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If so, you should read the following, and then let me hear from you.

~BARGAINS IN SETS.~

*Alsace Loraine, 7 var. complete... .30	*Mexico, '64, 4 var. complete..... .10
*Austria, Italy '68, 5 var "30	*Mexico, '72, 5 "25
Belgium Postal Packet, 7 var10	*Nicaragua '90, 10 "50
Bulgaria, '82 to '85, 9 var., 1s to 50s. .30	*Nicaragua '90, wrappers, 3 var com .10
China, '80, three var. complete..... .15	*Peru Envelopes, 3 var. complete .. .30
*Gautemala, '75, 4 var "20	Salvador '90, 9 "40
*Gautemala, '78, 4 var "18	Spain, 40 varieties..... .35
*Hamburg Envelopes, 7 var complete .10	Spain, 50 "50
*Honduras Official, '90, 11 var " .25	*Swiss 2c to 1F, 9 varieties..... .10

~SINGLE STAMPS.~

United States 1885, 10c green15	United States 1872, 12c purple..... .10
" 1861, 1c blue01	" 1872, 24c purple..... .30
" 1861, 10c green02	" " 90c carmine..... .10
" 1861, 24c lilac15	" 1888, 30c brown20
" 1863, 2c black03	" newspaper 1c black... .10
" 1866, 15c black25	" " 2c black .. .10
" 1868, 1c blue20	*Confederate States 1863, 10c blue.. .05
" " 2c black10	* " 1863, 20c green .05
" " 3c rose10	China '75, 5c yellow05
" 1869, 6c blue20	Finland '85, 1 m gray and pink..... .05
" " 10c yellow25	France '77, 5 F lilac04
" 1870, 1c blue (grilled). .20	*Mexico official seal '8805
" " 2c brown " .08	*Hayti '91, 1c lilac..... .05
" " 3c green " .03	*Sandwich Islands 2c env..... .05
" " 6c pink " 1.50	115 var. inc. Egypt. Japan, Mexico .15
" 1872, 7c vermilion" .25	200 varieties, only50

AGENTS WANTED

To sell stamps from my fine Approval Sheets at 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent commission.

FREE !

I will send Free to all persons answering this ad. and mentioning THE MICHIGAN PHILATELIST, three unused Foreign Stamps.

A. H. CRITTENDEN,

101 LEVERETTE STREET,

DETROIT, MICH.

The Michigan Philatelist.

MICHIGAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Organized at Detroit December 2d, 1891.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

VICE PRESIDENT, Dr. Geo. F. Heath, Monroe.
PRESIDENT, C. J. Van Valkenburg, Manchester.
SECRETARY, A. H. Crittenden, Detroit.
TREASURER, †A. W. Shaw, Jackson.
LIBRARIAN, H. W. Boers, Detroit.
EXCHANGE SUP'T, Henry McConnell, Clarion.
LIT. BOARD, G. A. Martin, South Haven; A. E. Smith, Belleville; J. T. Percival, Port Huron.

†A. W. Shaw cannot accept on account of his business, so the office is vacant.

THE M. P. A.

The M. P. A. was organized at Detroit, Mich., 1891, with thirty five members.

The above named officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Subscription dues were placed at 50 cents per annum. For those who are not stamp collectors, no matter where they live, they are eligible to membership.

Exchange blanks will be furnished by the Association. Apply to A. H. Crittenden, 101 Leverett St., Detroit, Mich. upon application.

The exchange department will be in working order about January 15, '92. Any member desiring to participate in this department is requested to notify the Exchange Superintendent.

Exchange sheets will be furnished the members at five cents each. It is earnestly requested that every member will take advantage of the exchange department.

If five or more members living in any locality desire they may form themselves into a branch society and be recognized as a branch of the Michigan Philatelic Association.

The Detroit Philatelic Society has been organized as Branch No. 1 of this Association.

An official organ is very much needed by the Association; any paper desiring to act as an official organ will do well to correspond with the secretary.

It is also hoped that every member of this Association will exert himself to obtain at least one new member and that the membership will reach one hundred by April 1, 1892.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

The following is a list of members up to date.

