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### Second Auction Sale.

The following will be sold by correspondence and conducted by the auctioneer. Send in your bid for anything you may wish below within two weeks. Members only, can have the use of this department:

No. 1. Packet of 25 stamps, all different.

No. 2. Packet of 175 stamps, containing stamps from the following countries: U. S. and U. S. Revenues, Austria, Bavaria, Belgium, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, Curacao, West Indies, Denmark, France, French Colonies, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Norway, Porto Rico, Portugal, Switzerland and Wurtemberg.

3. One stamp album with 130 stamps all different.

4. Three hundred cigarette pictures in first class condition.

If you wish any of the above send in your bid. All members having any philatelic papers, postal cards, stamps, cigarette pictures, slips, albums or anything in the cigarette, card or stamp collecting line that they wish to be sold at the next auction sale should send them in within 15 days, and they will be sold to the highest bidder by the auctioneer free of charge.

HENRY A. BIEHN,  
393 16th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

### Exchange Department.

The use of this department will be free to subscribers only. Limit 35 words. All notices must be written on a separate piece of paper.

I will give a packet containing 100 U S. and foreign stamps for each V nickel minus cents sent me. P. F. O'Keefe Chartiers, P. O., Pa.

I will give 20 foreign mixed stamps for every cigarette picture sent me; also 800 mixed foreign stamps for any cigarette album; also would like to exchange stamps. Send me a sheet and I will do the same. John Larson, 610

W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

I would like to exchange stamps with collectors. Send me a sheet to select from and I will do the same. Walter J. Bushey, box 1376, Biddeford, Me.

Any stamp collectors having any stamps to exchange should send me a sheet to select from and I will do the same. Chas. E. Welen, 87 Whiting st., Chicago, Ill.

F. W. Kristeller, 156 Cook street, Brooklyn, N. Y., will exchange a complete rubber printing and stamping outfit, 4A 6a,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch type, with 3 line, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long holder, for best offer of stamps not in his collection.

I would like to exchange stamps with all collectors. Send me sheets to select from and I will do the same. Address Henry L. Bushey, box 1376, Biddeford, Maine.

### Philatelic Prize Department.

Owing to the delay in getting our official organ published, we have had no opportunity to announce the result of our prize distribution on June 20th. If the members holding tickets Nos. 30, 16 and 21 will forward them to the address below the prizes will be paid in the order named in either cash or philatelic articles. State which you want. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with this department we would say that it was organized to benefit members by cash or philatelic articles.

We will give \$1.00 in cash or its equivalent in philatelic articles to the 10th letter we receive from a member enclosing 10 cents during the month of August. Write distinctly. More rapid return mail delivery will be assured by enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope. Remit by silver or unused two-cent stamps. Address, PHILATELIC REPORTER, Union Grove, Wis.

We shall not issue any more badges. Members wishing a Golden Hours badge and certificate can get them by sending a two-cent stamp to the publisher.

# Philatelic Reporter.

Published about the 25th of each month.

J. C. COLBY,  
JOHN LARSON,  
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Editors and Publishers.

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Sent free to members of the Golden Hours  
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umn 50 cents, one page 90 cents.

We will exchange one or two copies with  
all papers devoted to every branch of col-  
lecting.

Communications on all subjects appro-  
priate to our columns solicited, and should  
be addressed to John Larson, 610 W. Lake  
Street, Chicago, Ill.

## EDITORIAL.

Several interesting philatelic articles  
will appear soon. Now is the time to  
subscribe. Price 20 cents per annum.

In this number we have devoted more  
space to the Association than we had  
intended to, but hereafter only one page  
will be devoted for that purpose.

The Southern Philatelist has only five  
pages of reading matter and nine pages  
of advertisements for June number.  
More reading matter, Bro. Luhn.

Members will notice that we have  
changed our name to The Philatelic Re-  
porter, which is much more easier to  
handle than the former name, being  
only half its length. We shall endeav-  
or to make the Reporter first-class in  
every respect.

On the first page is a partial list of  
our members. Owing to the lack of  
space the rest will have to wait until the  
next issue before they can see their  
name in print. We trust the Associa-  
tion may continue to grow.

## How to Preserve a Philatelic Li- brary.

In the first place let me say that this  
is not one of those articles beginning  
with the sentence: "During the last few  
years philatelic journalism has made  
wonderful advances." Neither will it  
close with the expression: "The best  
stamp paper issued in America is the  
American Philatelist." These are facts  
which we have had placed before us so  
many different times, that they should  
be relegated to a "back seat."

I purpose, however, to give a few  
hints regarding the preservation and  
general care of a philatelic library, it  
being understood that I do not refer by  
the word "library" to a collection of  
books on philatelic subjects, but only  
to stamp periodicals; I have used the  
word for want of a better one. And  
just here it may not come amiss to say:  
Save your stamp papers. I know this  
advice has been given so often it may  
seem superfluous, but it does no harm  
to emphasize the injunction. The copy  
you receive to-day, and thoughtlessly  
throw into the waste basket, may, in a  
few years prove of value to you, if for  
no other reason than that it helps to  
complete a volume.

Now I come to the subject which I  
started out to discuss, viz:—"How shall  
we take care of our papers?" Of course,  
if a volume is of sufficient value it  
should be bound, as it can best be pre-  
served in this way. But I shall deal  
mainly with the odd numbers of papers  
which every collector has accumulated  
upon his hands.

I formerly made it a rule, as soon as  
I received a new paper, to enter upon  
a register which I kept, the name of  
the publisher and the place from which  
the paper appeared, the number of  
pages, how often issued and the date of  
the first issue. This might seem at first  
thought a little unnecessary, but I found  
myself amply repaid for my labor.—  
*Guy W. Green, in Philatelic Era.*

TO BE CONTINUED.

# BOYS!

A 2 1/4 inch Printing Press given away FREE, with 2 Fonts of Type, 2 Rollers, Ink, 50 Cards and furniture.

Send for terms and particulars, and be sure to mention this paper. See Corona News-Letter.

**Enterprise Stamp Co.,**  
Three Rivers, Mass.

[Editors inserting this and above three times, can have pay in rubber stamps, not to exceed two dollars or less than one.]

## THE YANKEE PHILATELIST.

(Established in 1835.)

16 to 20 pages each month. Only 15 cents per year, and the first 10 answers to this "ad" will receive a fine stamp catalogued at 10 cents, free. Advertising rates for summer months: 1 inch, 25c., 1 col. \$1.00, 1 page (6x9) \$1.50, 1/2 p. \$1.00. Sample free.

**THE YANKEE PHIL.**

Box 4, BARRE, VT.

## California Philatelic Association.

**WANTED**—All honest Collectors to join my Stamp Club. We give them 300 different stamps yearly and The Philatelic Journal of America one year. And they have their notices printed and sent to them weekly; also sheet of stamps sent weekly. Members have the use of Library and other departments. Dues 40 cents per month; admission fee 10 cents. Join now. Address

**R. M. Spencer,**

Nordhoff, Ventura Co., Cal.

## Read This Sure!

Having received a large number of sets of genuine Belgium Postal Packet stamps cat. by Scott at 58c per set, I wish to give my collecting friends a chance to add some of these treasures to their collections and so have decided to sell them to any who want them at 27c per set postpaid while they last. Address A. B. MERRILL, A. B. A. 644, box 638, EVERETT, MASS.

**WHY** Don't You Advertise! An inch ad. only costs 25 cents for 3 months! What more do you want?

[Mention this paper when writing to Advs.]

## The Stamp Collectors' Journal.

—Lake Village, N. H.—

Original Throughout. Devoted to stamps, not to postal statistics nor items about the mail. Only TEN cents per year. 12 Nos. guaranteed or money refunded. Sample FREE. Advertisements, 20 cents per inch.

