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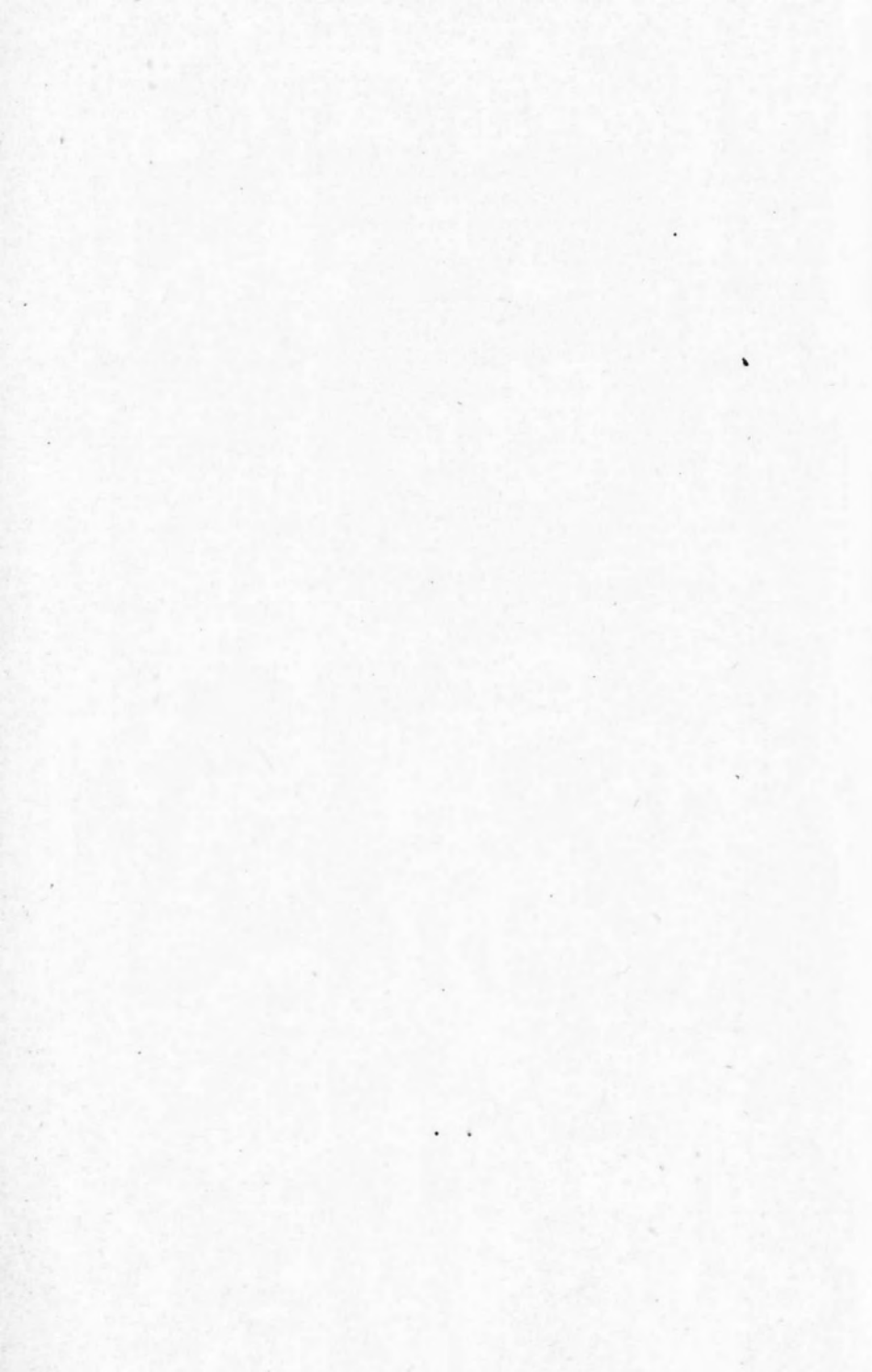
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NO. 1.

STRONG EVIDENCE.

Mr. Chas. ———, a drummer for a tobacco house, stopped over Sunday in our city, and being a collector he sought out the philatelist that resided in C——.

In the course of our conversation he told me the following story:

"In 1880 I was down in Ohio, on the same business I am here for, traveling for D—— Tobacco Co., and one Saturday I was stranded in a town that was the county-seat, and where court was being held.

"Having visited all the merchants and finding I had five hours left before I could go on my journey, I decided to attend the circuit court.

"It seemed that the case was about a note, of several years standing. It had been dated in '68 and was stamped according to the custom of the times.

"After the lawyer for the defense had finished heading it and laid it on the desk in front of him, a deputy sheriff opened a window, which let in a strong breeze that blew the papers all over the room."

"By chance the note fell near me, and when I picked it up, imagi-

ne my surprise at finding a two cent brown revenue of the 1878 issue, instead of the stamp in use in 1868."

It didn't take me long to inform the defence of my discovery, and when they put me on the stand, I gave those farmers such an oration on the different issues of revenues that I wager you a silk hat they haven't forgotten it yet."

"Oh yes!" he said, when I reminded him that he had not finished. The note was proved a forgery easily enough after that, and the prosecution was made the defense in the next circuit court that was held in that sleepy little town, and all on account of that fellow not being a philatelist."

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I half way believed this story although I did not some that followed in quick succession, until the afternoon was spent.

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MEDICINE STAMPS.

The Medicine Stamp has brought many dollars into the treasury of the United States, and these dollars have gone a long way toward liquidating the enormous debt incurred by the great civil war.

Ayer, Helmbold, Hostetter and a host of others, have each turned into Uncle Sam's coffers thousands of dollars. Many of us would be surprised at the enormity of the sum, if the exact amount could be set before us.

