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XTINCTION OF GREAT BIRDS.

By S. ESTLE MILLER.

It is a noteworthy fact during he years of the past many birds of reat interest to the naturalist have ecome extinct, many within the emory of man, and even within wo centuries. Among the number e find the Nazarene, Solitaire, Dodo and Great Auk.

Of the extinct species, the most amous, perhaps, was the Dodo *Didus Ineptus*). This bird was n inhabitant of the Mauritius Is-and and at the time of its discov-ry, in 1598, it was extremely ommon; but so effectually has it een eradicated that it is now only epresented by a few pictures of he seventeenth century, two heads, foot, a few feathers, and some of s bones that are scattered about mong the museums of continental urope. This bird, judging from e pictures mentioned above and om early descriptions, was large nd bulky, weighing seventy-five ounds, and was indeed a giant mong birds. It was the possessor a powerful bill, and the upper ortion of the mandible was so orny, arched, hooked and fero-ous in appearances that its dis-overs for a long time considered it ground vulture. The body of is bird terminated in a rounded trenity, being destitute of true il feathers, having a tuft of plumes take the place.

The Solitaire and Nazarene have so become extinct in the memory man.

The former bird was quite large, tained the weight of seventy-five unds, had feet and beak like a turkey, but in other respects resembled the didus above mentioned. The plumage of this bird was of a brownish-gray color, and, by fluttering its wings, produced a noise like a rattle.

The Nazarene was a three-toed bird, and, judging from its bones, was thrice as large as the didus.

The great Auk, a bird forty inches in length, was occasionally seen as far south as Boston no later than fifty years ago, and was quite common in the Arctic regions. To-day not a living specimen of this bird is known to exist in the world, but by what means it became extinct will ever remain an enigma. Only one skin of this bird is on exhibition in this country; this was purchased by a gentleman of New York at a cost of $750 in gold. The eggs alone, at market value, are worth $200 apiece.

While these birds and many others have become extinct, others are rapidly becoming so. And how can it be otherwise when thousands of our useful, beautiful and melodious songsters are being slaughtered annually to gratify the whims of heartless sportsmen or fashionable belles, or when thousands of bird's nests are robbed yearly by the ruthless vagrant and gluttonous oologist (?), or, more properly speaking, "Egg-hog."

Cruel, indeed, and heartless, must be the man or boy that will enter fields or woods to slay harmless or useful creatures for mere sport, or "to pass away the time," and equally cruel and heartless the person who will take an egg from a nest for any other than a scientific purpose.

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mere sport or for pecuniary benefit is not only a base, heartless act, but an act productive of great harm. Birds, to a very great extent, are safe-guard to onr grain-fields and orchards. Remove these invaluable protectors and the products of the farm must suffer from the ravages of the insect and the grub.

Divers reaons might be given for the protection of the lives of the feathered tribe.

"Blessed wanderers of the upper deep."

But the reasons are so obvious, it it seems to us, that they need not be given here. Suffice it to say that unless the inhumanity or cruelty shown to the birds now living be abated, many of them will soon be classed with the Dodo, Great Auk, etc.

That the magnitude of this evil should assume less and not greater proportions, is evident to every true collector and every true naturalist. But to mitigate or do away with this great evil we need the combined effort of all persons interested in bird life, and these interests should begin at once. Let each one do all that he can to banish the cruelty practiced toward the songsters that come annually to our woods and meadows, and fill them with life and heaven-born music.

To many the life of a bird may appear of no moment, and yet how desolate the same person would find our fields and woodlands were its notes and echoes never heard there.

HERE AND THERE.

It is reported that the U. S. four cent stamp will soon be issued in carmine.

Stamps have been issued for Tunis. This country entered the Postal Union last July. The designs on the stamps are quite attractive.

Collectors, put only genuine stamps in your collection, and be sure all are in good condition.

Tallow Candle Fish.

It is said that in the waters British North America there is fish, an odd fish, as surprising its ways as the sea-serpent, and finitely more useful. It is a cies, of smelt, and may be poetic described as an aquatic glow-w It may be literally used in the way as a candle, by simply set a light to the tail, when it will with a flame as steady as that the "dips," which our grandfat had to put up with before gas invented. It is a small silvery averaging about fourteen in long, is exceedingly fat, and aff an excellent and valuable oil, is so inflamable that the dry car will serve as a torch. Among natives the fish is known as oolahan, and by them, as by ot who have tasted it, is consid one of the most delicious ducts of the sea, being far more licious in flavor than the herr The fish are caught in wicker b ets, and are smoked as much their oily nature allows.—S. S.

