, "Liberia" below, the value at the top, and cents below "Liberia." This set is unperforated. They were of three values, 6c., red; 12c., blue; and 24c., green. This set is exceedingly rare. The next set was issued in 1866. The only difference is that they are perforated. The next issue was in 1881. This was a set of five, with the same design. They are 1c., blue; 2c., lake; 6c., purple; 12c., yellow; and 24c., carmine. In 1882 there were two different issues. One was a 3c., black, with the sun rising over a rural scene, the word "Inland" at the top. The other is a set of two stamps, 8c., blue, and 16c., carmine. The value is in the center and each corner, "Republic" on the left, "Liberia" on the right, "Postage" above 8c. and 16c., respectively, below. There was a new issue this year. The stamps are of three types. The first has a large figure of value in a hexagon, with "Republic" at the left, "Postage" at the top, "Liberia" at the right. They are 1c., carmine; 2c., green; 3c., lilac; 4c., brown; 6c., gray. The second has the same inscription as in the first type, but on fancy scroll. The values are 8c., blue, and 16c., orange. The third has a view of a ship and rising sun, with a plough and palm trees in the foreground, "32" above and

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We present No. 3 of the TEXAS STAMP to our friends with a somewhat improved appearance. Our very lively subscription clerk has not been overburdened with work for the past month, but we expect that March will keep him busy. Send in the subscriptions. Fifteen cents is but a small sum, and we know we can give you full value for your money. Our "Personal and Impersonal" column will give you more real information in a month than you could obtain from seventeen pages of articles on the "History of the Stamps of Ujyy," such as some of our "esteemed contemporaries" use for filling. Subscribe for the TEXAS STAMP and get your friends to do likewise. If you send five subscribers and seventy-five cents, we will give you a subscription free.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

No. 2 of the Western Philatelist is a good one.

England is to have a complete set of new stamps.

The United States has a postoffice to every 70.2 square miles.

"Philatelic" or "Philatelical"? We vote for the former.

W. C. Parker, of Elmira, New York, has issued a neat album for beginners. If he

hopes for a large Texas sale, he should advertise in THE TEXAS STAMP.

The Stamp World adds to its title "and Wise and Otherwise."

Think of it! An Album free. See another page for particulars.

We have received a copy of C. T. Tattman's coin list. Thanks.

See any improvement in this issue of the TEXAS STAMP? Then subscribe.

The Stamp Figaro is the name of a new paper to be issued from Chicago.

"Fraud lists," "Directories," and the like, are announced by the score.

Paris (France, not Texas) has 150 wholesale dealers, so a correspondent writes.

More than 13,000 letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office each day. "How shiftless."

Swiss stamps are often seen surcharged "Ausser Kers." This means simply "out of use."

Postal notes are now issued payable at any money order office, and so form a sort of currency.

Mr. Thos. E. Wilson, editor of the New York Weekly World, is an enthusiastic collector.

Smith & Handford, 23 Dey street, New York, announce a directory of the collectors in the Empire State.

Oh, no! dear brethren of the STAMP, the "Texas boom" has not "gone fishing." Here we are, and improving every issue.

The son of the Duchess de Galliera (whoever is she?) is said to have a collection valued at \$350,000 and filling 300 volumes.

J. Straus, the well-known wholesale dealer, of Cleveland, Ohio, has taken his brother into partnership. See their card on another page.

The New York Philatelic Society has a committee at work on a revised list of United States envelopes, and the book will be of great value.

R. R. Bogert & Co., of New York, who make something of a specialty of post-cards, say that the number of collectors interested in this branch of philately is on the increase, and gave as a reason for it the fact

that the collectors may have a complete set, as the cards having been so recently introduced that there are no procurable specimens, although some are becoming scarce.

Mr. Wm. P. Brown, the old-time well-known dealer, has again started in business, this time at 114 Nassau street, New York. See his card elsewhere and write for circulars.

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The Empire State Philatelist adds to its title, "and Coin and Curiosity Collector," and will hereafter devote a part of its space to coins and curiosities. It will consist of sixteen pages and a cover.

The publisher of the American Journal of Philately announces a new album, to be called the "Improved." It is to be a blank album, and will no doubt fill a long felt want among the more advanced collectors.

Mr. Alvah Davison, the proprietor of the Youth's Ledger, having been warned by his physician that he must free himself from some of his burden of work or fatal consequences would result, has taken as his partner on his paper Mr. Gustave Aue, of New York. The Ledger is one of our best exchanges and we are glad that Mr. Davison is not obliged to sell it as was reported at one time.

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PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

The Curiosity World has a remarkably good serial article on autograph collecting.

C. D. Smith of the Mohawk Standard is an invalid, but he makes a good paper all the same.

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Mr. C. E. Swope, the former well-known dealer of Louisville, is just recovering from a severe attack of rheumatic fever.

Dealers say that Plain Talk's collection department is immense. By the way, the same adjective will apply to P. T. itself.

W. W. Thomas of Brooklyn, has recently bought of Smith & Handford, who are retiring from business, their entire stock of U. S. Locals, and now has a stock which few dealers can equal.

New papers are springing up in all directions, and more are announced. This betokens a deep and wide-spread interest in philately, and we are glad to extend our Texas right hand to all the new-comers.

If any of our esteemed contemporaries are likely to be stricken down with the suspension fever, we wish to say right here that we are prepared to fill out any unexpired subscriptions at the most reasonable rates, and with satisfaction to all parties concerned.

Thomas & McNicholl of the old Long Island Collector, now called the Collectors' Journal, contemplate issuing a Philatelic Annual, to be followed by a Philatelic Encyclopedia, if the first venture proves successful. If issued, both will be profusely illustrated.

The Halifax Philatelist is good, so good in fact that it has been obliged to enlarge. Right, neighbor from the Dominion; out upon such obscene advertisements as the General Anzeiger fur Philatelic contains. Ours is a pastime that should be kept pure and free from such reading. Out upon it.

The Stamp World is dead. Perhaps the Wise and Otherwise addition to its name killed it, and yet we are suspicious that its

death is due to the following, which it fired at the TEXAS STAMP in its last issue:

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The Peerless Review of Worcester, Mass., makes a good suggestion in its March issue, as follows:

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No. 5.

BEGINNING A STAMP COLLECTION.

Are you a stamp collector? No. Well, you should be. Everybody is a collector of something these days. Your father is proud of his collection of books—his library; your mother of her ferns, her orchids, or her other rare plants; your big brother is a collector of coins—a numismatist; your sister is an ardent botanist; and why shouldn't you have a hobby, too? Stand up for your rights. One of the inalienable rights of every American boy is to write *ist* after his name, to be a philatelist, a stamp collector.

Just now, the time-honored tradition that Sir Rowland Hill is the inventor of the postage stamp is being knocked out by the efforts of the son of James Chalmers, and when the Quaker City Philatelic society is booming the claims of M. deValayer, it ill behooves us to attempt to say who did invent the postage stamp, or who first made a collection of stamps. It is enough for us to know that the stamp was invented, and that the good example of that far-off and mysterious individual—the first collector—has proved contagious.

You have seen the collections which some of your friends have, and the ambition to have one of your own is kindled in your breast. But how will you go about it? You can obtain from your collecting friends some of their duplicates, and this will give you a little start; then, by looking over the old letters and papers which accumulate in every house, you can find many good specimens of United States stamps, both postage and revenue. Handle them carefully, and don't tear the stamps when you take them from the envelopes or documents. A torn stamp should not be given a place in a col-

lection, certainly only temporarily, or until a better specimen can be secured.

You will find some envelope stamps, and these should be cut out square, leaving a margin of at least one-eighth of an inch—a quarter would be better—on all sides.

