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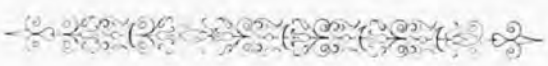


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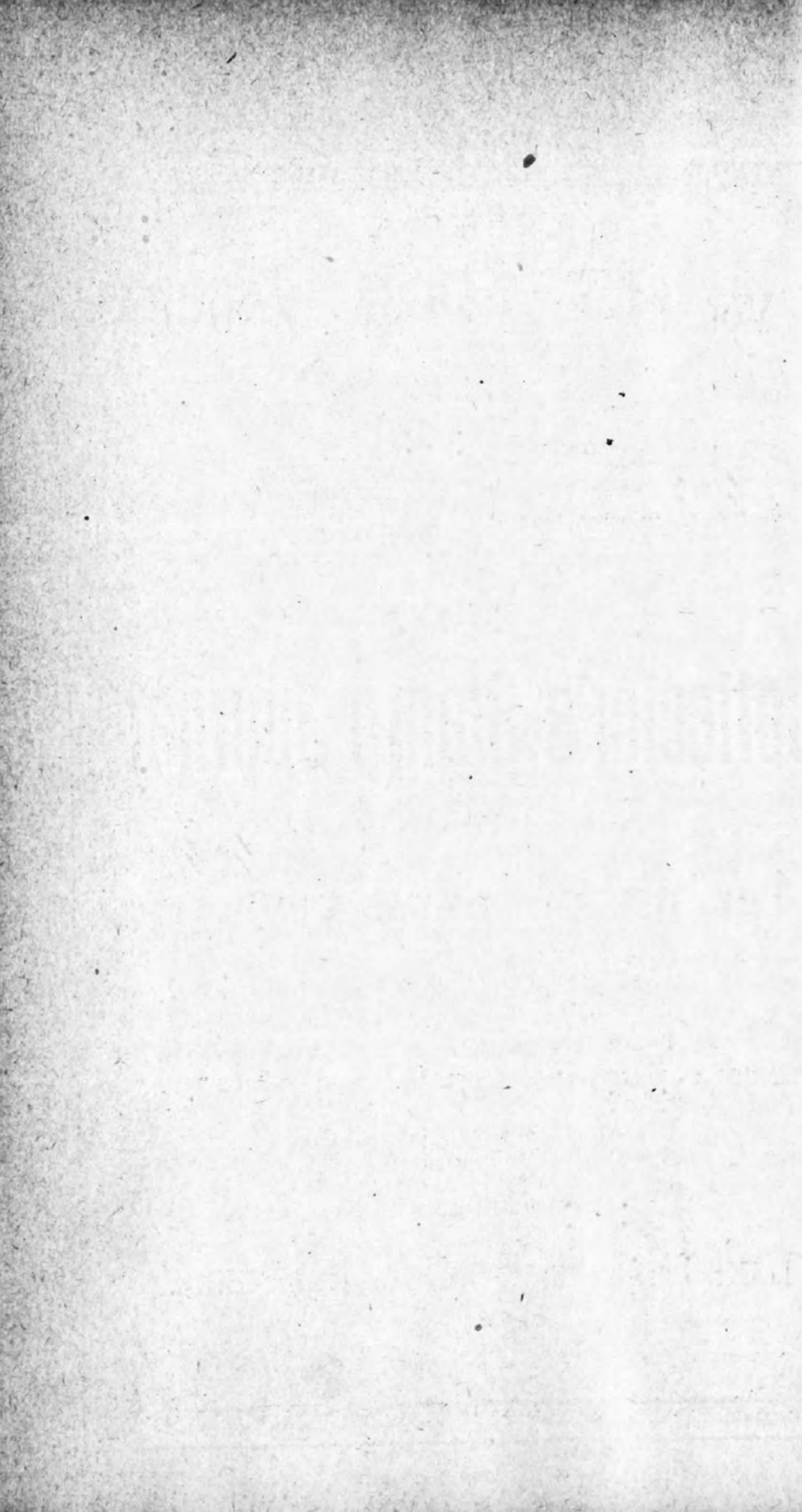
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Advantage of a Blank Stamp Album.

The question often arises to many stamp collectors as to what kind of an album they shall place their collection in, and for their benefit I would call their attention to the following:

The greatest difficulty with an international album is that after your stamps are arranged and placed in their proper places you glance over the pages and find that you have not half stamps enough to fill up the spaces and cover the engravings, consequently your album looks as if you had a great many stamps which you really have not, and in showing your collection to anyone you have to be very careful not to mistake some of the illustrations for genuine stamps, where if you had a blank album one would not see, or rather imagine, only what you really have. It strikes me very forcibly that stamps neatly mounted in a blank album look fifty per cent better than in any other kind of an album, I have seen, and you also have the satisfaction of knowing that what stamps you see in your album are genuine, and not illustrations. A great many have the idea that there is nothing so nice and convenient as an international postage stamp album, well, perhaps they are to collectors who only collect a stamp now and then, as some that