Surely, the Medicine Stamp will bear a history of its own down through the years of the future. Its day of universal triumph, if it has not yet come, must soon dawn, and every collector, sooner or later, must take a stand in favor of this much abused stamp.

In the majority of cases the Medicine Stamp is just as neat and artistic as any stamp that could be presented. If we are to reject all stamps that are inelegant and inartistic many of our valuable stamps must be relegated. In the writer's collection there are many Medicine Stamps, and no one can pick from among the lot a poorly designed one. The designs and colorings are good, and they form a very interesting part of the collection. We would just as soon relegate any other stamps as these.

The Medicine Stamps are becoming more valuable with each succeeding year, and very shortly many of them will command exorbitant prices, and will consequently be beyond the reach of the majority of collectors. "A hint to the wise is sufficient."

Southern Philatelist.

CHICAGO NOTES.

Chicago A.P.A. members at last receiving members cards. For months past there has been something unkind here and I am glad to see evidence of the new Secret activity.

At the C.P.S. meeting of January 2nd, the officers elected 1890 were duly installed. The new President, Mr. Leland, made a neat speech which was received with applause. Unfortunately the out-going President, Mr. Holman, was unable to be with us or we should have had another speech to record.

The annual report of the Secretary of the C.P.S. shows a membership of 151, divided as follows: Active, 38; Passive, 100; Honorary, 7.

Your correspondent regrets the appointment of Exchange Auction Manager of the Club for this year. Both departments are in flourishing shape, and the trust will increase in proportion with the ever increasing membership of the Society.

The *Philatelic Gazette* suspended publication with its January issue. Seventeen numbers were issued by the Chicago publisher, and it is rather a singular case.

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Trends: The field of Philatelic Journals is well represented by the different publications of today, but these representatives of our goddess, Philately, are constantly falling out, and always having had an ardent desire to enter journalism, the publishers have decided to place the Central Philatelist before their philatelic friends.

We do not expect to outrival

our older brothers, who have placed their papers at such a high standard; but by beginning small we hope to grow.

Our aim is to make the CENTRAL PHILATELIST a paper which every collector will be glad to receive and one which will be appreciated both by the beginner and the advanced collector.

In this, our first number, we wish to return thanks to the *Eastern, Fitchburg, Eureka, Southern, Nebraska,* and the *Figaro* for the constant visits they have been making us, and hope they will always be upon our table.

The *Philatelic Express* tells us how the newly-appointed postmaster of a village near Portland, Me. was implicated in some serious trouble by his assistant selling newspaper stamps.

E. F. Gambs, of San Francisco has been sending out a number of letters with the one-cent Hawaiian stamp on. We know of several cases where they passed all right for our two-cent green.

By the way, speaking of Gambs' "oddities" we will no doubt have many letters sent, with Porto Rico stamps on, in a few weeks, on account of similarity with our new two-cent carmine.

Roy D. Hassler, the well-known stamp dealer and collector of Nebraska having been appointed compositor in the government printing office has sold his business to Will F. Weber, Pawnee City, Nebraska.

The Plainfield Collector failed to obtain second-class rates on account of its size, hence it has discontinued publication. Will it be so with us?

Will the publishers put us on their exchange list? We will send two copies if you will do the same. We would like, also, to receive catalogues from dealers, and of auction sales, which will be reviewed in these columns.

Did you salt any of the 90-cent purple. They are booming right along. The last circular we received priced them at seventy-five cents.

[Continued from second page.]

dence that both the favorites of former years, the *Western Philatelist* and the *Collector's Companion* published the same number of issues. The *Figaro* must have made an extra effort, as it published eighteen numbers.

The Western Philatelic Publishing Co., which published the *Gazette*, will continue its other publications. It announces in its immediate issue an addenda to Pres. Tiffany's "Library Companion", bringing down that excellent work to the close of 1888.