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The most remakable echo known is that in the Castle of Simonetta, two miles from Milan. It reports the echo of a pistol sixty times.

The largest diamond in the world is the Bragunza, being a part of the Portguese jewels. It weighs 1,880 carats. It was found in Brazil in 1741.

The largest library in the world is in Paris, and was founded by Louis XIV. It contains 1,400,000 volumes, 175,000 manuscripts, 300,000 maps and charts and 150,000 coins and medals.

Giants Among Small Things.

A variety of sponge known as Neptune's Cup, grows on the submarine rocks, from three to six feet high. Their small stock and wide top, symmetrically hollowed out, is an exact representation of a colossal drinking goblet.

A species of butterfly exist in South America, the body of which is as large as that of a robin and its velvet wings ornamented with the most gaudy coloring, extend a foot across.

During the Triassic period, frogs have attained a size fully equal to an ox.

A cuttle-fish, seen near Cannary Islands, has a spread of arms twenty feet and weighed over four thousand pounds.

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THE November number of th COLLECTOR will be out Novemb 10th. Advertisements for th number should reach us not late than November 5th.

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WE want 1,000 subscribers a once, and to secure them we mak some splendid offers. Turn t the tenth page and read them.

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S is time to cry 'enough' on raits in our journals when we obliged to gaze on such ones as *Collector's Ledger* has produced s last two issues."—*S. B. Bradt, Stamp World.*

PHILADELPHIA Press Associa- would, undoubtedly, be benefi- to all publishers.

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R. A. M. Dunning states that *Prince Edward Island Philate-* is not reliable. Mr. Dunning good reasons for the statement.

AMONG THE PAPERS.

he *Figaro* still lives. This bit nformation was taken from the *mp World.*

he *Stamp World*, as its name cates, is to be a monthly devoted e interest of the stamp collector. ume 1, number 1, is to appear ober 15, from Brooklyn, N. Y.

The "Revised List" in the *American Journal of Philatel*, is brought down to U. S. Locals.

Philo's Monthly, a journal devoted to philately, is small but good. Every number contains something of interest to the stampist.

It is reported that the *Philetelic Herald* be continued under the direction of Messrs. Curtis, Coffin & Lunt.

The September number of the *American Philatelist* gives a verbatim report of the saying of the Boston convention.

A copy of the *Eastern Philatelist* would meet with a warm reception at the Collector's sanctum. A similar fate awaits every collector, or ameteur paper published. "A hint to the wise is sufficient." Hence we expect to have a list worth noticing in the November number of the American Collector.

The *Collector's Review* contains the constitution of the American Stamp Dealer's Association.

The *Philatelic Gazette* is now in the hands of new managers. The first number, containing 16 pages of interesting matter, has appeared.

We hope to receive, erelong, a copy of the *United States Phtatelist*. We admire "unprerentious paper" as well as unpretentious people.

The October *Stamp World*, formerly *Curiosity World*, has again donned a cover. The *World* is always a welcome guest. We wish it would come oftener. Long may it live and great good may it accomplish, is the earnest wish of "yours truly."

The *Collector's Ledger* is now controled by Messrs. Gustav and William Aue, Mr. Alvah Davison, the former editor, having retired. The *Ledger* is an excellent paper and one of which any editor or publisher might well feel proud. We trust that it will be as successful under the new management as it was under the old.

THE STAMP ALBUM AND ITS STORE.

A Stamp Album? Yes. We found it on the parlor table. It was a large, beautiful book, elegantly bound in Morocco, and finely ornamented with gold. On the back in large letters were the words,—Stamp Album.

So beautiful and striking was the exterior appearance that, on beholding it, that we were at once seized with a desire ts "inquire within." We quickly opened it, when, lo! what a sight greeted our eyes. Dead, indeed, to the influence of the beautiful would have been the person who would not have been filled with delight at the moment.

