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The Stamps of Grenada,

Including a short history of the Island.

By C. E. SWOPE.

Grenada is the most southerly of the Caribbean Islands, and is situated about ninety miles north of New Andalusia. It is thirty miles long, and in some places, as much as fifteen in breadth. The Capitol and chief city is St. George, situated on the bay of the same name, and contains about 5000 inhabitants. It is said that in this bay, a thousand vessels of from three to four hundred tons burden, can secure a safe haven from storms, and that one hundred ships of one thousand tons each, can be moored in the harbor. This Island, is mostly celebrated for its timber, though it also produces indigo, sugar, peas, millet, coffee, and a good quality of tobacco.

Granada was discovered by Columbus, in 1498. and at that time was inhabited by a tribe of natives called Carribees, from whom the name of the group of islands is derived. They were left undisturbed until about 1650, when one Parquet, who was then governor of the island of Martinico, landed with two hundred men, furnished with presents for the natives, but also with arms to subdue them, in the event of their causing trouble. The natives welcomed the colonists with open arms, and the liveliest professions of

friendship, and in consideration of a few trifles and toys such as knives, hatchets, beads and the like, willingly relinquished the sovereignty of the island to them.

The colonists, imagining they had purchased the island outright, by these few presents, became very domineering and tyrannical. The natives, under this rule, became obstreperous, and knowing themselves to be unable to cope with the colonists openly, took to their usual method of warfare, viz—that of murdering all whom they found in a defenceless state. This finally culminated in open warfare, and the colonists, after receiving a reinforcement of about three hundred men from Martinico, forced the natives to retreat to a high mountain, where about forty of them, being all that were left unslaughtered jumped from a precipice into the sea, where all perished, preferring that, to falling into the hands of the enraged and unscrupulous colonists. This precipice has since been known as "*le morne des sauteurs*" or "the hill of the leapers", Grenada was held by the French until 1762, when it was ceded to Great Britain, who by excessive taxation on its exports brought on a war. It was finally retaken by the French under Admiral D'Estaing in 1779, and at last restored to Great Britain by the treaty of peace in 1783, who has ever since,

held it in her possession.

It's total population is now estimated at about 50000, inhabitants.

The issuing of stamps on this island, was commenced in 1860, and I give below, a description of each issue, with date, etc.

Issue of 1860 perforated: Full face portrait of Queen in oval, "Grenada" at top, value at bottom, 1 penny green, 6 pence red. Issue of 1866, same as 1860, 6 pence lake.

Issue of 1875: Full face portrait of Queen in circle, "Postage" above, value below, "Grenada" at bottom, under the value. 1 shilling purple.

Issue of 1881, perforated: Same description as 1875. $\frac{1}{2}$ penny violet, $2\frac{1}{2}$ penny rose, 4 penny blue.

Issue of 1882, perforated: Profile of Queen to left in octagon, "Grenada postage" above value below. $\frac{1}{2}$ penny green, 1 penny rose, $2\frac{1}{2}$ penny blue, 4 penny slate, 6 penny mauve, 1 shilling violet.

Issue of 1883: same as 1882, 1 penny yellow, perforated.

The stamps of Grenada, like the rest of the British Colonies, and those of Great Britain, are finely engraved, and are printed in bright, lively colors presenting a handsome appearance, when mounted in an album.

Annoyances.

Among other things, which are a source of great annoyance to dealers, is the receipt of numerous requests for sheets from young hopefuls, who think they are quite cute, smart, or in other words quite sharp. These delightful personages, upon the receipt of a sheet of stamps, take all the best from the sheet, and replace them with comparatively valueless continentals, and then send you one, two, or sometimes three cents (according to their generosity) for what they have taken. We could name a score or more who have bothered us

in this manner. Among them we might mention such notable personages as Mr. Robert Phillips, Jr., of Newburgh, N. Y., and Geo. E. Doyle, of Belleville Michigan.

The Postage Stamps of Newfoundland.

The first issue of postage stamps for this insular colony of Great Britain, appeared in 1857, when nine values were put in use. The set consisted of a one penny brown, two pence orange, five pence brown violet, and the six pence, six and one-half pence, eight pence, and one shilling orange. The one penny and five pence were square stamps with a crown in center surrounded by the rose, shamrock and thistle, the emblems of England, Ireland, and Scotland, at the right "St. Johns", above, "Newfound," at the left, "land," below "postage," also the value expressed in words. The one penny was also printed in brown-violet, thus making two varieties of this stamp. The three pence was the well known triangular stamp, which most of our readers have probably seen. The remaining values of the set are all of the same design, of which the following description will probably give some idea: In the center are the rose, shamrock and thistle, enclosed in a circle, above which are the words, "St. Johns Newfoundland," and below "Postage" with the value expressed in words. There were also numerals of value in each corner.

In 1862 the colors of all the values of this design was changed to lake in 1863 the colors of the five pence was changed to brown. These stamps continued to do service until 1866, when a new set with the value expressed in cents made its appearance. Each stamp of this set was of different design and six

values were put in use. The two cents was printed in green and the design consisted of a fish swimming to the left in oval, with "Newfoundland" above, value in words below, "two" at each end and numerals of value in corners. The five cent brown, somewhat resembled the two cent, but a seal was substituted for the fish. The ten cent was black and showed the profile of the heir-apparent to the British throne. The twelve cent pink contained the head of the queen to the left in circle surrounded by the words "Newfoundland twelve cents". The design of the thirteen cent consisted of a fishing smack with sails spread and was printed in orange. The twenty four cents was much larger than the other stamps of the set and contained the head of the queen, enclosed in a frame with "Newfoundland" above, "cents" below, and numerals of value enclosed in circle in each of the lower corners. Few more interesting or appropriate sets of stamps have ever been issued.

In 1868 a one cent violet made its appearance and the color of the five cent was changed to black. In 1870 a three cent vermillion and six cent rose with the head of the queen in widows weeds made their appearance and in the following year the color of the five cent was changed to mauve and that of the three cent to blue. In 1876 the one, two, three and five, made their appearance rouletted. This completed the changes until 1880 when the four lower values were redrawn and somewhat simplified. All of the issues previous to 1866 are some what scarce, and the five cent brown is also rare, but the others are comparatively common and within the reach of all collectors.

The Jingo Stamp Company of this city reports being victimized by George W. Stead, Howar and Berks

St., Philadelphia, Pa., who writes under a letter-head bearing his name, assuming to be a manufacturer of silk goods.

Geography of S. I.

Hawaii, a kingdom that is formed by eight beautiful islands and several small islets in the middle of the Pacific ocean, was a despotism prior to 1838, but in 1840 the king granted a constitution that has since been improved. Kalakaua became king in 1874. The islands are sandwiched, as it were, in the waters of the Pacific, hence are Sandwich islands. The chain runs from southeast to northwest. Their names and areas are Hawaii, 4,850 square miles; Maui, 750; Oahu, 700; Kauai, 780; Molokai, 170; Lanai, 170; Niihau, 110, and Kahoolawe, 40 square miles—total area, 7,600 square miles, and the population is 56,897. On the Hawaii are to be seen the two lofty mountain peaks Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa, both 14,000 feet in height. Kilauea on the Mauna Loa, is the largest active volcano on the planet, being $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length and $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in width. The crater is oval-shaped, nine miles around, and 6,000 feet above the level of the sea. The Sandwich islands are noted for their abundant pasturage and the large herds that are bred and fattened to supply meat to whalers and those engaged in the carrying trade.