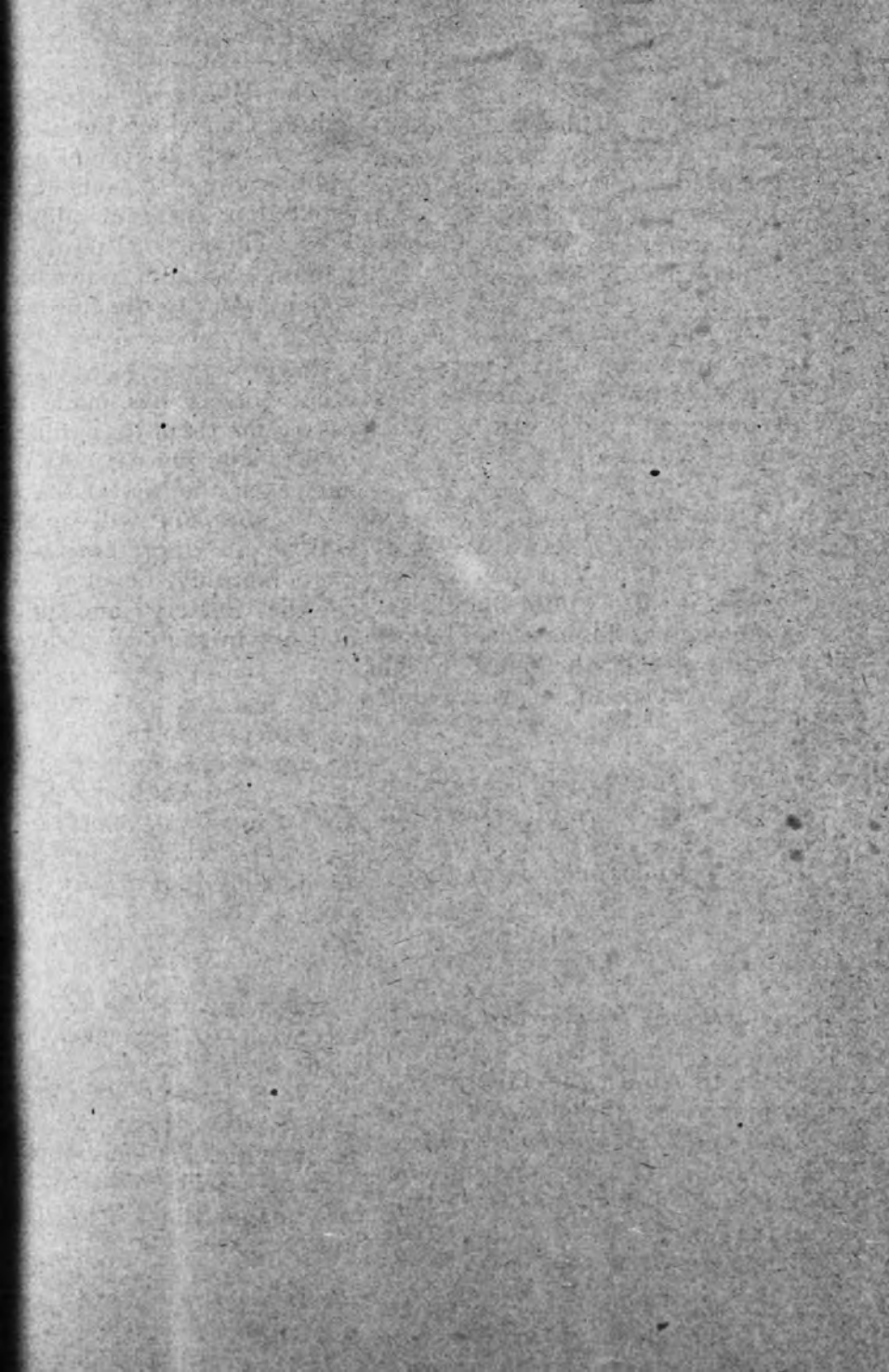
The growth of the Chicago Philatelic Society has made it necessary for them to publish their own official journal. About January 25th the first issue of the *C.P.S. Bulletin* will appear, and will be an unpretentious eight-page monthly, devoted entirely to the Society and philatelic matters in the city.

At last we have heard from our sheets that the A.P.A. Exchange Department sent to the Denver Branch long ago when Mr. Clotz was manager. The Denver boys held on to that badge a long time, but finally toed the mark.

S. B. BRAD

We wish to call our readers' attention to the fact that we made a great mistake in publishing W. S. Brower of Orange, N. C. in last issue. He had the typhoid fever, which kept him in bed sixteen weeks, and therefore was unable to fill his orders and answer letters,

Eureka Phil



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L. I.

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NO. 3.

THE POSTMAN'S WOOING.

Under youth one cent his love a letter every day.

Heavy grew because the male so much by mail would say.

Said to him: "I do not care a paper continental

one who wastes so many stamps—you're much two-centimental."

Then envelopes him. "Oh, stay, adhere my prayer! Relent.

Postal cards to me that show adhesive cent I ment!"

Stamped her foot; he posted office heart weighed down with woe.

How she wasn't stuck on him and so he letter go.

U. S. revenue collectors could be found, but it was not like to-day when nearly if not every collector gathers them in.

Now we can hardly pick up a paper without finding some one advising that something new be collected. First it is Canadian revenues; then Russian locals; now a plea for paper varieties; again, for variations in perforations.

Scandinavian locals, Danish locals, Telegraph stamps, Mexican revenues, and in fact everything from pictures of post-offices down to medicine labels has been shown to be absolutely necessary to be collected, before a collector can be considered a philatelist.

The question naturally arises, "Whither are we drifting?" and the answer can only be that we must retire, become specialists, or else labor on the European plan of collecting everything, and to number our collections not by the hundreds or even thousands, but by the ten thousands, and then a small collection will consist of twenty or thirty thousand.

Which of the three will it be?

Who kills all dead letters?
Miss-Direction.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING.

—VEDA.—

The field of Philately has widened out so in the last few years that a collector hardly knows whether to continue collecting, or to withdraw gracefully from the field.

The time was, when a "stamp-collector" could arrange his postage stamps to suit his own taste, but when so much advice is given, he hardly dares to place anything in an album for fear the next day will tell him he has made a *monstrous* blunder, and that his lot collectable.

A few years ago few collectors could be found in the U. S. with anything more than postage stamps in them. True, a few

MATCH AND MEDICINE
STAMPS.

By PARVENU.

Many young collectors and a great many persons who call themselves advanced collectors, neglect, in the collecting of match and medicine stamps, to recognize the different qualities of the paper on which they are printed.

In the United States match and medicine stamps there are four qualities of paper used; viz., pink, silk, water marked, and old. The last three are little known to the general collecting public. The reason, no doubt, is that these three varieties are so similar that they are classed as one.

In some stamps of the third class mentioned, the water-mark is very easily found, but in some of the smaller ones it is hard to distinguish, and the stamp is often confused with the fourth class, old.

This mistake should not occur, as the latter is of another color, a dark shade, and is of a rougher quality of paper.

The silk paper is very easily told on account of the silk threads that run through the stamp.

The pink paper is recognized by nearly all collectors, and something must be the matter with the collectors' optics who fail to notice this stamp.

YE COLLECTING FIENDS

We have received letters of postals inquiring if we would vote space to the Naturalist, Geologist and the Numismatists. As we can say is, this depends upon our readers. When we started this paper it was intended to be a paper devoted entirely to, ye collectors' hobby, Philately.

If we should devote space to the above we should have to take large, as the space devoted to *stamp collecting cannot be cut down*. We know very little of the various hobbies, excepting our own; consequently we must have your help as an *advertiser* and contributor. Drop us a postal and let us hear your opinion. This is for everyone who receives a copy of this paper whether a subscriber or not.