You may find some old locals, and if so, it would be wise to save the envelope and all, not removing the stamp. The reason for this is, that the counterfeiter is abroad in the land, and if you have your valuable stamp on the original envelope, with postmarks, etc., complete, it helps to prove its genuineness, and hence adds to its value.

After having gone through these family treasures, and such others as you may have access to, you will find yourself possessed of quite a number of stamps of different kinds, and quite an assortment of duplicates. You will, of course, add to your collection by exchanging with your friends, so far as you can.

Try and get the boys and girls about you interested in collecting also, and thus increase your opportunity for exchanging. Every stamp collector should constitute himself a committee of one to get some new collector started.

By this time you will have increased your collection to a considerable extent, and will begin to think of getting an album for your treasures. By all means do so as soon as you can. Some of the cheap albums will answer at first; but as you have started out with the determination of being a model collector, take our advice and buy an International album, if you possibly can. The \$1.50 edition will answer nicely, and you will not need to transfer your collection to a more pretentious album for a long time.

You will need, too, a standard catalogue, (Scott's, Durbin's or Bogert's), and possibly a United States catalogue, (Sterling's), to

aid you in determining the many disputed points which will constantly arise, as well as to help you in regard to prices for exchanging.

You will, as you become more interested in collecting, wish to subscribe to a few of the best stamp papers, and will doubtless place the TEXAS STAMP well up towards the head of your list. By reading what is going on in the collecting world, what new stamps are soon to be issued, etc., your interest in your collection will be maintained. In another way the papers will aid you. They will give you the addresses of the most reliable dealers, and also open to you many opportunities, through their exchange columns, of disposing of your duplicates.

But our publisher is ringing the bell for the scene to close, and something about exchanging, as well as an illustrated chapter on mounting stamps, must go over to the next number. HEN. CHROMDIN.

AN ENVELOPE ALBUM.

In writing the following lines, I do so confident that in the near future others will take up this subject.

We now have excellent postage stamp albums, revenue stamp albums, postal card albums, and others, but not what we need as much, i. e. a stamped envelope album. Postal cards and stamps or revenues and postage stamps are not allowed for in the same album, yet in every album published for postage stamps, spaces are allotted for envelope stamps, and, what is still more degrading to Philately, the spaces are only for *cmt* envelopes. Now, seeing as how we have postal cards in separate albums, wherein the *entire* card can be placed, *why* can not we have an album especially prepared for the reception of *entire* stamped envelopes? Surely, there are enough envelope stamps to warrant a special album. The envelopes of the United States themselves would fill up a good part of the book, leaving alone those of Great Britain, the German Empire, Prussia and many others. If the envelopes were in a separate album, spaces could be arranged for entire specimens, while it is impossible to do so where adhesive stamps are included. It would also very much encourage the collection of entire specimens in preference to square cut ones. Let us

hope to see spaces for square cut envelope stamps omitted from adhesive stamp albums in future, and to see Envelope Stamp Albums issued instead. I, for one, am in favor of the change, and I would like to hear the opinion of those interested in the collection of entire envelopes and see more articles written on this subject. In conclusion I would warn all young collectors and beginners not to cut any entire stamped envelopes that they may possess, as the time will come when you will be glad that you have them entire, when, had they been cut, you might perhaps not have any benefit or profit from them.—*The Stamp Collector's Figaro.*

THE GARFIELD ENVELOPES.

There has been a good deal of discussion about the 5-cent stamped envelopes, bust of Garfield, on blue and fawn paper, some even going so far as to say that they were nothing but fancy impressions. The envelopes were not issued for several months after the adhesives made their appearance—perhaps not over six weeks before the expiration of the contract of 1878-82. At some time during these six weeks two hundred envelopes on fawn and two hundred and fifty on blue were received at a certain postoffice in the usual way, and were sold in the usual way, most of them being purchased by a gentleman who is well known to us, and who, it seems, had a presentiment that these sizes would be abolished. They were; for No. 3 blue and No. 7 fawn have been so little called for in the past, that the department decided to discontinue them at the expiration of the contract, and on the schedule issued on January 1, they will not be found. The time (six weeks) is merely a supposition, as we do not know exactly how long it was between the appearance of the Garfield envelopes and the expiration of the contract under which they were made; but this we do know: that the envelopes on blue and fawn paper were regularly made and supplied in the usual way to a postoffice, and sold at the office just as other envelopes are sold.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

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PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

That American Philatelic Press Directory fills a long felt want.

The Review hails from Rock Island, Ill., and is quite interesting.

Again we say, always enclose postage when asking questions.

E. R. Aldrich, of Benson, Minn., has issued the *Philatelic Annual*.

Dealers will do well to steer clear of A. M. Rareshide, of New Orleans.

New postal cards have been issued from Bosnia, Trinidad and Dutch Indies.

The *Southern Collector* comes to us from Hickory, Mississippi. Here's our 

April *Plain Talk* has a good article on the "Stamp Credit Reform," by Chas. Edwood.

S. Allan Taylor is now advertising sets of Korea unused at 10 cents per set. Counterfeits!

The *Philatelic Herald* is still struggling with fate, having just issued its January number.

You had better subscribe now, as we may raise our subscription price with the next number.

Our circulation this and each succeeding issue will be 2000 copies. Advertisers should take advantage of this.

Collectors who do not return approval sheets sent them should be advertised. "A hint to the wise is sufficient."

A slight change has been made in the 2d. stamp of Victoria, the head now appearing on a ground of horizontal lines.

Hamburg locals? Did somebody say Hamburg locals? Trash, every one, and not worthy a place in any album.

The stamp on the 1 cent Canadian postal card has been changed somewhat, now resembling the old '75 newspaper wrapper.

A new "late letter stamp," has been issued by United States of Columbia, for use on letters received after mails are closed.

Two new stamps have been issued from Brazil, 300 reis, blue, and 500 reis, olive. The inscription is "Coneio Imperio de Brazil."

The *Tag Gazette* is a new paper from Cambridgeboro, devoted to tag collecting. Better collect stamps, boys, and not encourage the use of the weed.

The publishers of the *Empire State Philatelist* offer to publish with their journal, as a free supplement, the *American Philatelist*, the organ of the American Philatelic Association.

The *Philatelic Tribune* is getting it right and left from its contemporaries. Better be small, like the TEXAS STAMP, Brother Stanton, than to have a blanket sheet with nothing in it.

Among recent surcharges is the 1d. Cape of Good Hope wrapper, surcharged "British Bechuanaland," in type. The cards and envelopes of British India have also been surcharged "Faridkot State," in black.

Three new stamps are said to have been issued from South Australia: 3d., green, head in oval, "Postage and Revenue" above, value below, "South Australia at sides; 2s. 6d., lilac; and 5s., rose; same inscription.

At the recent Scott & Co. auction sale, a United States entire envelope, 1847, 4c., blue and red, sold for \$9.25; a United States 2c. wrapper, die D, for \$8.25; a Buenos Ayres, 4p., 1858, brought \$39.00. At the Proskey sale, the 5c. red and green, Baton Rouge local, sold for \$26.00.

From Geo. H. Richmond we have a copy of the *American Philatelic Press Directory* for 1887. It is not entirely free from errors, and yet is a creditable work. It gives lists of all the stamp papers of the United States and Canada, with particulars as to editors and publishers, advertising rates, etc. Blank space is left for memorandums, etc., and the *Directory* will be found useful to all dealers.

EDITORIAL.

We present this issue of the *TEXAS STAMP* in an enlarged and improved form, and we trust that our friends will be pleased with our little paper. We make no great pretensions, but are determined to succeed, and if hard work counts we expect to "get there." Our thanks are due to several of our exchanges for favorable notices received.

Our offer of premiums in the April issue proved so popular that we continue it for the present, and to every person sending 15 cents for a year's subscription before June 1st, we offer the following premiums:

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Send a two cent stamp for return postage, in addition to the 15 cents for subscription, and the premium will be promptly sent.