I know do, and then turn to their album and place it according to the picture and as a general thing these are the collectors that never manifest any interest in stamps, only to collect one now and then when it comes handy; they never think of turning to a catalogue to find out its value or looking up its rarity, but place it in their album helter skelter and wait for another stamp to find its way into their possession. I do not intend to convey the idea that all collectors do this, but a great many of our young collectors are troubled with this habit. Some collections would bear a more striking appearance if the owner would take a little more time when he mounts his stamps and have it done in a respectable manner. One of the most essential parts in collecting is to have your stamps neatly mounted and placed in proper form in your album. A number of well known philatelists of this place, such as Harry C. Quinby, C. W. Plummer and others have procured heavy sheets of cardboard, having them trimmed in uniform size, and mounted their stamps on these and then placed the sheets in a nice binding or Portefolio so that one page may be taken out or transferred without injury to the album or stamps. I think that

Mekeels blank stamp album is far ahead of any illustrated one I have seen yet and I would advise anyone who wants a bound blank album to obtain one of this kind and have their collection neatly arranged so that when one of your brother collectors calls to see your collection he will find it more interesting, and better arranged than he has heretofore.

DELTA.

N. H. P. S. Auction Sale.

At one of the recent meetings of the New Hampshire Philatelic Society held at Mr. Rublee's residence on Mechanic Street, a quite extensive auction sale took place, a large number of stamps being bought and sold by different members present. This was the first time any such sale took place and it worked better than some of the members supposed it would. If something of this kind was placed before the members at each regular meeting, we think more interest would be manifested and a larger attendance at the meetings.

The Boston Stamp League.

Through one of my Boston friends I learned that the Boston Philatelic League was in a flourishing condition, and certainly it ought to be as the majority of the members are old collectors and probably had some experience in stamp collecting. At their last but first regular meeting fifty-two stamp collectors and dealers were represented, some of whom I should judge were seventy years old. We hope this society will meet with good success and add another bright star to our hobby—philately.

Squibs.

I notice in looking over some of my duplicate revenues that I find 1c green proprietary with silk thread running through it and cannot find catalogued, would like to hear from some of our other collectors concerning this subject.

Mr. C. W. Plummer has procured the 5, 10 and 25c newspaper and periodical stamps all unused, of 1861 issue to add to his collection, it certainly is a good addition.

I recently received some approval sheets from a Canadian collector and one of them was a 2c red registered stamp which was marked "new issue" and price 15c. Now if it was a new issue why was it marked high?

In the supplement to the latest edition of Worcester's Dictionary (1889), may be found the following definition of a word many writers are fond of using when referring to affairs of interest to the stamp-collecting fraternity:

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Editorial.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S JOURNAL was purchased by Sydney Conant last December and he intended to keep on publishing it but on account of reasons unavoidable and others too numerous to mention, he had to discontinue it, but all subscribers who did not receive the 12 numbers of the STAMP COLLECTOR'S JOURNAL will receive this paper for the rest of their subscription after which I hope they will think it worth the price required to obtain it and send us 25c for another year. If by mistake any of the subscribers do not receive this paper by the 25th, please notify us and it will be sent immediately.

The *New Hampshire Philatelist* stated in its last issue that the STAMP COLLECTOR'S JOURNAL was gone up, does it look like it?

In number 3 of the *New Hampshire Philatelist* the following statement appeared, that if the price of delivering letters was as high as in 1792 they would not be so continually bothered with unprofitable correspondence. They state that they are so busy that they can't spare the time to read such trash. I think if some of their readers would drop in to their office some day, you would see the proprietor reading a juicy novel or writing some interesting letter to the T. G. R. C. sweets.

We have received the picture of the Editor of the "*Curiosity Collector*" for which we are duly thankful, we understand that a majority of collectors and publishers wish to exchange pictures and why is it not a good idea? In one of our exchanges I read that they thought stamp photos would be more appropriate, "Them's my sentiments too."

What has become of the "*New Hampshire Stamp League*" we have heard nothing of it for some time? It seems as though we might have a good society in New Hampshire if we were so disposed, let's make another push and see if it won't be a success.

We hope all of our former exchanges will not drop us off from their list as we desire to exchange with all publishers.

We expect to publish in each issue of this journal the proceedings of some of the N. H. P. S. meetings.

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STAMP COLLECTING.

BY VIGORUEUSE.

As has been pointed out by our observing President, Mr. Tiffany, there is in mankind all over the civilized world an innate desire to treasure up and hoard articles of some kind—in short, to collect.

Some collect newspaper clippings, others bonds and stocks, or books, or pottery, or coins, or engravings, or curios, or stamps, or divers other things.

My inclinations led me first to stamps, then to coins, then to engraved portraits, then again stamps, and later, though at the same time, books.

And of all these I have had by far the greatest pleasure in the acquisition of the two latter, which furnish gratification to a variety of humors.

I feel that few, if any, of my readers will care to hear about the books and book auctions, and so will pass this department without further allusion.

I began stamp collecting, with a school-mate, in 1870, and one year later dissolved the partnership, receiving for my share what I have always since considered the small half of the cake.

In my portion, however, were some stamps which are now rare and which these past years have given the additional charm of being old and tried friends.