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We learn from Mr. Fisher that the young men of San Francisco have organized a society under the name of the California Philatelic Club.

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The next country to issue postal stamps was Spain, their issue having been authorized by a royal decree of December 1716, which stipulated that the secretaries to the crown, etc., would have the privilege of apposing on the letters addressed to other authorities a seal, impressed in ink, bearing the royal arms of Castile and Leon, which would pass them free. By the general regulations of the post, on the 5th of June 1791, notice was given that the stamps mentioned in the decree of 1716 were only to be used on letters pertaining to public business. These official stamps remained in use until the beginning of the present century, when they fell into disuse.

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The next attempt at issuing postage stamps, was made by one Sreffenberg, of Stockholm, who proposed to the Assembly of Swedish Nobility to issue stamped papers to be made into envelopes for letters. The proposition was warmly supported by Count de Schwerin, who claimed that it would be convenient to both the public and the post office, but the proposition was rejected by the largest majority and these did not take effect.

(This will be continued in our next.)

♦ ♦ ♦ E. M. Pierce,

Alias Chas. Warner, Henry W. Davis, Henry Trolz, Frank Simmons, Wolverine Stamp Co., of Manchester, Norvell, Detroit and Morrice, Mich. The King of Frauds, unearthed at last.

Alas, young man! your days can ne'er be long
In flower of age, you perish for a song!
— Armed for virtue, when I point the pen
Brand the hold front of shameless guilty men.

1st Satire

The above mentioned party, has for the past six months, been defrauding dealers, by wholesale, and not only in this country, but even

extended his operations to a number of countries. Under the name of Henry Trolz, who is a hired man on his father's farm, he procured consignment of rare stamps from foreign dealers, one of whom, Mr. de la Garza of Monterey, Mexico, has been heard from, and who asks that Henry Trolz of Manchester, be published as a fraud. Mr. Pierce seems to have had an endless variety of system for his fraudulent practices. He lives or did live with his father, midway between Manchester and Norvell, Mich. and it seems procured the confederacy of the afore-mentioned Henry Trolz to assist him at Norvell. They would go regularly to Norvell, and each get the mail for the names agreed upon, namely Chas. Warner and Henry W. Davis. Pierce would write to a number of dealers, giving other dealers as reference, and whenever the stamps sent him were not rare enough, would return them, asking that very rare be sent instead, as his collection was very far advanced. In this way he procured the rarest kind of stamps, and in the greatest variety.

Also Mr. Pierce did not confine his fraudulent practices to cheating dealers, but followed it up by selling counterfeit stamps, mostly made by S. Allen Taylor of Boston. Pierce sent us (using the name of a lady, cousin of his, Miss Frank Simmons) a counterfeit first issue, one shilling, Nova Scotia stamp, for which we offered him, one dollar in exchange, not knowing it to be counterfeit, but at the same time forwarded it to Mr. L. W. Durbin for inspection. He at once pronounced it counterfeit. In the meantime we received a letter signed Wolverine Stamp Co., stating that they had purchased the stock of stamps belonging to *Frank Simmons* and that *they didn't know anything of the stamp sent us but would accept our offer.*

We immediately wrote them re-

turning the stamp, and stating that they knew it to be counterfeit, and that the next time they wished to dispose of such stamps to disguise their hand writing better. The letter signed Frank Simmons, and that signed Wolverine Stamp Co., were written by the same person, and it would not take an expert to detect it as nearly every letter was identical. Now for our proof of above statements.

We wrote the postmaster of Manchester, asking for information concerning Frank Simmons. Our reply was as follows:

Aug. 25, 1885

MR. C. E. SWOPE & Co.,

Gents:

You ask who Frank Simmons is (and this is *her* right name) and if gone to Morrice you undoubtedly think it a man, but it is a lady, cousin to young E. M. Pierce. He has gone to Morrice. The young man's name is E. M. and the father, Morey E. Do not get them confounded. Respectfully,

C. WALBRIDGE, P. M.

The above letter clearly settles it that E. M. Pierce fraudulently used Miss Frank Simmon's name.

Next we wrote the Postmaster at Morrice, Mich., and asked him (in order to prove that Wolverine Stamp Co., and E. M. Pierce were one and the same) whether or not E. M. Pierce was running the Wolverine Stamp Co. Our reply was as follows:

Office of Smith & Morrice,
Dealers in Gen'l Hardware.

Morrice, Mich., Sept. 15, 1885.

MESSRS. C. E. SWOPE & Co.,

Dear Sirs:

The Wolverine Stamp Co. is run by E. M. Pierce, from the south part of the state, probably Manchester.

Truly Yours,

JNO. MORRIS P. M.

This settles Mr. Pierce and the Wolverine Stamp Co., as being identical beyond a doubt.

Next we wrote the P. M. at Norvell, asking him whether E. M. Pierce received any letters addressed to Chas. Warner and Henry W. Davis. Our reply was as follows:

Office of Yarrington & Baneroft,
Dealers in Dry Goods etc.

Norvell, Mich., Sept. 23rd, 1885.

MESSRS C. E. SWOPE & Co.

Gents:

E. M. Pierce *did* receive letters from this office addressed to Henry W. Davis and Chas. Warner. So did a young man by the name of *Troulty*. They are dead beats, and ought to be arrested at once for fraud by use of the U. S. Mail.

Yours Truly,

C. YARRINGTON, P. M.

Mr. Yarrington evidently means Trolz by Troulty in the above letter, probably not having understood the name aright.

We think the above proof all that is necessary to show what a rascally fraud said E. M. Pierce is, and we trust the Philatelic Press, will show him up in his true light, in order that the gradually increasing number frauds may take warning, and stop while they have time. Mr. Pierce would have been exposed months ago, but we wished to have absolute proof, and not depend entirely on our own judgement.

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Editorials.

Well! We have lived to issue No. 2, and have rec'd so much encouragement, that we think quite seriously of trying to get out another number.

What do you think of the Dealer's Protective Association, mentioned in the last *Empire State Philatelist*, by Mr. J. M. Hubbard? We are willing to give it our support if rightly managed, and vote for T. Coke as manager.

Why is it that the collectors of Detroit do not form a society? There is a sufficient number of them and they would find it a very desirable, as well as enjoyable way of increasing their knowledge and collections.

About one fourth of our papers go to foreign lands. Importers take note of this and give us an ad.

We shall have to discontinue the sale of packets of 105 varieties, as we have neither time nor inclination to put them up.

Those desiring a copy of No. 3, shall either have to send us 5c. for same, or subscribe, as it will probably contain a cut of Mr. E. M. Pierce's affable countenance, also samples of his autograph.

We learn that the *New England Philatelist* has changed hands. Also that I. C. Green has sold out the *Yankee Philatelist*.

Some of Many.

Every month we shall try to have a list of approval sheet frauds, as well as fraudulent dealers. These we shall keep before the public each month and continually add to them.

We shall head the list with Mr. E. M. Pierce, Alias, Frank Simmons, Henry Trolz, H. W. Davis, Chas. Warner, J. Irwin Clark, etc., who operates his nefarious business at both Manchester and Norvell, Mich. which places are situated about eight miles apart, his home being about midway between these towns. From these two places he removed to Morrice, Shiawassee Co. where he began business under the firm name of Wolverine Stamp Co.