## Packets of Foreign Stamps.

No. 1 contains 15 var. U. S. adhesives 10c, 2, 25 var. U. S. and foreign, 10, 10, 3, 25 foreign 10c, 4, 50 foreign 15c, 5, 50 foreign better than last 25c, 8, 100 well assorted foreign 5c, 9, 250 well assorted foreign 10c, 10, 500 same as 8c. Postage extra on orders under 25c. Remit by postal note at my expense for sums over 50c. or in unused one cent stamps for smaller amounts. Agents wanted to sell from sheets at 40 per cent commission; 25 per cent on U. S. stamps. Sample copy of "The Exchange," a monthly for collectors FREE. Address

**JAS. H. COLLINS,**

55 Bates St., Detroit, Mich.

## BARGAINS.

Have you anything to sell or exchange if so, send 5 cents and have a notice of 30 words or less inserted in the Collectors' and Agents' Directory. Sample free. Your name inserted under either the Collectors or Agents' Directory twice for 5 cents.

**PRINTING.**—100 envelopes size 5, 40c; size 6, 45c; 100 note heads 45c. All post paid. Send for prices of printing.

**Howard H. Brown,**

Old Bridge, N. J.

## Say, Have You

Joined the G. H. U. S. C. Philatelic Association. Advantages are: Stamp exchange, philatelic prize and auction departments, etc., etc. You receive free every month, The Philatelic Reporter. Entrance fee 25 cents, but to all who mention this paper, we will give them their entrance fee through 1890 for 5 cents. An inch "ad" 3 months for 25c.

**John Larson**

610 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

(Papers insert this and above for like space.)

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Box 1376, Biddeford, Me.

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## Greeting.

The Philatelic Reporter has again made a change in its management. The undersigned will hereafter assume the entire control of the business. As it is common for a publisher upon taking the reins of government into his hands, to make some sort of an "excuse," we will not deviate from the rule, but follow in the steps of those who have gone before us, and tell our readers why this publication is published. We do not want to spring the old chestnut by saying that we are going to fill a long felt want, etc., but we do want to say that we are going to try to publish a paper that will be of some benefit to those that are engaged in our field of science—philately. Our columns are open to any and all who may wish to use them for the discussion of subjects that will be of public benefit. We are not now the official organ of any Society, consequently we shall not accommodate one society more than another. We shall also try to give our advertisers the best of accommodations, and put them "top of column next to reading matter" whenever possible. All we ask is a reasonable amount of patronage, a little time, and the assistance of those we assist and we will make The Reporter a first-class journal in every respect. We now pull our coat and commence business.

Yours Respectfully,  
J. C. COBY.

## How to Preserve a Philatelic Library.

(Continued from July No.)

The appearance of Tiffany's "Stamp Collector's Library Companion" has obviated the necessity of keeping up my own register at the present time. But

I still maintain another list which I would not be without; and that is an index of the periodicals in my library. Now let me describe it to you.

I arrange, in a small blank book, which I keep for the purpose, the names of the papers in alphabetical order, and after each name I write the numbers I have in my possession. Let me illustrate. If I wish to show that I have Vol. III, Nos. 47 and 48, and Vol. IV, No. 49 of the Philatelic Gazette, I index it as follows: Philatelic Gazette 3x47—48X4x49. You see I separate volumes and numbers by a cross (maltese), different numbers by a dash, and different volumes by a big X as shown in the example given. Of course these characters may be varied to suit the collector. The names of the papers I write in ink and the numbers and volumes in lead pencil, making the latter lines only heavy enough to be seen readily. By doing this, in case I ever dispose of one or more pieces, the only change necessary in my index is the rubbing out of the number lacking. Quite a space should be left after the name of each publication, so that as future numbers are issued room may be found for them in the index. Those who have never tried a plan similar to the above have no idea of the vast amount of time and labor saved in the handling of odd numbers. By looking at your index you can tell in a moment what papers you possess, and they are saved the wear and tear incident upon overhauling them to ascertain whether or not you have a certain number of some publication. In some future articles I may handle duplicates and describe my philatelic paper case, but I have not space now.—*Guy W. Green in Philatelic Era.*

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**EXPIRED.**—A Red Cross on your paper denotes that your subscription has expired.

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Communications on all subjects appropriate to our columns respectfully solicited, and should be addressed to

**J. C. Colby, Editor & Pub.**  
**Union Grove, Wis.**

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## EDITORIAL.

Our readers will notice the advertisements of R. M. Spencer, Nordhoff, Cal., on the fourth page of this paper. We wish to state that Mr. Spencer is thoroughly reliable, and it will be to our readers' advantage to do business with him.

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If Secretaries of Clubs will send us brief reports of their meetings or anything else that will be of interest to our readers, we will take great pleasure in publishing the same.

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Our readers must bear with us for awhile until we get used to the handling of the ropes. We shall try to improve our next issue.

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Those who desire to gain a knowledge of Shorthand and be able to master the accomplishment at a cheap rate should read our advertisement on 4th page.

The Essex County Philatelist has arrived at our table, and we bid it a cordial welcome. By the way, there seems to be some kind of a "ruction" between its editor and the Fitchburg Philatelist pencil pusher. Brothers, be at peace.

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The Philatelic Express hails from Portland, Maine, and is a good one. We wish the Express an abundance of prosperity. May it continue to improve.

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The Western Philatelist is another valuable addition to our exchange list. We bespeak for it a promising success!

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Exchanges notices will be inserted for subscribers free, provided they are not more than 30 words in length. Subscribe and then send us notices, communications, items of interest, squibs, ads., in fact everything.

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It is said that while nearly all U. S. stamps have increased in value during the last 10 years or so, it is a remarkable fact that the War department stamps have greatly decreased in value.

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We want to buy a lot of U. S. stamps in quantities and will pay the prices we quote in our advertisement on the fourth page. Same for foreign stamps. These are for used stamps, remember.

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Those who receive a copy of this paper this month may know that it is an invitation for them to subscribe. We are now hustling for ourselves, and we shall endeavor to give you a good readable philatelic paper, with your help. The regular subscription price is 20 cents per annum, but those who will subscribe during this month may have it for 10 cents; or if you remit the full price we will make you a present of a package of society envelopes, with name, address, society and number, postpaid, with the paper. Now is the time to subscribe, before this offer is cancelled. Every one who receives this copy should send. Help us and we will help you.

## COT HIS EYE-TEETH CUT.

Dunder Comes Across One of His Old-time Experiences and Gets Left.

"Well, well, well!" exclaimed Sergeant Bendall yesterday, as a corpulent form darkened the doorway of the Woodbridge Street Station, and he looked up to see Carl Dunder walk in.

"It vhas me, sergeant."

"Yes, I see. Where on earth have you been for the last three months?"

"Sergeant, you know me for a long time."

"Yes."

"I vhas some hayseeds."

"You were."

"I vhas so childlike dot eaferybody schwindles me."

"That's true."

"Nothings und nobody vhas twice alike in dis country."

"No."

"You advise me to soak my head, sand-paper my neck, shump in der rifer or hang myself."

"Yes, I did."

"Vhell, I like to oblige you, because you vhas my friendt, but I goes to Puffalo instead. My bruder vhas in Puffalo! Ah! sergeant, dot Puffalo vhas a great place—a great place. Sooch sharp peoples you nefer saw. I goes by my bruder und take some lessons. Dat vhas der place to get some eye-teeth cut out. Sergeant, look at me!"

"I'm looking. You look like a different man from what you did. You've got a foxy look about the eyes, and nobody would take you for a green-horn now."

"Sergeant, I vhas more ash one fox—I vhas four foxes. If anybody can beat me now I like to see him try it on. I doan take ten thousand dollar for what I learned in Puffalo."

"Well, I'm glad of it. What ails your finger?"

"She vhas broke—ha! ha! ha!"

"A joke then?"

"Der biggest kind of a shoke. While I vhas in Cleveland der odder day a stranger comes oop to me und says vhill I buy some photographs of Garfield's tomb. I hit him so queek ash lightning, und dot finger vhas broken."

"What did you hit him for?"

"Because he takes vie for sorse hayseed. Nobody has a tomb until re vhas dead."

