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## REMINISCENCES OF SOME OLD TIME ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

BY MOZEPPE.

Long before postage stamps were invented by James Chalmers and introduced by Rowland Hill, stamped envelopes made their appearance; of course not in the improved style of those of the present day, but nevertheless stamped envelopes.

Before the stamp consuming fraternity could welcome the envelope with impressed stamp of Great Britain in 1840, there was in use entire envelopes, and upon their origin I shall endeavor to throw some light.

In the year 1650, Louis XIV, King of France, by a verbal decree gave to the Count de Valfyer the privilege of establishing a postal service in France. At the corners of the streets in large cities were placed letter boxes in which people could drop their letters. Envelopes, prepared by M. de Valfyer, were put on sale at postal stations opened especially for that purpose.

In 1653, the Count de Valfyer furnished "Formules de Billets;" envelopes upon which a kind of stamp was pasted containing a blank sheet of paper and designed for the use of the French business man. One of these old time envel-

opes is now in the possession of a French stamp collector; is still fairly well preserved, and certainly one of the oldest philatelic reminiscences extant. The letter is written by King Louis XIV and addressed to the Count de Toulouse, who was at the time (April 1706) besieging the city of Baratona, Spain, with a French fleet. A variety of stamps (known in those days as labels, but not wishing to offend our fair goddess by applying any such non-philatelic term we will stretch our imagination a peg and consider the things in question, stamps) of different denominations were pasted upon the envelopes and served to carry the parcels to their destinations.

At this time the use of envelopes was comparatively well-known throughout France, while in Great Britain they were used only in official correspondence.

In the postal archives of Great Britain there is to be seen a letter dated May 16, 1696, addressed by Sir James Ogilvie to the Hon. William Trumbull, Secretary of State. The letter is enclosed in an official envelope 7 inches in length and 3 inches in breadth, and is very much the same style as the envelope used at the present time.

In the collection of the Egerton Manuscripts in the Vazal British Museum there is to be seen a let-



ter written by madame de Pompadour (of French fame) in the year 1760 and addressed to the Duchess of Aiguillon. There is also to be seen in the British Museum, a letter written by Frederick the Great, King of Prussia (who is eulogized as a friend of American Liberty in Bancroft's History of the United States). This letter is dated Potsdam, Prussia, July 28th, 1766, and is addressed to an English General in the King's service. The envelopes inclosing the last two communications are very much the same as the one used by Sir James Ogilvie (described above.)

In 1836, before "Penny Postage" was introduced in Great Britain, envelopes were seldom used in the country because of the double fee imposed for each sheet of paper put in the envelope.

All this old time use has been changed by the rule of the Universal Postal Union. It now costs but 5c. per half ounce to send letters to foreign countries and but from 2 to 3 cents per ounce for communications in a single country.

It is hoped that these reminiscences, though roughly drawn, may serve to enlighten, in a measure, those interested in early research.—  
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The subject of Tobacco, Liquor and License stamps naturally presents itself in the form of two questions: First, ought these stamps to be collected? Secondly, where is their place in a stamp collection? To the first, an answer should be given according to circumstances. In a general collection, where every stamp-issuing country has a place, and where each is represented by its regular postal issues, it may not seem desirable to include stamps of a merely local use and interest. But a collector who specializes on American issues, or more particularly those of the United States, ought not to overlook these stamps.

They are of historical interest and value, and mark an interesting period in our national existence. There was a time, under the provisions of an act "to provide internal revenue to support the government and pay interest on the national debt," when a man who carried a gold watch or owned a spring wagon was taxed a certain amount in proportion to the value of these articles. Then every storekeeper and blacksmith paid an annual tax. Later came a period when only manufacturers and dealers in liquor and tobacco and some others were included in the tax list. True, no stamps were issued in the former case; but those made in the latter commemorate the period and circumstances of their issue, and naturally lead to a study of the curious provisions of the first act.

The license stamps granted to dealers in tobacco and liquor are truly beautiful specimens, and in this respect much more attractive than some regular issues. The tobacco, cigar and beer stamps placed on packages, casks, etc., if perhaps not attractive in point of beauty, are yet interesting in diversity of value, use, shape and engraving. These stamps may not be as easily obtained as postal emissions, but here, if the old adage that "the pursuit of an object is more pleasing than its possession" be true, lies their chief charm. Used specimens of periodical stamps are supposed to be unobtainable, but they are sought after nevertheless.

It may be argued that the size of these stamps is against them. With the exception of license stamps, few are larger than our largest envelopes, and the latter are collected entire with great zeal and at great cost. The size of license stamps is by no means an objection to gathering them. They can be kept in an ordinary card-album with little trouble or expense. Here, too, the length of cigar stamps and the various shapes of others may be used in designs that go to make an album attractive.

This branch of collecting is comparatively late, nor has it by any means attained its full growth. It is on the increase, notwithstanding the numerous attacks made upon it. The idea often expressed that tobacco, beer and snuff stamps, have no more value than spool labels, is as absurd as it is frequent.

In regard to the second division of the subject—Where should these

stamps be placed in a collection? Their proper place is among revenues. Between match and medicine stamps and those under discussion, the latter should be given the preference; for they are issued by the government through its regularly appointed agents, are engraved and printed from government designs; while the former were printed from private designs and merely received the sanction of the government. Yet how many there are who ignore this fact, giving much attention to medicine stamps and wholly disregarding others, more regular in issue, more beautiful in design, and more universal in use. In fact collecting these stamps may be said to be an outgrowth of collecting revenues, from which they cannot properly be separated.

As has been said, few collectors now devote any time to this class of stamps, but new devotees are springing up. The recent purchase by Messrs. Deats and Sterling of the government remainders, and the promise of a catalogue from them, will doubtless start many to collecting. As yet no such list exists; so that collectors will welcome the forthcoming work with pleasure. It is to be regretted that these stamps have been disregarded so long; but, "better late than never." As soon as collectors learn to appreciate the beauty, the historic interest, the value, and perceive the pleasure always attached to a new branch, Tobacco, Liquor and License stamps will receive the attention they undoubtedly deserve.—*Eastern Philatelist.*

## A PHILATELIC ADVENTURE.

It happened one warm summer evening, as I was sitting on the veranda reading the "Life of Capt. John Smith." My stamp album, for I was an enthusiastic collector, lay at my side. I had just reached the part in my book where Smith was amusing the Indians by showing them his compass, when I was roughly seized by the arms and thrown to the floor. I was taken by surprise, and before I could recover I was bound and gagged. I now had time to look around me and noticed my captors were red men, their faces daubed with paint, and hideous to behold.

What should I do? I was gagged and could make no noise, and no doubt the rest of the family were captives like myself. Before I had time to decide upon anything, my captors picked me up and bound me to a horse, which stood in waiting. I was surrounded on all sides, making escape impossible. All night we traveled on. The cords with which I was bound began to chafe the skin and the pain was almost unendurable. Just as the first rays of the morning sun appeared above the eastern horizon we came to an Indian village.