In addition to this, the first 25 subscribers will each receive a foreign postal card. Boys, tell your friends of this offer and get up a club. You are sure to be pleased with the *TEXAS STAMP*. See offer of an "Album Free" elsewhere. You can win it in a day if you will try. Each of your subscribers will get the premiums offered above.

Although we received a goodly number of subscriptions to the *TEXAS STAMP* under our offer of "An Album Free," in the March number, yet no one person sent ten names, and accordingly we repeat the offer as follows:

For the Largest Club of Subscribers to the *TEXAS STAMP*, received before June 15th, provided at least ten are sent, we will give FREE an Imperial Stamp Album. For the

second largest club, 10 different foreign Postal cards and 500 foreign Stamps. Send in the subscribers as fast as you get them, marking each order, "For Album," and promptly, on the 15th of June, the prize will be sent. Do your best for us and you may get the Album.

THANKS, KIND FRIENDS, THANKS.

Volume 1, No. 4 of the *TEXAS STAMP*, a monthly publication devoted to philately, has made its bow at the *Mail* office. It is a very neatly gotten up little sheet, and is published by Thomas P. Martin, Jr., and edited by Hen. Chromden and reflects credit on both of the gentlemen, and as an evidence that the publisher knows a thing or two about the newspaper business, the *Mail* will state that he is already offering premiums to subscribers. Success to you, young gentlemen, and may the *TEXAS STAMP* never get stuck in the mud.

The first paper presenting itself addressed to *The Texas Advertiser* comes from our young friend, Thomas P. Martin, Jr., and is entitled *THE TEXAS STAMP*. While *THE STAMP* is a small sheet, it answers very well the purpose for which it is intended, and does great credit to the editor and proprietor, being a neat and newsy sheet, so far as it applies to the exchange of stamps. Parties engaged in the purchase and sale of foreign and domestic stamps would do well to write to *THE TEXAS STAMP*.

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The Canadian Provinces can boast of the rarest and most interesting stamps known to collectors. Newfoundland has its rarest shilling, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick has rare shillings of unique designs, New Brunswick being the home of the Connell stamp, one of the most remarkable stamps issued. But Canada has its twelve pence, of which I want to speak in particular. They were made in New York and about 50,000 were printed on thin, unperforated paper. They were sent to the Canadian P. O. in 1851. Only 800 of them, however, were issued. The people were slow to appreciate them, even the postmaster had doubts of their usefulness. The twelve pence were intended to pay postage to England, but the rate being soon changed to 10 pence it was withdrawn. Very few of the 800 were used, the public not knowing that such a stamp existed. What became of the 50,000 received by the government I am not sure, but presume they were destroyed, as none of them have ever escaped.

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SECOND ARTICLE.

As your stock of duplicates increase you will wish to increase the circle of your exchange acquaintances, and one way to do this will be by means of the addresses given in the exchange columns of the different stamp papers. Exercise a care, however, about sending valuable stamps to strangers, else you may be taken in and mourn the loss of your treasures.

The best way to prepare stamps for exchange is to mount them carefully on sheets, the same as approval sheets sent out by dealers are put up, by means of gummed hinges. The blank sheets can be bought of most dealers at from 5 to 10 cents per dozen, but you can easily rule blank paper yourself, and it will answer just as well.

Before mounting your stamps on the sheet, carefully soak off the paper on the back, and in pricing the stamps use the prices quoted in whichever catalogue you select as your standard. If the collector you exchange with uses the same catalogue for pricing, it is clear that there will then be no difficulty in making a fair exchange, for a two cent stamp from your sheet will be the exact equivalent of a two cent stamp from his sheet.

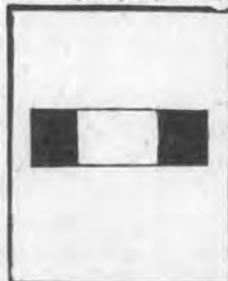
As was intimated above, care must be taken in arranging an exchange, for, if truth is told, all collectors are not reliable and honest. "There are black sheep in every flock," so the old saying goes, and some collectors do not hesitate to substitute stamps on sheets, taking off valuable ones and putting cheap ones in their places, and sometimes a collector will make an outright theft of a sheet.

All honest collectors should make it a point to let their brother collectors know of

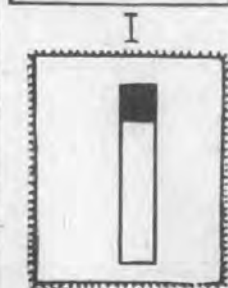
these frauds wherever found, and do all in their power to rid the fraternity of the pests. Ours should be an honest brotherhood.

How do you mount your stamps in your albums? This is an important question. The writer pasted the stamps in solid in his first album, and when he wanted to remove them a few months afterward, couldn't do it, and sold the entire lot for a bag of marbles and a second-hand silver watch that wouldn't go.

He learned wisdom, however, by the transaction, and his next collection was mounted in a very laborious manner. On each square in the album, where a stamp was to be placed, a narrow strip of stout paper was carefully gummed at each end, in the manner shown in the accompanying illustration, the large square



representing the space in the album and the small black squares showing where the narrow strip was gummed down.



Then another narrow strip of paper was gummed to the back of the stamp, as shown in the second figure, one end only being fastened. The loose end of this slip was tucked through the space in the slip in the album and the stamp was mounted. Once prepared, it was quite a satisfactory way, as the

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" " 12c. Prov.....	25
Azores 2 Reis.....	02
" 5 ".....	04
" 10 ".....	05
Antigua ½d.....	03
Bulgaria 1c.....	02
Borneo 2c.....	10
Bolivia 5c., black.....	05
Cape Verde '86, 5 Reis.....	05
" " 10 Reis.....	07
Canada ½c.....	02
" 3c.....	06
" 2c.....	05
Confederate 10c.....	03
" 20c.....	05
Dominica ½d.....	03
Ecuador 1c.....	03
Ecuador 2c.....	06
Fernando Poo 1c.....	05
Gibraltar ½d.....	04
Gold Coast ½d.....	03
Greece 1 L. (unpaid).....	02
" 2 ".....	03
Guatemala 1c.....	03
Guine '86 5 Reis.....	04
" " 10 ".....	10
Iceland 3 aur.....	03
" 5 ".....	05
Mexico 1c.....	03
" 2c.....	05
Montenegro 2 S.....	05
" 3 S.....	07
Mozambique '86, 5 Reis.....	04
" " 10 ".....	05
New Foundland 1c.....	03
" " 2c.....	06
" " 3d. Trian.....	18
New Zealand ½d.....	03
Orange States ½d. on 5sh.....	05
Pern 1c, yellow.....	03
" '86, 1c.....	03
" unpaid 1c.....	05
" " 10c.....	05
" " 1c., surcharged.....	05
St. Helena ½d.....	03
" 1d.....	05
St. Vincent ½d.....	03
Salvador '67, ½ Real.....	10
San Domingo 1c.....	03
" 2c.....	06
" 5c.....	15
San Marino 2c.....	03
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Siam ½ att.....	03
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" 2 ".....	10

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South Australia ½d.....	03
" " wrapper, ½d.....	05
Spain '70, 1 mill.....	02
Surinam 2½c.....	04
Turks Is. ½d.....	03
" " 1d.....	05
Trinidad ½d.....	03
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BEGINNING A STAMP COLLECTION.

SECOND ARTICLE.

As your stock of duplicates increase you will wish to increase the circle of your exchange acquaintances, and one way to do this will be by means of the addresses given in the exchange columns of the different stamp papers. Exercise a care, however, about sending valuable stamps to strangers, else you may be taken in and mourn the loss of your treasures.

