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INTRODUCTION.

In offering our first number to the criticism of an appreciative public, we hope they will bear with our inexperience in the stamp world. We hope to make our paper worthy of your perusal. If we do not make it worthy of your support and best wishes, we have no right to expect them from you.

The U. S. Dept. Stamps, By "ALPHA".

Perhaps no series of stamps ever issued are as interesting to the intelligent collector as the U. S. Officials. The absurdity of the principle on which they were issued, and the real uselessness of the stamps themselves, make them a curiosity to the stamp collecting public. Now that they have gone out of use, and are fast becoming rare, a great demand for them has arisen, and new importance has been attached to them. For the benefit of those readers who are unacquainted with the origin and use, a brief history would not be out of place. Ever since the establishment of the post-office department in its present form, the heads of the departments and their assistants, together with the Members of Congress, had

the privilege of sending their mail free by what is known as the franking process. In the course of time this practice was enormously abused, all the employees sending private mail, and some cases that of their friends, free of charge, and causing the government an immense loss of revenue. At length Congress interfered with the evil, but instead of a law restricting the 'franking' privilege to official communication, it rushed to the opposite extreme, and decreed that postage must be paid even on letters relating to official business. Here was a difficulty, especially to the post-office department as its business was vastly greater than that of any department. Even had the head of the department been willing he could not have compelled the post-masters and employees to pay their own postage to communications to the department. At length a remedy was proposed, which on its adoption, was found to answer very well. This was the issue of a set of stamps, of different values, to each department, which, when affixed to letters insured their passage through the mails. Although they were issued free, they enabled government employees to comply with the laws without expense to themselves, while Congress was compelled to pay for

the making of the stamps, which was no small item. In this way they were used for several years, in fact, until the law reducing postage from 3 to 2 cents was passed, when the order was repealed, and they are now banished from use, but raised to a new importance by the demands of collectors.

The new system is better in every way, consisting of envelopes, on which are printed the laws governing their use.

These stamps were very finely engraved, and as each set is different color, the series presents a splendid appearance when mounted in an album. Some of them have already become rare, and the price of all kinds is advancing rapidly. Of all the sets the State is the most valuable, it alone, when unused and complete, being worth about \$50. Those of the Executive are the rarest, but they only run up to 30 cents, while the State reaches \$20; all the sets complete are worth at least \$75, and every collector should endeavor to complete his sets at once. Owing to the demands of dealers, the post-office department began the practice of issuing sets of unused ones with "specimens" printed across, and these can be had quite cheap, but we advise collectors not to put them in their albums, unless it is impossible to obtain others. [—COLLECTORS COMPANION.

For the P. R.

St. Lucia and its Stamps.

BY W. L. R.

St. Lucia is one of the West India islands lying north of St. Vincent. This island is of volcanic origin, and the crater Soufrier is still in active operation. St. Lucia is remarkable for its picturesque and romantic scenery

A large portion of the surface is covered with hill, some of them rising to the height of 3000 ft. Its area is 248 sq. m., and has a population of 31,811. The first set of stamps appeared in 1859. They consisted of three stamps 1 penny, red. 4 pence, blue and 6 pence, green. They were designed with the head of the Queen in oval, "St. Lucia" above. Perforated.

In 1865 the color of the 1 penny was changed to black, the 4 pence to yellow, and the 6 pence to violet. A new 1 shilling orange stamp made its appearance in the same year. No value were given on the stamps until 1882 when the stamps of 1865 were surcharged with value. In 1883 a set of stamps appeared, the $\frac{1}{2}$ penny green, 1 penny rose, and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pence blue. The head of the queen in octagon, "St. Lucia" above. Perforated.

New Issues.

BRAZIL.—A correspondent informs us that the 300 reis, green and orange, is now rouletted instead of perforated.

CHINA.—A new set of stamps will be issued soon.

JAPAN.—The color of the 1 2 sen cards have been changed to carmine.

REUNION.—From the Philatelic Monthly we learn that French Colony stamps surcharged "La Reunion" and new value, have been issued for the colony of Reunion. They are as follows: 5 centimes on 2 centimes and 25 on 20 centimes.

ROUMANIA.—A new set of unpaid letter stamps will soon be issued.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ penny has been changed to green.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—The 3 pence brown has been surcharged 1 pence in green.

Curious Collections.