Next in our list is Chas. Stanley, State Line, Ind. who seems to be "a chip off the same block. He defrauded us out of a \$5.00 sheet, also C. E. Swope & Co. complain of him, and others.

J. A. Harris, Boston Mass., is another fraud of 1st water, Swope says he lost \$2.00 by him and we a similar amount, he has already been published many times.

G. Roeschke, of Cincinnati says the following have sheets of his but are not in a mood to return them; viz: Albert M. Ranshide, New Orleans. Chas. Warner, Novell, Michigan. Henry W. Davis, Norvell, Michigan. J. G. Green, State Line, Indiana. William P. Fulton, State Line, Ind. Lewis Wurster, State Line Ind.

Bank of England Note Paper.

The paper used for printing the Bank of England notes has always been made by the Porter family, whose ancestors came over from Bordeaux after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, bringing with them the art of making fine paper, which, like those of silk weaving and dyeing scarlet, was, up to that time, unknown in England. Except by burglary, it is absolutely impossible to obtain a scrap of the beautifully water-marked paper produced at the mill at Laverstoke. Every piece of this paper is registered before it is removed from the frame, an account is kept by a locked dial, and every damaged note is accounted for, being ground up again into pulp. This paper—it is perhaps needless to tell any one—is quite unique. Tested by touch, it emits a crisp, crackling, sharp sound, and in color it has been described as “neither blue wove nor cream laid, but white of a hue that can be compared with no other white.” The three decked edges show the natural boundary of the pulp when first moulded. The fourth is left smooth by the knife which cuts the notes in twain. The paper is tough—so tough, indeed, that after the addition of one grain of sizing it will hold a weight of sixty pounds without tearing. Yet the quantity of fibre in a £5 note is not more than eighteen and one-half grains, and the sheet is so thin that erasures are often times found to be extremely difficult.

But what constitutes the main safeguard of the bank is the “water,” or, more properly, the wire “mark,” that transparent design which can be instantly detected when the paper is held up between the eye and the light.

Review.

(We shall each month review all publications sent us.)

We have received Stanley Gibbons & Co's new wholesale list. It is one of the best and the prices will compete with those of any dealers in the world.

Wm. v. d. Wettern's list issued Sept. 1st. comes to hand. It excels any before issued by him.

The International Collector's Guide published by W. G. Whilden, has been received, and is a very neat work.

Mr. Pablo Gewelke, Buenos Ayers, Argentine Rep. had the kindness to send us one of his lists. Any one doing a large business should patronize him.

G. B. Calman's supplementary list to No. 10 rec'd. It contains some bargains.

Whitfield, King & Co., favor us with a list every alternate month. Each one is better than the previous.

Collectors and dealers would do well to send to Alex. Weinburg, Corfu, Greece; for his lists of Grecian stamps, post cards, etc. He deals fairly and offers great bargains.

We received catalogues of two auction sales of collections of stamps, paper money, etc. which took place the past month and were sold by Bangs & Co. and Geo. A. Leavitt, respectively.

W. F. Greany's catalogue of coins and stamps for 15c. Positively none free.

International Collector's Directory rec'd. It reflects credit on the publisher, and should be in the hands of every one.

Paraguay.

By Helim Spaulding.

This republic—the only one in South America devoid of sea-coast—contains an area of about 62,750 sq. miles with a population of nearly 264,000. The climate is temperate. The greater portion of the inhabitants are indians but the whites comprise the ruling element. The first emission of postage stamps for this country was in 1870. They consisted of the following—unperforated—one real, rose; two real, blue; and three real, black. These continued to do service until '78, when all three values were surcharged five cents. A year later ('79) three new stamps were issued with perforations, the five real, orange; ten real, brown-red; five centavos, brown. In 1881 a new set came into use, one cent, blue; two cent, red; four cent, brown and ten cent, green. The ten cent green was afterwards surcharged one and two cents. The above issue was similar to the first issue in design, but it was perforated and had the value in cents, instead of reals. The latest issue, that of '84 at present in use, contained the following stamps: One cent, green; two cent, red; five cent, blue; also the one real of '70 surcharged 1 cent. Take the stamps of this country and you will find not a quantity, but some pretty and finely engraved stamps, worthy of the attention of all collectors.

Notice to Foreigners.

Please remit for subscriptions in lowest denominations of unused stamps and oblige,
Ye Editor.

The Rise of the Postage Stamp.

It is estimated that every year about 50,000,000,000 letters are posted in the world. America leads, with about 2,500,000,000, and England follows with 700,000,000. Japan, which established a postal service only ten years ago, now mails annually 95,000,000 letters. Postage stamps are of a far more recent origin than many people imagine. Great Britain was the first country to issue them, and in 1840 a prepaid envelope made its appearance, designed by W. Mulready. Prepaid, letter sheets, were issued about the same time, there being two denominations, one penny and two penny. Before that time postage was prepaid at the post office, or what was even more common, collected upon delivery. Now almost every country in the civilized world has adopted this method of prepaying postage, Strange as it may appear, Brazil, in 1843, was the first nation to follow Great Britain's example. It was not until 1847 that the United States began to use postage stamps, but several years prior to that time the postmasters at New York, St. Louis, Baltimore, New Haven, Providence and Brattleboro had issued stamps for their own convenience.—[Cincinnati Enquirer.

Notice.

All parties having sheets sent them by the Jingo Stamp Co., prior to Sept. 3rd will please return them at once as the firm has changed hands.

The Stamp Collector's Dream.

C. E. SWOPE.

While sitting at my desk one day,
I fell into a doze,
And then, before my tired brain,
A pleasing vision rose.
I dreamt I had an album fine,
All bound in black and gold,
And on its pages was a mine
Of treasured stamps so old.
Rare local stamps were there by scores,
And a Brattleboro' true,
And all the old provisionals
Were represented too.
Department sets were quite complete,
And all unused beside;
There were no prettier lot of stamps
Than these ranged side by side.
And while I turned the pages o'er,
Finding many a treasure,
A voice broke in upon my dream
And ruined all my pleasure.
"I want a dink o' water pop,
I want a dink o' water;"
These were the words that greeted me,
From Grace, my little daughter.
How quick the change—I looked to see
If the album still was there,
But nothing greeted me except
My darling's face so fair.

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Notices of Exchange.

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To exchange, a brass, 3 lens microscope, complete with mounted object piers, fine case, etc., and a fine toned guitar, (some worn) for the best offer of coins, medals, or paper money in next 30 days. Give description and condition. Address,

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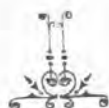
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the United States of America in 1847, France in 1848, Schleswig-Holstein in 1848, Tuscany in 1849, Belgium in 1849, Spain in 1850, and the other principal nations and their colonies (with but few exceptions) at intermediate dates, thus generalizing their use throughout the world.

In 1843-48 the Swiss cantons of Zurich, Basle, Vaud, Neufchatel, Geneva, and Winterthur issued stamps for use in their several cantons. They were, however, in 1850 replaced by the stamps of the federal administration, which issued stamps for both French and German cantons with corresponding inscriptions. These remained current until 1854, when they were superseded in turn by a uniform type for all Switzerland, with the values expressed in rappen, centesimi, and centimes. These enjoyed a currency of eight years, and were then replaced (1862) by a new series with the name "Helvetia" and corresponding numerals of value. This set ranged in value from two centimes to one franc.