The column halted on the edge of the village, and two of the chief warriors entered the village to give notice of my capture to their chief. As soon as we were perceived, I was surrounded by squaws and children, who for the next few minutes made life almost unbearable. But luckily for me the chief

was soon seen approaching, and noise at once ceased.

After a short pow-wow with the head men, the old chief gave signal to march, and I was taken to a long shed. The chief seated himself at one end of a rude throne. A block of wood lay at one side, and beside it an axe, which was altogether too suggestive of what would be my end. Was there no means of escape? I asked myself this over and over again. Suddenly a thought occurred to me. When I was captured I had instinctively caught up my album to strike my captors, but they were too quick for me, and in some way it had got pushed under my coat and was there yet. Why couldn't I interest my captors with this album as John Smith did his captors with his compass? It was worth trying anyway. So, as soon as I was unbound, I took the album from beneath my coat and approached the chief.

My knees shook with fear. What if I should not succeed? What would become of my family? These and hundreds of other such thoughts were crowded into my brain. By this time I had reached the chief, and throwing myself on my knees, I humbly presented my book. The chief took it and immediately opened it.

The first page happened to contain some very gaudy stamps which exactly suited his fancy. Beckoning to one of his attendants, he had him tear out those stamps which suited his fancy best.

The shed was very hot and close and the perspiration flowed freely down his chiefship's face. Taking

the stamps, one by one, he applied them to his cheeks. The perspiration moistened the stamps so that they stuck tight. After the chief had taken his choice, the album was passed to the next greatest warrior and he took his choice, and so on till even the youngest child was ornamented with stamps. Some arranged their's in stars, others in circles or in any way which suited their fancy best. Imagine my horror. Here were all my stamps, the result of many years of patient labor, going to bedeck the cheeks of those good-for-nothing red skins. It was more than I could stand. Rising to my feet, I gave one mighty yell. When "Why John Stevens, what in the world are you doing? What possesses you to make such a noise, and just look at your cheeks, all stuck up with those stamps of yours. You ought to be ashamed of yourself," and with this my wife flounced into the house, leaving me looking ruefully at the mischief I had wrought.—Southern Philatelist.

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" " *50c., yellow.....	1 50	75	Hayti, 1891, 2c on 5c blue.....	20	10
Santander, 1884, 5c. red.....	12	8	Hungary, 1888, 3d gold.....	75	40
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" " 10c. violet.....	15	8	Deccan, 1871, 1/4a brown.....	25	12
" " 1887, 5c. red.....	10	6	Deccan, 2a green.....	75	35
" " 1883, 5c red.....	10	5	Sorouth, 1886, 1a green, perf.....	10	5
" " 10c. violet.....	20	10	Sirmour, 1885, 6p green.....	5	3
Tollma, 1887, 5c red.....	6	3	" " 1a blue.....	12	7
Costa Rica 1889, 10c blue.....	1 50	75	" " 2a carm.....	18	10
" " 5c brown.....	20	10	Rajppeepla, 1889, 1a red.....	25	12
" " 5c surcharged Cor-reos.....	15	8	" " 1890, 1a blue.....	15	7
Argentina, 1878, 90c blue.....	25	14	Nowanugur, 1880, 1a rose.....	15	5
*U S, Registered seal, green.....	20	14	" " 2a green.....	15	6
" " 30c Due.....	20	15	" " 3a yellow.....	20	8
U S, Interior, 24c.....	20	16	" " 1877, 3/4 blue.....	4	2
U S, Interior, 30c.....	25	18	Wadhwan, 1861.....	10	4
U S, Interior, 90c.....	35	25	Jbalawar, 1880, 1/4 green.....	6	3
U S, Navy Department, *2c blue.....	30	20	Jummo Kashmir, 1883, 1/4 yellow.....	3	2
" " *6c blue.....	20	15	Jummo Kashmir, 1883, 3/4 red.....	8	4
Argentina, 1889, 20c blue.....	20	8	Jummo Kashmir, 1884, 1a gray.....	10	5
" " 1890, *3c green.....	6	4	Holkar, 1889, 1/4 violet.....	6	4
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" " 60c blue.....	20	15	Bamra, 1890, 1a yellow.....	10	10
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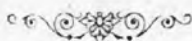
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# The Ohio Philatelist.

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No. 2

## EDITORIAL.

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COLLECTORS, now is the time to subscribe for the Ohio Philatelist.

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WE are always in need of good manuscript, and will give advertising space in exchange for same.

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DEALERS, better send your advertisements at once, as our rates are to be raised in November.

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As the stamp trade has once more opened it is time dealers should advertise their business. Send us your advertisements if you want them in a first-class paper that goes among many collectors.

## A FEW SUGGESTIONS TO AGENTS.

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BY E. LAWTON.

Although many articles have been written containing suggestions for young collectors and dealers, yet very little has been given for the help of the young "Approval Sheet" agents and those who sell stamps on commission for dealers.

Almost every collector has, at some time or other, acted as agent, and while many have succeeded well in this line, others, through a lack of knowledge as to the best way to go to work, have accomplished nothing. It is to these young agents and collectors that I want to give a few words of advice.

If you are thinking of becoming a stamp agent, the first thing for you to do is to study the kind and the quality of the collections of all Philatelists whom you expect to have for your future customers. Find out their favorite stamps, and the countries of which they particularly desire them; find out what particular branches they collect, whether it is United States or foreign postage, revenues, local, departmentals, match and medicine stamps, envelope stamps, etc.; and

lastly, find out what prices they are willing to pay, that is, whether they prefer to obtain high or low priced stamps.

All of this, of course, takes time, but it pays largely in the end, for this knowledge enables you to send to your dealer for just the kind of stamps you can sell readily.

Having found out the tastes of your future customers, the next thing is to select the dealer to whom you will send for sheets. It is not necessary to send to the very largest dealers, as many of the smaller dealers send out good sheets of stamps and give a fine commission, but the great advantage of dealing with large firms is that from them you can always obtain the class of stamps you wish, because they have such a large number of varieties on hand. But in this matter the collector and agent should choose for himself, *only be sure* that the dealer selected sells genuine stamps. There is nothing that injures the trade and reputation of an agent, among honest philatelists, so much as the knowledge that sometimes he has counterfeit stamps for sale.

Sometimes this may be wholly unintentional on the part of the agent; so as to avoid this the agent should learn to distinguish genuine from counterfeit stamps, and he should have constantly with him for reference, a list of all the especially dangerous counterfeits.

After awhile it may be well to have a few stamps on your sheets which your customers have not expressed a preference for; after they see them

they may perhaps find that they do want them after all. But introduce these gradually. Then it might be well to have a few novelties in the way of stamps on your sheets, although I do not advise that as a general thing, even if novelties do so often take.

I would caution young agents against selling many "*surcharge's*," for it is often impossible to tell genuine from counterfeit, and besides many surcharges are made by foreign postal officials simply to sell off large quantities of stamps to unscrupulous dealers and thus increase the post-office receipts. A crusade has been started against the surcharged stamp. I am glad of it, and hope it will succeed in putting these stamps off the market.