J. M. T. PARTELLO.

I have seen numerous collections during my limited existence, not particularly of postage stamps or coins, of other articles, such as shells, pictures, ores, buttons, cards, postmarks, minerals, Indian curiosities, monographs, autographs, fans, bangles, books, and thousands of other things, from trifles light as air all the way up to the most massive bric-a-brac. It seems a peculiarity to the human race to become misers or spendthrifts, although there is a middle class who have not the snap to belong to one or the other of the above. For those mediocres I have a strong pity, not mingled with a feeling of compassion, that they must be of ordinary ability as the true reason for their negligent to amass something.

Give me the miser in preference to the spendthrift. The former always has something even if he does cling to it with a tenacity worthy of a better object, while the latter is generally out of pocket, and depending on his friends for a friendly lift every now and then. We are all misers to a more or less extent, and collectors are certain. What right-minded man who labors for his living does not seek to lay up sufficient for a rainy day and when the rainy day passes without being compelled to spend his savings, keep on laying up for another rainy day, until by and by he finds himself a wealthy man. We all respect a man who earns, and should give a double allowance to one who saves as well as earns.

If we look into the matter closely we will find that most of our prosper-

ous business men were savers in their youth. Watch a boy who preserves instead of destroying an article however mean, and you will see him at maturity a man of business and generally successful. Our skyrocket millionaires may not have been lads of this description, but if they had been their fortunes would perhaps stay with them a little longer. Easy come, easy gone: is their motto, and nobody the worse for it.

Collecting is peculiarly a civilized pursuit. I have never heard of barbarous races collecting anything, although during my several years traveling among the Indian tribes in the Northwest I have noticed in several teepees a lot of scalps strung on a pole, which showed that the warrior proprietor must have been busily engaged in raising his brethren's hair at some not remote time. In one lodge of an old Sioux buck I ran across in northern Montana five or six years ago, I counted not less than thirty nine Crow scalps, which the dusky owner proudly informed me had lifted from the heads of his red enemies at different times. It was no doubt a beautiful collection to him, but less sanguinary objects would suit me better, and so I thought to tell the old rascal, but didn't do it, as we were in hostile camp and a long way from home.

One other article the red people collect with great deal of zeal, and that is elk's teeth. These bits of ivory are a sort of circulating medium among them, and answer to some extent the standard for barter and sale.

The squaws place great store by them, and decorate their garments from head to foot with the fruits of the chase.

An Indian maiden with her cloth-

ing thickly dotted with elk teeth is as much an object of envy to her red sisters, as our own wives, sisters, cousins and aunts are to each other when decked out in their finery. It is the same all the world over. Speaking of collections, one of the best autograph albums I ever saw is in the possession of Hon. F. L. Greene, of Billings, a member of the Montana Legislature. His book contains many rarities that would make some of our autograph hunters open their eyes could they turn its pages. There is Spinner's first adorning one leaf, and Lincoln's, Buchanan's, Hull's, and a score of revolutionary heroes, that are perhaps not to be found in any other album on the continent.

Mr. Charles Diehl, of Chicago, has a cabinet of minerals that is complete in every way, and Rev. E. W. Lindesmith, chaplain in the regular army, has a collection of Indian curiosities such as would do honor to any university or museum in the land. Up in the second canon of the Yellowstone, near the National Park, dwells a curious frontier character who has been known for years by both whites and Indians as Yankee Jim. This old mountaineer has the collecting mania also, but his fever runs to antlers. His cabin, located on the side of a mountain overhanging the magnificent gorge or gluch in which far below tumbles and runs the rapid Yellowstone, is a veritable curiosity-cabinet in the two particulars named above. On the roof, sides, all over the outside as well as adorning the wall, doors and windows inside are varieties of every species of horned animals found in the Rocky Mountains and its various spurs. On a shelf were a score or two dozen wide-mouth bottles, in which were safely enscon-

ed the harmless ends of, I should judge, not less than two thousand rattlesnakes. Yankee Jim informed me he had been many years in making this collection of rattles, both the diamond and water rattle snake being represented, and he evidently took as much pride in, and appreciated fully as much his twenty-four bottles of horny joints as we do our elegant coin cabinets or handsome stamp albums.

Back in the eastern cities I have seen boys and girls too, for the matter, who though youthful in years, yet had already begun the youthful pastime of collecting something. Usually they start with a string of spools or buttons, or else various colored marble, and go on from good to better passing the picture-card period successfully, and finally develop into a full-fledge philatelist too munificent when they get sense enough to see the beauty and attraction in it.