In 1882 a new series appeared with numerals and standing figure, and consisted of the same denominations as the former set.

In February, 1871, the Swiss government issued stamps for the use of Bourbaki's army interned in Switzerland, which freed their letters through the post. They were very simple, being printed in black on colored paper, with the inscription, "*Militaires francais internes en Suisse. Gratis.*"

The next stamps claiming our notice are those emanating from the Empire of Brazil. It would overshoot our postal mark to indicate all the regulations and decrees published by this nation since 1829 for the amelioration of Brazilian postes. We would but remark that this country, far distant from Europe as it is, was the second to follow the example of England in the adoption of postage stamps. A decree of Nov. 29th, 1842,

signed by the minister, C. J. d'Aranjo Viana, orders the creation of stamps. The idea was to reproduce, as in England, the features of the sovereign, but the director of the mint, fearing the respect due to his emperor would be wounded were the sacred effigy obliterated, made representations to that effect in a letter dated Feb. 13, 1843. The minister yielded to this reasoning, and had introduced for the values thirty, sixty and ninety reis, a large figure upon an oval of intricate engraving. This set was engraved by Carlos d'Azevedo and Jose de Faria, the mint engravers, and printed at the National Treasury. In 1844 this set went out of use and a smaller stamp succeeded, with numerals of value in italics. In 1850, this was changed for some similarly designed stamps, except that plain numerals were used. All of these were the productions of native artists. But in 1865 the contract for the manufacture of postal stamps was transferred to the American Bank Note Co., of New York City, which has produced a very artistic and elaborate series. The portrait of his Majesty Dom Pedro I. is remarkable for its excellence and truthfulness, and effects great credit upon its manufacturers. To this set was afterwards added a new value—the three hundred reis—which was an addition to the stamps of Brazil. It was printed in two colors, and was from the *atelier* of the Continental Bank Note Co., of N. Y. City. This country has since issued some very pretty and finely engraved stamps, but none, or very few of any particular interest, nearly all bearing the profile of "His Majesty" and the engraving, etc., having mostly been done by bank note companies in the U. S. As our space is valuable and most collectors are well acquainted with them we shall not take the time to give a description.

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BY CHROMDIN.

Some collectors refuse all specimens which have been cancelled, and will place in their albums only new or unused stamps. Others will not admit unused stamps, and insist on having used ones only. The "happy medium" between the two extremes seems to us the best plan.

The collector who refuses used stamps, however handsome his collection may appear, must of necessity have many a blank space in his album, for it will be next to impossible to complete many sets unless, indeed, he be possessed of riches in abundance. In this case the stamps may be procured in sets from the countries issuing them, and his album then becomes very attractive.

There is another drawback to the collection of unused only, and that is the unfortunate habit of reprinting, which many countries have adopted within the last dozen years. A collector may see reprints or "remainders" which the officials have sold to dealers at a merely nominal price, hawked about at a penny each, while the specimen in his own collection cost, including postage and time spent in correspondence, several dollars perhaps. True, his stamp is the more desirable, and yet only an expert could detect the difference.

Those who collect used stamps are not expected to have complete sets, and for some reason, which we cannot clearly explain, a break in a set of used stamps does not appear such a serious matter as when the specimens are unused. Even a small used collection, if made up of carefully selected specimens, will all ways look well, and its value will continually increase.

Do not put into your album stamps which are so badly defaced that it re-

quires a careful examination to determine if the specimen be from Austria or from Turkey. A little care in selecting will add much, not only to the beauty of your collection, but to its value as well.

Get stamps with even margins so far as possible, lightly but distinctly cancelled. Avoid specimens so cancelled as to spoil the appearance of the portrait, or whatever the design is, or marked so that it is hardly possible to tell whether the stamp is a 10 reis or 100 reis of Brazil.

Finally, have a care in mounting your stamps. Use hinges and then you can easily change a poor specimen for a better without injuring your album. Never paste your specimens in solid. This is a relic of the barbarous age of collecting, and we now live in a more enlightened time.

Dealers.

In the list of sheet frauds sent me by Mr. Henderson was one Fred Koop, of Louisville, Ky. I took the pains to inquire into his case, as he had a good sheet belonging to me. A few days since I received letters from Mr. Koop, enclosing six sheets, one of which belonged to me. All were considerably soiled and some stamps were taken. Mr. Koop explains the matter thus: "Sorry I give you so much trouble. * * I had a neighbor named Butler, who came to me and asked if he could send some letters in my name, saying his people did not want him to deal in stamps. * * I am no collector. * * Have found out that he is a fraud. He has given me the stamps which are from four dealers, etc. The description of sheets is as follows: No. 997, value \$1.81; No. 501, value \$1.76; Nos. 382-383, value \$1.78-\$3.43. Value 94 cents. Please make claim for these and enclose 6 cents for trouble, etc."

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The Rev. J. C. Hill, of Guatemala, is a *Michigander*, having preached in the Presbyterian church at Adrian but a few years since.

We will give a *Collectors Directory* to every advertiser who sends us at least a two-inch ad.; and a year's sub. to *M. P.* to anyone who sends us at least a 3-inch ad. In both cases cash must be enclosed.

An Editorial Visit.

Being called to Adrian some days since on a business trip, and having some time to spare, we sought out Mr. E. J. Stebbins, one of the genial publishers of *The Exchange*, (which, by the way, has been enlarged,) and after a friendly visit at his office, were invited to his home, where we had a long philatelic discussion over his collection, which consists of postage and revenue stamps, especially revenue, of which he has the finest lot it has been our luck to set eyes on. His brother, F. B. Stebbins, a philatelist of long standing—having begun to collect in 1872—has a very fine collection, containing many rare stamps, among which we will mention the Sidney views, a very complete lot of U. S., some rare U. S. locals and Confederate locals, including two varieties of the Nashville locals on the original envelopes. A noticeable feature of his collection is that it is mounted in a finely bound album of his own get-up, made to order, having blank leaves; this, we think, imparts more beauty to a collection than the usual systematic arrangement. Mr. Stebbins has a library on philately, which contains nearly all the books of any worth published in United States and Europe, and bound volumes of the leading periodicals. Reluctantly we turned from the stamps, took a hasty peep into the private museum, probably the finest in the state, and bade our kind entertainer good-by, with the assurance that our visit had been both pleasant and profitable.

Notices of Exchange.

This column is free to all, but the publisher reserves the right to refuse any objectionable notices.

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J. M. Patton, Liverpool, Pa.

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H. E. Ward, New Hamburg, Canada.

Francis Lane, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Will Furguson, 224 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich., (alias E. M. Pierce.)

H. F. Collins, Swampscott, Mass., who has beaten a great many dealers, among which were C. E. Swope & Co. and myself. Besides these he sent me others, which cases I am investigating.

Another dodge that was tried on him was that of one Guy Whiting, Strong, Me., who procured a sheet of him in June. He wrote him repeatedly and could get nothing out of him. Finally he received a card from one of his pals who informed him that Whiting had gone to New York and was to sail next day for Europe, and he thought he might hear from him from there. Next day Henderson received a letter from him dated New York, but it had this stamped on it, viz: "Received

at postmaster's office at New York under sealed cover, with directions to remail." In the letter he found about 25 continentals, saying that he was going abroad and they were all he had left. Anyone can readily see by the above that he was never in New York, and got fooled, not knowing that the above was the postmaster's custom.

