

The Witch City Collector.

Vol. I.

SALEM, MASS., JANUARY, 1887.

No. 1.

Chronicle.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

AFGHANISTAN.—The three stamps of the present issue come printed on yellow, orange, rose, green, and lilac.

BARBADOS.—The 6 c., gray-brown; 1 sh., red-brown; 5 sh., brown-yellow, have appeared, and a new 3 d. is reported.

BHOPAL.—The 1-4 anna, green, with letters "B. L. C. I." in the four corners, has been issued, and as usual there are several errors in the spelling.

CURACOA.—There is a 12 1-2 c., yellow.

CEYLON.—"Five Cents" in one line, instead of two lines, is now surcharged on the 4 c. envelope.

FRANCE.—The 25 c., black on rose, has been surcharged in red "1 piastre 1" for the Levant.

GAMBIA.—The 1 sh. is violet.

GUATEMALA.—There is a new provisional, being the 2 c. of 1886 surcharged in four lines: "Provisional—1886—1—Un Centavo." New 1c. stamps have been ordered here, and are to be engraved instead of lithographed. We have lately seen the 2 rs., envelope, measuring 225 x 98 mm., being official size.

HAWAII.—Wells, Fargo & Co. have impressed their frank on the present envelopes.

JHIND.—The surcharge "Jund" has been changed to "Jhind."

MONACO.—The letter cards are 15 c., vermilion on straw, and 25 c., green on pink.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The 3 d. stamp has been discovered surcharged "5c." in a double line oval.

PARAGUAY.—As soon as the present supply is used up, the following values of the new set will be issued: 1 c., green; 2 c., red; 5 c., blue; 7 c., orange; 10 c., carmine; 15 c., maroon; 20 c., blue. For official purposes these have already been

issued unperforated surcharged "Official": 1 c., orange; 2 c., violet; 5 c., red; 7 c., green; 10 c., maroon; 15 c., blue; 20 c., carmine; and afterwards perforated in the colors first mentioned.

PERU.—We have seen the 4 c. card with the arms and figures surcharged in red instead of black. The 20 c. stamp is blue, and the envelopes have lately been made good for postage by surcharging them in blue with an oval containing a representation of the rising sun and inscribed "Correos del Peru, 1886, Lima, Emision Habilitado."

PORTUGAL.—Two letter cards are to be issued on April 1, 25 reis for the interior, Spain and adjacent islands, and 50 reis for countries in Postal Union other than Spain.

TONGA.—The long expected stamps have been issued: 1 d., pink, 2 d., purple, 6 d., blue, 1 sh., green.

UNITED STATES.—The new 1c. card is out, and it is stated that the dies on the envelopes are to be changed.

The Chuck-wills-widow.

This solitary bird is rarely found north of Virginia and Tennessee. It has sometimes been confounded with the whip-poor-will. It has derived its name from its notes, which seem exactly to articulate those words. It commences its singular call generally in the evening, soon after sunset, and continues it with occasional short interruptions for several hours. Towards morning these repetitions are renewed. This note instantly attracts the attention of a stranger, and is strikingly different from that of the whip-poor-will. In sound and articulation it seems plainly to express the words which have been applied to it, pronouncing every syllable leisurely, and distinctly putting the principal emphasis on the last word. In a still evening it may be heard at a distance of

nearly a mile, the tones of its voice being stronger, and more full, than those of the whip-poor-will, who utters his with much greater rapidity.

The flight of this bird is slow, skimming about the surface of the ground, frequently settling on old logs, or on the fences, and from thence sweeping around in pursuit of various insects, that fly in the night. Like the whip-poor-will it prefers the declivities of glens, and other deeply shaded places, making the mountains resound with echoes the whole evening.

NIGHT OWL.

Personal.

