

The Bay State Collector.

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The Cabinet as an Educator.

BY FRANK E. FOSTER.

Comparatively few young people of today take an interest in a collection of relics and specimens of a geological and botanical nature and yet I do not hesitate to say that as an education in the scientific studies, a better one cannot be found. A number of terms of close application to some good text book may give the student a medium understanding of the subject. but a cabinet containing a goodly number of specimens and a full knowledge of the nature and formation, is far preferable I think, than a mere outline of the entire subject under consideration. Although I have been a collector but a few years, yet the benefit I have obtained from my work in this line has helped me for more than the perusal and study of various works on the different sciences. My hobby, for I suppose each collector has one, is historical relics and consequently my cabinet is, for greater part, made up of specimens of that nature. This study of all studies, History, however, has been made more interesting. and my knowledge and understanding of it has been made clearer and more interesting by my association with objects that have been utilized in the past—may happen war—perhaps in peace—with whose history I must necessarily be acquainted to attract any interest thereto. This naturally sets one to thinking, and desire to know more of the times that cluster around some particular object, is sure to spring up;

and thus one goes on, step by step until a good foundation of this study is formed, and all that is needed is the perusal of some standard history that deals more minutely with the subject to give one a full knowledge of history. So it is with geology, and botany, and even numismatics brings up events places, persons, etc. As one studies the cones and medals of by gone ages. I have found my cabinet a most amiable teacher and would dislike very much to part with the knowledge I so easily and pleasantly gained by daily associating with it.—*Youth's Ledger*.

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James M. Chute.

James M. Chute, was born Oct. 17th. 1846, passing his early life at Salem, Mass. He graduated from the "Pickery" School in 1861, and removed to Boston in 1815, where he has since resided. While at school, Mr. Chute became interested in the collection of stamps, and soon had one of the finest collections in the the country. It included many rare proofs and essays which it is now almost impossible to obtain. This collection was contained in one of Lallier's Albums, and sold for a very handsome sum in 1870.

Mr. Chute's present collection, numbers about 11 000 varieties including many of the finest stamps in country. Mr. Chute, was the author of the article in Harper's Magazine Oct. 1871, entitled "Postage Stamps and their origin." He has contributed to various other papers.

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Salutory.

In presenting the first number of the *Collector*, to the public, we wish to say that we have come to stay, not two or three months as many papers do, but for a whole year at least.

We shall try and give collectors as good and better reading than is found in many so-called collectors papers. We do not mean to say that all papers belong to this class for we have received a great many that are well worth the support of all collectors. In closing we will kindly ask all who receive a copy of this issue, to subscribe and thus

help to build up a clean and first-class paper for collectors.

The Philatelic Gazette, and the *Youth's Ledger*, are first-class papers.

We shall try and have this paper out promptly the first of each month.

There were over 3,000,000 "V" nickles without word cents issued in 1883.

The postage Stamps of Russia, are the only ones in the world printed in water colors.

To every one sending us a club of four subscribers and \$1. we will send the paper one year free. *

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Next month we shall open an exchange column free to subscribers, advertisers, and contributors. No offers for cash will be admitted as exchanges.

Publishers who receive this issue will oblige us by sending their rates for soliciting subscriptions and advertisements.

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We shall publish a sketch of some noted stamp collector every month. The subject of next months sketch will be L.W. Ourbin, the paper dealer.

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A Grand Offer.

We wish to get one thousand subscribers before March 1st. and in order to do so we make the following grand offer. Every one who sends us 25 cents for a years subscription will receive one of the following premiums.

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“ “ “	\$3. 00	-	\$3. 00
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50 “ 1000 ass'd ” 10. 00

100 “ 400 “ “ 10. 00

500 “ 100 “ “ 20. 00

besides a large number of other prizes which we have not space to mention.

When your subscription is received your name will be written on a card and dropped in a box with others. March 1st, the box will be shaken and a card drawn from it. The person whose name is on that card will receive the \$5. prize. The next one drawn will receive the \$3. prize, and so on until all the cards are drawn, You

will see that some one will positively draw a big prize and, and its just as likely to be you, as any one else.

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Club List.

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Peerless Review,	. 25	. 30
Mohawk Standard,	. 25	. 35
Youth's Ledger,	. 25	. 35
Tag World,	. 35	. 45
Stamp,	. 25	. 40

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The Confederate States.