And now one more thing and I am through. Always be prompt in returning your sheets within the limit set by your dealers. You will surely gain by this, for all dealers are willing and glad to make concessions to those of their agents who are always prompt and reliable.

These few suggestions have been made in the hope that they would benefit those who are just starting in as agents. What more there is to tell is best learned by the agent by experience, and will have more effect than anything I could say.—*Southern Philatelist*.

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#### THE MAKING OF STAMPS.

Many are the ways in which stamps of the day are made. Of course different manufacturers have their own process, put the principal London



house makes them as follows: The large sheets of stamps are taken direct from the press room to the pasting room and are there covered with a gum made of pure dextrine mixed with chemicals, whereby it is made perfectly sweet and pure. Each sheet of course is smeared separately and then taken to a drying rack made of wire, upon which they are laid. After a sufficient time has elapsed in which to get dry, the sheets are taken to a hydraulic press and made quite flat, then are cut in two by hand with large shears, as they are printed double, that is 200 impressions upon a sheet. The perforation follows next and has been described so often that I feel it simply useless to describe it again. Of course it goes through the perforation machine twice.

After the second perforation they are again sent through the hydraulic press and the edges, as raised by the perforations and dies, are pressed out.

These stamps are printed from steel plates, upon which 200 impressions are engraved, and if by any means one stamp upon a sheet is imperfect the whole sheet is destroyed, and in that way 200,000 stamps nearly are destroyed daily at this establishment. By this process of manufacture they pass through 15 different pairs of hands, each man having to count them, so he can strictly account for them as having passed through his hands all right.

I would give you an estimate of the number of stamps printed daily at this place, as issued, at 5 tons, with the need of 50 gallons of gum to stick them.—*Cream City Philatelist.*

## THE ORIGIN OF THE UNPAID LETTER STAMPS OF TUNIS.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

Tunis, a small strip of land on the Mediterranean sea, is situated in Africa. The inhabitants formerly carried on the business of "Sea Pirates." The country was at one time one of the barbarous states, nominally ruled by a native chief called Bey. But, since the year 1881, France, French cannons and French money, combined, are the "power behind the throne." In short, that Tunis of to day is the protected child of France (but against her own will.)

The government is administered by a French minister, President and two secretaries, and the native ruler, the Bey of Tunis, plays the part of a dummy. The area of Tunis is 42,000 square miles (the size of the State of Ohio,) and has an estimated population of 2,400,000. The capital is also called Tunis, and has a population of about 150,000. The principal commerce of the country is in the hands of the French and Italians. The name of the country and city of Tunis is given in honor of a native prominent chief with the name of Tunis, who, in early times, was ruler over all the native tribes. It was in the year, 1888 that the Bey of Tunis expressed the desire to have postage stamps, and, as a matter of courtesy, France granted the desire of her protected child. The stamps of Tunis were manufactured in Paris, and are paid for with French money. But the protector of Tunis would not yet let the cat



out of the sack, and therefore the stamps bear as a design the arms of Tunis. As long as the stamps are in circulation, the business has increased, and sometimes letters have arrived not prepared or unsufficiently paid for. For this purpose were "Unpaid Letter Stamps" issued.

But, as the demand is a small one, the French post officials in the Tunis capital (where there is a French and an Italian postoffice), used the regular postage stamps of Tunis and surcharges them with the letter "T," perforated in points and placed in the center, but only as many as were required for the moment. Therefore the readers of the Essex County Philatelist have seldom seen a genuine unpaid letter stamp of Tunis, (or, perhaps such are cancelled to order in New York.) But stamp collectors will get them for their collections, and, to meet the demand, a stamp dealer in Paris wrote to the post officials at Tunis and ordered a large lot of unpaid stamps. That French post official wrote back that he had no time to surcharge so many stamps, (to make them unpaid letter stamps) and that the dealer had better buy them at the store of the official manufacturer who lived in Paris; or he, the stamp dealer, should surcharge the stamps himself with the letter "T." The result of this incident is that the international stamp market is over-flooded with "Unpaid Letter Stamps," having as surcharge the letter "T" in large and small type, on the top and on the bottom of the stamp, head up and head down.

Its the French style, you know!

Shall we collect such "stuff?" Look over the stamps of the French colonies and notice her colors surcharged in all the varieties of the rainbow, and do not forget that "error" is the technical word.

Those unpaid letter stamps, and I may add the surcharge stamps of the French colonies, are a shame to philately and a disgrace to the rich country of France. Every moment we are surprised with such a surcharge, and, Philatelists, what are you going to do about it?—*Essex County Philatelist.*

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#### REVIEW.

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Philatelic Globe, 25c. per year, published at Effingham, Ill., by J. S. Johnson.

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The New Hampshire Philatelist, 15c. per year, published at Lake Village, by C. L. Simpson and C. S. Gilman.

Buckeye State Collector, 25c. per year, published at 413 Clullicothe St., Portsmouth, Ohio, by Buckeye Publishing Company.

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## EDITORIAL.

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W. W. Jumbb, of Portland, Me., has purchased the Rhode Island Philatelist and it will hereafter go under the name of the Philatelic Era.

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If you are a dealer you should take particular attention to our Dealers' Directory, which is one of the principal features of this book.

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The Canadian Philatelic Society has just awakened from its sleep. They have started with 103 live local branches, all of which promise to make stamp matters boom the coming winter.

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The Standard Philatelist must have one under, as we are unable to get their copies.

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Those who are thinking of starting into the stamp business should write and see what a stock of stamps \$12 will buy. You will be surprised at the immense profit there is for you. For a short time only can we afford to sell stamps so cheap, so send in your order before they are all sold.

The Eastern Stamp is announced to appear in November from 61 Prospect Street, Worcester, Mass., by H. H. Eklind as editor.

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## OUR HOBBY.

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The writer has been giving much thought of late to the question: Is it well to attempt the study or the collecting of stamps and philatelic curios of all countries? We started our collections with the vain hope of some day being the proud possessor of a good representative collection of all the postage and revenue stamp issues of the world! What a prize it would be indeed! Our young ambition led us on in that direction for some time, till one day, while in an "old book" store, we found a copy of Durbin's catalogue. The number of stamps catalogued really amazed us, but we would try it anyway. Perhaps strive for the old issues before they became too old, and meanwhile keep our collection supplied with the new stamps as fast as issued. That was a good idea, but the cost! Cost? We had not figured on that. In a little while we found ourselves hopelessly entangled. Our pocket money was not issued as fast as the stamps were issued, and as for the old issues we had no

capital to draw from. But, nevertheless, we struggled hard and earned a little extra cash by the sweat of the brow and the help of a law-mower and snow-shovel. Even then the approval sheets of new stamps from the stamp dealer came into us, as agent, faster than we could well afford to have them. We were the best of all our customers, for the benefit of the dealers' business at least.

We bought freely of the issues of the British Colonies, Gambia, Bahamas, Trinidad, and the stamps of most all the little specks of land in all the oceans. Our stamps of Hong Kong, Japan, Sandwich Islands, Persia, Egypt and the early issues of the United States engaged our attention more thoroughly than the others, and we were always on the watch for specimens to fill out those sets.