Before our eyes, as we turned the leaves of the book passed stamps from every stamp-issuing country of the world. Large stamps, and small stamps, stamps good and stamps bad; stamps monochroic and stamps polpchroic; stamps that were rendered conspicious by their beauty or by their oldness.

We beheld stamps that were worth less than a cent apiece, and some that were worth dollars. The faces of some were wretched scrawls, while the faces of others seemed to be the repositories of life and inteligence. On many stamps we found the likeness of "Honest Abe;" on others the "Mill Boy of the Slushes;" on others the stern countenance of "Rough and Ready," and on other the face of Queen Victoria. On others appeared faces that space compels us to leave unmentioned.

We also found stamps that were exact, though minature representations of beautiful scenery, famous things and places, and world-renowned inventions.

In brief, I found that the book was a repository for the beautiful, the curious and the interesting. Few were the stamps that did not call forth from History or Biography a grand array of incidents or facts.

Reader, we know whereof we speak when we say that the Stamp Albu with its rare, beautiful and curiou stamps, minature paintings, is thing worth possessing. Every stamp between the lids of the albu is the product of some designer, gre or small, and every one is an inde to great event or some great achiev ment in the world's history.

In view of all the entertainme and benefit to be derived from well-stocked album, surely, such thing is well worth its room. L everybody own an album of stam Collectors, do what you can to spr the "stamp fever." We—but enough The mid-night hour has come, an our light, quivering on the brink uncertainty, reminds us that the ho for retiring is at hand. Reade good night.

STAMP LOVER.

Mr. Alvah Davison states in th columns of the *Stamp World* th he struck quite a bargain in stam while at the last convention of th A. P. A., at Boston.

We wonder what has become *The Collector*, published at Ga bier, Ohio? Brother Morris, sta up and explain. We would al like to hear from the *Ohio Philat ist.*

The *Quaker City Philatelist* h its share of advertising patronag

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If the *Collector's Illustrat Magazine* still lives we would li very much to receive another co If this paper has suspended "lack of support," collectors ou to feel a pang of regret. The fi two numbers, the last we have se were splendid.

A new paper, the *Philatelic Pr* is to be issued October the 1st., u der the auspices of H. G Manch ter.

WHY SHOULD WE COLLECT?

There is not an object of God's eation but what is marvelous and ysterious, and not one but what worth studying. The plants that ow, the fish that swims, the birds at fly, and every other object, nimate or inanimate,—all are marlous works, so marvelous that me and research can never unravhalf the mysteries that cling bout one single object of God's eation. But the not being able to now all, should not keep you or I om striving to know what may be nown. Indeed, it is our duty,—a ty we owe to self, to mankind, to r God,—to make an effort to unvel the mysteries that are woven bout the works that surround us. od intended all things, from the nallest to the greatest, to be in me way of use to man. Such ing the purpose for which all ings were formed, man should envor to open up the mysteries that ing about them.

Let us not then call the individl a "crank" who own a cabinet,—at loves to own and study the eful, marvelous and curious ings. To that individual, his binet of God or man-created ings is a perpetual fountain of easure and profit—a fountain om which elevating, enobling ters never cease to flow.

The true collector realizes that he s no more valuable education than collection of relics and curiosis. His collection may have cost me labor and money, but for all expenditures made he realizes at he has been repaid an hundredd, and in things more valuable an silver or gold, namely: pleas- and knowledge.

If study brings pleasure and profit d every earnest student realizes at it does, let us have in our rooms d where we may learn of them, at we can of the world's wonders If you begin rightly and persevere you will never regret that you begun to "stock a cabinet."

If you are not a collector, join the ranks and you will soon learn of the profits and fascination that cling about "our chosen art;" if you are already a collector, keep pushing ahead, endeavoring to increase the size and value of your collection, from time to time, and ere you know it you will have a thing of "beauty and joy," and the poet has written that "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

But your cabinet is something more than an object of beauty. Its beauty is of the least importance and with other characteristics, is overshadowed by its educating properties. The cabinet is an educator; then by all means have a cabinet.

In China there are over 400 species of plants used for food, and in the world probably ten times that number. Sawdust in Sweden is used in bread and found digestable.

There was a brass wire sixty-five miles long and a copper wire 111 miles long, on exhibition at Glascow, not long ago. The wires were made by a firm in the above-named place.