The postage stamps issued by the government of the Confederate States are not numerous as to varieties, nor is the period during which they were in use so remote as to make it difficult to get at the facts in regard to them. Yet no one of the catalogues which we have seen, agree with each other, as to the date of issue or the number of varieties. In completing our collection of these stamps, we have consulted all the authorities within our reach, in order to determine what varieties exist and to get as near the correct date as possible. The list which follows contains nothing new or which may not be found in one catalogue or another, yet it differs from any we have seen, and as we have, on the original envelopes nearly all the stamps mentioned, we believe the list to be very near accurate and may be of use to some collectors. 1861, 2c. green, head of Jackson. 1861, 5c. green head of Davis. 1861, 5c. light green, head of Davis. 1862, 5c. blue, head of Davis. 1862, light blue head of Davis. 1862, 10c. blue, head of Mackisan. 1862, 10c. light blue, head of Mackisan. 1862, 10c. rose head of Mackisan.

SMALLER STAMPS.

1862, 5c. blue, head of Davis. 1862 5c. light blue, head of Davis. 1862 5c. blue, lithographed head of Davis. 1863, 1c. orange, head of Calhoun. 1863 2c. claret head of Jack-

son. 1863, 10c. light blue head of Davis. 1863, 10c. blue, head of Davis. 1863, 10c. greenish blue head of Davis. 1863, 10c. blue, 1862, 10c. single lined fawe. head of Davis. 1863, 10c. blue, head of Davis. 1863, 20c. green, head of Washington. Each of the above dates is assigned by different catalogues to the 2 cent green, but the weight of authority is in favor of 1861. Our southern readers ought to be able to settle that question. One catalogue mentions a 10c. rose, the same type as 5c. blue 1862, (small stamps) as being issued in 1864, but there seems to be no evidence that any stamps were issued that year. We do not consider any collection of U. S. stamps complete, which does not contain those of the Confederate States, for though we may deplore their efforts to establish a separate government, their postage stamps as well as their record for bravery in battle are now the common property of the whole country.—*Stamp & Coin Gazette.*

—:o:— Coin Clippings.

The rarest dime is that of 1804. The first U. S. cent was issued in 1793. A U. S. 20 cent piece 1877, is worth \$2. A complete collection of U. S. cents is worth from \$500, to \$600. It has been estimated that there is about fifty collectors of gold coins in the U. S. The rarest American coin is the

double eagle of 1849, the one in the U. S. Mint Cabinet being the only one in existence.

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Special Offer.

In order to increase our subscription list, we will send this paper until January 1st, 1888, for only 10 cents. This offer will be withdrawn in a short time, so send in your dime at once.

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John W. Halsey, Montclair, N. J.

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Peerless Review,	.25	.30
Curiosity World,	.25	.35
Stamp,	.25	.40
Tag World,	.35	.40
Le Timbre Levanton,	.50	.55

We want every paper published on our club list, and publishers who receive this paper please send rates at once.

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Notes.

Send in you advertiements for the New England Collectors Directory, payable on receipt of Directory. Rates 10 cents Per inch.

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Editorial.

We are obliged to omit a large amount of interesting matter this month for want of space. We will enlarge next month and publish it.

We shall soon publish The New England Collectors Directory, which will be sent free to all subscribers to this paper. Subscribe, now.

Last month we spoke of L. W. Durbin as a "Paper Dealer," it should have been "Popular."

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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, Tags, Relics, Postmarks, and Natural History Specimens. We will insert the names of any collector under any one of the Departments for loc. any 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 has been paid for, and will send their price lists to the addresses therein much quicker than they would if they knew that anybody's and everybody's names were inserted. On the other hand the collector receiving a number of price lists, circulars, etc. 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 had he had but one list to go by. Publishers of papers will also send out samples of their papers to the addresses in this Directory. The retail price will be 10c. a copy. Special rates to dealers. 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 copy at once, before space is taken up. Rates \$1. 00 an inch. No charge will be made well known dealers until the Directory is published. All others must pay in advance. Each Collector having his name inserted also advertisement, will be the first Directory published containing Departments for all branches of collecting. Remit by Postal note at our expense. Address,

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Nickle plated "Tom Thumb" self-inker, 1 to 4 lines, only	.65c
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MARLBORO, MASS. APRIL, 1887.

No. 3.