"But Garfield is dead."

"Dot mooch. Doan' I see aboutt him in der papers all der time? Doan' it say dot he shall vetoe dot silver bill?"

"That's Harrison! You have got the two mixed up!"

"You doan' say so! Vhas dot possible! Vhas it Ben Harrison who vhas President, instead of Ben Garfield?"

"Of course."

"Great scots! Und dot feller vhas all right, und I almost killed him! If Garfield vhas dead I doan' remember it. Vhell! Vhell! I make oop for it, however."

"How?"

"On der train I meet a man who vhas hard oop. He take me for a sucker. He beliefs he can schwindle me like seexty. He has a watch und wants to sell him und get moneys to go by his mudder's dying bedside. He ask me feefty dollar."

"And you paid it?"

"Not mooch! Dot isn't der Puffalo vhay. I offer him twenty, und he shed some tears und say he shall haf to do it."

"Got it with you?"

"Yes. Here she vhas."

"Got tired, I see, and stopped. Wheels loose, too. Silver plate on a nickel case. Worth \$5 a bushel when the market isn't glutted. Mr. Dunder, it was a swindle."

"Noap!"

"He took you in and made a fool of you. What's in that package?"

"Some agency for Michigan. I buy him in Puffalo."

"Fly-screen, eh? Where does the agency come in? Isn't it like any other fly-screen?"

"She was rewersible, you see. I buy der whole State agency for \$25."

"Reversible? How?"

"Voy, if you haf dis side out der flies can't come in. If you haf dis side out der bugs und mosquitoes can't come in."

"And he made you believe that!"

"Belief that! Can't I see mit my two eyes?"

"Yes, but look at that screen in the window. Doesn't one side keep everything out? You have been victimized all around."

"Sergeant!" said Mr. Dunder, as he rose up, "was I a wictim?"

"Yes."

"Doan' I know more ash a hay-stack?"

"Not much."

"Vhas I shust as green ash before I goes to Puffalo?"

"Greener."

"Dot vhas all. Good-bye! Vhen my body vhas pulled out of dot rifer shust speak mit dem reporters und say dot I couldn't help it. I vhas a good man, but so shild-like dot dis cold und weeked world vhas no place for me!"—  
*Detroit Free Press.*

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## R. M. SPENCER,

—Nordhoff, Cal.—

Stamps on approval at 25 per cent. commission. My sheets contain stamps priced at 1 to 5 cents. Please mention what kind you wish. 1

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Box 104, Effingham, Ill.

Dealer in U. S. and Foreign Postage Stamps 2500 varieties; 50 per cent discount by Scott. Sent to all parties who send good reference, except Members of G. H. U. S. C. P. A. Mem 36.

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I will pay the following prices for used postage stamps in quantities, both U. S. and Foreign. These prices are all for 1,000: United States 5c; Great Britain 4c; South America \$1.50; Africa 50c; Australia 25c; Germany 3c; India 15c. Will buy all I can get. Collectors having a lot on hand they wish to dispose of should address J. C. COLBY, Union Grove, Racine Co., Wis.

(Papers insert this and above for like space.)

### Say, Do You Want

To learn Shorthand? If so, send me 25c for a Shorthand Primer, which will also admit you into The Shorthand Correspondence Circle as a member. You will then be furnished with Cards of Introduction to other members of the Circle with whom you can correspond in Shorthand. It is a most fascinating as well as beneficial study, and you can easily master it by the use of this system, which is the best in existence. Address J. C. COLBY, Union Grove, Wis.

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### Exchange!

I will give stamps from my sheets in exchange for old U. S. entire envelopes 1853 to 1883. Send list and price wanted each or per 10. Varieties of size, etc., not wanted.

NORRIS P. STOCKWELL.

Painesville, Ohio.



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## **Michigan Philatelic Society.**

President—B. E. Rose.

President—C. H. Heese.

President and Treasurer.—R. E. Smith.

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Mich.

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There is now organized another phil-

atelic society. It will be something

like the American Philatelic Associa-

tion except that the dues are only 50

cents a year, payable in advance, and

all members are eligible to office

at any age. An admission of 10

cents is charged, and it will be known

as the American League of Philatelists.

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W. Key; Treasurer—C. H. Whit-

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Postage superintendent—W. H.

W. Key; Librarian—F. S. Goldsbury;

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W. Key; G. Perley Walker, Fred H.

W. Key; Wm. Stuart; John A. Camp-

bell of Lawrence, Mass. There will

be three trustees appointed, and those in the above list having the largest number of votes will be declared elected. If you wish to become a member of the above society address the general secretary, Mr. E. D. Smith, Danube N. Y.

## **Stamp Sheets Exchange.**

Will you help to organize a stamp sheets exchange society. Let all stamp collectors give a list that wish to increase their collections. Let all of us stamp collectors that exchange stamps on sheets with one another all over the U S organize in one strong society. Will you help? If so, please answer these few questions: Shall we have any dues, if so how much will we charge? Give a good name that will be suitable for it, and write what you think about such a society, etc. John Larson, 351 Jackson Blvd, Chicago.

## **Colby's Wide-awake Novel Club**

Is now in running order and wants members. It will consist of a circulating library of novels of all kinds. The charges for the use of the novels are two cents apiece. No dues or initiation fees are necessary, but a deposit of 5 cents is required from each for security, to be returned when member withdraws from the Club. Only one book will be let to one person at a time. Catalogue and further particulars to each. Join everybody! Address J. C. COLBY, Manager, Union Grove, Wis.

We shall endeavor to give our readers a surprise next month. So subscribe! We are going to hustle more.

## Postal Cards.

BY JOHN LARSON.

How many of the readers of the Philatelic Reporter knows how many postal cards the country uses in a year. Would many of our readers believe that there is over three hundred million postal cards used in this country? But such is the case. They are manufactured by private corporations or firms, the Government inviting bids and awarding the contract for their manufacture at stated intervals. The sheets are about thirty by twenty-two inches in size, and are just fitted by the plates from which the cards are printed, each plate covering forty cards, four in width and ten in length. The printing is done on Hoe super-royal presses, by skillful pressmen, and as each sheet passes into the press the number of cards is unerringly recorded by registers attached to the presses, and which are carefully locked every night to prevent any tampering. The sheets are then piled up and allowed to dry, in order that they may not be damaged by future handling. After drying thoroughly, the sheets are then passed through the rotary slitter—a machine fitted with circular knives, which cuts them into strips of ten cards each, and trims the edge of the outside strip. The strips are then passed transversely through the rotary cross-cutters, the mechanism of which is similar to the "slitters." The cross-cutters divide the strips into the single cards, which drop into a rotary hopper containing ten compartments. As soon as each compartment has received twenty-five cards, the hopper revolves and throws the cards out upon a table. A number of girls then take them, and bind the perfect ones in packs of twen-

ty-five each. Other girls then take the packs, and, after recounting them, put them in pasteboard boxes containing twenty packs, or five hundred cards each. The cards are then ready for shipment to the various post-offices throughout the country. By the stipulation of the contract the manufacturers are required to keep at least ten million postal cards in store all the time.

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R. E. Smith, 303 Second Street, Detroit, Mich., will give a stamp worth 5 cents by Scott for every stamp magazine with cover sent

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O. B. Crandall, Shell Lake, Wis., has novels to exchange for philatelic papers; 1 novel for two papers. Would like to buy stamps. Send sheets. Sample copies of philatelic papers wanted.

## Notes, by John Larson.

Two new philatelic papers have recently entered the field of our great science—philately. One bears the name of The Standard, and it is not worth its salt. The other one is the International Stamp Journal and it is a dandy. It has 14 pages of clear reading matter. Keep it up, Bro. Speed.

Say, brother, has the Fraud Hunter been to your door yet. If he has not, you had better get rid of the approval sheet of stamps you have had from some other collector and have kept for the past two months. He will certainly pay you a visit and you will be reported, if you do not do unto others as you would be done by. See?

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## EDITORIAL.