About this time two varieties of triangular Cape of Good Hope, complete sets of Porte-de-Mar, Roman States, Sarawak, Liberia, Prussian locals and cantonal Swiss stamps became very plentiful through a chum who obtained them in large packages from a Mr. Taylor in Boston. These very desirable specimens became so numerous that we would have nothing to do with them and cast them out. In fact we never once thought of mounting them in our album. They were too common to be of any value to us, though we did not suspect their origin until we read the few essays in *The Stamp Collectors' Companion* by Rev. R. B. Earee.

One day a friend, a famous trader

among the boys, brought out a complete set of the Navy Department stamps, unused, gummed and in perfect condition. He put them up for the highest bid and we rustled all the "dry bones" we had to find something we could barter for those "blue navies." We got them and they became the pride of our collection.

Some of the boys invested their money for a while, but their fever soon died out, and their collections were traded off. The new issues appeared so fast that we soon did as the others had done—gave up in despair and laid our collection of nine hundred varieties by to be finally traded off as the other fellows had done. But after a while we felt the old desire again coming over us—to collect something. We were studying United States history then and the idea of collecting only United States stamps took hold of us. A good collection of United States stamps would make a valuable collection as a matter of historical interest, we thought. So we began our hunt immediately and "for keeps." The shoe cases, in the cellar of our store, containing packages of o'd bank checks and business papers, were rifled of everything philatelic. The boxes of old photographs, taken in war times, were taken down out of the closets and overhauled and the revenue stamps on the back of each were carefully removed. Quite a number of good things rewarded our search. We took everything, duplicates or not, and carefully laid them away for future exchange purposes. Even the white rib-

bons of the treasure boxes of our parents were untied in our search for stamps and many a dainty little white envelope had to yield its messenger. That perhaps was sacrilege, but we were permitted it.

Thus we found our hobby in philately, and took much pleasure in thinking that it was not impossible to study our hobby thoroughly and make a good collection of our branch of philately—United States stamps.

Many of the little financial troubles common to most boys when they "over-traded" happened to us, causing a dead standstill in the growth of our collection, but when money became easier our collection began again and still continues.—W. L. B. in *Eastern Philatelist*.

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#### THE TAPLING COLLECTION.

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The last quarter of a century has beheld the dawn of a new science. Its claims are not universally admitted by scientific men, who prefer still to regard it as a hobby—a mania—but some title to the dignity of a science is gained by the fact that it is henceforth to have to itself a special department in the British Museum. It is announced that Mr. T. K. Taping, the late member for the Harborough Division, has bequeathed his collection of postage stamps to the nation. The gift is accompanied by conditions that it shall be exhibited to the public in a room, or part of a room, permanently set aside for the purpose, and that it be called the Taping Collection. It

was not news to enthusiastic philatelists when Mr. Taping died that he left behind one of the finest stamp collections in the Kingdom. There was much curiosity to see how it would be disposed of. Now that it goes to the British Museum it serves a double purpose; it not only affords to the public a valuable collection for reference and comparison, but it raises philately to the scale of the science. For some time past the British Museum has been endeavoring, by tearing the postage stamps from its own correspondence, and proceeding much in the method of the schoolboy who worries his friends and spends his pocket money to obtain stamps, to get a small portfolio together. Mr. Taping's gift may form a nucleus which, by continual accretions, will in time become the most complete collection in the world. Postage stamps exert a peculiar influence over those who are enthusiastic about them. Two or three generations ago there were no such things. In the last generation few but boys cared for them; but the boys have carried their hobby into manhood, and now from a Prince of the Blood down to the newest office-boy the ranks of the philatelists are recruited. This much may be said for stamp collecting, that it is harmless. It enforces a knowledge of geography to the continents in similar manner as does the collection of postmarks—a craze still more old—enforce some knowledge of the chief towns in the counties. It gives to the eye opportunity of distinguishing beauty in color, and form



and engraving, and by comparison affords to the collector the opportunity of gauging how far our British stamps are below the artistic level of those of other countries. Much information bearing upon the great figures of antiquity has been gained from coins, and it is not impossible that Lord Macaulay's New Zealander, sitting on the ruined piles of London bridge, may some day find in a postage stamp album knowledge of a curious people who flourished in the nineteenth century, when apparently more substantial records shall have perished.—*Western Morning News.*

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#### NEW YORK NOTES.

JOSHUA M. MOTT

Beecroft Bros, of 111 South Eleventh St., Philadelphia, are agents for the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.

The Eastern Philatelist raises its subscription from 20 cents to 25 cents per year, with its October issue, and also makes the old offer of a premium worth more than the price of the paper, thus giving a year's subscription free. The Plain Talk, published from No. 5 Beekman St., is making a similar offer at \$1.00 for a year's subscription and 100 stamps.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the Staten Island Philatelic Society will give a banquet at Loescher's Hotel, Staten Island. The dinner will be one of the social gatherings which are becoming so numerous and so popular

among the philatelic societies of the vicinity. Members of the various societies of Brooklyn, Jersey City, New York and Hoboken will be present and everything promises to make the event an unqualified success.

When will the American Philatelic Association be incorporated? This is a question the answer to which many would like to know. It was voted on August 18th to incorporate it within 60 days under the laws of the state of West Virginia, but the 60 days will expire October 17th, and as far as I can learn from the members nothing has been accomplished as yet. It would be very unfortunate should this plan fail to materialize.

There will be a regular meeting of the National Philatelic Society on Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 1891. All the collectors in New York will find it to their advantage to attend a meeting of this society, where they will always be cordially welcomed, and it will be to their own interest to connect themselves with it.

One of the many facts which help to demonstrate that the science of philately is rapidly progressing is the increasing number of auction sales of stamps. The last one in this city was held on the evening of August 17th, Bogert having charge. About \$950 was realized on 440 lots. The next one will be held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 28th, 1891, which will be Bogert's twenty-eighth sale. Your

correspondent dropped in at Mr. Bogert's office one day last week and was very cordially received. Mr. Bogert says that he has three more sales besides this one in October, and he will have them take place about one month apart. Many of our most advanced collectors are present at these auctions and usually obtain one or two gems apiece at a considerable discount from catalogue rates.

The rumor that John K. Tiffany intends to resign the presidency of the A. P. A. is denied by all the large dealers of this city. Certainly Mr. Tiffany has made a good president thus far, and who wants a change?

In August last the National Stamp Dealers' Association passed resolutions to be submitted to congress, asking for the repeal of the duty on imported stamps. It is expected to obtain 10,000 signatures for these resolutions, many of the signatures having already been obtained, others will soon be added, and we hope that a special law will be passed to relieve the present difficulty. The present duty is comparatively very heavy and in some cases is more than the value of the stamps themselves. Let all the philatelists add their signatures and help to increase the list.

The publication of the Collectors' Review has been indefinitely postponed. We are sorry for you, Bro. Quinby, but such is life.