A FLORAL CHAMELEON.

A novel flower has been discovered at the Istmus of Tehautepec. This florrl chamleon has the taculty of changing its color during the day. In the morning it is white, when the sun is at its zenith it is red, and at night it is blue. This red, white and blue flower grows on a tree about the size of the guava tree and only at noon does it give out any perfume.—*S. S. Classmate.*

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By S. ESTLE MILLER.

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Divers reaons might be given for the protection of the lives of the feathered tribe.

"Blessed wanderers of the upper deep."

But the reasons are so obvious, it it seems to us, that they need not be given here. Suffice it to say that unless the inhumanity or cruelty shown to the birds now living be abated, many of them will soon be classed with the Dodo, Great Auk, etc.

That the magnitude of this evil should assume less and not greater proportions, is evident to every true collector and every true naturalist. But to mitigate or do away with this great evil we need the combined effort of all persons interested in bird life, and these interests should begin at once. Let each one do all that he can to banish the cruelty practiced toward the songsters that come annually to our woods and meadows, and fill them with life and heaven-born music.

To many the life of a bird may appear of no moment, and yet how desolate the same person would find our fields and woodlands were its notes and echoes never heard there.

HERE AND THERE.

It is reported that the U. S. four cent stamp will soon be issued in carmine.

Stamps have been issued for Tunis. This country entered the Postal Union last July. The designs on the stamps are quite attractive.

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Giants Among Small Things.

A variety of sponge known as Neptune's Cup, grows on the submarine rocks, from three to six feet high. Their small stock and wide top, symmetrically hollowed out, is an exact representation of a colossal drinking goblet.

A species of butterfly exist in South America, the body of which is as large as that of a robin and its velvet wings ornamented with the most gaudy coloring, extend a foot across.

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Trusting that you are pleased with the general make-up of the COLLECTOR, and hoping that we shall soon be able to place your name on our subscription books, we remain,

Truly yours,
S. E. MILLER.

THE November number of the COLLECTOR will be out November 10th. Advertisements for this number should reach us not later than November 5th.

DON'T forget to read the advertisements in this number. It will pay you.

WE want 1,000 subscribers at once, and to secure them we make some splendid offers. Turn to the tenth page and read them.

PERSONS expecting answers to letters of inquiry should enclose a stamp or card for reply. We are always willing to furnish stationery and to give time to our patrons, but to ask us to furnish stamps is asking too much—rather more than we can well afford.

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WE have received Mr F. M. Noe's fine catalogue of Indian Relics, Minerals, etc. Mr. Noe is selling many articles at very low figures. Every collector should have his illustrated catalogue. Read his ad printed on the cover of this paper.

ALL books, catalogues and papers sent us will be reviewed and listed in this paper.

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IF you are in search of an honest dealer in war relics, minerals, etc. send your order to Mr. V. A. Roher, of Trego, Md. In our dealings with this gentleman we have found him perfectly reliable.

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MR. A. M. Dunning states that the *Prince Edward Island Philatelist* is not reliable. Mr. Dunning has good reasons for the statement.

AMONG THE PAPERS.

The *Figaro* still lives. This bit of information was taken from the *Stamp World.*

The *Stamp World*, as its name indicates, is to be a monthly devoted to the interest of the stamp collector. Volume 1, number 1, is to appear October 15, from Brooklyn, N. Y.

The "Revised List" in the *American Journal of Philatel*, is brought down to U. S. Locals.

Philo's Monthly, a journal devoted to philately, is small but good. Every number contains something of interest to the stampist.

It is reported that the *Philetelic Herald* be continued under the direction of Messrs. Curtis, Coffin & Lunt.

The September number of the *American Philatelist* gives a verbatim report of the saying of the Boston convention.

A copy of the *Eastern Philatelist* would meet with a warm reception at the Collector's sanctum. A similar fate awaits every collector, or ameteur paper published. "A hint to the wise is sufficient." Hence we expect to have a list worth noticing in the November number of the American Collector.

The *Collector's Review* contains the constitution of the American Stamp Dealer's Association.

The *Philatelic Gazette* is now in the hands of new managers. The first number, containing 16 pages of interesting matter, has appeared.

We hope to receive, erelong, a copy of the *United States Phtatelist*. We admire "unprerentious paper" as well as unpretentious people.