During the first decade my collection increased about as those of most boys do. The only feature of this period is an experience I had in foreign correspondence. I saw the advertisement in one of the stamp papers—now long out of print—of a collector in Australia desiring exchange. In a moment of confidence I picked out a nice lot of unused United States stamps of all issues, catalogued at that time at \$100, a large sum to me in those days, and sent them to Australia. Finally three months passed by, and I began to lose hope of ever hearing from my Australian correspondent—then three more months,

during which I seldom, if ever, thought of the Australian, when one day, on my return home, I found a large package, covered with Australian stamps, containing varieties of all kinds, in what seemed to me unheard of quantities. I at once selected what I wanted for my own collection and then proceeded to dispose of as many of the duplicates as I could among collectors of my acquaintance.

I have no recollection of what I received in exchange, but remember that I felt well repaid both for my stamps and the delay in receiving the returns. The duplicates that I could not dispose of I put away, part in a large blank book and part in envelope boxes, and there they lay forgotten for over twelve years. I had meanwhile begun to study my stamps more carefully both as to watermarks and perforations and had, I thought, quite a fine collection.

One day I was looking up my duplicates to give to one of my nephews, when I found the Australians. I gave him one of each that I found on glancing through them, and shortly after set to work to sort them out scientifically. I found among them some great rarities and was enabled to fill up most of my remaining wants besides being able to dispose of others for quite a nice sum. What remained of the commoner varieties I sold to a dealer for the price originally paid in exchange for the whole assortment.

This, my first venture in foreign correspondence, was productive of both more pleasure and more profit than any of my very few subsequent ventures in which, if the good ones be set off against the bad, I doubt if I have profited much. One thing I have learned, however, and that is that if one waits long enough there are very few things indeed which one does not have a chance to get at one's own price.

During the years I have been a stamp collector, our hobby has undergone a steady and reasonable change. Collectors of old used to try to get as many stamps as they could of different types, without regard to paper, perforation and other details.

The change has been so gradual that now nothing is too minute to be passed over. Not only is the watermark carefully examined (especially in the West Australian Stamps), but note is made whether the perforation is 15 1-2 or 16, and whether the stamp was printed on a kind of paper which, through some process, has shrunk since the stamps were printed, making a difference sometimes nearly a millimeter in its dimensions.

The most noticeable feature which this new method of collecting has introduced is "Specialties." That is, the collection of one country or group to the exclusion of all others, and this is made necessary by the number of varieties combined with their rarity and the lack of gold on the part of the covetous collector.

As there are few collectors who can hope to have fairly complete collections from the new standpoint, this taking up of a specialty is a decidedly good thing, both for the collector and the student. Except in British Guiana, Afghanistan, Hawaii, and a few other countries, the average collector of moderate means can hope to make a complete collection, and this is to many much more satisfactory than to have thousands and thousands of common stamps worth in aggregate not so much as one country complete, the and far less interesting.

I say less interesting because the specialist must be a student of his stamps to succeed, and it is this study which gives the real pleasure of collecting; for while there is undoubtedly a certain satisfaction in the acquisition of something new, it does not compare with the pleasure of discovering a rarity found to exist by one's own knowledge and procured for a trifle, perhaps, out of a lot of common stamps.

The specialist is also a benefactor to the cause of Philately, for it is from his pen that the public are informed of the results of his study; without the use of his knowledge the catalogue, to-day so complete, would not have been compiled.

With regard to specialties I would add a few words of advice. If your purse is not long, do not undertake, for example, the British Colonies; select something within your ability to complete in course of time, and there are countries suitable for the means of all, and one nearly as interesting as the other. Even Salvador and Nicaragua, apart from the Seebek issues, furnish plenty of material for the specialist, and are very little known or studied.

Were it not for the space required, the writer would prefer to collect envelopes and post cards—especially the former, as the field has been so little studied except in such countries as the German States, Russia and a few other countries which have long issued envelopes.

The drawback of post card collecting seems to be the excessive rarity of some cards on the one hand, and on the other, e. g., Austria and Roumania, the number of printer's errors.

One great claim of our hobby is that connected with it is employment for our leisure in a way that is both delightful to ourselves and profitable to others, if we will make it so.

N. H. P. S. NOTES.

At one of the recent meetings of the New Hampshire Philatelic Society a vote was passed to procure membership certificates and application blanks which are now ready to be sent to anyone upon application to the secretary, Charles S. Gilman. This society was formed November 25, 1889, with twelve charter members since then quite a large number active as well as honorary members have been admitted and, by the way, as an inducement to others I will give a year's subscription to this paper free to every stamp collector joining the society before October 1st, 1890. The initiation fees are 5c. a month and monthly dues 10c. payable in advance. Honorary members 25c. per year. As another advantage you have you get a free subscription to the New Hampshire Philatelist which is the official organ and always contains interesting facts about the society so that members not being present to the meetings get some idea of what is taking place also every month will be published this paper news and notes concerning the society as well as the minutes of some of the preceding meetings that the members absent from the meetings are sure to get the proceedings either in these columns or in the New Hampshire Philatelist. As one having philatelic literature they would like to contribute to the library may be sure it will be appreciated.

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EDITORIAL.

Here we are for the third time in the philatelic publishing line and you may be assured we have not been idle since you last heard of us and we hope our former patrons will not cast us aside but put us on your list and exchange two or more copies with us. During the past few months we have received numerous publications which we have not space to name each separately, but extend our sincere thanks to the publishers as though we called them by name.