PHILATELIC LIBRARIES.

BY B. A. H.

In taking up one of our representative journals, it has now become a very common circumstance to see the "ads." of one or two new Philatelic publications in the form of directories, guides, etc., each one on paper, the "largest and most complete ever published."

With the announcements of these so called, elegant publications, it is not more than natural that the collector bestirs himself and resolves to be the possessor of a library.

This idea is urged on by the Philatelic papers and many have taken hold of it with a will. Now the collector begins to look about for articles of which to form it, and of course begins with the Philatelic papers but there are surely not more than ten of these would be fit to have in a library and besides it will take a year to get complete volume and you do not want to wait so long. One way is to get old volumes and have them bound and a very good way that is. So let us begin with the Philatelic papers.

But now let us look around for books and pamphlets published in the cause of Philately, we can surely find plenty of directories and these are good to begin with, but we want something more substantial after a while, than directories, in the form of hand-books, pamphlets, etc. published on Phi-

latelic subjects.

Right here it is that we come to a stand-still and look about us in a supprise. There seemed to be a plenty before we commenced but where have they all disappeared to?

We look up and down the columns of the papers but no advertisement of any such article as we want meets our eye. We can find too many "ads" of Directories but have got through with those.

Now think of it Philatelists! Why will you not get articles from first-class authors, perhaps a few "ads" and send out an acceptable pamphlet to the Philatelic world?

Let us think a moment and we can tell. You start to publish a directory of 500 collectors (which directory when published will not contain over 300), you charge collectors ten cents to have four pages of "ads" which gives you a handsome profit over printers' bills.

Now we can see why no more hand-books, etc. are published, simply because there is not as much money in them.

Now why will not you publishers issue some of the books which we wish for our libraries?

We hope this will be considered an appeal for such publications and acted upon accordingly.

Scrap books containing clippings on stamp collecting are very entertaining and form valuable additions to a library.

Now that we have started our libraries we can enlarge as new books appear and this branch, as it can be called, of Philately will grow strongly into favor.

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Postage Stamps.

Few people, perhaps, realize of how recent origin is the postage stamp. It was first issued by Great Britain in 1840. Brazil was the first nation to follow the example, which they did 1843, and in 1847 the United States began the use of postage stamps. There are now 241 stamp issuing countries. It is estimated now that every year some 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 now mails annually 95,000,000 letters, and the cancelled stamps on these letters are worth on an average of one cent each. Last year there were 26,000 letters posted in England without an address on them. In 1,600 of these gold coins and money were enclosed. The cancelled postage stamps of many countries are worth quite as much as unused specimens, and many are used solely for collections the revenue being an important item. Monaco is the latest to issue stamps: but Stellaland, with its "fifty houses and three stores," is probably the most insignificant, even more so than Heligoland or the Virgin Islands. Bhopal has the oldest stamp, Nicaragua the finest, Siberia the largest, Zeland the smallest, Guatemala the most striking and Sarawak and Great

Britain divide the honor of cheapest and the meanest.—*Troy Observer.*

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The Word "Rare".

The word "rare", is a much abused word among philatelists.

The true meaning of the word when applied to stamps, as for instance a *rare* stamp, signifies a stamp that is seldom met with, that is uncommon. A stamp that is "scarce" is one there may not be common through some cause or other. For example, like the recent new issue of postal cards. In some localities, through the lack of faculties of the printer, only a limited number of cards could be obtained, hence they were scarce. Now regarding the word *rare*: very often we see in exchange notices, advertisements, etc., "25 *rare* stamps for 5c," and the like. Now you see at once how absurd the statements is. Stamps that can be retailed at the above figure are *common*. A truly *rare* stamp cannot be obtained at a figure less than several dollars. Scarce stamps are obtainable at different prices. The most of the values of the Departmental stamps are *scarce*. Stamps of the early issues of various countries are *rare*. Let us see these words used with more care.

NUMISMATICS DEPARTMENT.

Notes.

A Coin Curiosity.