Fond of Old Relics.

A Rare Collection of Coins and Other Curiosities.

Henry B. Smith, the well-known numismatist and curator of the Detroit scientific association museum, recently returned from a four weeks' visit in the neighborhood of Murfreesboro, Tenn. He brought back with him a large case of war relics, including the sword worn by "Bushwhacker" John Morgan, and the stirrups that formerly held the feet of Gen. Zolicoffer, who was shot by Col. Fry, a Union officer, at the battle of Mimb Springs, in 1862. The collection also embraces a watch, a bombshell, bayonets, and about a quart of bullets, all picked up on the battlefield of Murfreesboro.

Mr. Smith's quarters, over No. 80 Gratiot avenue, rival in appearance Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop. The walls are covered with cases of coins, embracing specimens of the mintage of nearly every country in the world. The collection is the largest in the northwest. Brass candlesticks, powder horns, zoological specimens in alcohol, and an endless variety of curios of all sorts fill the room, leaving only narrow passage ways for the proprietor and his visitors to get around in.

"I have thought of starting a curiosity store," the collector said yesterday. "Maybe I will sometime. I like to get at the history of all the relics. It does me good to have that sword of Morgan's because I knew him well. The first five dollar gold piece I ever had in my life I got for shoeing the rebel leader's horse, when I was a blacksmith at Murfreesboro, before the war. I was also along with Gen. Duffield and Col. H. M. Duffield on the scouting expedition in pursuit of Morgan."

Handsome Medals.

[In view of the recent death of Gen. McClellan we give you a short discourse on the many medals struck in his honor.]

However much Americans may differ in their estimate of Gen. McClellan, there is no doubt that he was beloved by his soldiers. To this fact many medals struck off in Little Mac's honor, which found a ready sale in the army of the Potomac testify. A friend of mine, Robert Hewitt, Jr., a prominent numismatist of this city, has a collection of American political and military medals and tokens. At the time of Grant's death Mr. Hewitt's Grant medals attracted much attention. The collection also includes an interesting McClellan series. On Aug. 4, 1864, Mr. Hewitt was a guest at the same house at Hempstead, L. I., with Gen. McClellan and took occasion to show to the general his collection of medals. McClellan examined the collection with much interest and was much touched when he saw how many medals had been issued in his honor. He added his autograph to the collection.

The largest of these medals is in white metal. On its obverse it bears a bust of the general in fine relief. The reverse has a wreath encircling a record of battles. Twined around the wreath is this inscription: "All honor to the army of the Potomac and its noble commander." The center piece of the wreath is formed by standards and a head of Washington. Another medal shows on the obverse McClellan's head and the dates 1861 and 1862. The reverse gives a plain record of battles. A piece which was much sought after by soldiers and line officers had on its reverse the inscription *Amore Patriæ Belligerum* incircling a blank space upon which the wearer could have his name engraved. On the obverse was the general's head.

A medal bearing on its obverse a bust inclosed by a wreath shows on its reverse a wreath around this inscription: "We can ask no higher honor than the proud consciousness that we belong to the army of the Potomac." An Antietam medal has a beautiful head, and "Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862," on its obverse and a battle record on its reverse. "The fall of Sumter will be avenged." is the beginning of a patriotic inscription on the reverse of one of the medals.

An important medal in the series is one from whose obverse many medals were struck, each set having a different

reverse. Thousands of the original medal were struck off to satisfy the demand of the soldiers of the army of the Potomac for medals of their commander. These medals were taken by sutlers in their stock of army supplies. The desire to possess one of these medals was so great that whole companies would combine and purchase a large number, and often a medal would sell for several times its original value. This medal shows on its obverse a full-faced bust of McClellan. On the reverse is an eagle, with extended wings, surrounded by the stars of the union. The inscription is: "One flag and one union, now and forever." The obverse of this die was, as stated, used for many other medals, which therefore differ from the original and one another only in their reverse sides. One has on its reverse, "The war of 1861 and 1862," and another, evidently issued a year later, has, "The war of 1861, '62 and '63." In both cases there are blank spaces for the name of the wearer.

One of the finest pieces in the collection is a medium-sized bronze medal showing on its obverse a fine, expressive head in bold relief. On the reverse is a graceful wreath, uniting at the bottom with a trophy of arms and enclosing this inscription: "*Nec Querere nec Speruere Honorem.*"

Encircling an eagle holding trophies on the reverse of another medal whose obverse bears a fine full-faced bust is the following: "I am sworn to defend my country." Another medal shows a fine side-face military bust. A center-piece on the reverse is composed of an eagle, a cannon, ammunition and a drum, under which are the words: "Liberty and union."

Mr. Hewitt has a number of McClellan medals which are pierced and were evidently worn by soldiers of the army of the Potomac. These all bear on their obverse faces the military bust of Gen. McClellan and on their reverse faces inscriptions such as, "First in the hearts of his soldiers;" "The hope of the union." A medal which found a ready sale had the familiar bust and a reverse entirely blank so that the purchaser could have engraved on it his name and a record of the battles in which he took part. Another medal shows on its reverse a young standard bearer, a cannon and a distant fort. The inscription reads: "The Young America of the Nineteenth Century." Other small medals have designs such as a head

of Washington amid trophies (the obverse being a head of McClellan) and a picture of the Monitor.

Mr. Hewitt has one piece which was used as a button. It shows Gen. McClellan on horseback and bears the inscription: "Spades are Trumps." There are also a number of small McClellan shinpasters, little copper pieces once circulated as currency but now very rare, as they were gathered in by the government.

At a time when party feeling ran high enemies of Gen. McClellan caused to be issued a leather medal two inches in diameter. The obverse shows a full face military bust, a questionable Latin inscription and the title: "The Great American Hesitator." Its circulation was not extensive.

Altogether there are some 150 McClellan medals. G. K.

Glenn's Little Game.

Sharp and Successful Swindle of a Youthful Illinoisan.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—William C. Glenn, a youth of 20, was lodged in the county jail yesterday to await a hearing before the United States Commissioner on the charge of conducting swindling operations through the mails. Glenn lives at Rochelle, Ill., where he has been employed in the office with his brother, who is the postmaster at that place. Some time since young Glenn is said to have begun negotiations with Eastern dealers in foreign postage stamps and curios of that description under half a dozen fictitious names. The Second National Bank of Rochelle was given for reference as to the solvency of each of these mythical names. This bank existed only on Glenn's fancy letter heads, which also gave the names of its imaginary officers and the amount of its supposed capital. Glenn received all the letters addressed to the bank, and gave the fictitious persons excellent financial ratings. These several imaginary persons then ordered large quantities of merchandise on time. Glenn is said to have received from \$100 to \$500 worth of goods from A. F. Simms & Co., of Alexandria, Va.; E. B. Sterling & Co., of Trenton, N. J.; and William Wetterer, of Baltimore. Complaints were made at the Postoffice Department by A. F. Simms & Co., and an inspector was put on the case. After

weeks of watching and investigation young Glenn was arrested Saturday. A search of his room at his father's house revealed about \$1,200 of the stamps and other articles shipped by Eastern firms.