Here we are again! Not dead, but struggling.

We cannot improve rapidly unless we have more subscribers. Hustle your subscriptions along lively and in large numbers and you will soon see a change for the better. See?

The Reporter will be issued on the 1st of every month. If our readers have any notices, philatelic articles, etc., send them in and we will publish them.

One of the best exchanges that has been on our table during the past year is the Yankee Philatelist, published at Barre, Vt. Bro. Goldsberry not only gives them the value of their stamps in advertisements, at least.

We wish to extend our thanks for

the many exchanges we have received from our brother publishers, and would say that all are welcome and there is plenty of room for more on our table.

Don't forget to read what our advertisers have to offer this month. They are all reliable dealers and will do as they agree. None other shall occupy a space in our columns.

If you receive more than one copy of this paper, please hand one to some philatelic friend. We shall send only one sample copy to the same person. If you are not a subscriber, be one.

As long as we remain in 4-page form we shall adhere to the following plan as much as possible: First page, club notices, etc; first column of second page, philatelic article; second column of second page, exchange notices, etc.; third page, editorial; fourth page, advertisements.

We want some original articles on the subject of philately and other subjects that may be of interest to our readers, so if you have anything that would be of benefit to philatelists send it along and we will print it, so that all who read may learn something by it.

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**HARRY S. LEE,**

30 Maple St.

Springfield, Mass.

# The Philatelic Reporter.

PL. I. UNION GROVE, WIS., DECEMBER, 1890. NO. 5.

## Philatelic Conundrum Club.

We want some conundrums from our readers for this department. Let every one send in a batch for publication and for the prizes which we will offer for their solution. The following are for this month:

How many soft boiled eggs could a giant Goliath eat upon an empty stomach?

What fishes have their eyes near together?

Why are your nose and chin always at variance?

Why is a thump like a hat?

What river in Bavaria answers the question, "who is there?"

Why is a man with wooden legs not one who has an even bargain?


Name that which is invisible but is not out of sight?

How many black beans will make a white one?

What great crime would a color-print office clerk be guilty of?

How is it that trees put on their winter dresses without opening their mouths?

**PRIZES.**—To the one who sends in the most complete set of answers we will give any two numbers of the *Wide-World* or Boys' Star Library you may desire.

For the next best a subscription to a good philatelic paper. Names of winners and answers will appear in the next month.  Those sending 10 answers with their answers will receive the Reporter one year free. All can win who wish.

## Philatelic Scribblings.

The adhesive postage stamp will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary this year.

For the benefit of a large number of our readers who may not be members of a philatelic organization and not knowing which to join, we would say that one of the best and which is fast becoming popular, is the Michigan Philatelic Society. Every philatelist or collector who will send 15 cents to the Secretary and Treasurer, R. E. Smith, 303 Second st., Detroit, Mich., for one year's membership will receive 100 foreign stamps, a stamp catalogued by Scott at 10 cents, or 50 different stamps. Each member will also receive the *Philatelic Reporter*, the official organ of the society, free one year. A large library and purchasing department are some of the features. Representatives wanted in every State; write now. Other notices will appear from time to time on this page of the leading societies of the land. Choose.

We have added quite a number of new subscriptions to our list during the past month, for which we are thankful, but are by no means satisfied. We want more. We will send it during the next 30 days for 10 cents per year, which is half price. Be sure and take advantage of it if you are not already a subscriber. To any one sending us a club of 10 subscribers at 10 cents each we will make them a present of a type writer that will do as good work as a \$100 machine. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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## EDITORIAL.

We wish our readers a Merry Christmas. What do you think of us now?

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The following exchanges have come to our table during the month, and though most of them a month old, we extend our thanks to the publishers just the same: Fitchburg Philatelist, Philatelic Tribune, Western Philatelist Curiosity Collector and a few others.

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The Philatelic Fraud Specialist, which hails from Stromsburg, Neb., is a new one, but none the less welcome. Bros Green intend to give all philatelists protection and their efforts should be appreciated.

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Now that the East has captured the A. P. A. it behooves us Western people to hustle around and boom its rival—the Philatelic Society of America,

which, by the way, is the most popular organization in the country. Fact!

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By the way, did we hear something about the formation of an American Philatelic Press Association recently, or was it the whistling of the wind.

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The Belle City Stamp Company, Racine, Wis., offers some rare "Christmas Bargains" to philatelists this month, as will be seen by a perusal of their ad. in the Supplement. Don't fail to read it, and after reading it—well, a word to the wise is sufficient. We have also several other new ads. which will pay our readers to take advantage of.

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Remember that for 20 cents we will send The Reporter one year and make you a present of a Handsome Nickel-plated Pen and Pencil Rubber Name Stamps. Marks linen, cards, papers, in fact, everything, and is the nicest and most useful thing you could have.

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What's the reason we do not receive a copy of all the papers that we send ours to for exchange, and also in the month it is issued. We have received the largest share of them a month old so far. Come, brothers, respond to our calls, and get them here on time.

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Many of our readers will be pained to learn of the death of the well known philatelist, organizer of the first Golden Hours Correspondence Club and Editor of the Yankee Philatelist, Fred S. Goldsbury, which occurred at his home in Barre, Vt., recently. The cause of his death was typhoid fever. We understand that the paper will be continued by Mr. W. M. Holdon, box 360, Barre, Vt., to whom we extend a most cordial welcome to our ranks and wish him much success.

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## To Young Collectors.

The Fitchburg Philatelist has the following good advice to young collectors inexperienced in the mysteries of this great hobby. For the benefit of those who may not have seen it, we reproduce it here in full:

Stamp beginners when commencing their collection, bought their stamps in packets, instead of from approval sheets, they would be surprised to find they could have obtained much lower a price the same stamps could be obtained.

Suppose a person has just commenced collecting; he can get a packet containing two hundred stamps or more all for about fifty cents, paying the highest price. Now if he had purchased the same stamps from an approval sheet, supposing the dealer to have sold them at their lowest value, he would have had to pay at least one dollar a piece, which would make \$2.00.

The dealer might allow some commission which could only reduce the price to \$1.25. The difference between the two prices can easily be saved. It is not the dealer's fault because he does not mark stamps on his sheets at less than one cent and make anything else.

When the collection numbers reach 100, then is the time to purchase stamps from approval sheets, and you will save almost as much now by buying stamps in sheets as you could before in stamps in packages.

When you have your collection now, if you have stamps in packets, you will not get all the cheap stamps, but if you are buying in packets you will find it almost impossible to increase your collection, for nearly every packet contains stamps which you already own unless you buy high priced packets which also contain more or less of

an assortment of common stamps.

## Philatelic Debating Corner.

In this department we will have a discussion on a selected subject each month, in which all are invited to participate. The subject for this month will be: "RESOLVED, That the philatelic press is more beneficial to collectors than philatelic organizations." Every one is requested to write their own opinion on the subject and send it in on or before Jan. 1, 1891. They will be carefully looked over by a disinterested party and those possessing the most merit will be published and a vote taken. Each one must state which side he is arguing on, affirmative or negative. Now, all get to work and decide this question. Also, if you have any good questions to suggest send them in to the Editor.

### Exchange Notices.

50 Foreign Stamps for every U. S. stamp not in my collection; 50 stamps for a 30c or 50c U. S. Due stamp; also philatelic papers to exchange for U. S. stamps. Chas. E. Welen, 87 Whiting street, Chicago, Ill.

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**W. H. SPECK,**  
Highlands P. O., Wilmington, Del.

# The Philatelic Reporter.

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## Stamps of Brazil.

BY REPORTER.