A. W. Shaw.

- 2—Henry McConnell.
- 3—C. J. Van Valkenburg.
- 4—O. H. Meyer.
- 5—E. G. Meseroll.
- 6—Wm. Randall.
- 7—F. H. Borgman.
- 8—R. H. Gaines.
- 9—M. Pobuda.
- 10—A. H. Crittenden.
- 11—H. W. Boers.
- 12—A. M. Girardin.
- 13—John Miller.
- 14—Theo. Q. Pardee.
- 15—W. F. Dessotell.
- 16—B. E. Wesley.
- 17—O. M. Leland.
- 18—J. T. Percival.
- 19—G. A. Martin.
- 20—T. J. Baldwin.
- 21—R. S. Appleton.
- 22—Chas. Henze.
- 23—Thos. McCarthy.
- 24—A. E. Smith.
- 25—J. J. Spenser.
- 26—C. S. Forbes.
- 27—R. E. Smith.
- 28—J. F. Henkel.
- 29—Frank Williams.
- 30—G. F. Heath.
- 31—A. Morisette.
- 32—C. F. Heyerman.
- 33—C. W. Bennett.
- 34—E. R. Hasse.
- 35—W. Brown.
- 36—Howard Beck.
- 37—T. L. W. Porte.
- 38—R. M. Spenser.

Why not join this society? "We are young, but Oh! my,"

HIT AND MISS.

Subscribe. Advertise.

Not in it—"The One Dime."

One thousand circulation this issue.

Mr. Geo. S. Mekeel was married last month.

The "Collector" has improved 100 per cent.

A well known Dealer and Collector, A. H. Crittenden:

Join the Michigan Philatelic Association. Dues, 50c per year.

We will exchange two copies with all papers devoted to collecting.

A good agent for this paper is wanted in every town. Write for particulars.

Price-lists, catalogues or other publications will receive worthy notice in this paper.

An enterprising firm—Standard Stamp Company. Right in line—Central City Stamp Co.

We see that Bro. Jewett calls "The Hus'ler" a "Comedy of Errors." We think about the same.

Mr. Henry Fischer, of Omaha, Nebraska, has a complete collection of U. S. department stamps.

We name all philatelic papers against the "Philatelic Era" which is improving with every number.

The Duke of Edinburgh is said to be a collector of stamps and that his collection numbers several thousand varieties.

From all appearances stamp business will be more lively this year than ever before. We note there are over 300 stamp dealers in the field, advertising their respective bargains.

We would beg to call the attention of all of our readers to the advertisements in our journal. You will find them at the back of reading matter, and by carefully perusing the same you will find that there are a great many special bargains offered therein. If you write to any of our advertisers be kind enough to always mention that you saw their ad. in the MICHIGAN PHILATELIST.

GOOD ENOUGH TO REPEAT

The old gent was an enthusiast on stamps and was continually talking them.

When a dude from the city called to his daughter, he exclaimed "Uru-gu-ay."

About a year later he was heard to utter an undertone "Para-gu-ay."—*The Hus'ler*

BEWARE!

I warn all dealers to beware of Fred Sayles, of Fitchburg, Mass., who has stolen from me which I cannot recover.

[Signed]

W. F. Dessortell

ON HAND.

The following are on hand: Eastern Philatelist, Philatelic Era, McKeel's Weekly, Reporter, Effort Collector, Hus'ler, Spotted Eagle Philatelist, Empire State Stamp Journal. Come again, please.

THE D. P. S.

The Detroit Philatelic Society was organized at the residence of W. F. Dessortell on November 23, 1891. The following officers were elected:

President—A. H. Chittenden.
Vice President—Charles Henze.
Secretary—H. W. Boers.
Treasurer—T. Q. Pardee.
Librarian—R. E. Smith.
Auctioneer—F. Williams.
Exchange Manager—R. S. Appleton.

Mr. Boers resigned his position as Secretary and Alex M. Girardin was elected to fill the vacancy.

The dues were placed at 50 cents per year. The headquarters of the society are at 7, Heineman b'ld'g.

The Betel Nut.

Betel nuts, the produce of the Areca palm, are chiefly used as a masticant by the native of the east. They are small to be applied to many ornamental uses, but are occasionally employed by the turner and wrought into different kinds of fancy shaped beads for bracelets, small rosary cases and other little fancy articles. In the Museum of Economic Botany, at Kew, there is a walking stick made of these nuts, slightly mounted or supported on an iron center.—Chambers' Journal.

All camel drivers declare that when they take off and muffle the numerous bells with which the animals are adorned in traversing a region infested by robbers, the creatures know why it is done and step so lightly that they can be unheard within a few yards of a concealed enemy.

GENERAL PROTECTS HIS REAR.
 ington Star: "Why, Johnny, the cover
 geography is all broken."
 her did that."
 r teacher? How?"
 a stick."
 n?"
 n she was punishin' me."