THE DEVIL'S CORNER

The *Philatelic Era* for February contains the portrait and a graphical sketch of Mr. Lohmeyer besides much other interesting matter.

Watson's *Post Card* comes right along. Five copies a month and a very interesting paper every time.

The February number of the *American Stamp Journal* is excellent, both in appearance and matter.

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EDITORIAL.

When the first number of the CENTRAL PHILATELIST went to eleven hundred collectors, we kept our first promise to the philatelic world.

Since then we have been consolidated with the *Star* of this city, a paper partly devoted to collecting and partly an amateur. This consolidation has increased

our circulation to eleven hundred copies, and now everything is booming in this "neck of the wood."

At this season of the year a great many persons are suffering from grip, rheumatism, pneumonia, bronchitis and consumption. Have you any disease? If so you are liable to die at any moment. Send ten cents to this office immediately for a year's subscription and receive a check good for one obituary notice, free.

Our philatelic papers generally are beginning to publish poems. Some of these poems show that there is talent behind them, while others are not worthy of notice. Number three of the *Yankee* contains one which likens Boston to that warmer clime. If all eastern cities are to be compared with Hades, Chicago is the place for the World's Fair.

Isn't it fun to kick a fellow when he is down? We haven't been kicked, but one of our blanket sheet philatelic papers comes out in their last number with a long article on small philatelic papers, saying they contain nothing of importance. Besides this article there was nothing of interest in that copy, if you can call such an article interesting.

The publishers of this paper in order to obtain three hundred more subscribers, have filled a box with 390 stamps. Every body sending ten cents for a subscription may enclose a guess as to the value (catalogue price) and the one guessing nearest will receive the box gratis.

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The Excelsior Stamp Co., of this city would like to hear from Saml. Krider, Wausau, Wis., Geo. Seikner, Cherry Valley, Ill., — Woethers, Peters, Ga.; Harry Wordell, Newbedford, Mass.; Victor Manual Ross, San Jose, Costa Rica.

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Manner of Working.---A
Suspicion as to his
Real Identity.

When we published in number
of the CENTRAL PHILATEL-
the name of GEO. SEIKNER
fraud, we little knew the
that we were raising a-
stamp dealers in the Unit-
ates. Our article was fol-
by one of Voute's in the
o, which only added fuel to
me, and now it comes out
large number of our deal-
ve been victimized by this
ical rascal, under his differ-
ases. As Rev. J. S. Seik-
the sanctimonious wretch
defrauded many. Under the
plume of Julia Seiker the

contemptible villian has re-
ceived stamps from dealers, of a
sporting nature where the mas-
culine name of George Seikner
would have had no avail.

Below we publish a letter from
the Cherry Valley post-office, the
scene of his last escapade.

Cherry Valley, 3, 14, '90.

Excelsior Stamp Co., Belvidere, Ill.,

Dear Sirs:

Yours rec'd. I can tell you
very little about the Seikner's excepting
that some one calling himself by that
name got mail here for a brief time, some
two months ago. As he was in but a
couple of times I cannot give a description
of him, but am sure that it was no Cherry
Valley partner, but a stranger. No more
mail comes for them now.

Think the U. S. authorities can do some-
thing with them if found and brought to
their notice.

Respt.,

P. M., Cherry Valley.

This letter will show some-
thing of the young man's plan of
working, which is no doubt simi-
lar to that of an individual going
by the name of Arndt, that car-
ried on such a successful defraud-
ing scheme through Southern

Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, last fall.

Dunning letters sent him have been returned to us unopened, after being forwarded to Fielding or Harlem.

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Since the above was written, there has been a suspicion raised that the young man who worked more than one post-office under the name of Arndt and Vanderhook, and whose real name is something similar to Seiker, is the one accountable for this sensation.

The man is a Jew-German peddler, and when last heard from was in Freeport. He leaves two creditors in this city that are doing something that his name implies,—seeking him.

If these two frauds are one and the same person, it is time the U. S. Authorities took a hand in the snap.

The Nebraska Philatelist has been enlarged to sixteen pages and cover.

REVIEW.

We have received a copy of *Addenda to the Stamp Collector's Library Companion*, by J. K. [?], any, published by the Western Philatelist Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill. Price, 5 cents.

We have received a copy of *The Progressive Philatelist*, Merrimack, Wis. This magazine is published quarterly, and consists of twenty pages.

We are informed that R. Grant has sold his interest in the *Yankee Philatelist* to Caswell, of Warren, S. N. H.

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The Keystone Stamp Magazine announced to appear from the Land Centre, Pa.

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lecting Fiends", in No. 2, brought
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responses. Sixty-three were for
philately only; forty-seven for
both stamp and coin collecting;
and twenty-four were scattering.

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V. I.

BELVIDERE, APRIL, 1860.

NO. 4.

ODDITIES.

—VEDA.—

One who has not tried to get oddities knows how important and interesting a pursuit it is; while it is possible to obtain many oddities of perforation, grilling and similar errors, yet it is no means easy either physically or financially, to obtain specimens. In U. S. grilled stamps especially many interesting oddities can be obtained—e.g. two on one stamp, only a small grill on, or as I have them grilled on *all four* sides. The all-over grill found on the 3c of 1868 and also on the 2c are also interesting but exceedingly rare. Only one specimen of the 30c I believe exists. The imperforate 24c of the second issue (1851-61) can be considered as an oddity of as high a grade as a fide issue is and probably specimens will remain, a matter of time. In fact some collectors claim that they are nothing, more or less, than proofs. Without doubt this is the case with

the imperforate 30c and 90c of this same issue. A very curious specimen of an U. S. oddity is the issue of 1861-8 perforate so as to be of the same size of the 1869 issue. I have met with the 1c and 3c in this condition. When we come to envelopes we find still more kinds of oddities—double impressions, albinos, partial albinos, misplaced impressions, and colored back stamps. While in a collection of U. S. adhesives very few collections number over 100 specimens, if a collector admit oddities he can nearly, if not quite, double the number.