The October *Stamp World*, formerly *Curiosity World*, has again donned a cover. The *World* is always a welcome guest. We wish it would come oftener. Long may it live and great good may it accomplish, is the earnest wish of "yours truly."

The *Collector's Ledger* is now controled by Messrs. Gustav and William Aue, Mr. Alvah Davison, the former editor, having retired. The *Ledger* is an excellent paper and one of which any editor or publisher might well feel proud. We trust that it will be as successful under the new management as it was under the old.

THE STAMP ALBUM AND ITS STORE.

A Stamp Album? Yes. We found it on the parlor table. It was a large, beautiful book, elegantly bound in Morocco, and finely ornamented with gold. On the back in large letters were the words,—Stamp Album.

So beautiful and striking was the exterior appearance that, on beholding it, that we were at once seized with a desire ts "inquire within." We quickly opened it, when, lo! what a sight greeted our eyes. Dead, indeed, to the influence of the beautiful would have been the person who would not have been filled with delight at the moment.

Before our eyes, as we turned the leaves of the book passed stamps from every stamp-issuing country of the world. Large stamps, and small stamps, stamps good and stamps bad; stamps monochroic and stamps polpchroic; stamps that were rendered conspicious by their beauty or by their oldness.

We beheld stamps that were worth less than a cent apiece, and some that were worth dollars. The faces of some were wretched scrawls, while the faces of others seemed to be the repositories of life and inteligence. On many stamps we found the likeness of "Honest Abe;" on others the "Mill Boy of the Slushes;" on others the stern countenance of "Rough and Ready," and on other the face of Queen Victoria. On others appeared faces that space compels us to leave unmentioned.

We also found stamps that were exact, though minature representations of beautiful scenery, famous things and places, and world-renowned inventions.

In brief, I found that the book was a repository for the beautiful, the curious and the interesting. Few were the stamps that did not call forth from History or Biography a grand array of incidents or facts.

Reader, we know whereof we speak when we say that the Stamp Album with its rare, beautiful and curious stamps, minature paintings, is a thing worth possessing. Every stamp between the lids of the album is the product of some designer, great or small, and every one is an index to great event or some great achievement in the world's history.

In view of all the entertainment and benefit to be derived from a well-stocked album, surely, such a thing is well worth its room. Let everybody own an album of stamps. Collectors, do what you can to spread the "stamp fever." We—but enough. The mid-night hour has come, and our light, quivering on the brink of uncertainty, reminds us that the hour for retiring is at hand. Reader, good night.

STAMP LOVER.

Mr. Alvah Davison states in the columns of the *Stamp World* that he struck quite a bargain in stamps while at the last convention of the A. P. A., at Boston.

We wonder what has become of *The Collector*, published at Gambier, Ohio? Brother Morris, stand up and explain. We would also like to hear from the *Ohio Philatelist*.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* has its share of advertising patronage.

If the *Collector's Illustrated Magazine* still lives we would like very much to receive another copy. If this paper has suspended for "lack of support," collectors ought to feel a pang of regret. The first two numbers, the last we have seen, were splendid.

A new paper, the *Philatelic Press*, is to be issued October the 1st., under the auspices of H. G Manchester.

WHY SHOULD WE COLLECT?

There is not an object of God's creation but what is marvelous and mysterious, and not one but what is worth studying. The plants that grow, the fish that swims, the birds that fly, and every other object, animate or inanimate,—all are marvelous works, so marvelous that time and research can never unravel half the mysteries that cling about one single object of God's creation. But the not being able to know all, should not keep you or I from striving to know what may be known. Indeed, it is our duty,—a duty we owe to self, to mankind, to our God,—to make an effort to unravel the mysteries that are woven about the works that surround us. God intended all things, from the smallest to the greatest, to be in some way of use to man. Such being the purpose for which all things were formed, man should endeavor to open up the mysteries that cling about them.

Let us not then call the individual a "crank" who own a cabinet,—that loves to own and study the useful, marvelous and curious things. To that individual, his cabinet of God or man-created things is a perpetual fountain of pleasure and profit—a fountain from which elevating, enobling waters never cease to flow.