It is perhaps unknown to many of our philatelic friends, that Mr. C. D. Smith, of Delta, N. Y., publisher of the *Mohawk Standard*, is an invalid, his ill health being occasioned by a severe attack of malarial fever, of the typhoid form, in the summer of 1883. He has been confined to a rolling-wheel chair ever since, and, being unable to do anything but light work, has devoted nearly all his time to philately, etc. He hopes eventually to recover his former vigor, and we trust that that time will not be long delayed. Anyone desiring to purchase rare stamps at reasonable prices, should send for some of his sheets. He is in every respect reliable, and we trust our readers will not be backward in giving him a trial.

Exchanges.

Under this head, we will insert exchanges from time to time, for subscribers only.

One dozen fish hooks, or one fossil shell, for every 100 plain square-cut postmarks, or 25 revenue stamps, sent me. Minerals for stamps. Louis E. Hudson, Ellisburgh, Jeff. Co., N. Y.

Notice.

In sending subscriptions to us, always send amount by postal note, at our expense. Postage stamps will not be accepted except when postal notes cannot be secured. Please bear this in mind.

Notes.

The *Amateur Collector* is a neat little paper. It is published monthly by the Cuvier Natural History Club of this city.

All matter, advertisements, etc., must reach this office by Feb. 15th, to insure insertion in the next number, which will appear Feb. 25th.

Certain parties are doing a large business in selling eight triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps for 10 cents. Persons sending money to these rascals have no one to blame for their folly but themselves.

We have been delayed somewhat in printing the first number of the *Collector*, but in future it will be mailed between the 15th and 20th of each month.

Advertisers will do well to try our columns, as we send our paper to collectors all over the world. We hope to secure 2d class rates before the next issue, after which we shall send out many more sample copies. We print 1000 copies this month.

Our Review Table.

We will exchange with all.

The first number of the *Naunkeague Collector* will appear about Jan. 25th.

The *Curiosity World* seems to have had immense success. May it long live and prosper.

Many papers have been received by us, but we have not the space to review them. We have placed them on our exchange list, and trust other publishers will follow their example. We exchange with all.

We have not received a copy of the *E. S. P.* for several months. No doubt Bro. Watkins is waiting patiently to see our first number, before he sends his valuable monthly in exchange. We don't blame him a bit, for there have been so many announcements lately of papers about to be published, that have not as yet come to light, that he probably has adopted a rule not to send a copy of the *E. S. P.* in exchange to the contemplated publication, until he has a full-fledged, genuine sample of Vol. I, No. 1, in his clutches. There is nothing like being on the safe side nowadays.

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Greeting.

What! Another one?

Yes, here we are, collectors, dealers and everybody,—here we are, and we have come to stay, too. If you don't believe it, just send us 25 cents for a year's subscription, and see if the COLLECTOR don't visit you regularly each month. Unlike a large number of other journals, we have concluded to start moderately and make improvements as we go along. To collectors, we would say, *subscribe*, as we shall cover all subjects pertaining to curiosities, including Philately, Numismatics and Natural History. Advertisers will do well to try our columns, as we send our paper to live collectors and dealers only. Only one sample copy will be sent to each collector on our list, so if you wish to see us again, don't fail to send immediately for a year's subscription.

Our Club List.

We will send the WITCH CITY COLLECTOR and any of the papers mentioned below, one year, for the price named in the second row of figures. The first column is the publishers' price, the second the price of both.

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Any person sending for a year's subscription before March 1st will receive the same for 15 cents. Send now, as this offer will not be good after the above date.

DEALERS AND COLLECTORS!