The above article appeared in the *Detroit Free Press*, Associated Press dispatches, of Oct. 20, under date of Oct. 19, as you will see. The names are somewhat wrong, however, as A. F. Simms & Co., Alexandria, Va., probably should have read Thomas Semmes, who is the only well known stamp dealer in that city, and William Wetterer for Wm. V. D. Wetterer, Jr., of Baltimore, Md. Young Glenn probably obtained many minor amounts from smaller dealers than the above. Among other names that he used was that of F. Card, under which name he obtained sheets.

Now, readers, compare this case with that of E. M. Pierce, who we exposed in our last. Glenn is a young man of 20, Pierce has just reached his majority, and although he has not as yet been placed in "durance vile" we shall not at all be surprised to hear that he was arrested in the near future.

In regard to reference: We have a letter in our possession which Pierce sent to Mr. de la Garza, of Mexico, (signing the name of Henry Trolz, and written on one of his note-heads,) in which he gives the name of his father, Wm. Trolz, as reference, stating that he was president of the First National Bank of Manchester.

Next we find that Semmes was the person who complained to the P. O. Department. Now Semmes was the first one to find out who Pierce was and get his pay from him. He wrote to a great many prominent business men and others in this vicinity and Norvell, who took the pains to look into the business a bit, and thus he became pretty well informed, and wrote Pierce stating that he knew who he was, etc., and directed the letter to Chas. Warner, Norvell, Mich. Some time afterwards he received reply from Pierce, with the envelope post-marked Detroit, and stating that he (Chas. Warner) did not have any stamps of his, and had not received any from him since in the spring, but that if he owed him anything he hoped that the enclosed (two \$1.00 Canada bills) would make it all straight. He also stated that he was at present traveling for a wholesale drug firm in Philadelphia, and

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Those who teach know how difficult it is to interest children in remote countries; they pronounce descriptive geography and history dry and uninteresting—even that of our own country.

In what better way can a teacher prepare herself to do satisfactory work in these and other branches than by making collections of stamps, minerals, coins, relics, curiosities, specimens of native and foreign woods, plants, and the like, by which she can establish a basis of interest? Then with an object before the class proceed to develop all the interesting facts connected with it.

Not only provide yourself with a collection, but encourage and help your pupils to do likewise.

Stimulate the girls as well as the boys to make a collection; for at present we scarcely know of one girl collector. It is to be hoped that some of the money which now goes for gum will be devoted to the interest of philately.

If you wish to make a collection of one thing only, perhaps stamps will prove the most satisfactory, for its value will increase with age.

In starting school-children to collecting you will find many drawbacks. Parents may object, pupils may prefer to spend their pin-money for sweetmeats or at the skating rink, or they may not have any to spend—the latter case may be considered the least of three evils.

A few will be sure to want to make a collection, and you can let your collection serve those who are unable to make one of their own.

You will need to post yourself thoroughly in regard to all stamp issuing countries; their location, government, rulers; when they first began issuing stamps, the different varieties of each, coats of arms, heads of rulers, and finally what each country is remarkable for, what is going on in each at the present time, etc. Of course this will take time, but who can help being interested when he sees before him a little messenger from far-away-lands waiting to be interviewed?

When your class is studying a certain country, say England, hold up before them an English stamp.

Ask all the questions you can think of pertaining to its history, and let the pupils ask questions also.

For example, when an English stamp before the class, ask :

What country issued this stamp?

Whose head is on it?

When was the stamp issued?

What do the letters in the corners mean?

What does the H. M. S. postmark mean?

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FRIEND SPAULDING:—Can you spare a little space for the names of a few stamp collectors (so-called) whom I would advise all dealers and exchangers to look out for. I include exchangers, for a good many collectors increase their collections by trading, and some of these names have appeared in the exchange columns of different papers during the last year:

Albert M. Rareshide, 392 Seventh St., New Orleans, La.

Chas. F. Herrick, box 369 Honolulu, Sandwich Ids.

N. M. Norfleet, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Delos Dunbar, box 131, Fulton, N. Y.

T. Coulter, Port Hope, Ont.

John A. Wilson, box 162, Burlington, N. J.

Edward Holipiter, Peru, Ind.

Eugene H. Estes, P. O. drawer 703, New Orleans, La.

T. J. Clark, 507 Annunciation St., New Orleans, La.

Geo. Belding, No. 5 Cypress St., Worcester, Mass.

F. A. Bartlett, No. 1417, Elm St., Manchester, N. H.

John Honk, Box 147, Marshall, Ill.

Wm. N. Holloway, Jr., No. 21 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Wallace Ross, lock box 97, Rutland, Vt.

J. A. Harris, No. 60 Fountain St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Lewis Wurster, State Line, Ind.

Geo. E. Doyle, box 52, Belleville, Mich.

W. H. McBean, box 100, Moncton, N. B.

Frank Hume, Rochelle, Ill.

[This is probably an alias of W. C. Glenn.]

Albert Sutter, box 929, Elyria, Ohio.

[Also at Norwalk, Ohio.]

I have sent selections of stamps to all the above and have never been fortunate enough to get them back. There are two other parties who need a little attention. W. M. Uhler, of Shamokin, Pa., requested stamps on approval, as long ago as last March. These were sent and after several months delay the sheet was returned with most of the stamps gone, but no money. In his letter he said he had no money to pay for the stamps, but that he was going to publish(?) a paper, and

would insert my "ad." in payment. I declined his offer, but the account is still open and I am afraid it is likely to remain so. The other party, F. Stahl by name, hails from St. Paul, Minn. He had quite a fine free puff in a late number of the "Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette." His game was shown up there very well. He wrote me from No. 77 W. Seventh St., asking for stamps on approval, which were sent. Some time after he wrote from No. 11, E. Seventh St., asking why I had not sent stamps as desired, at same time giving references, (in case I was afraid to trust, etc.) I replied that the stamps had been duly sent, and at the same time intimated that he was trying to play a sharp game, and advising him to "let up." His only reply was by postal, full of bluster and big talk about free advertising. He has since written me saying he was going to publish a paper, and offering to give me an "ad." which I declined. Yesterday his announcement came to hand, which I enclose. You will notice that the circular is signed by F. Stahl (& Co.) No. 77 W. Seventh Street, and that the return card on envelope it was mailed in, says, "Return in ten days to F. Stahl, No. 11 E. Seventh Street. Most anybody will wonder how he has two separate addresses.

Very truly, I. W. RISDON.

A Newspapers Way of Putting It.

The *Free Press* received a contribution from Iceland yesterday. The stamp does not carry out the cold impressions we have of that country. It is of a warm purple color. The name is not spelt with any "ice" in it, but is simply "Island." There is a crown on the stamp, and the number, "40" in large figures occupies the center. On the bottom of the stamp are printed the words "Postfirm 40 dur." The postmarks on it are "Reyknavik," date illegible; "Edinburgh, 6 p. m., Nov. 18," "New York, Nov. 28," and "Detroit, Mich., Nov. 29, 5 p. m., 1885, Recd." The Detroit mark is the most legible and contains the most information.

To My Cabinet.

Strange types of history vanished and
forgot,
Wierd monuments of men long sunk in
dust,
To these far western climes so strangely
brought,
Speak now your story from thy antique
nest,
Speak of their glory mounting to the
sky;
Speak of their shame consigning them
to hell,
That human life, defeat and victory
May for our benefit its lessons tell.

Old Greenbacks.