The best way to prepare stamps for exchange is to mount them carefully on sheets, the same as approval sheets sent out by dealers are put up, by means of gummed hinges. The blank sheets can be bought of most dealers at from 5 to 10 cents per dozen, but you can easily rule blank paper yourself, and it will answer just as well.

Before mounting your stamps on the sheet, carefully soak off the paper on the back, and in pricing the stamps use the prices quoted in whichever catalogue you select as your standard. If the collector you exchange with uses the same catalogue for pricing, it is clear that there will then be no difficulty in making a fair exchange, for a two cent stamp from your sheet will be the exact equivalent of a two cent stamp from his sheet.

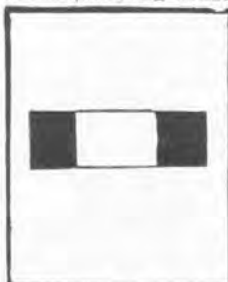
As was intimated above, care must be taken in arranging an exchange, for, if truth is told, all collectors are not reliable and honest. "There are black sheep in every flock," so the old saying goes, and some collectors do not hesitate to substitute stamps on sheets, taking off valuable ones and putting cheap ones in their places, and sometimes a collector will make an outright theft of a sheet.

All honest collectors should make it a point to let their brother collectors know of

these frauds wherever found, and do all in their power to rid the fraternity of the pests. Ours should be an honest brotherhood.

How do you mount your stamps in your albums? This is an important question. The writer pasted the stamps in solid in his first album, and when he wanted to remove them a few months afterward, couldn't do it, and sold the entire lot for a bag of marbles and a second-hand silver watch that wouldn't go.

He learned wisdom, however, by the transaction, and his next collection was mounted in a very laborious manner. On each square in the album, where a stamp was to be placed, a narrow strip of stout paper was carefully gummed at each end, in the manner shown in the accompanying illustration, the large square



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representing the space in the album and the small black squares showing where the narrow strip was gummed down.

Then another narrow strip of paper was gummed to the back of the stamp, as shown in the second figure, one end only being fastened. The loose end of this slip was tucked through the space in the slip in the album and the stamp was mounted. Once prepared, it was quite a satisfactory way, as the stamp could always be removed for examination or the substitution of a better specimen; but the labor of preparing the album

and stamps was so great that when, after a year, the collection was sold and a new one started, the hinge system was adopted as being the easiest and most satisfactory, all things considered.

In this third collection the small hinges were of gummed paper, cut one inch long by one-fourth inch wide, folded in the middle with the gummed side out, one end was fastened to the top of each stamp and the other end to the space allotted the stamp in the album.

Mounted in this way the stamp could be easily examined for water marks, etc., or could be taken out and a better specimen substituted at any time.

If the collector has plenty of time, the method of mounting illustrated will be found satisfactory, but for the average collector the last mentioned is the best.

The gummed hinge can be had of most dealers (the publisher of *THE TEXAS STAMP* offers a package to every subscriber) at a very low price, or the gummed paper can be bought at any large printing office, and the mounts made at home.

Look out for counterfeits, and never put a bogus stamp in your album, and give a wide berth ever after to any dealer who palms off the bogus trash on you.

HEN. CHROMDIN.

MY EXPERIENCE AS A COLLECTOR.

I believe that it was in the fall of 1884 when I first commenced stamp collecting. I was going to school in a certain city and among the boy students were several stamp collectors.

One day in school I saw several of the boys handling some postage stamps and asking them what they were doing, one of them told me that they were exchanging stamps, and he showed me a few unused ones which "took my eye." While standing there one of the boys threw a handful out of the window and I, after watching to see where they fell, went out and carefully picked them every one up and from that moment I resolved that I would be a collector. *

Staying all night with one of the boys a few days later I saw him produce what he called an "Approval Sheet," that he had re-

ceived that day from a New York dealer, and proceed to take some stamps from it. On my questioning him he explained to me the use of approval sheets, and as the dealer requested him to send the names of some collectors to whom he might send sheets, my friend sent my name and in about ten days I received my first approval sheet.

Getting hold of a stamp paper one day I sat down and answered every advertisement it contained, and in about two weeks I began to receive more mail than my father did. I had been by this time collecting about two months and had about one hundred varieties and some five or six hundred duplicates, and the whole mixture never cost me more than fifteen or twenty-five cents.

I exchanged regularly with the collectors at school and it was not long (about three months) before I had a better collection than any of them. I carried all of my unused stamps in my pocket in a small blank book, hinged in rows of four, and when I exchanged or sold any I disposed of no less than a row at one time.

One day one of the boys showed me some "rare Confederate locals," and offered me a New Orleans and Baton Rouge local for 5 cents. I knew nothing about Confederate locals, but as these were guaranteed genuine by him I bought them, but had no sooner paid him when he told them that they were counterfeits and that he had bought "100 for 15 cents." I had nothing more to do with that boy in the stamp line, though I did get even with him by selling him two Macau for 25 cents, which I had cut out of a stamp paper.

Seeing an advertisement of a wholesale dealer who sent his wholesale list "free to dealers only," I had me a rubber stamp made, and stamping my rubber stamp on the postal card, sent for his list. When it came I sent for \$1.00 worth of stamps, and sold them for about ten times what they cost me. I suddenly conceived the idea of becoming a dealer and sent a half inch "ad." to *Our American Youth* and got one agent therefrom (who, however, proved to be the best that I ever had). JUNIOR.

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PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

A new set of U. S. envelopes is announced to appear this month.

Slight changes have been made in the stamps of Bulgaria and Labuan.

"Wanderer" has become associate editor of the *Stamp Collector's Figaro*.

It is stated that Mr. C. B. Hill, the Guatamala dealer, has located in Chicago.

While reviewing our paper please do not fail to look over the advertisements.

Gentlemen, don't be bashful. Send in your 15 cents for a year's subscription.

The Cumberland *Collector* has turned its subscription list over to the *Denver Stamp*.

We have two Southern collectors—one at Hickory, Miss., and the other at Duskegels, Ala.

Gibraltar has a new 1d. wrapper, a new 2d. registered envelope, and a new 1s. adhesive.

Sterling's new catalogue of U. S. stamps is out. An addition to this catalogue is a list of locals compiled by Dr. W. H. Mitchell.

The publishers of the *Texas Philatelist* have refunded the money to each of their subscribers.

Envelopes and cards have been prepared for the Faridkote state to take the place of the surcharged India ones.

Changes, either of color or design, have been made in the cards of Antigua, Barbadoes and Hong Kong.

A Canadian dealer states it his belief that there are more than 10,000 stamp and coin collectors in the provinces.

We have received price list from Chas. Enders & Co., W. F. Greaney and J. T. Tchakidji. Many thanks, gentlemen.

Mr. Jno. L. Terrell, corner Main and First streets, of this city, would be pleased to receive price lists, stamps, papers, etc.

Mr. Jno. L. Ward, of this city, sold an 1804 dollar to some parties in Philadelphia for \$750. We shall endeavor to obtain the history of it.

An entire new series of stamps is now in use by Bolivia, rouletted and of the '71 type, with eleven stars, 1c. lake, 2c. purple, 5c. blue, 10c. orange.

According to the best of our knowledge and belief the collectors and "dealers" of Salem, Mass., are a hard crowd. We would like to hear from one in particular.

The Germantown *Philatelist* has changed hands and is now published by Wm. M. Watson. This, we suppose, is because Mr. Von Utassy is soon to travel in Europe.

A new official stamp, 10c. orange, has been issued by Costa Rica, which Mr. Durbin thinks is one of a complete series. Arms in center with "Services Postal Del Salvador" above.

At the recent vote of the members of the American Philatelic Association the *Philatelic Journal of America* was selected as the official organ, that paper having 79 votes out of a total of 174. The *Western Philatelist* was second, with 59 votes.