THE New Hampshire Philatelist has now reached its sixth issue and we compliment them on its promptness and duration.

We understand that our philatelic friend Harry Cole Quinby is about to start another Journal, making three philatelic papers published from this place.

THE New Hampshire Stamp League seems to remain in its state of silence; where is it? It seems as if a large society might be formed and maintained in old Granite State, why not give it another trial?

The Sons of Philatelia

Is a new society formed Jan. 1st, 1891 and have now some over fifty members. It seems to be in a flourishing condition and we earnestly hope it will continue to do as well. There are three or four members in this place. Further news concerning this society will be given in these columns later when we have learned more about it.

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ABOUT POST CARDS.

BY G. H. W.

This interesting branch of Philately has been ignored by collectors in this country to a very great extent, while in Europe, which is the philatelic continent of the world, the collecting of post cards has been quite a prominent feature with philatelists; but it is only a matter of time when we will wake up from our Rip Van Winkle sleep and go into this branch of collecting with as much enthusiasm as our brethren do in the old world.

It is now about four years since I first began my collection of cards, and although I had always been a collector of stamps since I could read and write, I never took up this special line before. To young collectors I would say, that before they advance far they will discover that it is an impossibility to obtain a complete collection of stamps, while with cards this is different. As I said before, I have only been collecting cards about four years, and I know I have one specimen of every card ever issued; there are a few minor varieties that I still want, but these are slowly but surely coming to me. There is no doubt in my mind but that cards will gradually advance in price and that the number of collectors will steadily increase. Even if you do not now collect cards, you had better begin to lay aside all

the new issues as they appear, for you will never be able to buy them as cheaply as you can when they are in use. Send in a small remittance to our Purchasing Agent and apply for all the new issues: it will not be money thrown away, I am sure of that.

Post cards, as every one knows, are always of low value, and if there should be any change, it is more likely to be downward than upward. Now, how is it with stamps? Why just the reverse. Stamps are being made nowadays to do service, either for postage or to pay duty, and run into very high values, and consequently it takes a vast amount of money to obtain them: there is hardly a month passes without some country issuing stamps to the value of five dollars or more. It has become quite the fad lately to collect revenue stamps, and albums are being made especially for these stamps. I would like to ask if collecting these revenue stamps is better than collecting cards? For my part I don't think so, yet collectors of them condemn us for collecting postal stationery, as they are pleased to call cards.

Within the last twelve months many catalogues and price-lists have been issued, entirely devoted to cards.

In our own country we have the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, Limited, publishing an illustrated catalogue of cards in their paper, *The American Journal of Philately*; this is an excellent list and gives most of the minor varieties.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel in his excellent paper, *The Philatelic Journal of Amer-*

ica; for October, 1890, gives a full list of the cards of Mexico, and in the current numbers of this paper he is publishing a catalogue of the cards of the world, compiled by that eminent philatelist, Major E. B. Evans.

Mr. A. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, has issued a very neat little price list of the cards he has in stock.

Stanley Gibbons, limited, in their monthly journal, which can be truly said to be a stamp paper in every sense of the word, have of the late been devoting several of its columns to cards, giving us most complete lists of the cards of Great Britain, Belgium and Servia.

I have just received a bound copy of a catalogue and price list of cards of Mr. Larish, of Munich; this is a large book of about 225 pages, and one all collectors should have. Mr. Louis Senf, of Leipzig, is publishing a very valuable catalogue of cards, every card and letter card being illustrated; this is to be complete in five parts, two of which I have already received.

La Carte Postale is the name of a monthly paper published in Paris by Mr. A. Schoeller, which is entirely devoted to cards. Mr. Schoeller has probably the finest collection of cards in the world and is an authority on them.

The Federal Australian Philatelist last year published a very full list of the cards of Victoria, which no doubt will be followed by other Australian colonies.

I simply mention the above to show that collectors of cards are on the increase, for if dealers publish so much about them, they must naturally expect trade, and it is to collectors they look for their trade.

I hope my feeble efforts will be the means of bringing into our ranks a few recruits, and that this article will help to increase the interest shown by a few card collectors; if such is the case, you will hear from me again.

N. H. P. S.

The last regular meeting of society was held at Mr. Quinby's Office on Depot St., the following members being present: D. O. Conant, W. L. Woodworth, C. S. G. H. C. Quinby, J. F. Babb, S. Conant. It was voted to give members with unpaid dues one month more to pay their dues and settle at that time they be expelled without further notice. Remarks by several members on the subject of Laws, and membership certificates. Adjourned at 7:50 P. M.

Russia—St. Petersburg

ISSUE OF MARCH, 1866. An octagonal shield, in double circle, surmounted by a crown, and inscribed in Russian characters. *graphé* above and 20 *Kopeyoke* below; octagonal frame outside the shield; back-ground of brown lines perforated 12.

1. 2 kopecs, black and brown.

ISSUE OF 1867 (?) Same as above, surcharged "10 K" on either side of the arms.

2. 10k on 20k, red on black and brown.

Unperforated reprints of the above stamps were struck off in December, 1881.

Stamped Forms.

ISSUE OF MARCH, 1866. A rectangular sheet, with form within a pink border, with arms in black. The sheet marked with an eagle and inscriptions.