It is expected that the bidding will be very lively for the 24 lots of Confederate locals to be sold at Bogert's next auction. If the average collector would realize how every year puts the Confederate locals further and further out of his reach, he would take advantage of these sales and every now and then add one or more varieties to his collection.

Messrs George A. Leavitt & Co. will sell a valuable collection of rare coins, curios and an elegant coin cabinet on Friday, Oct. 16th, 1891, at 2:30 p. m.

A woman by the name of Conti is charged with selling cancelled U. S. stamps which she has washed. Commissioner Shields has held her in bail to await the action of the U. S. grand jury. It is about time that these people understand that Uncle Sam's old stamps are not to be trifled with.

The United Philatelic Society held their first meeting on Oct. 3d, 1891, at which numerous philatelists were present, but no officers were elected, as it was thought advisable to postpone the election one week. The next meeting is Oct. 10th at 8 p. m., at 37 West 32nd Street. The society will protect dealers and members from fraud, theft, etc. Some of the prominent members are: R. M. Spencer, Wm. Wettem, F. J. Carpenter, Walter Thorn, and about 20 others.

## CANADA'S BIG PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The philatelists of British North America have at last awoken from their sleep, and the Philatelic Society of Canada promises to become not only national but will embrace nearly every collector in the Dominion. The organizing committee have started with a roll of one hundred, and three live local branches, all of which promise to make stamp matters boom this coming winter. All collectors desiring to join can obtain a free copy of the official organ by addressing the secretary, L. M. Staebler, 984 Richmond Street, London, Canada. The organizing committee have decided to enroll charter members for another month FREE, so no excuse can be given by any reputable collector that he had not an opportunity to join. The branches formed are in Ottawa, Montreal and London. Berrie, Toronto, Kingston and other places are all organizing branches.

### EARLY COLLECTING.

Considerable interest has recently been manifested in the mode and manner of collecting previous to 1864. I have been able to establish the earliest known existence of collecting stamps and a system of exchange in Canada, and the letters place the date at 1859-60. Two of these documents, being the original letters of stamp collectors thirty years ago, were published in the Quaker City Philatelist

in January last. Of course, we have earlier collectors in Europe, but we cannot accept hearsay or gossip, but positive proof, particularly when dates are concerned. As our readers know the *ne plus ultra* album of those days was one by Justin Lallier, a member of the French Society for the Preservation of Historical Monuments and of the Archæological Societies of Orleans and Sens. Lallier issued English, French and German editions. I recently acquired one of his English albums with about two thousand stamps in it, but they were nearly all destroyed by being cut round or the perforations trimmed close. For instance, an almost complete unused set of the rare Ceylon envelopes were cut to shape. The album had an autograph signature of Lallier in it. He also published an edition in Spanish.

Lallier calls philately a branch of archæology, and his efforts in behalf of such were seconded by two zealous collectors of those days, Messrs. Herpin and Regnard. Their albums did not force collectors to cut their stamps to shape as some generally suppose, as there was nearly always a square space with a fair margin for every specimen, but instead of illustrations a dotted line indicated the impression of the stamp. It was in the error of these early collectors who cut their specimens to fit into this dotted line, that was the cause of all the trouble, for I believe the authors merely intended to show the form of the stamp to go in the spaces, although in some few cases they left simply the shape of

the impressed stamp instead of a square.

Up to 1864 there were chronicled 640 stamps for America (North and South,) of which 300 were for the U. S., about 200 of the latter being for private offices. Under the head of "Bibliographical Information" for 1863, I find some interesting notes. The principal stamp papers then in England were the Postage Stamp International Review, the Stamp Collectors' Advertiser, the Stamp Collectors' Magazine, the Record, and one or two others. The following is a list of the principal reviews, catalogues, journals, etc., which had appeared up to 1864:

Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World, by M. Potiquet. First edition, 43 pp.; 2d, 48pp. (Paris.)

Postage Stamps, a manual of 97 pages, without author's name, printed in Paris.

Manual for Postage Stamp Amateurs, 66 pp., with three plates. (Paris.)

Guide for Postage Stamp Collectors (Paris.) The 1st edition (1863) contained 88 pages for 1179 stamps. The second (1864) had 132 pages for 2007 stamps.

Guide Manual for the Collector of Post-Stamps, 18 pp. (1480 stamps.) Paris.

Nomenclature and Price-current of Post Stamps, Maury, Paris.

Manual for the Collector of Stamps, Moens, Brussels. 1st edition, 1860.

On the Falsification of Stamps, 32 pp., Moens, Brussels, 1862.

Postage Stamp Collectors' Manual,

by A. C. Kline, Philadelphia, 12 mo. The first edition of 48 pages appeared in 1862; the 2d, of 67 pages, in 1836.

La Revue, Paris, No. 49, published 15 Oct., 1863, contains a price-current of post-stamps.

Description of all postage stamps hitherto issued—more than 2200 varieties—with remarks on forged stamps, written in German, 103 pp., Strasburg, 1864.

Stamp Collectors' Magazine, consisting of 8 pages, published monthly by Zschieshe and Koder, Leipzig. The same publishers have also issued two catalogues, the first containing stamps issued from 1849 to 1862; the second, far more complete, extends from 1840 to 1863.

The Postage Stamp Price-Current, a German periodical, published by W. Reichel, (Bavaria.)

The Pictorial Magazine, published in Paris; 1860, gave occasional articles on stamps, illustrated by engravings.

Illustrations for the Stamp Manual, Moens, Brussels, 1863, published in numbers, containing a certain number of engraved stamps.

Oscar Taun's catalogue of cheap Post Stamps, Breslau, 1863.

E. Regnard's Catalogue of Stamps, Paris, 1864.

From the above I have taken the following notes, which will show pretty clearly about what our early collectors knew:

ENGLAND.—The 1d., black, V. R., Victoria Regina, stamp was supplied to government officials for their exclusive use. It was, however, soon



suppressed, and is consequently scarce and dear.

**FRANCE.**—The first French stamps were made in pursuance to a decree of the 24th Aug., 1848, thus:—"Art. V. The administration of the post-office is authorized to issue, at the price of 25 centimes, 40 centimes and 1 franc, stamps or tickets to be fixed on letters as a means of paying the postage. 50 centime stamps were ordered in 1849, but never issued.

**NEW CALEDONIA.**—This penal colony, discovered in 1774 by Capt. Cook, and occupied by the French in 1853, (50,000 inhabitants.) Plate of 50 various stamps, lithographed. This collection has become scarce and fetches a high price.

**BELGIUM.**—The first Belgian stamps were made in virtue of a law of the 24th Dec. 1847, but were not used till the 27th of June, 1849.

**HANOVER.**—Entire envelope "Bestell-geldfrei" (trefoil.) There are two envelopes of this design, with slight variations in the designs.

**MOLDAVIA.**—Porto Scrisorei means "letter-postage;" Porto Gazete for "newspaper postage," on the stamps of 1861.

**SWISS.**—The canton of Geneva stamps have the device Post Tenebras-Lux (after darkness comes light,) and above in a glory of sun's rays the monogram of the Savior, "I. H. S."