Brazil first commenced issuing stamps in 1843, the engravers being Carlos d'Azevedo and Jose de Faria. The stamps were printed at the National Treasury, Helim, appearing in "taille douce" on wove paper, the values of this issue being as follows:

30 reis black  
60 reis "  
90 reis "

On July 1st of the following year another series was printed on thick yellowish paper, being smaller in size than the preceding issue, the values being:

30 reis black  
60 reis "  
90 reis "

On May 23rd, 1845, and Sept. 26th, 1846, a similar issue was printed on thin, yellowish paper, the value being:

30 reis black  
60 reis "  
90 reis "  
180 reis "  
300 reis "  
600 reis "  
10 reis "

It was not until 1850 that the next issue appeared. On Jan. 1st and Feb. 23rd of the above year a series of stamps were issued appearing on thin, wove paper, the sizes varying in each value. The values are,

10 reis black  
20 reis "  
30 reis "  
60 reis "  
90 reis "  
180 reis "  
300 reis "  
600 reis "

Four years afterward (Feb. 27th, 1854) the 10 reis and 30 reis blue appeared on thin, grayish wove paper, the design being the same as in the preceding issue.

On June 2d, 1861, two new stamps made their appearance their values being,  
280 reis red  
430 reis yellow

In 1866 a new series of stamps were printed, the values being similar to the 1850-51 issues, the values of this issue are,

10 reis black  
10 reis blue  
20 reis black  
30 reis "  
30 reis blue  
60 reis black  
90 reis "  
180 reis "  
280 reis red  
300 reis black  
430 reis yellow  
600 reis black

Variety: Unperforated horizontally:

30 reis blue  
30 reis black

On July 1st, 1866, a new series was printed on white wove paper, bearing the portrait of Dom Pedro II, as follows:

10 reis red  
20 reis slate violet  
20 reis red  
50 reis blue  
80 reis violet  
100 reis green  
200 reis black  
500 reis orange

The 50 reis blue in the above issue is embossed with vertical lines.

In 1867 the first envelopes were printed bearing the portrait of Dom Pedro II, in oval, with the word "Brazil" in the upper section of oval and "Cem Reis" in lower section, the value being on either side of the oval.

The above issue is comprised as follows:

100 reis green  
200 reis black  
300 reis vermilion  
300 reis " on buff paper.  
(To be continued.)

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### The P. S. of A.

The annual election of officers of the P. S. of A., occurs on the 15th. Under the present administration the Society has prospered finely during the past year and with such men as President Aldrich and Secretary Beardsley at the helm for the coming year, it is bound to become the most popular philatelic society of America. Members, it will be to your interest to vote for them for their respective offices at the coming election. If any of our readers are in search of a good society for the purpose of becoming a member we would especially recommend the P. S. of A. to all. Application blanks can be secured of the Secretary, box 616, St. Joseph, Mo. Remember that this Society is not ruled by a clique, but its motto is a "voice and vote for all." Every member is allowed to have his say. The exchange department is the biggest kind of a success. The dues are only \$1.00 per year. And, brother, come into the fold and be one of us.

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### Exchange Department.

Hereafter our readers will please send all exchange notices for insertion in this paper to R. E. Smith, 303 Second St., Detroit, Mich., who is to take charge of this department.

R. E. Smith 303 Second St., Detroit, will give 100 mixed stamps for every foreign coin sent; 100 mixed stamps for one stamp magazine with cover; 25 cigarette pictures of actresses. Publishers please send sample copy of your magazines.

Chas E. South, Burlington, Kan., will give two slips for a cigarette picture, or slips. Any amount of them taken. Address with two cent stamp.

A used Confederate stamp on original envelope for every 75 United States, Mexican or Canada revenues sent me. E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.

R. E. Smith, 303 Second St., Detroit, Mich. Good exchange given for clippings relating to stamps cut from newspapers.

John J. Lynch, 184 Clymer St., Brooklyn, N. Y., would like to hear from boys having rare United States stamps for sale or exchange.

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### Philatelic Notes.

The C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Company will publish a weekly newspaper devoted wholly to stamps, about January 7, 1891.

The *Standard Philatelist* is announced to appear the 1st of January, 1891, published by the Standard Stamp Co.

The originator of postage stamps is said to have been an English nobleman, Sir Rowland Hill.

Our readers should not fail to read the advertisements of *The Youth's Exchange*, which appear in this issue, and to take advantage of the magnificent offers therein.

Another new society has entered the field. It is called The Union Philatelist Association of United States and Canada, with headquarters at St. Joseph, Mich. It starts out with fair prospects of success. It will pay every young collector to join this Association, as its benefits are large. For further particulars address Guy Stewart, Pres., at above address.

Within the last few years there has been such a large quantity of counterfeits placed in the market that it makes the young stamp collector denounce every unused stamp they see as "bogus," consequently dealers having any on their sheets get a bad name.

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## EDITORIAL.

*To Our Readers:*—Here we come this month in a bran new dress and other much needed improvements. We promised you all this for a little of your patronage, which we have received and for which we extend our thanks. We have put the subscription price at 10 cents per annum, less than one cent a month, a price within the reach of all. We need your support. Those who receive our paper this month and are not subscribers are cordially invited to become such. It will help us and in return we will be the better able to give you a first-class paper in every respect. Our paper for the coming year will be full of good things in the philatelic line. Our advertising rates are also very low and all are invited to use our columns to make known their wares to the philatelic world. You will surely get the worth of your money by sending 10 cents for a years subscription

to our paper. Do not delay, but send at once. Thanking you in advance for your patronage which we hope to receive, and wishing you a Happy New Year, we are  
Your humble servants,

J. C. COLBY. }  
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In our conundrum contest, which was held last month, the most complete set of answers was sent in by M. May, Memphis, Tenn., who is thereby entitled to the prize.

The Good News Philatelic Association of Burlington, Kan., is fast becoming the leading philatelic society of the West. The society has a novel and philatelic library, both of which are free to members. The club gives each member THE PHILATELIC REPORTER free. Philatelic goods given away each month. All honest collectors wanted to join. Admission fee 10 cents, monthly dues 5 cents. Address CHAS. E. SOUTH, Sec.

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# The Philatelic Reporter.

VOL. I. UNION GROVE, WIS., FEBRUARY, 1891. No. 7.

## Stamps of Brazil.

BY REPORTER.

(Continued from No. 6.)

In 1876 a new set of postage stamps were issued, the designs being different in each value. The values being,

- 10 reis, vermilion,
- 20 reis, lilac,
- 50 reis, blue,
- 80 reis, violet,
- 100 reis, green,
- 200 reis, black,
- 500 reis, orange.

### ROULETTED.

During the year 1878, the following stamps were issued:

- 10 reis, vermilion,
- 20 reis, violet,
- 100 reis, green,
- 260 reis, brown,
- 300 reis, green & orange, perf.

The 300 reis in the above issue, although issued in 1874, did not appear until 1878.

Commencing August 18th, 1879, and continuing through year, six new postage stamps were issued, the values being,

- 50 reis, blue,
- 80 reis, lake,
- 200 reis, black,
- 300 reis, bistre,
- 700 reis, red brown,
- 1000 reis, gray.

### PERFORATED.

During November, 1881, three new stamps were issued, appearing on white paper, the design being different in each value. The values are,

- 50 reis, blue,
- 100 reis, olive,
- 200 reis, red brown.

The 1882 issue is similar to the preceding issue, except stamps are engraved.

- 10 reis, black,
- 100 reis, olive,
- 200 reis, pink,
- 200 reis, red brown.

March 17th, 1883, and April 23d, of the same year, the following were issued:

- 100 reis, lilac plain ground,
- 100 reis " lined "

In January, 1884, the 20 reis olive appeared, being followed the next June by the 100 reis lilac.

During the months of February, March and October,

- 10 reis, orange,
- 50 reis, blue, head large,
- 100 reis, lilac.

In February and March, 1887, three new stamps were issued, appearing on white wove paper. The values are,

- 50 reis, blue,
- 300 reis, blue,
- 500 reis, olive.

In 1888 the following stamps were put on the market:

- 100 reis, lilac,
- 700 reis, violet,
- 1000 reis, pearl gray.

In 1890, a revolution in Brazil, made it a Republic.

August 11th, of this year in the presence of the Minister of Finance at the mint, the first impressions of the new stamps called the Southern Cross were issued. The new stamps are the handsomest ever issued by this country.