WHY WE ARE ENVIED.

BY ART.

If you will allow me space, I will describe a find that I made a few days before I read Mitchell's article in the February number of the *Nebraska Philatelist*. In the city where I live, there are at least a dozen active collectors and as many passive ones, if I may be allowed to use the term, so there is considerable rivalry, as to who obtains the best snipes.

from the trunks and bundles of old letters that are laid away for something that even the owners know not why.

Most of the collectors had been making great hauls on the different people that were kind enough to let them look over their old letters, and my partner and I felt quit down hearted, and we set to work to think up a scheme to outwit the fortunate philatelists.

When our Saturday's paper came out it contained an advertisement, as a local, that there were some idiots buying old stamps at ———store every Saturday.

We didn't expect to get much from this, but we wanted people to know that their stamps demanded a price, and we found to our sorrow they did, because we had to borrow money to pay for the stamps, the first day the ad. came out.

Things went on serenely and we were the envy of the other collectors and still more so when we received a note from an old lady, saying that if we would call upon her at any time she would show us her old letters. We accordingly called at our first opportunity, and were agreeably surprised when the lady showed us a box 20x24x36, filled with letters, with a shoebox at the side similarly filled.

We paid no attention to the smaller box, but waded the larger, and succeeded in getting thirty-seven outer line three, one cent, 1851 issue ten cent, same issue, one five cent and one embossed over, 3 cent red, besides a hundred of the three cent and three cent fifty one issue.

We made our price and had to leave, when the lady asked it we didn't care for those in the smaller box. We had forgotten it in our hurry to tell our own luck. „Those letters are letters to and from my daughter while she was a mission in India,” the lady said.

We became interested. It looked like any common box, and had some three cent green top letters, but we took out overcoats and tarried awhile.

The first ten or fifteen amounted to nothing save three grilles one cent, but luck was ours. When we finished and we became possessors of eleven 1870, seven grilles, sixteen 1872, seven three 1869, 15 cent without a monogram (which according to Kendig in *Eastern Scott's* is 3.50) eleven one cent 1870, nineteen one cent 1870 issue side quite a number of the and three cent 1869 issue. We did not pay much for U. S. We did

number of the native stamps also. The daughter lady had been a missionary from 1869 till her body possessions came back in four.

ing the rest of her possessions the letters she had kept for friends. Thus it was we had about forty dollars worth of stamps for the paltry five dollars left in their place. We are still the envy of all philatelists in our city.

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II, King of the Belgians, 54½ years old, having reigned 24 years; Louis, Grand Duke of Hesse, 52 years old, with 12 years of reign.

THE DEVIL'S CORNER.

Under this head we will try and answer any question referred to us. Mistakes occur, but they are open to rectification.

Phil., Pa., 3, 17, '90.

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H—, C—.

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E—.

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We hope a number of exchanges will insert our *exchange* advertisement and send copy of their

ad. for number 5 of the *Central*.

The publishers would like to enter into correspondence with some dealer who would like to buy U. S. stamps at bargains; we would also like to correspond with any publisher thinking of discontinuing his publication.

Our effort in getting out No. 4 was well appreciated by the dealers at any rate. We are constantly receiving letters of congratulation and hopes for a new life from them, and if they will enclose a three months ad. we enjoy it more.

It is time that the A. P. ticket was being made up; the proxies could be making their mind as to their man.

Exchanges must have been astonished to find not marked in number three as wrappers read "marked copy" was the printer's fault, he let it out, but here it is; We have been sending two copies to all exchanges, some have responded with two copies and some of larger, with one; and some at all.

There are two persons connected with the *Central*, and they would like copies but if that is your rule, all right; it isn't we want to sling ink with.

pass that will not exchange that we want to make war t. With this number you have received eight copies of *Central*, and we not one of *If you want to see us again at us on your exchange list.* There is a general complaint the new issue tears very much more so than the green.

REVIEW.

philatelic world will mourn the loss of the *C. P. S. Bulletin*. Though devoted to the society welcomed on every philatelic desk or table as the messenger from the windy city and every one was sure to find some thing of interest therein. It was killed by Johnnie Wanamaker because devoted to one society only, the *Newsman*, devoted to Johnnie's own advertising is sailed under second class rates. Late, the French kicker, showed the editor of that paper and get kicking.

The *Eureka Philatelist* has discontinued publication on account of their stamp business.

The *Nebraska Stamp News* is but a regular news hustler.

The *Philatelist's Friend*, from an announces, The largest

wholesale dealer in the world resides in Dixon, Ill.

The *National Collector* vol 1, No 1 and date April is on our table it informs the philatelic world that the *Central Philatelist* is to appear soon from Belvidere, Ill. Oh, Brother, your away behind time, we issued three number before you were born.

The *Indiana Philatelistis* to appear from Indianapolis, Ind soon.

The *Rhode Island Philatelist* besides it engraved cover contains many articles of interest.

The *Philatelist* with Aue as editor is succeeding the *New York Philatelist* and is a paper worthy of all support.

The *Stamp Collector's Journal* from Lake Village, N. H. contains an interesting article entitled, "where counterfeiters come from," and the article is well illustrated.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* from Crete, Neb. is a thing that every dealer should help support. It is getting so we will have to have one keep the friends weeded out.

Richland center, Pa. is soon to send forth the *Keystone Stamp News*.

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I. BELVIDERE, MAY, 1890.

NO. 5.

AT ONE PHILATELIST SEES.

EDWARD PAYSON NEWCOMER.