**HONOLULU.**—Kingdom of "Owh-ye," under the Protectorate of the United States. Semi-civilized island.

The above descriptions are taken just as found in print thirty years ago.

The list of catalogues and papers is by no means complete or correct, but simply what one collector has seen. A most peculiar freak in the early collectors seems to have been in cutting the perforations off the stamps. Doubtless, as there were some unperforated, it was thought all would look better if alike, and thus the perforations had to go. My first album was a Lallier 3d edition, my second was one of Scott's 1st editions, and more than half their value was destroyed by having the stamps trimmed and hammered down with mucilage which discolored them.—J. R. Hooper in Eastern Philatelist.

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### CINCINNATI NOTES.

W. C. KNIGHT.

In twenty years there has been no counterfeiting of Uncle Sam's postage stamps. Mail matter dropped in a box in Paris is delivered in Berlin within an hour and a half and sometime within thirty minutes it is sent by means of the pneumatic tubes.

A letter carrier in Kansas City named Jeffers Harlow fell asleep near an open window with the moon shining on his face and when awakening he made the appalling discovery that he was totally blind.

Two grains of corn found in wrappings of a mummy are said to be valued at \$100 by a curiosity dealer. Pharoah always told the mummies that corn was sure to come up if they held onto it long enough.



At a newspaper exhibition in Paris there are 6,000 specimens of journalism from all parts of the world.

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Inspector Vickery was summoned to Evansville, Ind., some time since, where several cases of violation of the the U. S. postal laws, had been discovered. Two colored women were arrested and placed under bonds, each to appear before a U. S. Commissioner for examination. These persons used canceled stamps, of which they soaked from envelopes in water until the stamps came off, which they would wash until the canceling marks would, to the naked eye, disappear. When placed under the glass, however, it was seen that their efforts were far from being successful.

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The Postoffice authorities at Washington have adopted a new system, or more properly speaking, have abolished an old one, which will result in an annual saving to the government of about \$300,000. Heretofore it has been the duty of carriers to count each piece of mail passing through their hands, both deliver and gathered matter. Major Pollock, superintendent of the free delivery system, after a thorough personal investigation of the principal free delivery offices of the west, finds that doing away with the old system will bring about a great saving of money to the department. The elimination of the count from the carriers' duties will bring their labor within the eight hour requirement.

## THE UNITED STATES POST-OFFICE.

### PRIMITIVE LAWS AND PECULIARITIES OF U. S. MAIL SERVICE.

On September 5th, 1639, the general court of Boston gave notice that the house of Richard Fairbanks was the place for all letters and mail parcels to be brought, which were to be sent across the ocean; and that all mail brought over from Europe would be left there to be called for. This order provided, however, that no one should be compelled to receive or deliver his letters there.

The citizens of Boston signed a petition in May, 1677, praying the people to appoint some one to take charge of delivering and receiving the mail at Mr. Fairbanks' house, and compensate him sufficiently to make it an object. They stated that there had been great loss of letters, on account of this imperfect mail system, as all mail matter when received was simply thrown upon the exchange, where any one was at liberty to sort it over and appropriate what he would.

England made the first important move toward establishing a regular postal system, in 1693. It was a bill appointing Thomas Neale to take charge of an office, which he should establish in the Colonies for the receiving and dispatching of letters and parcels. This bill provided that the postmaster be fined \$25 for every letter that was not properly delivered. It also fined every ferryman \$25 who re-

fused to ferry over the postman and his horse, and any person carrying mail other than that of the government, \$200.

In 1712, the British ministry took charge of the mail service in North America, according to an act passed in 1710, but it was not until 1743 that the service became of very great benefit or convenience to the Colonies, or a source of revenue to England. This improvement was largely due to the management of Benjamin Franklin, who was removed in 1774.

The American post office was firmly established in 1775 by the Continental Congress, which appointed Benj. Franklin postmaster; accordingly he was again reinstated. The government removed the post office headquarters from New York to Philadelphia in 1790, finally establishing it at Washington in 1799.

Postage stamps were first used in the United States in 1847 and from that time until 1856 the rates were from 6 to 25 cents, according to the distance. In 1863 the letter rate was fixed at 3 cents per ounce or fraction thereof, and again reduced in 1883 to 2 cents.—*R. I. P.*

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#### THE CANADA TWO-CENT, REGISTER, BROWN, ERROR.

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Because the orange 2-cent register can be changed to a brown, several well-known dealers and others have termed this error a "changeling." I take their word that it can be changed, but they should not prejudice the mass

of collectors against originals, which were issued by the P. O. department and did service for registration fees. The first to notice this error were prominent collectors employed in the post office in Halifax, I think, who secured a stock unused, and I would call on these gentlemen to aid in proving the authenticity of this error. I buy large quantities of register stamps from parties not interested in philately and among these I have found a great many of the errors, and they, not knowing they commanded a higher price, put them in with the others. Considering these points, do you think they would go to the trouble of changing color, where they would make nothing from it? I do not. Some time ago, I bought a "changeling" from a counterfeit dealer in Boston; you all know him I guess, and was surprised at the difference between my specimens and his. Mine are quite a bright light-brown, while his is a murky, dark brown, and has a blurred appearance.

I have 14 different shades of this stamp, and in view of the way I obtained them, and the comparison with one obtained from a party whose business it was to make changelings and counterfeits, I am sure they were issued by the post office, either as trial color or by error, and that there is no need of auction cataloguers listing this stamp to add such information as "so-called error" or (?) mark.

The 3-cent postage 1870 is also found printed in the same color.

My specimens of these stamps are always open to inspection by anyone who considers himself capable of passing a just verdict on their authenticity.—*R. F. McRAE in E. P.*

## REVIEW.

We have copies of the following named papers which are published in the interest of stamp collecting:

No. 1 of the Stamp World is in circulation.

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The September number of the Southern Philatelist is a hustler. Circulation 10,000 copies.

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The Post Office, as usual, is out on time and is a very good paper.

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The Quaker City Philatelist has got quite a piece in about the convention meeting.

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No. 1 of the Stamp Collectors' Companion is at hand. They color the plates for the stamp. Published at St. Louis, Mo.

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No. 1 of the Philatelic Era has appeared. Published by W. W. Jewett Portland, Me.

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The Eagle Philatelist has been enlarged and now looks like a magazine.

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The Effort does not contain much news for September.

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## EDITORIAL.

The fifty-second edition of the Standard Catalogue can now be had by addressing Scott Stamp and Coin Co., 12 E. 23rd street, N. Y. Price 37c. Post free.

We are always in need of good manuscript, and will give advertising space in exchange for same.

W. F. Bishop, of La Grange, Ills., sends out a very neat catalogue for January.

Our exchange department should be patronized by all collectors having duplicates, etc., to exchange.

Judging from the reports of the most prominent dealers in the country, the stamp business of 1891-92 will surpass any previous season.—S C. C.

The twenty-third auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society is to be held Jan. 21, 1892. A. R. Niems, auctioneer.