1. 40 kopecs, black and pink.

Issue of 1867 (?) The same as above, surcharged "20 kop."

2. 20k. on 40k. red on black and pink.

Issue of 1868 (?) Similar form to above, value on each side.

3. 20 kopecs, black and pink.

I have never seen these forms described them from the *Philatelic Record's* list. The 40k. was struck off in 1881.

The current postage stamps of Russia recently had thunderbolts added to the arms to signify the union of the two services.

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Don't fail to put the *Collector's Stamp Journal* on your exchange list as we wish to exchange with all.

The One Dime comes to hand very much improved in size, but the printing is somewhat blurred in places.

The New Hampshire Philatelist has increased with its last issue but still contains small amount of reading matter.

Mekeel's Weekly appears regularly every Saturday containing newsy accounts from all parts of the philatelic kingdom.

Some preparations have been made here to start a daily stamp paper but as whether it will appear or not remains to be seen.

On account of an unexpected call of Mr. Quinby to Washington the *Collector's Review* will be detained until some time in September.

Remember that we give one year's subscription to every stamp collector joining the *New Hampshire Philatelic Society* before Oct. 1st, 1891.

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Review of Recent Philatelic Magazines.

The following was received too late for insertion in the last number.

The new *Canadian Philatelist*, a quarterly, does what very few quarterly papers do, that is, publish a second number. It is a large eight-pager, and contains some good matter, and a large amount of the publisher's advertising. The first article in the July *Post Office* is a remarkable mixture of truck and sense. The following articles and items are extremely good. Mr. Scott's letter is one of the most interesting side-lights on the "biz" that we have seen. Among the stamp articles in the *Dominion Philatelist* is one thing headed in the usual type, "The great Female Medicine" and, as the title would imply, is of doubtful interest to stamp collectors. This paper impresses us as striving to imitate the respectable dullness of Hold Hingland.

A late number of the *Eastern Philatelist* contains some amazing drivel over the signature of C. E. Range, P. C. We don't, at this minute, recall the precise significance of those last two letters. We await information. The rest of the contents is exceedingly bright, as is always the case. The second New Hampshire paper which strikes our eye is the *N. H. Philatelist* which seems to be doing well. This number contains more or less of interest, and is devoted partly to becoming the N. H. Philatelic Society,

a flourishing organization, now having just held its eightieth regular meeting.

The regular two pages of important matter with which the *Philatelic Monthly* has regaled its readers for over a decade, is well worth the subscription price. *Mekeel's Weekly* published five numbers during the month of July, winding up the month with a grand six-pager. When the whole philatelic world as astounded by Mr. Watson's five issues of the *Post Card* in a month, it was little suspected what a year would bring forth.

Another queer mess of grammarless construction meets our eye in the July *Quaker City Philatelist* entitled "Philatelic Advances," by the author of the rot previously mentioned as appearing in the *Eastern*. The writer is a great unconscious humorist, and is a howling success at writing "jests in sober earnest." Another very important philatelic item in this number of the *Q. C. P.* is about the keyless post-office box, and will interest every faithful stampist most deeply. It will aid the struggling novice in collecting very much, to know that "all the holder of the box has to do is to turn one dial to A, the other to T, and the box is unlocked." The advanced philatelist will also be much excited about it. The Western Philatelic Union seems to be rushing, according to the report in this number.

Let us turn our attention to foreign papers for a minute, and select a couple of representative ones. The Moens family have identified themselves pretty thoroughly with "Timbrophilie" in Brussels, for at least

four monthlies appear under the patronage of various members of the family. The one that strikes our eye just now is *Le Courrier Timbrophilique*, published by Jeanne Moens. The June-July number consists of advertisements and quoted reviews of Moens' latest stupendous work of 564 pages on the postage-stamps of Spain. That's the kind of *monograph* they publish in Belgium. The new edition of the greatest stamp catalogue in the world, of from 1200' to 1400 pages, will shortly appear in parts. The work will contain 8000 engravings, and will cost eight dollars. We must all have it, that goes without saying.

The London *Stamp News* amuses us who haven't seen *Funny Folks* with an illustration from that journal, of "Philatelic Matrimony," referring to the gentleman who recently advertised for a Philatelic wife.

NOTES.

As a proof that this paper will appear regularly hereafter we will say that a special contract has been made with the printer to publish this paper regularly for a long time ahead. D.

Mr. E. A. Philbrick is another of the well known philatelists of this place, who started in collecting stamps some fifteen or twenty years ago, and no doubt can relate many amusing anecdotes in regard to stamp collecting in his younger days. D.

It is proposed that the active members of the New Hampshire Philatelic Society have a group photograph taken in the near future, which will be eagerly sought after as a relic of the notorious stamp fiends of this philatelic center. D.