One of the improvements in the postal service of our large cities which might be considered, is the adoption of the telegraphic card, which is such a great convenience in Paris. Open notices of this kind are delivered here in Paris within an hour after they are mailed, for six cents; for telegrams, giving as much room as an ordinary letter, for ten cents. These cards are blown by pneumatic despatch from central stations to the postal bureaux nearest the address, and are then delivered by messenger boys. There is a enormous consumption of these cards by business and professional

men who know of nothing by which a philatelist may gain so much knowledge as by keeping a book and placing therein notes concerning stamps which he may find particularly to secular

papers, or nonphilatelic journals, and we can hardly pick up a paper now days without finding some paragraph therein about the early postage system or else about stamps. A collection of these notices is to be highly prized and forms quite interesting reading, as some of the notes referring to Philately are ludicrous in a philatelist's point of view.

The two cent green U. S. stamp which is now superseded by the new issue, does not present a very inviting appearance to the oddity hunter. It is almost impossible to find any distinct shades at all in this issue and collectors who have the patience to look through several thousand give up in despair the hope that there is more than one distinct shade of green to be found in these stamps. Very few mistakes occurred in the printing of the stamps, therefore oddities are scarce and the only thing really that did occur in the issue to be recognized as an oddity is the double perforation variety. The

same can be said of the one cent, although two shades of blue can easily be found in this issue, viz., light blue, and blue.

The three cent dark green U. S. 1872 issue, printed on thin brittle paper is getting rare. A collector told me recently that he looked through two thousand of the 1872 issue of three centers and only discovered twenty six of the DARK green variety. The green variety is quite common. We cannot account for the scarcity, but presume few of the "dark" variety were issued. Collectors are buying them up at any price. Philatelists should be careful not to mistake the three cent *dark green* 1883 issue for this one. The 1872 issue is printed on thin brittle paper while the 1883 is on soft porous paper, and the difference can easily be distinguished by feeling the paper.

OUR TICKET.

For President	John K. Tiffany.
" Vice Pres.	Chas. B. Corwin
" Secretary.....	S. B. Bradt.
" Treasurer.....	Chas. Gregory.
" Inter Secretary.....	Joseph Rechert

In presenting the above ticket we think we have placed the right man in the right place. Three of these are at present members of the official board.

In presenting Chas. B. Corwin's

name for vice-president, we are putting up a collected candidate.

While we have nothing against our present secretary, we feel Mr. Bradt is the man for the "Philo's" principles are known, and we hope to see elected and Illinois and the represented.

REVIEW.

The *American Journal of Philately* is at hand, and we are to enter such a paper on our change list,

The *Stamp Advertiser* is proving as the new volume continues.

The *Beacon* has appeared before its date. It contains "Justice Triumph", also advertising.

The *Philatelic Tribune* February and March, is at hand. Among other dead-beat mentions an approval substituter at Galva, Ill. I know this gentleman from experience.

The *Post Card*, with its numbers issued during April upon our table. It is doing well for its hobby.

Yankee contained sixteen last month. If the advs. sh advs. the paper must be for itself.

Sardsley and *Reimers* are using the *Western* in a four-form during the summer.

mp Advertiser has completed column one and will commence with the March number.

Nebraska Stamp News has selected the article, "Do Papers Pay?" Well, *we* made or lost over a thousand since we began.

Quaker City is decreasing. Is it the warm weather, at?

Eastern is booming, under management. Please exchange, brother.

Philatelic Era for March in appearance and newsy contents.

Philatelic News is away the standard. Wilbur must hustle to get it up, some-

Dominion continues to in its usual manner, a large, paper. By the way, we are sending the C. P. A. copies monthly, but have it.

A large paper from Lake View, Mich. is announced, with a circulation of from 500 to 2500. This might do to tell, but the would-be publisher has been asking the price of printing sixty copies, and it is no go.

Rhode Island, please exchange; also *Orange City Collector*.

Hubbard's new paper is at hand and is up to the standard as a boys' paper.

It still contains a good deal of interest to the philatelist.

Put us on your exchange list.

The March number of the *Philatelic Journal of America* contains among its chronicle a description of a Confederate Local discovered by Mr. R. Wormeley.

The *find* consisted of a bluish envelope stamped in black. Enclosed in a circle is a star and between the points of the star, is the letters P. A. I. D, and under is the figure five. It is postmarked Canton, Miss.

The Hobby column of the *Young Idea* contains a letter from a young lady in Iowa relating to the million postage stamps, asylums and hospitals, etc.

It was a great scheme and still has its victims working for its interest.

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EDITORIALS

We have killed the proof reader of the April number and have just imported another.

Last month gave birth to some fine philatelic papers, among which the *Metropolitan* may be classed at the head.

Have any of our readers a ticket they like better than the one we present this month? If so send it to us. We are publishing the **CENTRAL** for Philatelists, not for ourselves.

Try one of Bratt's "Paramounts". They are excellent. A year's supply with each packet.

A few advertisers are owing small bills for advertising, which we have thus far been unable to collect. If these bills are paid before next number appears, we shall create a department under the name of "Delinquents", for their special benefit.

Dealers should beware of Sam'l. Krider of Wausau, Wis., a consin. He is playing an old game, claiming not to have received letters containing stamps. But he gets all others.

Advertisers,—For the summer months, June, July and August, we are going to make you special terms. Remember, these are for three months, and cash in advance.

1 page - - \$3.00, 1 column
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Just smoke the above and sleep over the following. Write us,

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Find enclosed payment to balance account.
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Yours, etc.
Scott Stamp & Co.

Every person who will buy stamps worth of stamps from advertisements appearing in

will receive a year's free, if they will send a note to the dealer and have him inform us of the fact.

One of Lambeck's fifty envelopes, and get a trial subscription to this paper gratis.