One young lady friend of mind has a crazy quilt made up of pieces of bachelor's neckties in which I should judge these were a thousand and different colors, were there not many hues catalogued by our artists. She enjoyed her collection, and why not? Perhaps her dreams were all the sweeter from the fact that the neck ornaments were voluntary contributions to keep her warm.

In Miles City, the great cattle town of the Northwest, is a handsome bar-room decorated with the portraits of nearly every prominent actress in this and the old country. Another saloon across the way has its walls plastered with the pictures of all the prize-fighters who have won renown since the days of Yankee Sullivan and Tom Hyer.

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Water-Marks.

BY WILLIAM A. JEFFERIS.

Water-marks are generally employed by a large number of governments in their stamped paper. They are to be found in the French stamped papers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Their object is to increase the difficulties in counterfeiting and to assign a date to the using of the paper, for they are to be found in nearly all the early issues of a great number of countries. * * * * *

None of the U. S. contain water-marks: but the remarkable perfection of the engraving is sufficient security against counterfeiting. The envelopes have been and are yet made out of paper having this water mark. A first line contains the letters P. O. D. the second one the letters U. S. The 3-cent on blue letter sheets contain only once in the centre U. S. P. O. D.

The stamps of Great Britain, of the issue of 1850, have, in each of the four corners of the stamp, water-mark representing the heraldic flowers of Great Britain, the rose, shamrock, and thistle. The Russian envelope, 10 kopecs, black, of the issue of 1848 to 1854, bears a handsome water-mark representing the Russian coat of arms. The first lithographed stamps of Lubbeck, of 1859, were completely covered with roses. —[THE MUSEUM.]

The Confederate States Provisional Stamps.

BY ALBERT M. CROUTER.

It will surprise and perhaps shock many of my readers to learn that the first stamps sold for collecting purposes in America, of which there is any

independent historical account, were the fac-similes of the Confederate States provisional or local stamps. Yet this deplorable and startling circumstance is a substantial fact of history, and as the same sort of stamps, are, or were very lately, sold by a dealer (at least so the philatelic papers charges), it is self-evident that philatelic ideas have not altered much in over twenty years, and that the world is pretty much the same as it was then. These Confederate fac-simile stamps were manufactured in Philadelphia, first appearing in the summer of 1861, and were the idea of an individual called S. C. Upham, a person who we believe, is still alive, and who doubtless realized a considerable sum from the sale of the things, sold as they were by the newsboys in the streets, and by numerous toy dealers and stationers, not only in Philadelphia but in New York, Boston and doubtless in all the other large cities. They were engraved on wood and printed in sheets of six, and bore the manufacturer's name and address on the margin in the same manner as printed on the sheets of postage stamps in daily use.

Besides these stamps, Upham made fac-similes of Confederate State bonds notes and shipplasters. They were so good an imitation of the genuine that the union soldiers are said to have purchased large quantities of them and in Confederate districts to have passed them off on unsuspecting southerners. Enticing advertisements in the newspapers and circulars helped the sale of these fac-similes. One of these circulars taken from a northern soldier while in a southern prison is, or was, in the possession of a Mr. Watson of Richmond. It is as follows:

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N. B.—I shall have a \$100 Rebel Note out this week.

The sale of these stamps was open and undisguised, and as genuine stamps were unattainable as mementoes, the people were willing to buy fac-similes. The manner in which the philatelic papers treat the subject has a tendency to make collectors think it is only recently that Confederate stamps have been counterfeited, and it is either owing to their not knowing anything about the stamps or that they do not care to know. These stamp Upham issued were as follows:

1st issue, 5c., head of Davis, in blue.

“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ green.

“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ red.

“ “ 10 “ “ Jefferson, blue,

“ “ 2 “ “ “ “

Memphis, 5c., red.

“ 2c., blue.

Baton Rouge, 5c., red on green.

Mobile, 5c., blue.

Nashville, 5c., red and 5c., gray.

New Orleans, 2c. red and 2c. blue.

“ 5c. brown on white.

“ 5c. brown on blue.