The *Stamp Collector's Figaro* for May has an interesting article on State Revenues. A little carelessness in proof-reading is observed here and there in this paper. How-

ever, as mistakes have been found in the TEXAS STAMP it may not be good manners for us to criticise so good a paper. Thanks for kind notice, Brother Voute.

Mr. E. W. Roberts, of the Eureka Stamp Co., will soon leave Paris on a pleasure trip through the North.

In answer to numerous requests for numbers 1 and 2 of TEXAS STAMP we will say that we are unable to supply either, as there was only 400 of No. 1 issued all of which were sent out, and of No. 2, 800 were issued and all of them were sent out. We will give a year's subscription for every copy of No. 1 sent us.

We would like to receive more encouragement from advertisers, but we are going to issue our paper if we have to do so without any advertisements at all.

Do you think that the TEXAS STAMP is worth 15 cents a year? If you do not some one else does, so don't be uneasy. Say, send us 15 cents for a year's subscription.

The newest on our exchange list are Sunday Mirror, Texas Advertiser, Picturesque Erie and Brookfield Courier. Though they are not stamp journals we shall be pleased to exchange with them.

That newspaper reporter is abroad in the land again, and announces that he has discovered over 12,000 stamp collectors in the schools of New York city. He makes us weary, he does, and should be muzzled until the hot weather is past.

China is about to remodel her postal service, and will soon become a member of the Universal Postal Union. At present all postal communication between that country and the United States is by means of postal agencies established at Shanghai and other ports by our government. A letter recently received by the writer from Shanghai was prepaid by two United States five-cent stamps, and also bore a hand stamp reading "Postal Agency, Shanghai," with date of mailing.

We have been asked to give an opinion of THE TEXAS STAMP, but for two reasons we must decline. 1st. While in Fort Worth three years ago we were so badly handled

by certain little bad smelling insects in our bed that we vowed never to meddle with anything from there again. 2d. The *Stamp World* was induced to make some humorous remarks that raised its Texas ire, and now the *World* "lies mouldering in its grave." We might say, however, that our Lillipution friend is improving.—*Fraser, in the American Philatelist.*

"Lillipution" is pretty good, Brother Fraser, considering the fact that THE TEXAS STAMP is just about the same size as our critic's paper. By the way, we understand that the *A. P.* has also been consigned to its "mouldering grave." Had a bad effect trying to be funny at our expense.

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The past month has not been a remarkably lively one at the office of this paper. We have received some subscriptions, mingled with quantities of good advice. This latter we have offered for deposit at our bank, but they decline to allow us to draw checks against it.

That the TEXAS STAMP is giving satisfaction to those who have subscribed, we are bound to believe, because we have received many complimentary letters. We are in no wise discouraged, and yet we do want to see our subscription list increasing more rapidly. Fifteen cents is but a small sum, and we are honest in the belief that we can give our readers more than their money's worth.

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No. I.

JAMES CHALMERS.

The Inventor of the Adhesive Stamp

James Chalmers, whose name will be remembered as long as the post runs, as the originator of the adhesive stamp, has special claim upon the attention of philatelists. It is entirely owing to the perseverance of Mr. Patrick Chalmers that James Chalmers has in this generation been recognized as the inventor of the adhesive stamp, and that his name will go down to posterity as the benefactor of his kind.

The position which was so long usurped by Rowland Hill has been wrested from that postal reformer by Mr. Patrick Chalmers, who has restored to his father's name the honor to which it is entitled, an honor which was only too long denied to it. James Chalmers was born at Arbroath, Scotland, in 1782, and died at Dundee, Scotland, in 1853. It was in the year 1834 that he invented and produced in his premises the adhesive stamp for postage purposes, printed on sheets of paper, afterwards gummed over by an adhesive substance, precisely on the principle now in use. Eighteen months before the Penny Postage Bill was introduced into Parliament, James Chalmers sent his plan to the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to enquire into the proposed bill, also to the Mercantile Committee of London charged with the support of the bill. The plan of the impressed stamp as proposed by Mr. Rowland Hill, not finding favor, that of the adhesive stamp was

brought forward in Parliament by its advocates, and became ultimately adopted by Treasury, minute of date 26th December, 1839.

As early as 1837, on the appointment of the Select Committee of the House of Commons in November, upon the proposed uniform penny postage scheme of Mr. Rowland Hill, (who had proposed an impressed stamp as the mode for the carrying out the scheme in practice, to be impressed upon a cover, or upon the sheet of letter—paper itself), Mr. Chalmers laid his plan of the adhesive stamp before the committee. Again, in a communication of some length, under date "Dundee, 8th February, 1838," he further laid his plan before the Mercantile Committee of the City of London charged with the support of the proposed reformed scheme. This document, now of historical interest, has been bequeathed to the Library of the South Kensington Museum by the late Sir Henry Cole, who was at the period of its receipt from Mr. Chalmers, Secretary of this City of London Committee. Its contents have been reproduced in the pamphlet lately published by the son of Mr. Chalmers, termed "The Adhesive Postage Stamp," and will be found of the highest interest to all philatelists and to historical writers, describing as it does the plan of the adhesive postage stamp as ultimately adopted by Mr. Rowland Hill, and in use to the present day, and ably comparing the advantages of such plan as compared with the proposals of Mr. Hill. After plans had been called for

from the public, and nothing better found, the adhesive stamp was at length adopted by Mr. Rowland Hill, by Treasury minute of 26th December, 1839, over five years after its invention and advocacy by Mr. Chalmers. The Mulready envelope proved a failure, but the adhesive stamp saved the penny postage scheme, and still remains indispensable to the commerce of the world, the yearly issue in England alone now amounting to over two thousand millions of stamps, of the value of one half-penny upwards.

On the first of January, 1846, Mr. Chalmers was presented, in the Town Hall of Dundee, with a public testimonial in recognition of his postal services and as the originator of the adhesive postage stamp.

In the course of his career Mr. Chalmers served many positions of importance in the Town Council of Dundee and in the public institutions of the town, where his name is still remembered with respect. He died in August, 1853, aged 71 years, leaving a lasting memorial behind him. In addition to a numerous body of the English and American press, the "Encyclopedia Britannica," and the "Dictionary of National Biography," the leading biographical works of the day, have now recorded, (after special investigation), the late James Chalmers, book seller, Dundee, to have been the originator of the adhesive postage stamp *vice* the usurper Rowland Hill.—BRIC-A-BRAC.

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—There is a movement under foot to organize a Canadian Philatelic Association. Success to it.

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PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

There are two classes of persons who have done much to injure philately. They may be briefly classed as dishonest dealers and dishonest collectors. The former, whether they sell counterfeit stamps, or practice any of the other schemes with which we are familiar from the exposures already made, do great damage. There is only one way of putting a stop to this kind of a dealer, and that is to fight him.

In England Mr. J. W. Palmer is doing good work against the forgery of stamps, and in our own country the leading philatelic journals are taking up the matter and trying to exterminate these swindlers by showing their transactions and warning collectors against them.

The latter class mentioned, passing entirely those collectors who make a business of changing stamps on a dealer's sheets, are the approval sheet thieves. The amount is small, you say; but it is theft for all that.

Do I believe in a public blacklist? Most assuredly I do. But I would never publish a name without first looking into the matter thoroughly and giving due notice.

If all our philatelic press would take up this matter we could lessen the number of these pests perceptibly. And the RECORD shall do its utmost to keep the movement along.

Now, Brother Philatelists, will you not help to suppress this evil?

Hereafter we shall keep a space open in the RECORD for the showing up of these frauds.

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—The "Old Curiosity Shop" has added a cover, and is improved in other ways.

—You will confer a favor on both the advertiser and publisher by mentioning this paper when answering advertisements.