If you are a dealer, why not have your name in our Directory, only \$1.00 per year?

Why not raise the subscription price on all standard stamp papers to 50c, at least, and by so doing, all small papers not worth the subscription price will certainly have to meet their fate, as the country to-day is overflooded with small so-called stamp papers; to tell the truth they are hardly fit for the waste-basket, and they should be put out of existence, as these publications are only a disgrace to philatelists.

We have received 1892 calendar from the A. M. Burden Stamp Co., 202 Washington St., North Abbeborough, Mass., for which please accept our thanks. Same can be had by addressing the above named gentlemen.

The Western Philatelic Agency on or about Feb. 1, 1892, intend to publish a book called Our Calendar, and it will contain news on the best philatelic advertising medium, several articles on Philatelic Magazines and some interesting notes. Circulation 1,000.

The stock of stamps from the Standard Stamp Co. at hand. This stock can not be equaled by any other dealer in the world.

### NEW POSTAL CARDS.

The new postal cards that are now beginning to circulate are not beauties by any means and have nothing in form or finish to recommend them, says an exchange. The larger or gentleman's card is of glazed manilla  $3\frac{3}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{8}$  inches, a size so thoroughly unhandy as to make it objectionable for any purpose. The smaller or ladies' card is white  $3 \times 4\frac{5}{8}$  inches, and has rather a rough surface. Each is ornamented on the upper right hand corner with a Vignette of General Grant besides containing the inscription "Postal card, one cent. United States of America. This side is for address only." The ladies' card is printed in blue and the gentlemen's in black.

Written for the Ohio Philatelist.

### CANCELING MACHINES.

First assistant postmaster General Whitfield is at the Burnet. He is here on business connected with the introduction of machine stampers in the postoffice, says the Cincinnati Post. These machines take up a space occupied by one man. They will stamp 90,000 letters an hour, and do the work of five men. The date, hour and minute of mailing the letter will be given, while under the present arrangement, only the date and hour or half-hour are given. The Cincinnati office will probably have three machines, which will stamp in the aggregate 90,000 letters per hour. The

letters are put in a chute, which has a wire spring that feeds the letters, automatically, and drops them stamped into a basket at hand to receive them.

Are any of these machines in use at present?

Yes, the Boston canceling machine which has been in use in Boston for some time. Other machines, which have been tested, but not used, are the Hays and Dolpin, and an electric canceling machine, of which John M. Glover is the representative. The Cincinnati office will get the Glover machine, and the Hay and Dolpin. One will probably be introduced at once, and the others about March 1. We have a contract for 100 machines which expires about that time. The amount appropriated is only \$40,000, and there are 178 offices in the country entitled to them. We can only buy 100 machines, however, because the funds at our command will not admit of it.

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### A POSTMASTER'S MAIL.

Few persons, not connected with the postoffice, have any idea of the variety and character of the mail matter received by the postmaster of a large commercial city. They receive letters from people who think that their mail is being robbed or tampered with, from others about to change their address, from those who have lost mail matter, from countrymen who have been swindled by bogus ad-

vertisements, and so there are from 50 to 100 varieties of letters received almost every day. Among them are occasionally some very funny ones, and in this article I am going to tell the readers of the OHIO PHILATELIST of a few of this character.

One letter to Postmaster Van Cott, of New York, was from an Iowa farmer, who had in his possession that well-known curiosity, the two-headed calf. He, the farmer, desired the postmaster, as a personal favor, to find a purchaser for this calf. As this was scarcely in the line of official duty, the postmaster paid no attention to it, and, as far as he is concerned, the Iowa farmer is still looking for a purchaser for his two-headed calf.

Postmasters sometimes receive very funny letters from persons wishing to get a husband or wife, and who think that the post office department runs a matrimonial bureau. Such requests are usually treated as waste paper, but occasionally it seems almost wicked to blight the future of two people evidently "made for each other." At one time a postmaster received a letter from a coy young creature living in Nashville, Tenn., the writer describing herself as a young girl of 20 summers, 5 feet, 7 inches high, black hair and brown eyes, fair complexion, etc. She frankly asked the postmaster to find a husband for her. By the same mail came a letter from a man in Illinois, describing himself and then describing his ideal of a wife, and asked the postmaster to find a wife for

him. The coincidence of the story is that the Southern girl answered to the description of the Illinois man's wife, and the Illinois man answered to the description of the Southern girl's husband. But as it is above stated, the postoffice department does not run a matrimonial bureau, and the hard-hearted postmaster allowed the two letters to be destroyed and thus prevented that these "two hearts might beat as one."

Many letters in a postmaster's mail are from distant relatives of wealthy men who are dead, requesting aid in securing big estates to which they think they are entitled. Still another class of letters are those containing requests for divining rods, or the address of people who sell them. With the aid of these rods the applicant usually expect to find pots of buried treasures on their farms. At present the divining rods are rather behind the times, but five or six years ago there was quite a demand for them.

A few letters are from foreign stamp collectors, and they often request the postmaster to favor them in some way. So numerous have these become that the postmaster seldom pays any attention to them, as the philatelist could, in almost all cases, obtain what they wished from any reliable dealer.

One of the "nervy" requests received last summer was from the landlady of a boarding house in some summer resort. She asked the postmaster to direct two hundred circulars

which she sent him to people who would be likely to want accommodations at her boarding house, and added that she would be extremely obliged to the gentleman if he would do so. But the postmaster's obligation to the duties of his office were greater than those to the boarding house keeper, as he did not have time to look up the suitable names.

Another letter recently received read thus: "My dear sir, I am very sorry to trouble you and would not do so on my account. I write to you, however, at the request of an aged lady of this place, who is anxious to obtain information. She is a widow and has no one in her family to write this letter, so I do it for her. She would consider it a great favor if you would kindly comply with her request. I remain, yours truly, Mrs. —."

The writer enclosed a stamped, self addressed envelope for a reply, but neglected to state in what way the postmaater could give the desired information.

Written for the Ohio Philatelist.

### "THE HIDDEN TREASURE."

BY EDWARD LORING.

#### CHAP. I.

##### THE HISTORY OF THE HOLMES ESTATE.

As I was seated in my office one day, the following letter was handed to me by a clerk:

"HOLMESVILLE HEIGHTS,  
Dec. 23, 18—

"Friend Hal:

"Can you lay aside your stamp

business long enough to come down and visit me during the holidays? I have a matter of the greatest interest to consult you about and I am sure you need a vacation. If you can arrange it, do come. I am all alone save the servants in the old house and as you know, Hal, I am all there is left. Come and console me and assist in penetrating a stamp mystery.

"Yours,

"ADDISON HOLMES."

Knowing Addison as well as I did, I lost no time in accepting his invitation and the following week I started for his place. I arrived there and was pleasantly received by Addison, and after an ample repast we were enjoying some fine cigars, when Addison thus opened the conversation:

"No doubt, Hal, you are anxious to find out the meaning of my letter. Be patient, for I want to tell you a story."

"I am all attention," I replied.