The true collector realizes that he has no more valuable education than his collection of relics and curiosities. His collection may have cost some labor and money, but for all the expenditures made he realizes that he has been repaid an hundred-fold, and in things more valuable than silver or gold, namely: pleasure and knowledge.

If study brings pleasure and profit and every earnest student realizes tnat it does, let us have in our rooms and where we may learn of them, what we can of the world's wonders If you begin rightly and persevere you will never regret that you begun to "stock a cabinet."

If you are not a collector, join the ranks and you will soon learn of the profits and fascination that cling about "our chosen art;" if you are already a collector, keep pushing ahead, endeavoring to increase the size and value of your collection, from time to time, and ere you know it you will have a thing of "beauty and joy," and the poet has written that "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

But your cabinet is something more than an object of beauty. Its beauty is of the least importance and with other characteristics, is overshadowed by its educating properties. The cabinet is an educator; then by all means have a cabinet.

In China there are over 400 species of plants used for food, and in the world probably ten times that number. Sawdust in Sweden is used in bread and found digestable.

There was a brass wire sixty-five miles long and a copper wire 111 miles long, on exhibition at Glascow, not long ago. The wires were made by a firm in the above-named place.

A FLORAL CHAMELEON.

A novel flower has been discovered at the Istmus of Tehautepec. This florrl chamleon has the faculty of changing its color during the day. In the morning it is white, when the sun is at its zenith it is red, and at night it is blue. This red, white and blue flower grows on a tree about the size of the guava tree and only at noon does it give out any perfume.—*S. S. Classmate.*

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PHILATELIC CHIMERA.

By Col Lector.

There is a tendency among a certain class of philatelic novices and pseudo editors, whose imaginative powers (or rather weaknesses) exceed their brains, to make in philatelic journals statements which, when simmered down, are found to be, to say the least, greatly exaggerated.

A stamp journal of recent issue innocently remarks that the United States contains 200,000 stamp collectors, and still another places the number at 375,000. To any intelligent person this statement is ridiculous. Can we believe that one person in every three hundred in the United States is a stamp collector? Remember, this three hundred includes men, women, and children of all ages, races, and colors; from the child in arms to the white-haired patriarch of ninety-Bohemians, Poles, Swedes, Dutch and evey other nationality, and of every degree of intelligence. Is it much wonder the outside world calls philatelists "cranks," when they make such assertions as these? A person should not be called a philatelist who does not spend at least $10 per year on his collection. Now, supposing each collector of the 200,000 spent five dollars per annum, the revenue to the stamp dealers of the United State would amount to the enormous sum of $100,000. There are, we will say, 100 dealers in this country, not including "kids" whose stock in trade consists of a few thousand continentals and a half dozen packets. Can we believe the sales of these dealers, whether large or small, amounts to $1,000 each, yearly? A stamp dealers profits are at least 30% of the amount taken in. Are there one hundred dealers in the U. S. making $3,000 per year from stamps? A census of American stamp collectors would show, I think about 22,000 collectors, and of these only about seven thousand *philatelists*

An absurd story which has been going the rounds of the press informs us that the Duke of Galliera, a nobleman of France, possesses a collection for which he paid 1,750,000 francs, or $350,000! What nonsense this! A man who expends $350,000 for a stamp collection, would not be a philatelist, but a "crank" of the first water; for a complete collection could be bought (if it was obtainable) for a small part of that amount, and his "300 volumes" must have contained hundreds of duplicates. The same article asserts that the city of Paris has 150 wholesale dealers in stamps, Great Scott! what a multitude of *retailers* there must be.

Another paper makes the statemen that there are in the United States twenty-four firms with capitals ranging from $2,000 to $10,000. Any collector in his right mind knows that there is not a dealer in the world whose capital reaches $100,000. Chas. H. Mekeel, one of America's largest dealers, has a capital invested of about $17,000

Such philatelic bombast is more of an injury to philately than otherwise, for such stories are, to a sensible public, decidedly "fishy," and savor strongly of Baron Munchausen. Let us have less of such canards which are only "swallowed" by the small boy who is in the "copy book" period and which expes-

es Philately to ridicule as a chimerical persuit, or rather craze, which is folowed only by "cranks."

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An advertising sheet.—The Q. C. P.

The Hill-Chalmers controversy—when will it end? "That is the question."

It is stated that Germany is soon to have a new set of stamps.