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In 1859 two varieties of the 1 peso were emitted. The central design was changed in 1860 to a head in a circle. There were three values issued: 4 reales, green on bluish paper; 1 peso, blue; and 2 p., scarlet. In 1862 the color of the 1 peso was changed to rose, and the 2 p. to blue.

THE RECORD.

BY L. W. DURBIN.

BAVARIA.—The 10x10 pf. card has the figures "87" at the left.

BOLIVIA.—The 5c. blue and 10c. orange envelopes are on amber laid paper. They measure 150x85 mm.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The medallion is omitted from the new cards.

COLUMBIA.—A new card has made its appearance. Value, 2c.; black on dark yellow.

DOMINICA.—The color of the 1d. has been changed to carmine.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—The 7c. has been surcharged "1 cent," in black.

LAGOS.—These stamps are now

printed in two colors. The value is at the bottom of the stamp in different color.

NEW REPUBLIC.—The date has been omitted and the following values have an embossed coat of arms and name. The 1, 2 and 3d. are on blue paper, and the 3 and 4d. are on straw colored paper.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—The half penny stamp has been surcharged in two lines, "One Penny" in black.

SENGAL.—The 20c. has been surcharged "15."

SIAM.—A new set has lately been issued, as follows: 2a, green and pink; 3a, green and blue; 4a, green and brown; 8a, green and yellow; 12a, lilac and pink; 24a, lilac and blue; 64a, lilac and brown.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—A new card has lately been issued. Value 3c., blue on buff.

SWEDEN.—The 5 ore of the current issue has the posthorn surcharge on the back.

TIMOR.—The 10 reis, green, of Mozambique, has been surcharged "Timor," for use in that country.

UNITED STATES.—The new 1c. stamp has appeared. In the centre is a profile bust of Franklin after Caracci, facing to the observer's left in an oval disk, on shaded background. The lower portion of the oval is bordered with pearls. Above, in curved panel, "United States Postage." Below, "One Cent." Color, ultramarine blue. —[*Curiosity World*.]

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NOTICE.

It is not without misgivings that I place before you this, the initial number of the RECORD. It is far from perfect, but great things *may* come from small, you know. I shall, if it is a possible thing, make the RECORD one of the foremost papers of the day devoted to our fascinating study, Philately. I shall aim to place before my readers all the news of the day and time in the Philatelic world. Earnestly soliciting your support, I am,

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THE EDITOR.

NOTES.

—Again, don't forget to subscribe!

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—The "Halifax Philatelist" is a very neat looking paper of eight pages and cover, from "over the line."

—The "Curiosity World" still keeps up its reputation as the best all-around curiosity paper published.

—Cuba has issued a provisional stamp. It consists of one of the regular stamps cut in two and used as half of the original value. —[Ex.

—Mr. E. B. Sterling has resigned his position with the Trenton Banking Company in order to devote his entire time to his philatelic business.

—The "Useful Instructor," of Halifax, will change its name with No. 3, to the "Canada Stamp and Coin Journal." The subscription also has been put at 15c. per year.

—The "Quaker City Philatelist" pitches into Secretary Bradt for changing his mind in regard to his vote in the official journal business. We don't blame Secretary Bradt particularly for changing his mind if another offer was more fair. But we don't like to see a man vote for *his own paper* against the wishes of one-third of the Association. It doesn't look right.

THE RESULT.

Just as we are going to press the "Figaro" comes to hand. We thus receive notice of the vote last called in regard to the official journal:

Second amendment.....	87
First amendment.....	53
Scattering, blank, etc.....	14

Total..... 154

First choice of paper:

Phil. Journal of Amer.....	68
Western Philatelist.....	57
Scattering, blank, etc.....	29

Total..... 154

Second choice of paper:

Phil. Journal of Amer.....	81
Western Philatelist.....	58
Scattering, blank, etc.....	15

Total..... 154

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An Odd Stamp Collector.

While walking through the Chinese quarter in San Francisco recently, I was much surprised in passing the show window of a Chinese provision store, to see sitting at a table, a Chinaman busily engaged in looking over a "Scott Stamp Album." Being a stamp dealer, my curiosity was immediately aroused, and passing on the inside of the store I questioned the Chinaman regarding his collection. He being one of the civilized Chinamen, who could speak English, informed me that while attending a school where he was taught the English language, the teacher being interested in collecting postage stamps, used to bring her album to school, and requested the Chinese scholars to bring her any foreign stamps that they might get, explaining at the same time what use she would make of them, she having a collection.

Some of the Chinese being of the

wealthy class, immediately took up the idea of forming a collection, and through the aid of the teacher purchased "Scott Stamp Albums."

After having explained how he had obtained the idea of making a collection, (for I knew it could not have been original), he allowed me to look over his collection, which numbered about 600 stamps. The stamps of Hong Kong, Shanghai and Japan being finely represented. Of the United States he had a few of the old issues which he said he had obtained by exchanging with the teacher and Chinese boys.

He not having any knowledge of gum paper for attaching the stamps to the album, they were consequently all pasted in, and after showing him the advantage of gum paper I told him where he could purchase some, which seemed to highly please him, as he said he took great interest in the stamps.

On being asked whether he had bought any stamps, he looked at me in astonishment, and would not believe that there was such a being as a stamp dealer, he thinking that the stamps were valueless when used. I then asked him what he would take for his album, but could get no reply, only that he would not sell it, for he wanted to get the same number as his teacher. Then thanking him for the pleasure of seeing his album, I departed strongly impressed with the idea that "Stamp Collecting is Advancing." —[C. E. Rankin in *Keystone State Philatelist*.

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—Advertise in the RECORD.

—There are now, beside the A. P. A., some dozen or more small societies. Let the good work go on.

—The "Philatelic Tribune" comes to us. With the exception of the story on the first page and the advertisements on the last, it seems to be devoted to anything rather than Philately.

A. P. A. NOTES.

—The annual convention is to be held at Chicago, the 8th inst. We hoped to be present, but find it impossible. The matter of the official organ will be definitely settled, we hope.

—The "P. J. of A.," the oldest and best, is our choice.

—We believe in at least changing the order of the officers. Our choice would be somewhat as follows: For Pres., R. R. Bogart; Vice-Pres., J. K. Tiffany; Sec'y, E. B. Sterling; Treas., L. W. Durbin.

—Sec'y Bradt cast the deciding vote in regard to the official journal for his own paper, and thus, against the expressed wishes of nearly one-third of the whole membership, or just about *half* of those who expressed any opinion, the "Western Philatelist" was chosen. Let us reverse this decision at the convention.

—We shall be there, by proxy, to sustain our views.

—Sec'y Bradt, with the Chicago Society to back him, will make a fight. Let every member vote; if he cannot be present, let him appoint a proxy. The real control of the Society can, and must be by the membership, and not by a favored few.

Our Young Collectors.

We most heartily endorse the views of "Wanderer," as given at length in the June "Figaro." There are an immense number of collectors between the ages of 12 and 17 that have collections by no means small, who could put to shame many an older one by their superior knowledge of the subject. And if this is so, why should they not have the same privilege as their elders? Why not rate a collector partially by his collection and advancement, and not entirely by his age? There are a great many of

these younger collectors that are ready and willing to join the A. P. A., and live up to the requirements, but are debarred from doing so by this one thing—they are only boys—not seventeen yet. Give them an equal chance, let them join the A. P. A., and see if the Association, its members and themselves are not benefitted rather than hurt.

We are decidedly in favor of amending the constitution so as to admit them.

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THE A. P. A.

We went, we saw, and we came away, pleased with everybody and everything. Such seems to be the verdict of those who attended the convention.