These fifteen stamps augmented later by the addition of the fac-similes of the regular issue on their appearance, constituted the “set of Con-

federate fac-simile stamps.” The price obtained was 25, 15, 10 cents, depending on circumstance. Considering the wholesale destruction by the northern troops of southern bonds, notes and stamps, it is easily seen that but few genuine Confederate stamps remain and the collector should, in buying, (no matter from whom), be careful to see that he gets the right equivalent for his money.

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CURIOUS COLLECTIONS.

Continued from November number.

J. M. T. PARTELLO.

I only quote the above items to show that the rage for collecting strikes not only savages and the highest state of civilization, but also those other elements of humanity that have not yet graduated into that higher sphere of collecting.

Speaking of stamps and coins, Mr. J. Goldsborough Bruff, of Washington, D. C., has a magnificent collection of medals, also many foreign pieces and sacred American coins, all of which are in a fine state of preservation. Mr. Bruff designed some of the dies from which our minor coins were struck, also the great Cyrus W. Field medal, and many others voted by Congress. I never saw so many complete and unused sets of official stamps as I did among the collectors of Washington. Their albums were complete in this particular, even if they had poor assortments of other countries and issues.

In the government departments were many philatelists who had rare opportunities to pursue their studies; and you can depend upon it, the the opportunities were neither lost nor slighted. In the Second Auditors office of the Treasury Department was a gentlemen named T. C. Bourne, who in my opinion was the possessor of an album which must have been the peer of any other in the United States. Mr Bourne was one of the early beginners who was in time to

secure most of the early issues that are now so rare. A glance over his pages made one positively green with envy, to see the rare and costly blanks so beautifly filled up with stamps we read about but never see, was at least the highest enjoyment for a true philatelist outside of being the happy possessor of them himself. It was in this volume that I first beheld the Mulready envelopes, early Mauritius complete and unused, the Good Hope wood blocks, Views of Sidney and and the Bolivars, also the New Foundland orange red fleur-de-les, Buneos Ayres, Corrientes and many others too numerous to mention.

Mr. Charles Egan, of the Surgeon General's office, was another great collector, and after examining his book as thoroughly as Mr. Bourne's it was hard to tell which was the greater of the two. Mr. Egan prided himself on the U. S. Locals that adorned his pages, which were certainly the best I have ever yet seen in any album. His unused Victorias, 1859 1864, were very handsome, also the early Uruguays, Antioquas, and in fact all of South American issues, in which his album was particulary complete.

I met a young gentleman in 1860-91 named William Hidden, who was from somewhere in Connecticut, and who has always been remembered by me from the that he was the possessor of two sheets of genuine Providence, R. I., locals. One sheet contained an even dozen of 5 cent oblong black brown stamps, and the other contained the 12 cent values,

of twelve in a sheet also. I remember how hard I begged for some of those Providence locals, and of the vast number of other stamps I offered to give in exchange for them; but Hidden's heart was made of flint or stone or some other hard substance which was proof against all my pleadings, and so my album still has those two places vacant owing to Hidden's hardness of heart or good sense, which ever you choose to call it. This young gentleman, who was a real jolly good fellow, had a magnificent collection of stamps, particularly of the European nations.

His father had been consul or consular agent somewhere in Italy or Greece, for I remember particularly those two countries were more than completely represented in his album.

The Sardinias, Sicilys, Naples, Modenas, Parmas, Papal States, and Swiss locals that Hidden had were enough to delight the heart of the greatest philatelic connoisseur who ever lived. Though his father he somehow managed to obtain the much coveted early issues of British Guiana as well as the rarest of the rare Philippine Islands His European pages, however caught my eye, containing as they did many of the rare and obsolete early issues that are now unobtainable at any price.

When the Hon. H. V. Zevely was third assisant postmaster he conceived the idea and carried it into execution also, of making a collection of stamps from all countries in the world for the U. S. Post-office Department. For the benefit of those readers who are not cognizance of the fact I will state that it is the special province of the Third Assistant Postmaster General to attend to the stamp department of the Government to issue all envelopes, wrappers,

stamps, etc., and to manage the postal business generally. Mr Zevely was one of the best third assistant the Government has ever been fortunate enough to secure, and while his term of office lasted he inaugurated a correspondence with every postal country on the globe, and secured specimens of their postage, which he nicely mounted in a large volume especially prepared for that purpose.