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"There is something curious about the American Silver dollar

and half-dollar of the coinage of 1804," said a well-known numismatist, of New York City. "In that year something like 20,000 of the dollars were coined; but it is a singular fact, as is now known, that not one of them was known, to be in circulation. Yet the most valuable of the American coins are two 1804 dollars which are in well known collections. They are valued at \$2,000 each. It has been determined to the satisfaction of every numismatist that these two dollars were not coined until 1828, although they were struck from the original 1804 die. They were secretly made, although such a procedure is a penal offense, for some one high in influence and authority, who desired them for certain coin collections. It has never been positively ascertained how the surreptitious work was accomplished, but there is no doubt that it was done. Why the dollar of 1804 was never seen in circulation after leaving the mint is one of the unsolved Government mysteries.

"A still greater mystery surrounds the half dollar of 1804. Of that coin nearly 160,000 were struck. Not one was ever discovered in circulation. The quarter dollars of 1804 are numerous enough—so plenty, in fact, that a fair specimen can be bought for \$2. and their coinage amounted to less than 7,000 pieces. A curious thing has been discovered regarding the half dollar of 1805, which is not a rare coin, except in the case of those possessing the curiosity I speak of, which increases the value tenfold.

This is that figure 5 in 1805 has been struck over a figure 4, showing that the coin was really one of the undiscovered minting of 1884.

What became of the large issue of 1804 half dollars? No one knows or ever will know; but it is evident that all of them were not issued from the mint, and this belief that there was some reason for not desiring the coin to circulate is strengthened by the mint obliterating the date on what was left by making 1805, half dollars of them.

"There was no silver dollar issued from the mint in 1805 yet 311 were coined, and are in the hands of collectors to-day, just as they came from the die. No dollars were coined by the Government after that until 1806."

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Copper Cents.

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There were 225 different large copper cents coined by the U. S. of which the average collector knows but little. I will try and describe a few of them. 1793, wreath with strawberry sprig over date; 1796, fillet head Liberty; 1797, knobless nine; 1803, 1-100 over 1-100; 1808, twelve stars; 1814, double chin; 1817, crown over head, separated date 18-17. There are only twelve dates that have no alterations; these are 1804, 1806, 1813, 1816, 1833, 1838, 1841, 1845, 1849, 1850, 1853, and 1854. The 1794 has the largest number of alterations, being over fifty. There are forty-five different dates of small cents, of these 1856 brings the highest price. There are two varieties of the 1856

cents, one being of copper-nickle and one of pure copper. There are five varieties of the 1858, three of the 1859, two of the 1863, four of the 1865, and three of the 1865. The others were all coined of the one material. The total of the cents coined by the U. S. is 270 and a complete collection would bring a goodly sum. N. B. MERRICK.

[Mr C. T. Tamen, of Worcester, Mass. will have charge of this dep. hereafter.]

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Theo D. Hurd, Riverside, Colo.

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Editorial.

We have now been before the collecting public three months, and to say that we are pleased with the success of our paper would be putting it mild. We are not yet satisfied, however, and we shall do every thing in our power to improve our paper. With this number we commence a Numismatic department, which will be conducted by C. J. Tatman of Worcester, Mass. Next month we shall add a cover and so give our subscribers eight pages of reading matter each time. We are a little late this month on account of the trouble of moving our business to Marlboro, Mass. where we are permanently settled. If you have not sent in your subscription, you should do so at once. Read our club list in another column.

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We shall soon publish The New England Collectors Directory, which will be sent free to all subscribers to this paper. Subscribe now.

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The Mohawk Standard has completed its first volume.

The Clyde Press now has Philatelic, Numismatists, and Tag departments.

C. D. Smith of Delta, N. Y. will soon issue a directory of N. Y. state. Collectors, dealers, and publishers of that state should send him their names, which will be inserted free of charge.

We have received The Pocket Manual of coins from C. T. Tatman. It is fine.

Fred C. T. Davis, announces his directory for the month.

Stanton's American Philatelic Directory, is the best we have seen.

F. L. Willcut of Cleveland, Ohio will publish The Tag Collectors of the World about May 1st.

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BY C. T. TATMAN.

In forming a collection of coins, there are three important subjects which should be clear in the mind of the collector. First, what he wants to get; Second, how to get them, and Third, what to do with them after he gets them.

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Of course, if you are just starting the common United States coins

should be sought for first. Look over your change, and if you have friends engage in a business where they handle a good deal of small money they ought to permit you to examine their small change.

Don't try to get everything at once. Take some one value, for instance the small bronze cents, and lend your energies toward completing the set, however at the same time, saving the other value as you come across them. After you have obtained all you can or are likely to find in circulation take the next figure value.

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