In a nutshell, here is what we did. We heard the annual reports of the various officers; selected Boston as the place for the next meeting, adopted many amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, voted to issue our own paper, and indorsed James Chalmers. Not very much on the face of it, 'tis true, but when you consider how torn up we all were before the meeting, it would have done your heart good to have seen President Tiffany and Secretary Bradt, who seemed to be just on the point of a duel (à la Boulanger-Ferry) for several months, seated side by side at the banquet, and responding together to the same toast.

There was not one hard word used during the whole meeting, although, as one of the Chicago boys said, there were several delegates who came "loaded for bear." The writer favored the P. J. of A., but came to the conclusion that for the sake of harmony it would be best to issue our own paper. Members present promised to take sufficient advertising space each month to ensure half the expense, and the idea was adopted without a dissenting vote. I am afraid, Mr. Editor, that you are somewhat like myself in respect to the election of officers, that is, we have not read the constitution carefully

or we would have seen that they are elected for two years, and then by direct vote, and not at the convention.

In regard to the choice of the W. P. as official organ, the writer is now satisfied that it was all right for him to act as he did. There are things which I learned while in Chicago, in connection with the matter, which perfectly justify my action.

The purchasing agent has had two assistants given him, and they will divide with him the work of the department, one attending to the new issues, one to current stamps, and the third to miscellaneous bargains, etc.

We enjoyed a great treat in the exhibition by Mr. Sterling of the Carpenter proofs of the U. S. document stamps. Mr. Seagrave also exhibited the die proofs of the regular issues, etc., that he bought recently.

By the way, why would not Mr. Seagrave make a good treasurer, to fill Mr. Durbur's place?

Mr. Calman, of the Scott Company, had an album that was almost bursting with scarce stamps. He had a full unused sheet (twelve) of the 2p. Mulready envelope.

President Tiffany's book was received during the convention, and attracted much favorable comment. It is a masterpiece, and should be in every collector's library.

Many of those present wishing a souvenir of the meeting, we went and had a group photograph taken. President Tiffany, Secretary Bradt, and Trustee Sterling were seated in the centre, with the rest of us as a

back-ground. It can be had of the Secretary for \$1.50.

One thing more. Dues are now payable quarterly, if members so desire, and no one can now have any excuse for staying out. We want, and are going to have, five hundred members by the next annual meeting, when I trust I shall have the pleasure of meeting many of the subscribers to the RECORD.

PLYMOUTH ROCK.

The above letter, written specially for the readers of the RECORD, very clearly shows what has been accomplished at the convention.

The great thing done is the final settlement of the official organ business, and we are heartily glad that it is settled. We should have been in favor of the Association publishing its own official journal from the start, provided that the said official journal was a credit to it, which could hardly be said of the "American Philatelist," so we voted for the abolishment. Now it looks as if the official journal would be such an one as the Association might be proud of, and it should become the best and most prominent paper devoted to philatelic interests in the country.

A Clever Scheme.

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THE RECORD.

BY L. W. DURBIN.

AZORES.—Letter cards of Portugal are now in use, surcharged "Acores."

CEYLON.—A new R. 1.12 stamp has been issued, of similar design to the R. 2.50; color, reddish violet.

COCHIN CHINA.—The 25c. black on pink has been seen surcharged with two figures 5, and the 25c. ochre is reported as having the letters "C. CH." above the numeral.

COLOMBIA.—Two new stamps have lately appeared. The values are 2c. and 20c., inscribed, "Republica de Colombia."

ECUADOR.—A new 10c. stamp, color orange, has been reported. Also two new cards, 5c. and 5x5c.

EGYPT.—A new 1 piastre envelope is said to have appeared lately.

FRANCE.—The 10x10 card has the inscription "reserve exclusive" reversed.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The 2s. 6d., is in use, surcharged "Official."

MACAO.—The 80c. has been surcharged as follows: "5 reis," "10 reis," and "20 reis."

MARTINIQUE.—The 20c. red on green has been surcharged as follows: "M. Q. E. 15c." (2 var.) "Martinique 015" and "Martinique 15."

ST. HELENA.—The 3d. is now lilac and the 6d. is slate gray.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—The color of the 2c. violet has been changed to yellow brown.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—A new 6d. stamp of similar design to the 3d. has lately been issued; color, pale blue.

VENEZUELA.—Two new cards have been issued; 10c. blue on blue and 10x10c. green on buff.

VICTORIA.—The 4d. stamp has been remodeled and the head is now on horizontally lined ground.—[Curiosity World.

Among the Magazines.

"The Buckeye State Collector" lies before us. It is very neatly gotten up, and promises well.

"The Curiosity World" is now issued semi-monthly.

"The Niagara Falls Philatelist", another new one, comes to us. The printing is good, the paper might be better. We think, too, that it would be more of an ornament to Philately if there was more stamp news and less chestnuts from funny papers re-written to apply to the subject.

"The Southern Collector," Tuskegee, Alabama, has gone where so many other philatelic papers have gone before it. The "Buckeye State Collector" is to fill all unexpired subscriptions.

"The International Collector" from beyond the Rockies is a very neat appearing magazine of eight pages and cover.

The Philatelic Department of "Plain Talk" seems to be improving; glad to see it.

"The Stamp Collector Figaro" is the first paper to reach us with a full report of the recent Convention. There is also other interesting matter. Bro. Voute seems to improve his paper with every issue.

"The Stamp" is always a welcome visitor at our office.

We have received "Bric-a-Brac" for both July and August. They are largely taken up with Mr. Palmer's fight against the forgery of stamps.

Have also received the following, for which publishers will please accept thanks; "Youth's Ledger" No. 21; "Empire State Philatelist," Vol. 3, No. 6; "Curiosity World," No. 12; "Collector's Review," No. 10; "Western Philatelist," No. 8; "International Philatelic Advertiser," No. 7; "Agassiz Companion," Vol. 2, No. 7; "Quaker City Philatelist," Vol. 2, No. 8; "Stamp Republic," No. 1; "The Collector" No. 9. "Philatelic Gazette," Vol. 4, No. 1.

Our Society.

Very few philatelists are aware that Binghamton has a full-fledged society, but such is the case. The Parlor City Philatelic Association held its first regular meeting on March 20th last, at which time a constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected for a term of six months, I believe. There is now a regular membership of nine, and an honorary membership of three. They are all young collectors, ranging in age from thirteen to sixteen, but are well informed on philatelic topics. Just now the meetings have been discontinued, but the secretary informs us that with the advent of cooler weather they are to be resumed. The library has a fair start, we understand, and that the treasury also is not entirely empty.

The New Association.

In the August number of the *Stamp Collector's Figaro*, Mr. Herbert H. McNamara gives a brief outline of the plan and general principles of the new society, "The Philatelic Association of America," which he has for some time past been striving so strenuously to organize. The constitution appears to be patterned very closely after that of the A. P. A., the principal difference, as far as we can see, being that the annual dues of the new society are only \$1.00. It looks as if it was intended as an opposition to the American Association.

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Editor's Note.

We owe an apology to our readers, both for the lateness at which the RECORD, advertised for August 1st, appeared, and for the errors, typographical and otherwise. In regard to the former we can truly say that it was not our fault. The papers were ready at the given time. The delay was caused by our having a good deal of trouble in getting our paper through the postoffice. In regard to the latter

we can only say that we live to learn, and hope to improve rapidly.

The RECORD pledges its friends that, to the best of its ability, it will give them the very latest news of all importance to the stamp world, both domestic and foreign.

Mr. Abram R. Tyler, of No. 332 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., associate editor, will keep a sharp eye to the windward for the latest developments in his quarter.

Items of news from every quarter will be gladly noticed. We especially desire foreign correspondents.

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Periodicals—Their Use.