The oldest greenbacks are the "flying money," first issued in China, 2697 B. C. They were in many respects similar to the modern greenbacks, bearing the name of the bank, date of issue, number of the note, signature of the official issuing it, indications of its value in figures, words and pictorial representations, and notice of the penalties of counterfeiting. The notes are printed in blue ink, on paper made from the fibre of the mulberry tree. One issued in 1399 B. C., is in the Asiatic museum at St. Petersburg.

A Few More.

Although Mr. Risdon gives you a pretty good list of frauds, it is not entirely complete. We, like himself, have been beaten by the following parties:

Wm. N. Halloway, Ponghkeepsie, N. Y.
J. A. Harris, L. Wurster, Geo. E. Doyle
and Albert Sutter, and lastly F. Stahl.

To these we will add the names of
Chas. J. Olkus, Jerome P. O., N. Y.
Chas. W. Hyatt, Jr., Nyack, N. Y.
P. Schneider, Jr., Columbus, O.
G. W. Raike, Clinton, Iowa.
W. Parke, Pickette Sta., Wis.
A. W. Hargett, Cumberland, Ky.
H. H. Cook, Salem, Mass.
H. Saylor, Quakertown, Pa.
S. W. Samuels, York, Pa.
Miss E. F. Abrams, Boston.
Miss Mamie Kent, Newark, N. J.

The latter are the only ladies (?) we have ever been cheated by, and we hope the last.

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Kind readers, these are offers never made before, and this will undoubtedly be your last chance to secure these papers at such a nominal price. You can do no better than to send on your money at once. Address

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Collectors who have favored us with the small amount charged for a year's subscription will see that they have made a good investment, as we continue to make new improvements with each number. Last month we began to give a premium stamp with each number; this month we have a new heading, and appear in 16 page form. Next month we intend to present our readers with illustrations of new issues, and shall do our

best to merit your patronage, and make such improvements as shall be to your interest.

Collectors wishing to purchase foreign stamps should communicate with I. W. Risdon; those wishing to get U. S. stamps especially, with C. F. Rothfuchs. We will guarantee you satisfaction, as we have dealt extensively with both parties, and know whereof we speak.

We have tested the truth of the saying: "To be successful is success," as our readers will observe by the many improvements in this number.

Although we are not given to boasting, we can truthfully say that in our four months existence we have not copied a single article from a philatelic paper, and in the last two numbers, not one typographical error has occurred, as we look our proof over carefully.

Our advertisers will confer a favor on the publisher by being a bit more prompt in remitting.

We have just received an elegant Christmas and New Year's medal from W. H. Warner & Bro. They are doubtless the oldest house in the country doing this work.

We would call your attention to the fact that we can offer the "N. Y. Collector" at club rates and as a premium, the same as the other papers enumerated.

As we are about to join the P. P. A. our rates will raise with next number. All contracts made before Jan. 5th, '86, can be had at our present rates.

The Philatelic American is about to make its appearance in Atlanta, Ga. D. McD. Parkhurst, editor and publisher; W. B. Symmers, business manager; W. G. Whilden, editor of fraud dept. Success to you, gentlemen.

A French paper, the Universe, sometime since professed to explain the mystery of the collection of used postage stamps. It states that the indigo used in printing them being rather expensive the French post-office itself buys back the old stamps, and skilled chemists are employed to extract the indigo, so that it may again be used in making new ones.

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Advertisers must not grumble if they do not get the best position, but must remember that first received are best served.

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A copy of Stanton's revenue stamp catalogue has been received. It is well compiled, and is just what is needed by those who cannot afford one of the more elaborate and costly ones.

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Thanks to Messrs. Mills and Hamlin for files of their very interesting papers.

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People hereabouts are saying; "How is this *Mr. Pierce* going to settle his enormous debts?" We can explain that very easily. He beats a dealer out of, say \$5.00 worth, and returns about \$2.00 worth, or in a like proportion. He is now engaged in teaching school at Morrice. His good morals must have a fine influence over his pupils.

What is Said About It.

H. G. SPAULDING, Esq.—*Dear Sir*: I take pleasure in informing you that my advertisement, which appears in No. 3 of "the Michigan Philatelist," has paid me better than expected. For enclosed please continue same in No. 4 and oblige.
Yours truly, C. F. ROTHFUCHS.

Allow me to state that I like your paper even better than its defunct predecessor, as the contents are both newsy and original. Yours resp'y,
E. F. GAMBS.

Charade.

BY C. E. SWOPE.

All o'er the wide world, I have traveled you bet,
From pole to pole of the earth;
And in the same 'usiness I'm going it yet,
On my mission of joy or of mirth.

In the last forty years I have helped a great deal
To enlighten an ignorant world;
And still will help on, with most untiring zeal,
As around the country I'm whirled.

On St. Valentine's day, I am used by the score,
To speed the sweet message of love;
And when Easter comes round, I am used all the more,
For the message from Him up above.

And also on Christmas I'm used a great deal,
To carry good news to the people;
And on New Year's I'm out, with the bells' merry peal
As they ring out the chimes from the steeple.

Now my first is an object, familiar to view,
In every jence corner you'll find it;
And my second, its visit, does each day renew,
Though by coming so oft, we don't mind it.

And my last is that which gave birth to this poem,
But for it, this had ne'er seen the light,
With my last, but once guessed, you're certain
to know 'em
All, if you're anyways bright.
LOUISVILLE, Ky.

Official Report of the New Milford, Ct., Philatelic Society Meeting of Nov. 18, 1885.

The N. M. Philatelic Society was organized and the following officers elected: W. P. Landen, President; F. E. Soule, vice president; John W. Turrill, secretary and treasurer. Durbin's catalogue was adopted as the standard. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING OF DEC. 4, 1885.

Meeting called to order by the president. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. W. H. Emmons, of North Canaan, was admitted as a corresponding member. Several amendments to the constitution were adopted, and after reading several articles on varieties, meeting adjourned. J. W. TURRILL,
Secretary.

Philatelists are warned to have no dealings with International Stamp Co., of West Gardiner, Mass., alias Frank B. Eldrige, and Pacific Coast Stamp Co., of San Francisco, alias David I. King. They are advertising frauds and dead beats.

Exchange.

12 good stamps, 10 tin tags and 2 story papers for every 3 departmental, 2 unused foreign and 5 Canadian sent me. Birds eggs, skates, books, papers, puzzles, novelties, etc., for stamps, coins or type.

JAMES ANDERZEN, College Springs, Ia.

Chinese cash sword made of Chinese coins (over 200 in number,) curiously worked together, with ornaments, Chinese bow and five arrows, Chinese mats, screens, silk banners, 3 different kinds of Chinese dolls, ivory carvings, Chinese shoes and sandals, Chinese coins of all kinds, for good Indian relics, arrow heads, perfect spear heads, stone knives, scrapers, net sinkers, war-clubs, tomahawks, pipes, beaded work, etc. Correspondence unnecessary. Best of references. Chinese curios of all kinds and the rarer varieties of foreign stamps for any good relics or curios suitable for a museum. Good specimen of polished agate wanted.

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MRS. W. S. PAUL,

Horicon, Dodge Co., Wis.

15 var. of foreign stamps for a foreign coin. An English shilling for a specimen of coquina 2x2 or over, or a specimen of 2½x2½ rose quartz, green feldspar, quartz crystals, silver ore, wood opal, flower and pearl spar, calcite, or 1½ oz. of magnetic ore.