Washington Experiences

Arriving in Washington in August, right in the hot season I expected, of course to find hardly any interest taken in stamps, but its the unexpected that always happens of course, this time was no exception. I found stamps on the boom. My special object, philatelically, in visiting Washington was to add to my collection of stamp literature, and in this I was in the highest degree successful. Of course I went to Rottepech's establishment first, but was unfortunately enough to find him absent from town. He has a neat little shop where he sells nothing but stamps and a few curios, and evidently has a good local business. He has a large swinging sign across the street, walk in front of his shop, which has a large picture of the sixpence triangular Cape. From this place I went a couple of blocks to Houston who carries on his stamp business. He has his sign out at his own house. He is a large man about 32 years old with a black mustache, and has two bright little girls. There were some amazing sheets of department stamps on view in his parlor and they were enough to make the collector's mouth water. Mr. Houston has some thousand stamp papers on hand, which the writer "phazed in." I was always on the lookout for philatelic literature. I had some difficulty in deciding how to transport them so far but finally boxed them up and shipped them by freight.

I next hunted up the publisher of the *Stamp Dealers Own*, a lively journal issued back in 1876. The publisher Mr. C. R. Walker occupies a box office of the Lyceum Theatre and very kindly took time to talk about stamp affairs, though he is no longer actively interested.

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EDITORIAL.

We have kept a scrap-book of philatelic matter that has appeared in the daily papers and other outside journals, for a good many years, probably before a certain E. P. Newcomer ever heard of stamp-collecting, so when this person palms off newspaper clippings as his own work in the columns of our careless contemporaries, we spot him every time. We shall call our readers attention to him in the future, if he keeps up this dishonest and plagiaristic line of business.

No paper is at present devoting itself to the wants of the numerous collectors of stamp literature, and there has never been any such paper except the ill-fated *Stamp Literature Collector*, published by Beardsley in 1888, and issuing only one number. This class of collectors is rapidly increasing, as is evinced by the numerous exchange notices which appear in the columns of our contemporaries.

The Stamp Club.

At the last regular meeting of the N. H. P. S. two members formerly passive were changed to active, and G. P. Jacobson, Calmar, Iowa, with R. M. Miller and S. B. Bradt as references, was admitted to membership. E. A. Philbrick and Clarence W. Plummer, both of Lake Village were made active members. The club is glad to welcome to its ranks these gentlemen long known as active stamp collectors. It is our opinion that these are the only married men in the club, though it is rumored that one of the publishers of the *N. H. Philatelist* was joined in matrimony some months ago. There was a good deal of business on hand, which was laid upon the table till the next meeting.

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Story of a Stamp Club.

CHAPTER I.

On the shore of a beautiful northern lake there stands a village, almost worthy of its surroundings. The people, too, seem to have imbibed some of the natural spirit of the place, and all have a love for the beautiful.

Among the young men this taste shows itself in their fondness for collecting the beautiful bits of coloring and engraving which appear on the finely executed postal labels used by the governments of the world. The first real philatelist of the town, whom we will call Mr. Cupboard, has made a considerable name for himself as a dealer, then as a publisher he won fame, first by a stamp journal, then several years later by a curiosity and stamp paper; finally business of another sort engrossed his attention to such an extent that he retired from the ranks of active philatelists, and devoted himself to managing his store.

Another young man named Stampy had acquired a liking for the pleasant hobby of stamp-collecting way back in the '70's and for many years Messrs. Cupboard and Stampy were the only active collectors who hailed from the town in which the scene of our story is laid. Their names were

the only ones which appeared for a long time in any of the numerous collector's directories, which were published from time to time. Cupboard was content to let things go on in this way, for he didn't have time to act as missionary, and spread the knowledge of our delightful science through the surrounding community. But Stampy had plenty of leisure for that sort of thing, so he tried to interest others in the subject. It was slow work, and frequently Stampy would get discouraged and give it up, only to commence anew when the fever seized him. A regular crony of his, with whom he used to spend half his time, was his favorite object in the work of proselyting. Once he gave this friend of his, Woody Wellworth by name, then a youth, a small collection of stamps in a little blank-book. This aroused Woody's enthusiasm for a little while, but finally it languished, and the stamp book was relegated to the garret, where it reposed for a long while in company with other discarded favorites.

CHAPTER II.

For the next few years Stampy was absent from his native town, and his visits to it were far between. Meanwhile Cupboard had been publishing his second venture, in the periodical line, with much success. Toward the

end of the term of publication of this journal Stampy contributed to it occasionally. Finally he returned to town for a long stay, and did his best to arouse an interest in collecting, and with such success that a club was formed in the latter part of 1889. Among its dozen or so charter members were Messrs. Crony, Wellworth, Stampy, Boss, Bobbity, Mooney, Lartin, and two, whom we shall hear of again, named, Simpton and Lobster. The club was very harmonious up to this time, and few, if any, new members had been admitted. But a protentious event happened, and just when it ought to have been expected. Ah, that unlucky number thirteen! At the *thirteenth* regular meeting seeds were sown which were destined to ripen and grow into a vegetable of enormous and frightful dimensions, driving its roots into the crevices in the solid rock of the club, and finally splitting it in two.

(To be continued.)

The New Hampshire Philatelic Society.

There is so much enthusiasm shown, in regard to this club, by the resident members, that even the newspapers are taking the subject up. The club was mentioned by the *Manchester* (N. H.) *Budget* as having held some pretty lively meetings, while the *Laconia* (N. H.) *News and Critic* devoted considerable space to it in a recent number, and now the *Belknap Republican* of Lake Village devotes a large fraction of a column, to the society, in its issue of Sept. 25th.