Stop and read this notice. On or about the first of April, 1887, I shall publish a **Directory**, containing the names of many prominent collectors all over the world. It will have a number of pages containing the addresses of stamp collectors, also separate departments for the names of collectors of Coins, Autographs, Indian Relics, Tobacco Tags, Postmarks and Natural History specimens. We will insert the name of any collector under any one of the above headings for 10c., under two, for 15c., five, 25c., or the whole seven departments for 30c. No names will be inserted free. This plan will result in profit to both dealer and collector, as the former will know that each name in the directory has been paid for, and will send their catalogues and price-lists to the addresses therein much quicker than they would otherwise do if they knew that anybody and everybody's name was inserted who professes to be a collector, but is nothing more than a "dead beat" in reality, and they also know that persons would not take the trouble to send and *pay* for having their names entered, unless they were "on the collect" in a small way at least. On the other hand, the collector, receiving a number of different price lists &c., naturally compares them to see where he can get what he wants the cheapest, and as the prices of dealers vary, he can save money that otherwise would have been spent if he had had but one catalogue or list to go by. Publishers of philatelic and amateur papers will also send out sample copies of their papers to the addresses that will be published in this directory. It will be printed on heavy book paper and will have fancy covers. The retail price will be 10c. per copy. Special rates to dealers;—send in your orders *at once*. A few pages will be devoted to advertisements, and as a guaranteed circulation of 1500 copies (probably more) will be issued, advertisers will do well to send in copy at once, before the space is taken up. Rates, \$1.00 per inch. No charges will be made well-known dealers until after the directory is issued. All others must pay in advance. Each collector having his name inserted, and also advertisers, will receive a copy free. This will be the first directory published containing departments for all branches of collecting, with names of *responsible* parties under each branch. Remit by postal note at our *expense*;—stamps will not be taken unless P. N. cannot be procured. Address all communications to

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SALEM, MASS., FEBRUARY, 1887.

No. 2.

(Written for the Witch City Collector.)

A Few Notes on U. S. Stamps.

BY AUGUST.

For the past few years there have been a great many changes in the United States stamps. Take the issue of 1870, which was 1 c., blue; 2 c., brown; 3 c., blue; 6 c., pink; 7 c., vermilion; 10 c., brown; 12 c., purple; 15 c., orange; 24 c., lilac; 30 c., black, and 90 c., carmine. The 2 c., brown was changed to vermilion in 1875; the 6 c., pink, afterwards changed to carmine, and the 10 c., brown, to chocolate. The only stamps of the set, that are in use at the present time, are the 1, 10, 15, 30 and 90 c. In 1875, a 5 c. stamp made its appearance, printed in blue, and was succeeded by a new design in 1882, bearing the portrait of Garfield, printed in brown. This stamp is very finely engraved, but the color was so poor, as to spoil all the good effects of the engraver. By the change in the rates of postage on letters, in October, 1883, from 3 to 2 c., there were two new adhesives issued, viz: 2 c., claret; 4 c., green. These two stamps are the only ones (with the exception of the 2, 3, 6, 10 and 12 c., of 1869,) that had the words, "United States Postage" in full, the name of the country being abbreviated "U. S." on all other stamps. Take the envelope stamps, issued since October, 1883. The first was a rough die, printed in red, on four colors of envelopes, viz: white, cream, fawn and blue. This was only used one month, and consequently are fast becoming rare. In November, another new envelope stamp made its appearance, printed in red. In May, 1884, still another variety, this time being the November die printed in brown. This was afterwards slightly changed again in June, 1884, and still another in June, this being the November die printed in red again, with retouched open work. In August, 1884, another variety came, this being an entirely new die, printed in brown. This stamp is in use at the present time, but is soon to be succeeded by a new design.

The Department stamps are fast becoming scarce. A collector may pride

himself extremely fortunate, to be the possessor of a complete set, and even the more common ones seem to have a more attractive appearance to the collector, than when they were in use. Stamp collectors like to see a change in stamps take place often, but I trust there are none so bad as the boy, who heard some one remark that the United States was going to be changed to an Empire, and threw up his hands and shouted, "Hurrah! hurrah! Now we will have some new stamps." The stamps of 1869, are generally considered the most beautiful set ever issued. The Newspaper and Periodical stamps in use at the present time, are a very interesting set of stamps, and very finely engraved. There has recently been issued a new postal card of rather poor design, also a letter-sheet, which is a very handy device. The special delivery service and postal notes are rapidly gaining public favor.

Chronicle.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

AFGHANISTAN.—The 1 abasy comes in violet on blue.

BERMUDA.—The 1 d. is now violet red, with C. A. and Crown watermark.