"Abner Holmes had two sons, Philip and myself. Philip, like you, was interested in stamps and made quite a collection in his day, but he was equally fond of travel and left home at an early day, as did myself. Now, Philip never returned and I only came back to find my father dead and learn that Philip had died in the East and that I was master of the estate, my mother having passed away while I



was yet a child, so I am the last of my race. No doubt you knew all this before, but let us be precise, that you may understand the matter clearly.

"Father was interested in a number of enterprises which brought a large mail from various countries.

"In looking over his papers, I find this letter." At which point of his story Addison handed me the following letter to read:

"HOLMESVILLE ESTATE, Jan. 1.

"Dear Philip:

"In accordance with your request, I have had every envelope our firm and myself have received by mail carefully preserved against your return and fearing some ignorant hand might destroy them before your return, and being desirous of faithfully granting the request of the oldest son, I have hid them in a safe place and left a sealed letter with my solicitors to be opened by you only, except in the event of our both having gone the last journey when the letter may be opened by Addison. This letter states where the envelopes are deposited and as I add several packages each month, if you insist on remaining away much longer, the vault will be a rich store for one fond as yourself of old stamps. I have written my letter which I have left with my solicitors for you in the cipher which I believe both my sons to be familiar with.

"News of the death of Philip prevented by sending the above, Addison. If you return to claim your heritage you can apply to my solicitors for the sealed packet which they will give you on the presentation of this letter, i. e., you may if you value the old envelopes, if not, you may let them rest with the dead. I have left other letters for you which contain matters of more interest.

"Your affectionate but lonely parent,

"ABNER HOLMES"

"Now, Hal, what would you do?"

"Why, get the packet, unearth the vault, arrange the stock, sell at auction to the highest bidder, handle the whole thing for you on commission. We will buy a yacht and sail around the world afterwards with the results," I replied.

"Not so fast, Hal. I have applied for the packet. Here is the letter it contained, but the trouble is, I cannot read it. Father was mistaken. I did not know the cipher it is written in. I can't read it."

"Say, now, Addison, that's bad. Let us look at it," I replied.

He then handed me manuscript of which the following is a copy.

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## CHAPTER II.

LIGHT.

I looked at it carefully, but was unable to read it

"Well, what do you think?" inquired Addison.

(Continued Next Month.)

Written for the Ohio Philatelist.

## BY THE WAYSIDE.

E. P. NEWCOMER.

One of the latest schemes to cheat the Post office Department is as follows: A certain merchant in a large city desires to send say, twenty letters to a small town near by, which has not the advantage of a free delivery service. He seals his letters and instead of placing a two cent stamp on each one, places a one-cent stamp instead. He wraps up the package and addresses it to the post-master of the town to which the letters are addressed, the postage on the package being about four cents. The post-master distributes the letters to the boxes and treats the letters as local matter. The merchant thus saves sixteen cents by this little scheme.

"The special delivery service established many years ago has not proved a complete success," said post-master Sexton, of Chicago, recently. A letter bearing a special delivery stamp does not always get there as soon as the regular mail. It has to be taken to the special delivery department and a record made of it, and then it is turned over to a substitute carrier who takes it to its destination.

"This system has not proved altogether as rapid as it ought to be," said the post-master, and it doesn't pay either. The carrier that delivers it gets eight cents for each letter delivered, and sometimes he has to pay ten cents car fare in getting it to its destination. The successful part of the system is where special delivery letters come in after the regular deliveries have been made, then they are taken out at once, while the regular mail has to wait until the next day.

A letter carrier's lot is not, as a rule, a happy one, even if he does get plenty of exercise and fresh air. One of the banes of his existence is the playful office boy. The idea of fun that these boys possess make the carrier shuffle along many an extra trip. The other morning a carrier entered an office on the first floor of a six story building on Park Row, New York, and, opening the door, inquired: "Any one named Murphy in here?" The office boy smiled and replied, "Top floor, front room." There was no elevator, so the letter carrier climbed five long flights of stairs only to find that there was no Murphy there nor had there ever been a tenant of that name in the building. "That boy sent me up on purpose," said the letter carrier plaintively, when he descended, "just for fun of the thing." Hundreds of down-town office boys play the same trick. Whenever I go into an office in one of the lower floors of a building where there isn't any

elevator and ask for some one, they always promptly send me up to the top floor, whether the person I am looking for is there or not. It seems to be the policy of smart office boys to 'send the fool further,' but they little know how tough it is for us," and the letter carrier mopped his brow and moved along.

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### CINCINNATI NOTES.

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W. C. KNIGHT.

The new cards have made their appearance at last, having been received here in October; there are two sizes. The old cards are not used up as yet, although either issue can be had at your request.

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Cincinnati is rapidly becoming a stamp centre; there are five dealers here at present and a show for more anon.

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### REVIEW.

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McKeel's Philatelic Journal of America at hand, this paper is always up to the standard.

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The Philatelic Fraud Reporter should be in the hands of all dealers, and frauds if possible should keep out of its road, for if Guy Green gets your names you are goners.

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The Southern Philatelist is a very neat paper and should be in the hands of all philatelists.

The Post Office for Dec. is a very good and readable paper.

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The Quaker City Philatelist at hand, but, Mr. Walton, don't you believe it would pay you to cut the leaves of your paper.

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Missouri Philatelist is a first class stamp paper.

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Eastern Philatelist is a standard paper and is always newsy.

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No. 5 of the Canadian Philatelist at hand. We are glad to say that the Philatelist was the first to mention when The Philatelic Society of Canada started. Many thanks to you, Mr. Hooper, for your promptness in letting us know when you started.

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The Stamp Collectors' Companion at hand; are not your advertising rates a little high? your paper certainly does not have any more circulation than the Southern Philatelist.

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No. 1 of the Pennsylvania Philatelist at hand. When you said that the Eagle and Ohio Philatelist were getting there, you just mark it down that we are strictly in it, aren't we, Swanbeck?

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We would be very much pleased to see the Brookley Philatelist, as that paper is of great importance to us.

The S. B. Bradt Co., of Chicago, Ill., have issued No. 2 of a paper titled The Chicago Stamp News, which is announced as being a monthly trade paper devoted to their stamp business.

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The Philatelic Era is always up to the standard.

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No. 2 of the Philatelic Hus'ler at hand; would be glad to receive you again among our ranks.

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The Metropolitan Philatelist is a very good paper published by I. W. Scott, of 163 Fulton street, N. Y.

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American Philatelist is a first class stamp paper.

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December number of The Collector at hand; come again.

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The Monitor is not exactly a stamp paper, but sometimes has some very interesting stamp news in it.

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The Winter Season of 1891-92 of The California Philatelist at hand, devoted to Mr. Gomb's business only.

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No. 3 of the Salt City Philatelist at hand. Why don't you brace up and enlarge and become a standard philatelic paper?

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The Philatelic Journal of Ohio at hand; would be pleased to have you visit our cave again.

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1* Allen's Dispatch.....	.04
1† 10c Post office Dept.....	.30
1† 24c.....	.25
1† 24c War Dept.....	.08
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