The regular election of officers took place at the office of Messrs. Rublee

& Son on Mechanic St., on the evening of Sept. 19th, and was extremely well attended.

Those present in person were Messrs. Woodworth, Conant, Lamster, Lamprey, Rublee, Grant, Davis and Quinby, and proxies of Messrs. Philbrick, Farmer and others were at hand, though no occasion arose for their use in connection with the election of officers unanimously and by acclamation.

The result was as follows: President, L. B. Lamprey; Vice Pres., H. Rublee; Sec., W. L. Woodworth; Treas., C. S. Gilman; Librarian, Sydney Conant; Exchange Supervisor, L. Simpson.

It had been feared that there would be a dead-lock on account of the actions of four members who were working in direct opposition to the acknowledged will of the majority. These members occupied this respectable position by taking advantage of a clause in the constitution, interpreted contrary to the intention of the framers of the document and against the will of all the charter members but two. The majority of the society, seeing that it would be injurious to its welfare to have a discussion, magnanimously and unselfishly arranged a compromise with the dissenting members, and that necessary for the election of officers at all should be understood that the "opposition" party, as it is called, consisted of only four of the resident members, active or passive. Only two of these were charter members; the others never collected stamps with a view enough to accumulate over fifty copies. Let us hope they will have enough regard to the best interests of the club, in the future, to keep petty jealousies and animosities out of check.

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EDITORIAL.

Well, here we are again, and its "No. 3" this time. Though our second number appeared a *trifle* late, yet you see we are running along smoothly enough at last, and propose to get out our little 1200 copies every month hereafter till further notice. Though some people get very hard hits in our columns it is only what they deserve. Merit gets an equal amount of favorable notice from us. With malice toward none, with charity for all, we hope to pursue, calmly, the tenor of our way toward the end of a successful first volume.

Owing to a printer's omission of the name of the *American Philatelist*, due credit was not given to that journal for the leading article in No. 3 of this paper.

Seven different philatelic papers published prior to 1886 will buy a year's subscription to this paper.

Philatelic literature collectors will do well to subscribe for articles of special interest to such people, which will appear in our columns from time to time.

Our September Visitors.

Well, well, of all the dry stamp papers we ever saw the *Quaker City* beats the lot! After all that has been written about non-philatelic rot, it permits a certain Mr. Newcomer to end the number with something about "twelve inch pneumatic tubes."

Hardly anything but praise can be given to the *Eastern Philatelist*. It is certainly a "jim dickey!" Page after page of interesting paragraphs greet the eye. Truly a good beginning for an eighth volume of good things.

The principal article, entitled "Philately's Publications," begins with some "uncommon rum" statements, but after the first two paragraphs it straightens out into a mighty good article.

The second article in this number detracts much from the effect of the whole.

We cannot recommend the *American Philatelist* and *Collector* to stamp collectors; it would interest post-office employees and mail clerks much more than Philatelists.

The *Dominion Philatelist* is better than usual this month. It contains some violent charges against John R. Hooper, and we may expect some retaliations on his part shortly. The *Post Office* seems to be a permanent institution and a prosperous one, too, for it contains about twenty pages of advertising; yet there is good reading enough to compensate.

Small, but all meat applies not only to the succulent hen-fruit, but also to the *Philatelic World*. Even the pub-

lisher's part is of considerable interest.

Well, what have we here? Came to our lips as we picked up the *Rhode I*—no, we mean the *Philatelic Era*. The old *Rhode Island* is gone forever, alas! Yet its ghost still haunts us in the shape of the *Era*. By which we mean that it has been sold to the latter paper which keeps its cover and appearance. The result is a combination of the two rather startling at first. The *Phil. Monthly* contains but little of interest this month. The same may be said of the *N. H. Philatelist*.

But the *London Stamp News* contains its usual selection of good matter. The editorial page always interests us in this fine monthly.

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CHAPTER III.

The portentous (not "protentious", as the printer had it in the last number) event referred to in the last part of Chapter II of this plain narrative was the admission of two new members, Messrs. Gilly and Lamby, two very nice young men, but not stamp collectors. This of course prevented their being in thorough sympathy with the rest of the club; still everything was harmonious until a certain election of officers. The entire six offices got into the hands of four members, Simpton, Lobster and the two new non-philatelic members just mentioned. This was all right enough in itself, but a little slackness was noticeable in the course of time. The secretary forgot to bring minutes of previous meetings and finally months went by without any minutes being read or accepted, and so far as the club knew, they were not even taken. Communications were not read before the society and things got pretty lax.

The exchange department ceased work together and no one thought of making this branch of the society's work. Under these circumstances at the next election a new president was nominated and one of the three offices was nominated by a fellow officer for the position of presiding officer. There were just eight members present, the four gentlemen who held the six offices and four others, charter members. Lobster presided. Mr. Gravellers, a charter member

who was not present at the meeting, was nominated for president. Then one of the officers mentioned Mr. Lamby's name, and a vote was held by ballot. One man had a proxy and cast it in favor of Mr. Gravellers. The vote stood five to three in favor of this gentleman, the president not voting. The office ring then held a consultation, the result of which was that the vote was declared void on account of the proxy not having been formally accepted. A new vote was about to be held. The opposition, as the minority had already been called, were in a great state of anxiety, for they saw that unless something was done their candidate would be defeated. A copy of the constitution was produced and read carefully; the meeting had come to a stand-still.