Upon, a colored ground work appears the "Southern Cross," surrounding the stars representing the different provinces

of Brazil, by Dr. Carrea da Costa, mining engineer. The new stamps are now being printed at the mint. The values of the Journal stamps are,

- 10 reis, olive.
- 20 reis, green.
- 50 reis, pale brown.
- 100 reis, violet.
- 10 reis, yellow.
- 20 reis, "
- 50 reis, "
- 100 reis, "
- 200 reis, "
- 300 reis, "
- 500 reis, "
- 700 reis, "
- 1000 reis, "

ROULETTED.

[THE END.]

Does any of our readers know of a collector who has one million stamps? We doubt if they do. It is astonishing how few realize what a million means, although it is easy enough to say it is "ten hundred thousand." Here are a few interesting figures on the subject. If you are trying to collect a million stamps you have a big job on hand, as you will see. Suppose a collector is able to collect fifteen stamps per hour for eight hours a day, he would have 120 for the first day and 720 for a week of six days. You can scarcely expect this rate to continue for more than fifty weeks in a year, when it would amount to 36,000. At the end of five years with equal success, the sum would be 180,000; at the end of ten years it would be 360,000; after twenty years it would be 720,000; five more years would raise the pile to 900,000, and if our figures are correct the grand million would be completed after 27 years, 38 weeks, 5 days and a few hours. A small collection with a variety of rare stamps is of far more value and beneficial to the collector.

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**EDITORIAL.**

It is unfortunately too true that many philatelic publishers pride themselves more on the number of pages printed, than on the excellence and orderly arrangement of the matter which they contain. They too frequently consider quantity of more importance than quality, and mistaken "enterprise" not infrequently leads them to lay before their readers at considerable cost and trouble, many columns of matter of little real interest and no practical benefit whatever. Moral.—Subscribe for the PHILATELIC REPORTER.

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The 22d of this month (Washington's Birthday) will celebrate the first anniversary of the present issue of postage stamps.

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We have noticed quite a boom of late in philatelic libraries. The collector who has not got a couple of dozen complete volumes and a few standard catalogues is not at all up with the times now.

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From all reports we hear that philately is booming all over the country. Dealers, or at least most of them, are doing a brisk business and never before have there been so many philatelists in existence as at present. This is really encouraging.

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We have received a great many excellent exchanges during the past month, for which we desire to extend our thanks to the publishers. Lack of space forbids special mention of each, but all are welcome just the same. We hope they will all continue to make their regular visits to our sanctum.

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What next we wonder! It is announced that a new paper will enter the ring next month from Virginia, and will bear the euphonious name of *The Tom Cat*. Publishers, get your boot-jacks ready.

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# The Philatelic Reporter.

VOL. I.

DETROIT, MICH., MARCH, 1891.

No. 8.

## The Postage Stamps of Many Nations.

The original mania for collecting postage stamps has developed into a science, now dignified by the name of Philately.

Enthusiastic philatelists and readers in general, will be interested in the following facts gathered by an intelligent collector:

Japan did not begin to use postage stamps until 1870, and already thousands of kinds have been designed and printed there. The envelopes are long and narrow, to allow of the vertical writing, and are prettily ornamented with views or a pattern around the edge. It is rather disappointing to find that the charming dragon on the Chinese stamps are said only to be used in some of the treaty ports, and chiefly by foreign residents.

The first country that employed postage stamps was Austria, in 1869, and there are eight varieties, the notices being printed in different languages for the various provinces, whilst Hungary has separate stamps, envelopes and cards of its own.

America distinguishes itself by its great number of kinds of stamped envelopes, past and present, of which there are 1,500 varieties, without counting shades.

Russia is remarkable for the beauty of its stamps in color and execution.

The stamps of France are of great interest, owing to the historical events they indicate, beginning with the Republic of 1793, continuing through the Empire, and again reverting to a Republic in 1870, including the head of Liberty, the head of Napoleon III, and a design to represent Peace and Commerce.

The stamps of Canada are fine specimens of line engraving, and the early ones show beauty and variety of design, including portraits of the Queen and Christopher Columbus, the latter also adorning the stamps of Chili.

The early stamps of Denmark are square in shape; those of Greece are remarkably pretty in tints and design.

The German stamps are effective and varied.

Spain is to be noticed for having a stamp of the value of one fortieth of a penny. The head of the four-year-old King Alfonzo XIII, has lately been placed upon the Spanish issues.

India is fertile in varieties of stamps.

English postage stamps are very numerous and varied in color. The first penny postage stamps were printed in black for two or three years, followed by the brick red that lasted till about ten years ago. Steel plates are used for printing the millions constantly issued from Somerset House.

## Curiosities of the Postage Stamps.

There is at present about 13,000 varieties of postage stamps now in use by the different nations of the world. The museum at the Berlin post office alone contains a collection of between 6000 and 7000 specimens, half of which are European and the remainder divided between the Americas, Asia, Africa and Austria. The emblems upon the stamps of nations are legion; the earth, the sea and the vaulted canopy above us have been ran-

sacked for curious and meaningless devices and legends. The entire animal kingdom, the stars and the moon in all its phrases, besides legendary emblems by the thousands are known to the collectors of stamps, who pride themselves upon being philatelists.

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M. Phillippe de Ferrari perhaps has the largest and most valuable collection of stamps in the world, amounting to about 25,000 and last year he sold a single little stamp for \$50,000.

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### Nicaragua.

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I am considerably astonished that the many who are interested in philately and its branches, there are so few that have full sets of Nicaragua stamps represented in their collections. These stamps although they seem scarce, are not high priced, and it seems singular to me that so few have them. They are exceedingly artistic in design and the engraving and finish exquisitely executed. The entire set comprises but two designs and twenty-one denominations. Those having an eye for the beautiful and artistic should not fail to get these stamps as they will not only add to the collection, but will greatly enhance the beauty of one's collection.

G. F. M.

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### Answers to Correspondents.

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The following have applied for membership and if no objection to their becoming members, by March 15th their membership cards will be sent.

### APPLICATIONS.

CARL HANKWITZ, Merrill, Wis. *References*—J. C. Colby, Union Grove, Wis. and F. N. Massoth, Jr., Hanover Centre, Indiana.

The rules of the Exchange Department will appear next month at which time the Exchange Department will be in running order.

An Auction Department will be started in March sometime. Members wishing

to dispose of any stamps at auction will please mount them on pieces of paper about the size of a postal card. If there is any particular description to be made, write it below the stamps and also write on back your limit of price for the lot. Auction Sales will occur the 15th of each month commencing April 15. A commission of 10 per cent on sales will be charged. The bidding is open to everyone and no commission will be charged for purchases made.

R. E. SMITH, *Sec'y.*

## Philatelic Notes.

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—P. J. of A.

The *Standard Philatelist* is trying to obtain second class rates.

It is estimated that 8,000,000,000 letters go through the worlds' post office in one year.

The *Essex County Philatelist* is one of our best exchanges this month.

Baron Rothchild manages to devote a little time from his business to collecting postage stamps. He has spent a great deal of money on this hobby.

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Owing to the fact that the official organ of the Philatelic Society of America, containing the election notice of the Society did not reach the larger share of the members early enough to admit of their voting the election was not held as expected last month and a new one has been called. The following are the nominations made for the various offices:

President—E. R. Aldrich.

Vice President—M. V. Samuels; M. F. Walton; A. N. Spencer.

Secretary—A. N. Spencer; F. J. Stanton.

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International Secretary—W. J. Morgan.  
H. E. Deats.

We go to press too early to give the result of the same, but we feel sure that whoever is elected the members' interests will not be allowed to suffer, as all are willing workers and will fill their office to the best of their ability. We wish them an abundance of success.

The firm of Scott & Scheible, of Dubuque, Iowa, are still hard at work perfecting their Mercantile Agency, and from reports, we hear that they are very well satisfied with results so far. Every collector's name should be in their Reference Address Book.