In his message, the president of Mexico, recommends lower rates.

Once upon a time there lived a boy in Chicago, Ill. several little boys. These little children were amateur stamp collectors. One of them was Walter Heriden by name, who had a natural tendency to imitate his collection at other people's expense. He used to buy a quarter's worth from the dealer's sheets and then take off as many more as he desired, and instead, stamps from his duplicates. He wanted to be like an honest collector, and asked if he could have an amount when he had sold five dollars worth.

Before he had sold stamps for a certain amount, dealers began to show a difference in their sheets. When he came back with one-cent stamps where ten and twenty-five cent stamps formerly were.

When some other dealers had his name in a black-list, the American Stamp Co., of this city,

thought it time to drop this customer. Ever since his name has been dropped the above company have been receiving the most insulting letters from the *kid*. Recently there came a black-mailing one, saying, "If you don't want me to be your agent, you send me seventy-five cents or a dollar's worth of stamps, or you will suffer, as I will lessen your patronage, etc. etc."

These little shavers had better understand a few things before trying to blackmail.

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At 35 per cent. Commission.

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C. H. Whitcomb,
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One Agent Wanted in every State what priced stamps you desire, writing me.

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I DESIRE to purchase collections of stamps for cash. Also common stamps by the 1000. C. VAN DEN BERG
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25 Var. of stamps free to every one in reference for approved sheets at 35 per cent. commission. 50 var. for 6 cts. Every fifth answer "Yankee Philatelist" one year, free.

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will buy a name stamp or pay for stamps at 6c. a line.

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Try one of my 10, 25, 50 or 75c. packets, every one of them is a bargain.

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It Contains

4 varieties stamps catalogued @	\$.60
10 " " " "		.50
31 " " " "		1.68

Value, 2.18

but sold at *52 cents, postpaid*, which is equivalent to 76 per cent below the catalogued prices.

I Defy Competition.

WM. H. BRATT, C. P. A. 220

306 West 12th Street.

New York City,

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New York

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VOL. I.

BELVIDERE, JUNE, 1890.

NO. 6

BUENOS AYRES; ITS POSTAL SYSTEM AND STAMPS.

By PESO.

At the request of one of our readers we copy the following from the *Philatelic Star*.

Over half a century ago the Postal Service in Buenos Ayres, though open to considerable improvement, was systematically worked.

The Inland Posts were usually conveyed on horseback, and though having to travel many hundred miles over desert country, were rarely late in their arrival.

The postmen received their letters in a portmanteau; this was tied behind the saddle of their guide, who was changed at every post-house, each relay of horses having its own guide. The postmen enjoyed the privilege of calling for horses at any hour of the night, by which means they were

enabled to make up for the time they might have lost during the day. They likewise had the liberty of galloping through the streets of different towns—a privilege denied to others. They wore a short jacket (usually red), and their arrival and departure from Buenos Ayres was announced by the blowing of a horn carried by the guide. On arrival of the various posts, a list of the letters received was made out, and fixed up in the *patio* of the post office, each letter having a number affixed to it; these letters were handed without inquiry to anyone who tendered the amount of postage. On the arrival of the English packet the letters, being too numerous to allow of a list being made out, were given to such persons as answered to the names called, upon payment of two *reals* for each letter. It frequently happened, that a person, after two hours' scuff-

ling in endeavouring to approach the crowded window of the office, found he had no letters to receive; some other persons, either through inadvertence or malignant design having already paid the postage and carried his letters off. An attempt was made to remedy this great inconvenience by sending the letters to the addressees houses as in England, but the carelessness of the servant who took them in was found to be a more serious evil than the occasional loss of a letter at the post office.

Coming now to what is the purport of this essay, we find that a decree signed by Jose Barros Pazos, was issued on April 9th, 1858, creating postage stamps for Buenos Ayres. This decree was to the effect (Art. 1):-

"That letters shall be franked
"by mean of postage stamps,
"and that the post office shall
"not take charge of letters un-
"provided with such."

The Ninth Article was in the following words:-

" Forgers of the postage
" stamps and their accomplices
" shall be liable to all the
" penalties fixed by the laws."

The decree also provided the rates of postage, the stamps, and other matters.

The stamps were accorded put into circulation on April 1858.

Issue 1858-59.

Design 1.

Design (Lithographed).—Set to left in oval disc, screw angles, with marginal lined border; value in words on side.

INSCRIPTION—CORREOS BUENOS AIRES FRANCO.

SHAPE—Transverse oblong.

COLOUR—The following colours were adopted, all being on white paper:—

dos pesos (azul) i.e. 2 pesos,
tres " (verde) 3 " g
cuatro " (colorado) 4 " ve
lion.
cinco " (amarillo) 5 " ora

In consequence of a reduction in the charge conformably to the decree of Oct. 2, 1858, the postal authorities on the 26th day of the same month emitted two values, similar in design to those in use. The value and colour will be given in our next issue.

To be continued.

REVIEW.

American Collector is too
When you read a line,
through. What it does
in, though, is first class;
the paper is well printed.

Curiosity Collector comes
early, and is always interest-
ed well printed.

Southern is booming things
the south in a remarkable
manner.

Nebraska Philatelist is
a hustler. Although removed
a distance from each other
are quite similar in their
of making the south and
become recognized among
philatelists.

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A pair of nickel plated lever
No. 9, for best offer
in stamps. Address, GEO. R.
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A typewriter, — new. value
Books and stamp papers
stamps and stamp papers, 49
old bills to exchange.
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A Stevenson adding machine,
\$2.00, for same amount of
from sheets.

J. A. BUTTERFIELD,
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spear heads, &c.; for the same,
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of the 1888 issue, or two 90ct
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Philatelic printing, job type
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Twenty-five cents' worth of
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Chartiers P. O., Pa.