I remember very plainly during the war times and later, of turning the leaves in this book in Mr. Zevely's office, and gazing with becoming astonishment and awe at the wonderful profiles of monarchs, kings and rulers gathered there. In a large blank book, bound in red, and even if new issues to date had been entered in same as they came out from year to year, I believe there would still be room enough left for as many more. Mr. Zevely went out of office with the close of President Johnson's administration, and the collection or rather collecting for the red book ceased with his term. No successor to Mr. Zevely has ever done the fair thing by that wonderful red book. I saw it a year or two ago, upon my last visit to Washington, and there it was cut short at 1868, with not a single issue entered since that date. But its pages are filled with the early and absolutely genuine specimens that are becoming scarcer and scarcer every day. I have often contemplating writing Third Assistant Postmaster and asking him, on behalf of thousands of collectors in our country, to continue the red book as the Hon. Mr. Zevely began it, and bring it and keep it up to date. The postal department contributes a big revenue to the Government, and the Government should do a little for the postage

stamp. It would be little if any trouble to obtain the stamps that have been issued since 1868, and if the authorities don't want to go the slight expense of procuring those, if they will set a clerk at work upon the red book I know of hundreds of other collectors will join in me in sending gratuitous approval sheets to clerk to complete the issues as far as we can.

I strongly advise and urge all collectors who may chance to go to Washington, if they want to spend a few hours interestingly and pleasurably, to make a pilgrimage to the Third Assistant Postmaster General's office and make an inspection of the red book. They are very courteous about it in the Department, and willingly allow anybody and everybody the privilege of examining it. I always go there when happening in Washington, and find something new and profitable every time I look over it. Gen. Hazen, the present Third Assistant Postmaster General, is exceedingly polite and courteous about the matter, and endeavors to make it as pleasant and agreeable as he can for those calling on the red book.—[J. M. T. PARTELLO, in P. J. of A.

FOR THE PHILATELIC RECORD.

Pre-Historic Workers in Ohio.

BY ROLF.

That a race of beings inhabited Ohio prior to the man, is evidenced by the numerous remains of more or less mounds and embankments still in a fair state of preservation in many parts of the state. That the work was not performed by the Indians at an early day, we have three statements to make to verify. First, the Indians natural aversion to manual

labor necessary to erect such works; secondly, the red men themselves can give no account of their origin or of the object of their construction, all asserting that they existed before their time, and lastly many articles exhumed from those mounds, or at least a portion of which in which excavations have been made were not in use by the Indians when this state was their home, nor had they any knowledge of their construction or use. We must conclude then that our state was, centuries ago, people with a numerous race of beings, of an active nervous temperament, who for some unsolved reason toiled so untiringly in the construction of these mounds and earthworks.

We can only speculate as to the object of their construction, the uses were possibly as various as their shapes and form of construction. In some cases we think it might be for defense against a contending tribe or nation, of which we would mention the circular embankment near Newark, which is fully a mile in its length and a perfect circle, except at the east side an opening of about five rods occurs, where the line of the embankments turn outward and are on line with the radius of the circle for five or six rods. This wall of earth is about ten feet high and was thrown from within the circle as the deep trench just inside the entire enclosure would prove, the bottom of the trench I am informed is neatly paved with small round stones from the bed of the adjacent stream.

The space enclosed is very smooth and level and is at this date covered with large forest trees, while in the centre of this circular earth is yet to seen, the crude form of an eagle with outstretched wings, only need-

ing a slight draw on the imagination to make the representative quit complete

To the west of this wonderful work a few rods, numerous pieces of flint made no doubt while some race, either the Moand Builder or the Indians were rudily shaping arrow heads for either war purpose or the chase. Some five miles north of Newark near Granville on the summit of a high hill is now plainly to be seen the earthwork thrown up by the hand of man in the form of a huge all gater, its body, head, four feet and tail all very easily traced, this work is about two hundred feet in extreme length and twenty or more in extreme width, and is another object of interest to the antiquarium and causes him to ask why was this formed. Near this work is a conical mound some twelve feet high possibly commemorating the death and burial place of some tribal chieftain.

Near Fredericktown, Knox Co. are three interesting evidences of prehistoric man. The first is on the right bank of a small stream about one mile south east of the town on a slight elevation above the stream and consists of an oblong mound twenty five feet high surrounded by an earth wall from four to eight feet high at a distance of about thirty feet from the base of the mound. Both mound and encircling wall were no doubt much higher when first built, but the elements have been gradually wearing them away for ages, as very large trees are now growing in and upon the embankment, whose entire growth has been made since the this work was finished.