Our thanks are due to Bro. Watson, of the *Post Card*, for a neatly bound and complete file of Nos. 61 to 90 of his excellent sheet. It is with regret we learn of his retirement from our ranks.

We have received the following exchanges during the past month: *Utica Investigator*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *Philatelic Journal of Ohio*, *The Anchor*, *Pearl Magazine*, *Stamp Collector*, *Youth's Press*, *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, *Stamp Reporter*, *Junior Press*, *Eastern Philatelist*, *Midget*, *American Youth*, *Philatelic Beacon*, *Curiosity Collector*. We extend thanks to the publishers and hope they will continue to make regular visits to our sanctum.

Scott & Scheible did not issue their Philatelic Mercantile Agency Reference Book as was expected, owing to the enormous amount of labor required in its preparation and not wishing to issue an incomplete book. They have, however, sent out a sort of prospectus of the work which contains considerable reading matter and advertisements.

Did you know that a two-cent stamp becomes a sent stamp after you have mailed your letter? Fact!

The United States has always been congratulated upon the beauty of her postage stamps, but she has also the honor of having used the largest stamps for postal purposes in the world. These were the periodical stamps which were used for newspapers carried outside the mails. Though large they had but a short life, being issued Oct. 6, 1865, and withdrawn in Feb. 1869, and were only used in Chicago and Milwaukee.

In regard to the *American Youth's* idea of our paper, which appeared in last number, we would say that we know our paper is not what we would like to make it, but is the best we can do at present, and so far we have tried to give satisfaction. It is amazingly surprising how some editors get "swelled" on themselves. We have seen lots better papers than "our esteemed contemporary's."

## FRAUDS.

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2. Holfert & Boettcher, Box 416, Carroll, Iowa.
3. L. O. Biroman, 415 Worth St., Philadelphia, Pa.
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5. Wm. Chase, Jr., alias Geo. English.
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10. F. S. Caswell, Carson City, Mich.
11. B. Voorhees, Lima, Ind.
12. T. T. Shannon, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Philatelic Notes.

Canada is to have a new 2c postage stamp to take the place of the 3c now in use.

S. A. Taylor, counterfeit dealer of postage stamps, is now in prison on the charge of being engaged in a scheme to defraud, and uttering counterfeit postage stamps of various foreign governments. A quantity of plates, etc. were found in his possession.

A great many collectors are collecting the revenue stamps of Mexico. They have been catalogued by Fred Geo. C. Lundy, a member of the London & Dresden Societies, and an album for Mexican revenues is to be published by a prominent dealer.

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## City Breezes.

E. P. NEWCOMER.

We believe the Chicago daily papers publish more matter relating to philately in one week, than the papers of other large cities publish in one month. The *Tribune* occasionally has an article in on rare stamps and several weeks since published an illustrated article entitled "Fads in Postage Stamps." The morning issue of the *Herald* contains a column of notes headed "Missing Links" and not infrequently notices appear concerning stamps or collections. The Vienna Exhibition was given quite a large notice. Eugene Field writes notes from Europe for the *Daily News* under the caption "Sharps and Flats" and often mentions things of interest to philatelists. The *Times* is not behind in the good work and occasionally a half column article appears concerning collections and collectors in Chicago. We know of one prominent philatelist who has a large scrap-book entirely filled with clippings from Chicago papers gathered since April 1st, 1890.

The Chicago post office received a blue *billet doux* recently with an imitation stamp and the postmark "Burlington, Wis.," upon it. It was evidently the work of a child and the address in a child's writing read:

"Uncle Charlie

Chicago

Ill."

Although it was not stamped it had the

official postmark and had been regularly passed through the mails and could not be opened, so that Uncle Charlie in Chicago will hardly receive this letter. It was sent to the dead letter office and the Burlington baby will wonder why Uncle Charlie does not answer.

## Western Notes.

BY LENNOX.

Philately in Chicago is a booming. The C. P. S. is flourishing better than ever. Auction sales are held monthly and still better a large stock company is to be formed with all the prominent philatelists at the head, with a capital of \$10,000 and a salaried manager to do a regular stamp and publishing business. It is really a pity that such a large and pushing city like Chicago has so long been without a reliable stamp dealer.

It is wonderful how Johnny Hooper is blowing up his auction through notes and advertisements inserted in the leading papers at his own expense and those U. S. and N. B. shillings ought to bring a big price.

Philately can be proud of having a weekly. The *Mekeel's Stamp News* appears every week promptly, and it is said that many have subscribed for it, and is doubtless a success.

The *Cream City Philatelist* has made its appearance and is all that could be expected. We had the pleasure to meet Mr. Taylor, its publisher, and he is a regular newspaper manager, being editor of a well known sporting paper. We wish it success; many have tried, but failed.

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### The German 10 Pfennige.

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Great curiosity has of late been aroused in Berlin on account of letters bearing the 10 pfennige stamp invariably arriving behind time. It now appears that the delay was occasioned by the postal authorities examining all stamps of that denomination with a view to discover the manufacturers of large quantities of counterfeit stamps estimated at ten millions, known to be in circulation.

The counterfeits are almost perfect facsimiles of the genuine stamp and only show a slight faultiness in perforation.

The counterfeiters have now been discovered to be Baller Bros., Lithographers of Hoechst, the imperfect perforating machine being found upon their premises.

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The adhesive 6c brown of Canada is now chestnut-brown.

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The letter carriers in New York will erect a bronze statue to Sunset Cox in Central Park. It will be unveiled on the Fourth of July next. Mr. Cox had endeared himself to the mail carriers by his efforts in behalf of the eight-hour law and the statue is the result.

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. D. Bartlett, editor of the *Curiosity Collector*, South Amboy, N. J., for an excellent portrait of himself, which he has presented to us with his compliments. Mr. Bartlett has a good paper and looks as if he knew how to keep it up to the mark.

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It is reported that no more stamped envelopes will be issued by the German Government. We cannot see the reason of this. The U. S. Government has always found stamped envelopes to be quite a convenience to the public. Why should not the Germans also, we suppose they had rather do the licking.

Among our many exchanges this month we notice the following new ones: The Cream City Philatelist, Empire State Exchange, Philatelic Globe and Wamsutta Stamp News, to all of which we bid a cordial welcome and wish them much success.

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It may not be generally known to the members that this society has got a most excellent library. There are over 100 volumes of choice philatelic literature now listed and more will be constantly added, making it equal to any philatelic society library in existence. Members are cordially invited to make use of the library whenever they so desire, thereby obtaining great benefit by so doing, as none but first class periodicals are procured. A printed list of the rules and periodicals will be sent to each member in a short time, after which it is hoped that the members will take hold and make more use of their library. All requests for books and papers and all matter pertaining to the library should be addressed to J. C. Colby, Union Grove, Wisconsin.

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lard F. Walton.

WALTER B. OGDEN, Brooklyn, N. Y.

References.—None given.