The Patent Medicine Stamp, maugr the arguments to the contrary, is surely entitled to a place in the stamp collection, or in the stamp album.

Several stamp swindlers are keeping step to unsought, unpleasant music.

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"Recent numbers of the American Philatelist and the American Journal of Philately reprinted an interesting paper read by J. Walter Scott, the veteran New York stamp dealer, before the Brooklyn philatelic society, about soldiers' fair stamps. The Journal's reprint is illustrated with cuts of the stamps. Of most interest locally is the stamp of the soldiers' fair in this city. The fair was held in City hall in December, 1864, and the "post-office," where letters were kept ready-made, had labels like ordinary postage stamps, representing the fee for a letter, 10 cents. These were engraved by the late Thomas Chubbuck, whose connection with the stamp history of this country began with his engraving the famous Brattleboro stamp in 1845 The stamp in question represents an officer bowing in rather an awkward fashion to two women, whose chief characteristic is expansiveness of skirts and bonnets fashionable 25 years ago."

– *Springfield (Mass.) Rep.*

RARE STAMPS.

By "Stamp Lover."

We propose to give in a series of papers a history of a few "rare" stamps. When we say "rare" stamps, we mean stamps that command high prices,—stamps that not every philatelist possesses,—stamps that would make you

happy "forever and one day longer," should you chance to find one in the garret, or in some old "hair trunk."

We shall not confine ourselves to the stamps of any particular country, but shall select the rarest from the different countries of the world

We shall endeavor to describe accurately all stamps that may be presented from time to time, and to give, as often as possible, cuts of rare stamps. Two rare stamps will be pictured in our March issue. The market value of stamps will be quoted.

We shall endeavor to make these articles not only interesting but highly profitable. The papers already prepared are quite valuable and are well worth reading and preserving. The first chapter of this series of articles will be given in our next issue. Some very rare stamps will receive "an airing."

(*To be continued.*)

CONTEMPORARIES.

The P. J. of A. for January contains the likenesses of 25 American stamp dealers and an "ocean" of other interesting matter. It is a "leader,"

The "Old Curiosity Shop" contains little of interest to philatelists, but it promises to do better soon.

We welcome the "Curiosity Collector." Come again.

The "National Philatelist" for January contains 8 neatly-printed pages.

The "Canada Stamp and Coin Journal" is requested to come again.

The "Oologist," published by Frank H. Lattin, Albion, N. Y., is well printed and well-filled with matter of interest to the egg-collector.

The January "Eastern Philatelist" publishes an article entitled, "Some Philatelic Bonazas." With the majority of collectors, "Philatelic Bonanzas" are very few and far between.

The long-flickering light of the "Philatelic Herald" has at last flickered out.

The publishers of the U. S. Philatelist foud it neccessary to change printers. Mr. Pinkham, the veternary printer, will do the work hereafter.

"Upward and onward" moves the "Philatelic Press." On the first page we find a "drama," entitled "Gautamala."

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On March 10th we received the January number of the "Rhode Island Philatelist." Rather late, sure, but, as the old adage puts it, better late than never.

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The Philatelic Monthly, now beginning the fifteenth volume, is the oldest stamp journal in America.

"It does seem that there is too much wrangling among philatelists and philatelic papers in general." We clip this from the National Philatelist. Allow

us to add, "Them's our sentiments too."

☞Try an advertisement in our March number. It will pay you.

One Dime states that W, Leblam, care Bryson & Co., Sparks St., Ottawa, Canada, is a "sneak and a fraud."

Once more we find it necessary to state that parties writing for information must enclose stamp for return postage, if they expect their queries to be answered.

☞Read the advertisements.

There seems to be something wrong with the machinery of the Exchange Department of the A. P. A. Oil the spindles, gentlemen.

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Mr. Henry Gremmel's new price-list is a neat one, and should be in the hands of every collector. Read his advertisement in this issue.

Hubbard of "Stamp World" declares that he is "growing tired of inserting a column advertisement in a half-inch space, and proposes to shut down on it." Other publishers should follow suit.

The statement to the effect that Mr. E. B. Sterling has disposed of his entire collection of stamps is erroneous. Mr. Sterling informs us that he has sold his Match, Medicine, and Document stamps only, a very small portion of his collection.

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