It is a certain fact that many so-called active and advanced collectors have no idea, or at best a very vague and uncertain one, of the real use of this current and interesting set. The Periodical or Newspaper stamps now in use, are used *solely* for second class matters, that they know, but just how, is the question. Some suppose that the stamps are placed upon the bundle of matter itself, but this is a mistaken idea. They are used in the following manner: There is a special clerk who has charge of the second class matter department. A parcel of periodical matter being brought in, is first weighed, and the requisite amount paid over in cash. Now this clerk has a special book consisting of receipt and stub. He fills out the receipt for the proper amount and places *on the stub* that amount in stamps. When the book is emptied of receipts and consequently the stubs are all filled out, the book is forwarded to Washington. These books, with the report of the clerk are sent to the Third Ass't Post-Master General at the end of every quarter. The stamps are cancelled and the books either put away for future reference or destroyed. This is the reason that one seldom if ever hears of used specimens.

Changes in Stamps and Envelopes.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington, under date of Aug. 12th says: "The Postoffice Department, about September 15th, will make certain changes in the color and design of some of the adhesive stamps and impressed stamps upon envelopes. The two-cent stamp now issued in red will be changed to green. The four-cent stamp now in green will be changed to vermilion. The design will remain unchanged. In stamped envelopes the two-cent envelope will be changed from red to green; the four-cent envelope from green to carmine; the five-cent from brown to dark blue; the thirty-cent from black to brown, and ninety-cent from carmine to purple. The design of the stamped envelopes will also be the same as now, except with the one, two, four and five-cent denominations. The heads on these stamps have been re-engraved and have a slightly different appearance from the old stamps. The ornamentation around them is also slightly different.

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Some Statistics.

There were 89 postoffices in this country in 1791; 903 in 1800; in 1810 there were 2,300, and in 1816 only 3,260. There are now 55,157 offices.

The amount of postage from January 1st, 1790, to October 1st, 1809, was \$5,305,093; and the expenses of the establishment were \$4,549,601.55; net proceeds were \$755,492 in nineteen years. Small sum indeed, compared with the present proceeds, less than one hundred years later. For the succeeding seven years, to 1816, the income amounted to \$729,826.19. The amount of postage in 1808 did not equal the expenses.—[*Youth's Ledger*.

NOTES.

—We want good agents to solicit subscriptions everywhere. Write for terms and sample copies.

—When answering advertisements always remember to name the paper wherein you found the same.

—It is said that S. Allen Taylor, ex-counterfeit stamp dealer has a very complete library of publications relating to Philately.

—A letter recently went through the Post-Office addressed to Father, Mich. It was immediately forwarded to its correct destination, Paw Paw, Mich.

—Exchanges will please send one copy of their paper to this office and one to our Associate Editor, Mr. Abram R. Tyler, at 332 Monroe Street, Brooklyn N. Y.

—"I have already received a number of replies to my "ad" in your paper. Continue my "ad" for three months. W. O. Morse." Moral: Advertise in the Record.

—W. R. Frazer is now editor of the Empire State Philatelist. We hope to see this paper again brought up to the standard, it maintained under Editor Watkins.

—Haddaway Bros. of Easton, Md. announce that they are about to publish a large philatelic magazine containing interesting articles by eminent writers, and many interesting facts concerning the Philatelic Societies.

—One of the largest collections of postage stamps ever made in this country was sold to a local dealer this week by C. R. Morris, who is employed in the distributing department of the postoffice. The collection filled nine volumes and included seven thousand foreign and domestic stamps. One of the rare features of the collection is the entire series of stamped envelopes issued by the Government. [*Tribune*.

A Discovery.

Mr. William P. Brown, of 114 Nassau St., New York City, reports, through the columns of *Plain Talk*, the discovery of a hitherto unknown set of telegraph stamps. They were issued by the Northern Mutual Telegraph Company, in 1883, but owing to this company selling its lines, they were in use but a short time. They are a neat stamp, somewhat resembling those of the American Rapid Telegraph Company, "Northern Mutual" at top, "Telegraph Co." at base, value in center on lined background surrounded by fancy frame. They are found in four values, 5c., 10c., 20c., and 25c. Mr. Brown has obtained from the president of the company all the remaining stamps. He is to be congratulated on his lucky find.

Our Black List.

As we said in our previous number, we intend to try and decrease the number of frauds and approval sheet thieves that are the bane of every dealer. We shall insert no name on a mere statement that a person is such, for we wish full particulars every time. But we consider that if we receive no reply from a doubtful person in a reasonable length of time after writing him, we are perfectly justified in exposing him. We shall do so, and would urge every dealer, for the sake of the cause, to report to us such cases as may come under their consideration.

Special Notice to N. Y. Dealers.

Mr. Abram R. Tyler, our Associate Editor, will call upon you soon on behalf of the *RECORD*. We trust you will give him a hearing and favor us with your contracts, or at least a trial advertisement.

—We would be glad to have an advertising contract with every *standard firm* of stamp merchants in the world. *None but reliable firms need apply.* Give us a trial advertisement anyhow, and see if it will not pay you.

—The Denver Stamp Collectors League are to have an exhibit at the Manufacturers Exposition to be held in that city early in the Fall. They are to have as near a complete set of the issues of the United States, both adhesive and envelope, as can be procured. The idea is a good one, but why not improve on the idea, by holding a national exhibit, say, at the next convention of the A. P. A.?

—In this age of speedy travel and swift and cheap international communication, it appears impossible to gauge the immense strides that have been made in our carrier system since a hundred years. The postal museum at Berlin was recently enriched by a letter-cover, sent as a curiosity by Herr von Dargun, who had found it among papers left his great-grandfather, Lieut. Col. von Pressentine, deceased in 1789, at Sternberg, Mecklenberg. The letter it had contained was dated from Philadelphia and bore the postmark of that city, together with those of London, Calais, Brussels, The Hague, Amsterdam and Hamburg, the respective post dues being marked in each instance, thereby furnishing a chance of comparing the rates of postage with those of the present day. Its weight, judging from the size of the cover, cannot have exceeded that of a modern "single" letter, for which the recipient paid the modest sum of five thalers twelve shillings or \$4.65 United States currency and, the letter was nearly two months en route to its destination.—[*Golden Eclipse.*]

—Advertise in the *RECORD*.

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This department is free to subscribers, limit 30 words. Others may use it on payment of 10c. per month for that space.

—Stamps for same in good condition. Abraham Tuck, Box 335, Owego, N. Y.

—Good exchange for stamps not in my collection. W. O. Morse, 93 Chapin St., Binghamton, N. Y.

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—WANTED.—To complete my set of U. S. Coppers, 1793 Liberty Cap, 1799 and 1804. Will give good exchange, or cash. R. W. Manier, Binghamton, N. Y.

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—Stamps, birds eggs, minerals, tags and philatelic papers to exchange for a stamp album. Minerals, tags and birds eggs for the same. U. S. C., Lock Box 87, Pipestone, Minn.

—25 old rare Mexican postage and revenue stamps, containing ten varieties postage and five revenues, for every five different philatelic papers sent me. Dealers please send circulars. Jesus Morales Gortazar, 3 Calle de Sta Isabel 3, Mexico City, Mexico.

—A billiardette board with four balls, rubber cushions, etc.; set of boxing gloves (two pair), and two pair of sidewalk roller skates, to exchange for stamps. Foreign, U. S. dues, and revenues for same. L. N. Gillis, 105 Carroll St., Binghamton, N. Y.

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But unforeseen events have taken place in the last few weeks. My business interests are now such that I shall not have time sufficient to devote to the editorship of the paper. My partner, MR. ABRAM R. TYLER, has neither the time nor inclination to take full charge, so it is proposed to discontinue the publication with this issue.

All subscriptions received will be refunded in full, and all advertisers shall have their contracts adjusted satisfactorily.

Thanking you for favors received on behalf of the RECORD, I shall still remain,

Fraternally Yours,

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