C. LAESSIG, St. Louis, Mo.

References.—E. F. Gambs, San Fran-  
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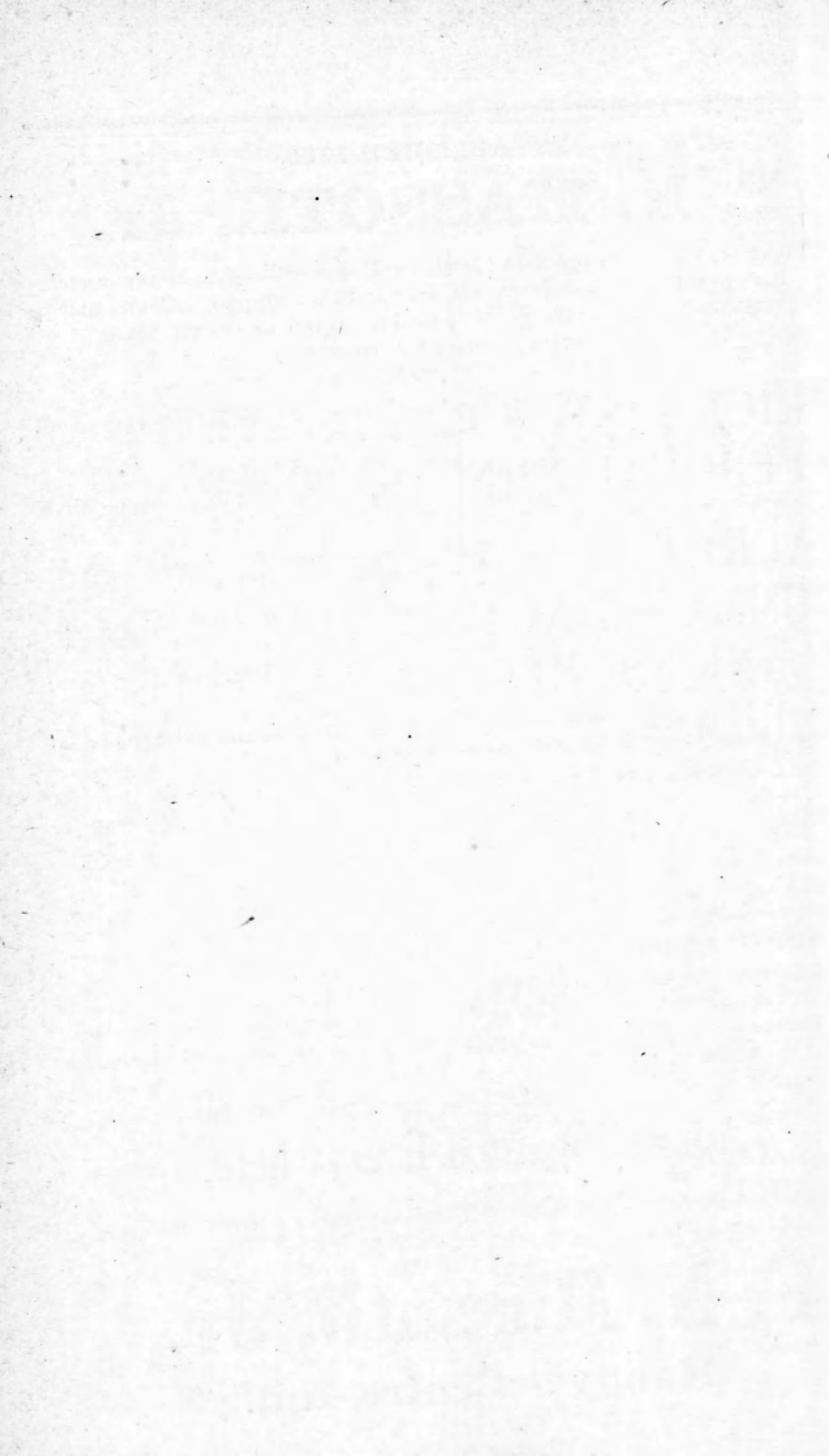
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A. D. Hazen, 3rd assistant postmaster general, says the post office department has asked for an allotment of 25,000 feet of space, and its exhibition at the World's Fair might depend in some degree upon the amount of space given it. "I am certain that one feature of our exhibit will be a first-class post office in full operation. Cars will be run into or near the building, unloaded and so on, the mails made up and everything just as in the best postoffice in the country. Then we shall exhibit of course, all the appliances used in transporting the mails, with a full set of stamps and perhaps a stamped envelope machine in full operation. Shall we include postal exhibits from other countries? Yes, that is my idea, and these foreign postal exhibits should be displayed in connection with our own."

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## Stamps at the World's Fair.

The philatelists of America should take advantage of the fact that there is to be a Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893, and arrange for a grand international exhibition of stamps at that time similar to the international exhibition at Vienna in 1890.

When I read of the international exhibition that was held in Vienna last year, I knew it would be a great success. The next feeling that came over me was one of deep regret that the exhibition was not within the limits of my pocket book. How many other collectors were in the same dilemma? There were collectors without number from all over the United States who deplored the fact that they were unable to go to the exhibition from the same cause. They knew that to see and study such an exhibition they would gain more knowledge of stamps than in years of study in the limited confines of their own collections.

Knowing this were not these collectors justified in longing for an exhibition of a similar character in the United States? What a grand thing it would be for them if they would be able to attend one of these international exhibitions. Fellow collectors, I appeal to you. Would not it be one of the greatest if not the greatest achievement of philately in the United States if an international exhibition were to be held in Chicago at the World's Fair?

To have this exhibition the sole result of the United States stamp dealers and collectors efforts, and have it second to none that has ever been held before, would indeed be an object to strive for.

It could be done. If once the United States philatelists would set about to accomplish this great undertaking, you can rest assured that the matter would not rest until it had been placed on the highest pedestal of success.

See what an advantage an international exhibition at Chicago in 1893 would have over the one held at Vienna in 1890. The exhibition being in direct connection with the World's Fair, would not only attract vast numbers of stamp collectors visiting the Fair from Europe, but also the thousands of collectors in the United States, who were unable to go to Vienna in 1890.

Now, my dear stamp collecting friends, don't you see what a grand opportunity it is for the United States philatelists to distinguish themselves in the eyes of Europe and the whole stamp world? A. POULEE.  
—*Mekeel's Stamp News.*

## How Postage Stamps are Made.

In printing, steel plates are used, on which two hundred stamps are engraved. Two men are kept hard at work covering them with colored inks and passing them to a man and a girl who are equally busy printing them with large rolling hand-presses. Three of these little squads are employed all the time. After the small sheets of paper upon which the two hundred stamps are engraved have dried enough, they are sent into another room and gummed. The gum used for this purpose is a peculiar composition, made of the powder of dried potatoes and other

vegetables, mixed with water. After having been again dried, this time on the little racks which are fanned by steam power, for about an hour, they are put in between sheets of pasteboard and pressed in hydraulic presses capable of applying a weight of two thousand tons. The next thing is to cut the sheet in half: each sheet, of course, when cut, contains a hundred stamps. This is done by a girl, with a large pair of shears, cutting by hand being preferred to that of machinery, which method would destroy too many stamps. They are then passed to two other squads, who perforate the paper between the stamps. Next, they are pressed once more, and then packed and labeled and stored away for despatching to fulfill orders. If a single stamp is torn or in any way mutilated, the whole sheet of one hundred stamps is burned. Five hundred thousand are burned every week from this cause. For the past twenty years, not a single sheet has been lost, such care has been taken in counting them. During the process of manufacturing, the sheets are counted eleven times.

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## PHILATELIC CLIPPINGS.

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Some stamps are quoted at big prices. The rarest of French stamps, that of 1 franc, orange color issue of 1849, worth \$90 new and \$25 if canceled. The first Hawaiian stamp issued, with figure instead of design, is currently exchanged for a \$200 bill, if in a good state of preservation. The stamps of Reunion Island in 1852, one for 15 and the other for 30 centimes, both on sky-blue letter paper and printed with ordinary type, are worth more than \$200 for the pair. But the rare avis is that of the Isle of Mauritius, 1850. Whether it is red or blue, canceled or not canceled, so long as it bears the word "Postoffice" in English it brings \$300. Between stamps quoted at such high prices and those obtainable for a half-penny there is plenty of a good average kind worth from 20 cents to \$1. The Mexican stamps of Gadalajaras, white, half real, 1867, if canceled, are worth \$50; the English stamps of Guianas, round, black or yellow, 1850, are worth \$55; the telegraph stamp of Bavaria, 1870, is worth \$50 if it is not canceled.—*Chicago Herald*.

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It is difficult and expensive to secure a complete collection of stamps of the Central American republics. Brazil and Peru have all kinds of issues, while even the Spanish stamps used to be continually changed. This was done entirely in the interest of stamp speculators. There is a firm in America that used to supply stamps to these governments free of cost on condition that the issue should be changed at least twice a year, and that all unsold stamps should be returned. The supply could thus be controlled and a fancy price put on the obsolete issues.

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