P. S. JOHNSON, Bolivar, N. Y.

5 var. foreign stamps, 2 fancy adv. cards, or 5 var. postmarks for every

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FRAUDS.

Mr. H. G. Spaulding, Editor Michigan Philatelist:

DEAR SIR:—I wish to make a few remarks through the medium of your valuable paper concerning frauds, the bane of all stamp dealers. Many propositions have been suggested in the past few years to the Philatelic public, offering ways and means of getting rid of these pests, but none seem to have done any good as the already large number of them seems to be daily increasing instead of diminishing.

The great trouble with most dealers seems to be that when they receive a request for approval sheets, giving as reference, say, some other well-known dealer; they instead of writing to said dealer, and asking for information concerning the party, send on the sheets, trusting to luck to get them back; and should the party be a fraud, it is not necessary to state that they lose them. Most dealers do not want other dealers to know who their customers are which to my mind, is a bad way of thinking, for do not all large and small business houses inquire into the standing of their customers from other houses, before extending them credit or shipping them goods?

This seems to be the chief reason why the generality of dealers do not write to their competitors for information, and one which I hope they will remedy at once.

Another thing, let each and every dealer keep his eyes peeled, and not get caught by the same party a second time under a different name.

"Experientia docet," is a good old saying, and I for one have been greatly benefited thereby, albeit at a loss of a num-

ber of valuable sheets. Watch handwriting closely, keep a list of the names of all the known frauds as they appear in the Philatelic press, and when you charge up the approval sheets in your book, make all the notations of any importance that you possibly can, such as the references given where the letter was post-marked from, and if the party should have happened to write his request on some firm's business letter-head or enclosed it in one of their business envelopes, make a note of it, as it may be of inestimable service to you, should any trouble occur as in nearly every instance the party will be found to be in said firm's employ, and they are pretty apt to know all about him. Now one more suggestion before I close, and that is, should any dealer receive a request for approval sheets from any one who gives no reference whatever, let him not be ashamed to write and request the party to forward one. This is simply business, and no right-minded collector would be offended, but would think all the more of you for it.

Trusting my remarks may be of some value to at least the younger and more inexperienced class of dealers, and hoping that all who have made it a practice to send out sheets without reference or finding out anything about the party making the request, may take heed to this good old maxim.

"Hominis est errare, insipientis vero perseverare." (It is common to man to err, but it is the characteristic of a fool to persevere in error.) I subscribe myself,

Yours Most Truly,

C. E. SWOPE.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Jan. 3rd, 1886.

A Chat About Counterfeits.

BY H. J. TEPPER.

Large numbers of Collectors nowadays are being swindled by counterfeit stamps that are printed by the thousands from electrotypes. There is a so called philatelic paper that has a large advertisement of some dealer in this class of goods in its last issue. It may be well to remark that the former owner of this so called philatelic paper, advertises Hamburg Locals Confederate States stamps in *Harper's Young People*, but does not say they are fac-similes as he does in philatelic papers.

There is a party in New York city that ought to be exposed for the benefit of young collectors and that is A. Beissabath, located at 198 William Street, New York city. No doubt a number of collectors have noticed his adv. in *Harper's Young People* a number of times. The writer went to the above address to see what he could find out about the business, the address given turned out to be a small room upon the top floor of the building, when I opened the door I was confronted by two youths, one about 17 and the other about 20; I soon explained my mission by saying that I wished to purchase some of their stamps. I was then shown drawers full of their stuff. Among the stamps I noticed some dangerous counterfeits of the Fiji Islands one shilling; they were struck off in sheets with about two dozen stamps on a sheet. They then cancel them with a cork, with the cancellation cut in the cork. Of these they had quite a number with different cancellations. I found they had counterfeits of stamps from every part of the globe. They also had quite a number of bogus stamps of their own invention, among which I noticed Prince Edward Island, Paraguay, Bolivar, etc. Among the things I noticed an ingenious contrivance for perforating the stamp. They claimed it was their own invention. It

resembled a pair of nippers, with hollow Brass points inserted in the jaws. It seems they import large numbers of the stamps from Germany. The parties name I could not find out. After pumping all I could out of them I left after purchasing a few of the stamps.

The Stamps of Guatemala.

BY E. SAWTELL.

Guatemala, the country which produces the stamps I am about write of, is the most northern of all the Central American republics. It became independent in 1839, after having formed a part of the Central American Confederation for 18 years. Although it has not as large an area as Nicaragua, or Costa Rica, its population is twice as great as both of them together. With this brief description we will proceed to the object of this article, viz: the stamps. The first stamps ever issued by this country came out in 1871, thirty-two years after it became independent. They consisted of a set of four at first, but a year later two more were issued, the denominations then were 1, 5, 10, and 20 centavos, 4 reals and one peso, the last two are now quite rare. In 1875 an entirely new set was issued, consisting of four stamps, namely: $\frac{1}{4}$ real black, $\frac{1}{2}$ real green, 1 real blue, 2 real carmine. The next stamps issued by Guatemala were of larger dimensions than any previously or subsequently issued by her. Their values $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 reals and 1 peso; their colors were green, carmine, violet, and yellow. These stamps came into use in 1878, and in 1881 they were surcharged, 1, 5, 10 and 20 centavos respectively. Two more stamps appeared in 1879 of an entirely different cut. The set now in use made its appearance in 1882, and consisted of five values, from 1 to 20 centavos. The design was very much similar to that used in the 1879 issue, representing a parrot in the center of the stamp, with the value in the upper corner. Of the stamp-

ed envelopes I have little to say. The only ones ever used by the country appeared in '75, in a set of four, their values were $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 reales. The stamps heretofore mentioned are the only ones ever issued by this country—at least to my knowledge—and I hope the list is a complete one. Guatemala was as you see behind her sister Central America Republics in issuing postage stamps, however, the deficiency was more than made up when they were issued, for I consider that in artistic design, richness of color, clean and accurate cuts, and distinct prints they excel all others, and with the exception of our own U. S. stamps, they are the pride page of my album.

A Question of Interest to Philatelists.

In a late number of Notes and Queries, published in London, England, is the following query, in relation to the burial place of Rowland Hill, the founder of the postal system and inventor of the postage stamp. "The Rev. Rowland Hill was, at his own request, buried under the pulpit of Surrey Chapel. The building has of late years been turned into an ironmonger's or a furnishing shop. Is Rowland Hill's body lying under the hardware or upholstery; or has it been removed to any fitter place?" This is a question which should prove of vital interest to every true philatelist. It is to be hoped that the body was interred elsewhere after Surry Chapel was changed into the furnishing shop, but whether it was or not, it would be well to know where his remains now rest.

Official Report of the New Milford Philatelic Society.

Meeting of December 18th, 1885.

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. A committee of one (Mr. Landon,) was appointed to report on the application

of Mr. A. H. Jennings for membership.

Articles were read on France and Alsace Loraine, after which the meeting adjourned.

Meeting of Dec. 30th, 1885.

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The committee reporting favorably on the application of Mr. Jennings, he was admitted as a member. At his own request Mr. Emmons (corresponding member) was released.

The quarterly election of officers resulted as follows: W. P. Landon, President; F. E. Starr, Vice-President; John W. Turrill, Secretary and Treasurer. After reading articles on "Stamps of Great Britain," meeting adjourned.

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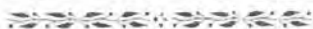
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