The second work is distant from the one just mentioned about one hundred rods nearly due south, it occupies the very highest elevation

near the stream which drains this valley. It seems to be the ruins of an uncompleted fort but differing from the modern style of building earthworks in this respect: the earth was taken from the inside of the enclosure to form the wall while the present custom is to excavate a deep ditch on the outside, thus not only increasing the apparent height of the wall but the ditch itself proving a difficult obstruction for an enemy to cross. There are four openings in the walls which are not over six or eight or eight feet in width, the walls are quite low and appear to have been in an unfinished condition when left.

The last work is nearly due west about one mile across the valley and consists of a round mound about sixty feet in diameter at the base and thirty or more feet high is built upon the summit of a high hill and can be easily seen from the B. & O. railroad track.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

It is somewhat curious fact that the words "E Pluribus Unum," which have appeared on different United States coins, and is on the standard silver dollar, was never authorized to be so placed by law. They were first used on coins in 1786. There was no United States Mint then, but there was a private one at Newburg, and the motto of the United States was first placed on a copper coin struck at that mint. In 1787 a goldsmith named Brasher coined a piece was known as the \$16 gold piece and the motto, placed in this form, "Unum E Pluribus," was stamped upon it. The coins are worth to-day \$2,000 and only four are known to be in existence. In 1787 the motto also appeared on various copper coins of the state of New Jersey. [U.S.M.]

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have been surcharged "Jhind State"
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Pre-Historic Workers in Ohio.

CONTINUED FROM DECEMBER NUMBER.

East of Newark perhaps two miles and near a small stream a shapely conelike mound can be seen from the car window as you pass east on the Pan Handle train which is also a work of the Mound Builders. I have also noticed numerous mounds in Fairfield county, near the town of Bremen which seem to be all built upon the highest points attainable, and in many cases are but three or four feet high, by thirty feet in diameter at the base, while the earth of which they are formed is of a different color and character than the hill upon which they are built, while broken or unfinished arrow-heads and chips of flint are quite common upon and around each mound.

At Picketon, Pike Co., two very well preserved mounds are to be seen one and one half miles south of the village, while on the level field near these large mounds are still discernible six or seven smaller mounds, the two largest are about twenty-five feet high and seventy five feet in diameter across the base are round and symmetrical and are distant from each other about thirty rods: between these mounds and the village is a remarkable cut made through a large gravel bank, in depth from surface of adjacent bank must be fully twenty feet, in width about eight rods and thirty or thirty five rods long. The

material thrown out from this excavation is piled high on each side.

On a high ridge of hills overlooking the town are two deep circular pits about thirty feet in diameter and fifteen to eighteen feet deep with no visible walls to prevent the earth from filling the excavation, which it very doubtless has to a considerable extent. The oldest inhabitant can give only this explanation: They were here as they now are seventy years or more ago, supposed to be the work of the mound builders." Near the mouth of the Muskingum river at Marietta are numerous and well-preserved mounds, trenches, and earth works also at Circleville at which points numerous articles of copper and stone have been exhumed but I have yet not been to examine these works. Near Defiance by the Auglaize river is a remarkable mound quite round and symmetrical in shape and thirty-five or forty feet in height in which at the date of my visit had not been dug into with view of inquiring into the object of its formation. At Weymouth village, Medina County two deep trenches were dug across the narrow neck of a small peninsula formed by a small stream running through the village, the object no doubt was to divert the river from its natural course by this artificial channel. Large trees have

grown on the banks formed by piling up the earth at the time the trenches were dug prove their antiquity. Near the shore of Sandusky bay, Sandusky Co., are numerous small mounds three or four feet high which contained human bones as well as those of deer and other animals, in one an immense skeleton was exhumed a few years ago proving that giant did exist then as well as now. But in the mound examined by the writer, we found at the depth of three feet broken fragments of different portions of the human frame, some that had no doubt lain on the surface and bleached, and in some cases showed the teeth marks where some animal had gnawed into the bone.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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Of what good is such a society as this? It might be called a bartering club. A good philatelic society should have philatelic papers and

books to read; a blank book should be kept to paste scraps of philatelic clippings and to keep counterfeit stamps in so as to compare them with the original.

I hope these few words may be of some importance to any organizing a philatelic society but don't keep, (if I call it by its right name), a bartering club.

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meeting was held Jan, 21. Here-
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