Imperial Stamp Album (a lit-
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EDITORIALS

During May we added forty-four names to our subscription list.

We would like to hear from the Golden Stamp Co., Lakeview, Mich., and Mr. J. T. Jelf, in relation to some advertising that is still unpaid for.

Remember that every person that buys fifty cents worth of any one advertising in this paper, will receive a year's subscription free.

If every thing pans out right we will not issue a July or August number, but be spending the time during those months in Texas and Mexico, instead pushing our editorial pen.

Our friends need feel no concern as twelve numbers are guaranteed.

Mr. Walter Heriden, who was the hero of our fairy tale last month, is now trying to collect proof to show that he is in no way guilty of the charges made.

If he can do so, we will be only too glad to apologize. He denies also that he did anything to have his name in Stanton's list.

One of our shining philatelic lights is about to take unto himself a wife.

Mr. Shannon of Wyoming has received the appointment of post master in his city, and certain lieutenant, of philatelic note, is not contributing snail stories to the *Golden Days*.

There is scarcely a collector who can fail to be benefited greatly by a year's subscription to the CENTRAL PHILATELIST. Only ten cents per year, twelve numbers guaranteed. We contemplate an increase in our subscription price in the near future, but for the present one little draw draws the prize.

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BELVIDERE, DECEMBER, 1890.

No. 7.

U. S. OFFICIALS.

In 1873 the United States government issued nine sets of official stamps, containing in all twenty two adhesives, (one hundred and three if registered, officially sealed and postage due, are considered as belonging to the Post Office set) and forty nine paper envelopes.

The designs, with the exception of the Post Office set, are the same as those of the general stamps.

Each set has a different color, the stamps of the set, except the State, being of the same color.

The colors used, are red for the War Department, brown for the Treasury, vermilion for the Interior, carmine for the Executive, black for the Post Office, blue for the lower values of the State and green and black for the higher values, purple for the

Justice, yellow for the Agriculture, and blue for the Navy.

The Executive set is the smallest, while the State set is the largest.

The Executive contains but five varieties; Treasury, War, and Navy, eleven each; Justice, Post Office and Interior ten each; the Agriculture nine, and the State fifteen.

Envelopes were issued only by the Post Office and War Departments. The former issued twelve and the latter thirty seven varieties. Three varieties of Post Envelopes were issued in 1873, three in 1874, two in 1877 and four in 1878.

Fourteen War envelopes were issued in 1873, and twenty three in 1875.

The official stamps went out of use five or six years ago, their place being taken by the printed official envelopes, bearing a printed device, in place of a stamp.

—Selected.

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EDITORIALS.

—Yes, here we are again.

—It's been rather a long time since you last saw us, but that is no fault of the present management. The business has changed hands completely, neither member of the former company remaining with it. Mr. Butterfield, of the old firm, is attending school

at the Highland Park Military Academy, this state; and the official Hakes,—he is hustling series at 228 State St.

—We would thank our exchange for their kindness in continuing their regular visits throughout summer and fall, notwithstanding they heard nothing from us.

—Try an advertisement in January number. Only five cents an inch.

—The A. P. A. squabble and the official organ *et cetera* be on well.

—Murder will out; likewise of all sorts if you will give it enough. The latest case of biter bit is that of John Borg alias P. A. Nelson, alias U. S. Stamp Co., alias S. C. Borg Jr., alias E. R. Kane, doing business at Chicago, Ravenswood Ill., and Madison Wis. This young man is said to be about sixteen years of age, and of possessing appearance. Just same he now languishes in the hands of the federal authorities awaiting trial.

Will you tell your friends what gain we offer, in the shape of monthly paper for ten cents per month, twelve numbers guaranteed? And by the way, see that your own subscription is paid for. This number is but a shadow of the good things which we have in store for the readers of the CENTRAL. As soon as we get our harness nicely fitted on we will enlarge. For January we propose getting out one thousand copies, full count, of an eight page paper. Send in your advertising.

The recent death of Fred S. Osbury, of Barre, Vt., is one which Philatelists will long re-

REVIEWS.

The *Metropolitan*, like every metropolitan, is first class. The *Philatelic News*, of Utica, is strong for certain local interests with its little hatchet. The *One Dime* uses some of the three and one half cent paper, like papa's shoe blacking. The *Scott's Record and Review*, of New York, Vol. I., No. 1, is at hand, and is fair to take front rank.

We note that the *Yankee* fills nineteen of its twenty four pages with advertisements. If it sticks to its schedule rates, it must be making money, hand over fist.

The *Southern* bit off rather more than it could masticate, when it promised ten thousand copies of a twenty four page paper. However, it is quite readable nevertheless. By the way how suggestive are the names of our papers; there's the *Eastern*, the *Southern*, *Western*, and *Central*; the *Empire State*; the *Rhode Island* the *Quaker City* and a host of others.

We don't get many so small and yet so readable as the *Collector*, New Chester, Pa.

The *Essex County* comes out for October as proud as a small boy with his first pair of pants. Reason; A nice new cover.

THE YOUNG IDEA FOR 1891.

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varieties of stamps, including U. S., S. A., Mexico, etc.,
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Mexico 10c. brown (Error) catalogue price \$5.00.	50c.
Honduras 1878, 7 var., set complete, cat. price \$3.18, only	50c.
Gautemala 1871, 4 var., set complete,	22c.
" 1875, " " " "	35c.
" 1882, 5 " " " "	15c.
U. S. Officially Sealed, at	8c.
Confederate States 1862, 2c., only	\$1.65
500 var. only	1.50
100 " "	10c.

Collections bought for cash. Foreign Correspondence wanted. 7-2

J. R. BOYD, Antreville, S. C.

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Do You Want an Agent?

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E. R. ALDRICH,

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