BOKHARA.—Two queer looking stamps have been issued here. 1 anna (?) red, and 2 anna, green.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—It is stated the 3 c. card is now yellow.

DOMINICA.—The 4 d. has been changed from blue to gray.

DUTCH INDIES.—There are stamps and envelopes, 12 1-2 c., gray, and unpaid letter, 50 c., red and black. It is also intended to issue the 5 c. stamps of the same type as the 2 and 2 1-2 c.

EGYPT.—It is likely all the stamps will soon be changed, as a new currency is to be introduced.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—There is a reply paid card, 1 1-2 x 1 1-2 d., brown.

FINLAND.—The letter card of Helsingfors is now rose-tinted.

FRANCE.—The 15 c. letter card has been issued, gray on both sides, and is called *opaque* by the P. O. authorities.

GIBRALTAR.—Three of the new values have been issued, without surcharge. 1 d., carmine; 2 d., lilac; 2 1-2 d., blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new jubilee stamps were issued Jan. 1st. The figure of value is very prominent, and the Queen's head smaller, and generally placed near the top of the stamp. The only inscription is "Postage and Revenue." 1-2 d., vermillion; 1 1-2 d., green and lilac; 2 d., green and red; 2 1-2 d., purple on dark blue; 3 d., brown on yellow; 4 d., green and brown; 5 d., lilac and blue; 6 d., brown on rose; 9 d., purple and blue; 1 sh., pale green.

GRENADA.—In addition to the 1 1-2 d., the 4 d. and 1 sh. fiscals are surcharged, 1 d.

HAYTI.—We understand the 3 c. is now gray, instead of brown.

HUNGARY.—It is now said new envelopes are to be issued with oval stamp, on pale gray paper.

JAMAICA.—The 3 d. is now olive green.

LAGOS.—Of the current type, there are reported, 2 s. 6 d., dark blue; 5 s., blue; 10 s., brown-violet.

MADAGASCAR.—The Consular stamp now reads, "British Consular Mail. Antananarico." 1 d., 1 1-2 d., 2 d., 3 d., 4 1-2 d., 8 d., 9 d.

MONACO.—The cards are now lilac, instead of yellow.

NORTH BORNEO.—The 10 c. blue has been surcharged in black, "And Revenue." And the following have been issued with inscription, "British North Borneo," 2 c., red-brown; 4 c., carmine; 8 c., green; 10 c., blue.

NEW REPUBLIC.—In addition to the stamps already chronicled, under the heading "Boer Republic," the 6 d. and 1 sh. are reported, violet on gray.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The 2 4-8 c., blue, is now surcharged "Habilitado—U. Postal," and the new value below, 1 c. in red and 10 c. in black.

PORTUGAL.—The 5 reis is to be changed to green.

RAJPEEPLA.—This state now uses British Indian stamps with surcharge.

ST. LUCIA.—There is a 6 d., violet, of current type.

TOBAGO.—The 6 d. is now orange.

TOLIMA.—Of the new issue, perforated, we hear of the 2 1-2 c., red; 20 c. yellow; 25 c., black; 2 pesos, violet; 5 pesos, orange; 10 pesos, pink.

TURKEY.—The 20 para has been cut in two diagonally, and the halves sur-

charged in black, "10."

U. S. OF COLOMBIA.—The 1 c. stamp has been issued with inscription "Republica de Colombia."

URUGUAY.—The violet 5 c. stamps printed by the American Bank Note Co., about two years ago, in error, were put in circulation Dec. 1st.

UNITED STATES.—New dies are being prepared for the envelope stamps, and we understand the colors will be changed as follows: 2 c., green; 4 c., purple; 5 c., blue.

VICTORIA.—The 2 d. envelopes of 1869 are now doing duty with surcharge, "Stamp Duty."

Our Review Table.

Exchanges please send two copies and we will reciprocate.

The *Agassiz Companion* commences its second volume with the January number. It is a very neat publication, and well worth the price asked for it—50 cents per year. Will H. Plank, editor, Wyandotte, Kansas.