"If we all have the hall," said the opposition, "there will be no officer present, and the constitution expressly states that there must be at least one officer present to make a quorum for the transaction of business." With that, the four officers rose, seized their hats, chuckled at their shrewdness, and left the building.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Our Sanctum Table.

On our table this month lies an odd looking journal, a copy of the *Boston Sunday Herald* for October 18. On page 24 is a column and a half article entitled "The Story of the Stamp," and it is illustrated with five cuts of American Stamps. On the next page near the bottom of the fifth column is a twenty line paragraph on "What Things Royalties Collect" which tells

us that "The Czar of all the Russias collects stamps," &c.

One Dime for July is but recently come to hand. The perennial Pugh will have to hustle if he expects to catch up with the procession.

The New Chester, (Pa.) *Collector* enlarges to decent size with the initial number of volume II., and starts off with a fairly interesting issue.

The editor of an esteemed contemp has got the fallacious impression that we wield a sarcastic pen. We shall spend ten minutes for several nights in succession this week wondering what words of ours gave rise to that idea.

Stamps In Beauville.

Boston Mass., Oct. 26, 1891.

I dropped into a meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society Wednesday evening, Oct. 14. The meeting took place in the cosy club-rooms of the "Elks," No. 24, Hayward Place. I found but a few faithful spirits on hand, who turned out to be as enthusiastic as a hundred, and the meeting turned out to be as interesting a session of a stamp club as I ever attended in the Hub, which is saying a good deal, for in '85 we used to have some rattlers!

Mr. W. C. Vanderlip presided in his usual dignified way. Certainly the club owes him a large debt of gratitude for he has always stood ready to do everything in his power to further its interests.

The club's chief organizer and Secretary, Mr. C. M. Bradbury, sent in his resignation from the office mentioned, which the club voted to except. It seems as if more interest ought to be shown in the club by resident members, for a more jolly and intelligent set of men it would be difficult to find. All are perfect funds of philatelic information and a very interesting stamp journal might be

published, filled only with the graphic reports of the stampie that go on in intervals of rest parliamentary duties.

The club proposes to have two of its series of auction sales in the near future, and members to send in lots as soon as possible. The first sale was highly successful and no doubt the next one will be good if not better.

Outside of the Society but seems to be going on of importance to the general public, though collectors are beginning to get lively at the approach of cold weather. I've no doubt Friday morning's will fetch 'em.

H. T.

EXCHANGES.

The Philatelic Exchange is one of our eight page exchanges composed mostly of poetry.

The Missouri Philatelist is a philatelic journal hailing from St. Louis, Mo., having 16 pages cover making four monthly philatelic papers and one weekly published at that place, the last mentioned to us every Sunday giving us news of the past week.

The New Hampshire Philatelist "look out for an enlargement in the near future" so we shall expect something grand from our Lakeport temporaries.

And still they come, the *Stamp Collector's Companion* is a twenty page and comes monthly edited by M. Yarnall, St. Louis, Mo., and a large number of others we would view if space would permit.

Among our other exchanges are *The Philatelic Era*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *American Philatelist* and *Collector's Philatelic Tribune*, *The Philatelist* and *The American*

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EDITORIAL.

The man who objects to subscribing for our paper for fear it will never appear a year, certainly can't judge of its value. We are prospering in our style and hope to present something good for a Christmas number. There is one thing that you may be sure of in reading our paper, and that is that you're not reading a wash of old fodder that appeared months previous somewhere

Mr. B. Merrill of Everett, Mass. has issued a mighty good thing in the shape of a fraudlist. It embraces some rather novel and convincing features, and though we look with disfavor on fraudlist for public reading, still this is as good as anything can be.

Speaking of fraudlists, we want to hear a minute or two in giving our own opinion on the subject. We are sure that every intelligent re-

sponsible man must have had similar ideas chase through his "think-work" at some time or another. Did it ever occur to you righteously indignant fraudlist compilers and publishers that you were doing something that would go a long way towards blasting some young fellows' reputations? Thank Heaven for the sake of thoughtless stamp collecting school boys that fraudlists are of limited circulation, and that out side of his own town. Many a careless boy has carried approval sheets, unsolicited, in the inside pocket of his jacket intending to send them back "just as soon as I get time." By and by he has lost them, or the owner's name is gone and the sheets are wrinkled and dirty. In either case the dealer does not get them, and the boy doesn't dare say anything to his family about it for fear of a scolding perhaps. After a while the boy's good name is besmirched in some stamp paper. Ten to one the boy's father would have gladly paid ten times the amount rather than have his son's name appear in such a connection, but the mischief is done and the boy takes good care his father sha'n't see a copy of the injudicious article. Now this is no imaginary case without foundation in fact, for this sort of thing is happening constantly. It's impossible to be too careful in a case like this.

The usual fall stamp papers are appearing with the usual rapidity, and they seem to be rather above the usual class of autumn leaves, though they are read all over. This is a pun, at any rate one editor thinks it is, while the other contends that its only a play on words. Which is right?

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