We have received the initial numbers of the *Tag Press, Stamp Record, Bay State Collector, International Philatelic Advertiser and Monthly Advertiser*. A large number of other papers have been received during the month, and placed among our exchanges.

In sending letters to this office, be sure and direct them to Box 21, as there are two other papers published here, namely, the *Naumkeague Collector* and *Amateur Collector*. If you will please bear this in mind, it will save us and the P. O. clerks much unnecessary trouble.

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Vol. I. FEBRUARY, 1887. No. 2.

Entered at Salem post-office as second-class matter.

Editorial.

We have received many letters of commendation since our first number was mailed, but still we do not feel quite satisfied with our paper, as it is not large enough to give our readers as much reading matter as we should like to do. Therefore we have decided to enlarge to eight pages, beginning with No. 4 or 5. We shall do our utmost to secure articles of interest to all collectors, and have already engaged a number of experienced writers to furnish us with the same. We would say in conclusion to those who have not yet subscribed, to take advantage of our special offer.

Exchanges.

Under this head, we will insert exchanges from time to time, for subscribers only.

U. S. Revenue, Document, Match, Medicine, Proprietary, Playing Card, U. S. and foreign postage stamps to exchange for others of same not in my collection. Philatelic papers to exchange. B. G. A., P. O. Box 67, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Any one having any of the above papers, will please write to me. I have about 300 philatelic, coin and curiosity papers to exchange. Collections of stamps bought.

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Send for Price-Lists

DEALERS AND COLLECTORS!

Stop and read this notice. On or about the first of April, 1887, I shall publish a **Directory**, containing the names of many prominent collectors all over the world. It will have a number of pages containing the addresses of stamp collectors, also separate departments for the names of collectors of Coins, Autographs, Indian Relics, Tobacco Tags, Postmarks and Natural History specimens. We will insert the name of any collector under any one of the above headings for 10c., under two, for 15c., five, 25c., or the whole seven departments for 30c. No names will be inserted free. This plan will result in profit to both dealer and collector, as the former will know that each name in the directory has been paid for, and will send their catalogues and price-lists to the addresses therein much quicker than they would otherwise do if they knew that anybody and everybody's name was inserted who professes to be a collector, but is nothing more than a "dead beat" in reality, and they also know that persons would not take the trouble to send their papers having their names entered, unless they were "on the collect" in a small way at least. On the other hand, the collector, receiving a number of different price-lists &c., naturally compares them to see where he can get what he wants the cheapest, and as the prices of dealers vary, he can save money that otherwise would have been spent if he had had but one catalogue or list to go by. Publishers of philatelic and amateur papers will also send out sample copies of their papers to the addresses that will be published in this directory. It will be printed on heavy book paper and will have fancy covers. The retail price will be 10c. per copy. Special rates to dealers;—send in your orders at once. A few pages will be devoted to advertisements, and as a guaranteed circulation of 15000 copies (probably more) will be issued, advertisers will do well to send in copy at once, before the space is taken up. Rates, \$1.00 per inch. No charges will be made well-known dealers until after the directory is issued. All others must pay in advance. Each collector having his name inserted, and also advertisers, will receive a copy free. This will be the first directory published containing departments for all branches of collecting, with names of responsible parties under each branch. Remit by postal note at our expense;—stamps will not be taken unless P. N. cannot be procured. Address all communications to

FRED C. T. DAVIS, Publisher,

P. O. Box 21, Salem, Mass., U. S. A.

N. B. Papers copying this notice and above adv. before March 10th, will receive same space in the WITCH CITY COLLECTOR or in the directory.

PHILATELISTS!

Send 50 cents to me, and I will engrave your name and address on a card 5x8 inches. Very nice to attach to the fly-leaf of your album. Address, W. H. GARDNER, JR., Artist Penman, 163 Essex St., Salem, Mass.

Indian Arrow-heads!

Send 10 one-cent stamps and receive by return mail a sample Indian arrow-head and my price-list.

JOSEPH WIGGLESWORTH,

Wilmington, - - - Delaware.