I.



II.



ROUND, VERY ROUND.

—Belle is an all 'round girl; round face,
 orm, round purse—
 —Yes, it runs in the family. Observe
 y and you'll notice that her mother is
 round, too.

NO INSINUATION.

nger (in railway car)—Can't you make
 re? The other seats are full.
 ats—Go along; can't you see that I am
 What's the matter; trichinosis?

GOT THEIR "PHIL" OF IT.

"Did you see Phil lately?" asked one stamp
 enthusiast of another.
 "Yes, saw Phil lately lick a man for using his
 name," was the reply.
 And when the fool-killer got in his work the
 soft south spring wind vainly sighed over the
 remains.

III.



IV.



—Life.

JUDGE WAXEM'S POLITICAL PROVERBS.

Thar's more or less politticks in a jug of
 licker.
 Good politticks is as good as bad politticks is
 bad.
 Law makin' has got to be learned like enny-
 thing else.
 When a man gets too pure to go to the polls
 to vote he'd better go to heaven.
 More votes is cast fer personel popularity
 then fer effishensy.

ROUGH ON SANTA CLAUS.



Ivy—Say, Dolph, I hope Santa Claus is honest.

Dolph—Why?

Ivy—Cos them's my new stockings, and I don't want them stole.—Once a Week.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.



"I don't expect ter git nothin' gents; in it; but I jest hang it up because I think it's de proper thing ter encourage and keep up dese old and time-honored customs."—Puck.

SUBSCRIBE for the MICHIGAN PHILATELIST. Only 20 cents a year.

Read all the advertisements in this issue.

His Habits Betrayed Him.

A theft has just been brought home to a man by means of an egg. Some time ago M. Douet, pottery manufacturer living in the Rue Gondou, Paris, was disagreeably surprised on returning from the theater with his family to find his house had been ransacked, almost the furniture destroyed and a sum of 6,000 francs in gold and notes stolen. The next morning he put M. Siade, commissary of police, in possession of these facts, who thereupon proceeded to the spot and opened an inquiry. In the course of his search he found a broken egg, from which the white only appeared to have been sucked.

He brought the circumstance to the notice of M. Douet, who then remembered that a carter named Delbars, whom he had dismissed for dirty habits, was accustomed to eat eggs in this way. They arrested him along with his brother. When questioned as to how and where they had spent their time on the night of the robbery, they were embarrassed, and finally confessed that they had broken into M. Douet's house for motives of revenge.—Galignani Messenger.

Dealers' Directory.

STAMP DEALERS.

A 2 or 3 line card under this heading for 12 insertions.

BENNETT & HASSE, 59 and 61 E. Calm St., Detroit, Mich. Approval Sheets a Specialty. Correspondence solicited.

DESSOTELL W. F., 53 W. High St., Detroit, Michigan. Approval Sheets 33 1/3 per cent. Foreign Correspondence desired.

SMITH R. E., 303 Second Street, Detroit, Mich. Approval Sheets. Correspondence desired.

Exchange Department

Free to Subscribers. Others 1/2 cent a line.

WANTED. To exchange Foreign Stamps for United States Stamps. Others not wanted. W. F. D.

DEALERS, Give us a trial ad. We will pay you.

WANTED. Agents to sell stamps and my Approval Sheets, at 33 1/3 per cent commission. W. S. HOWE, 100 North Street, Somerville, Mass.

We Are The People

THAT GIVE AWAY

SCOTT'S LATEST CATALOGUES FREE!

To all 5th purchasers of our new Packet containing 20 varieties of United States Stamps, (no revenues or cut cards,) including 90c 1872, Dep'ts, Etc.,

ONLY 25 CENTS, POST FREE!

This is positively the finest bargain ever offered for the money, and every buyer will be more than pleased.

Remember, every fifth one gets a Catalogue free.

WE ALSO OFFER

10 varieties Foreign, used and unused, containing many good and desirable stamps. Each packet contains a fine premium. 25c, postpaid. 100 finely mixed stamps, 5c, postpaid. 250 finely mixed stamps, 10c, postpaid.

WE WANT! WE WANT!
AGENTS! AGENTS!

To sell from our fine Approval Sheets. We allow 33½ per cent commission, and every 5th person remitting \$1 can select from sheets

\$1 Worth of Stamps Free!

Send for a selection, mentioning paper, and we will send free five good varieties Foreign Stamps. Do not wait, but send at once before you forget.

Come early and often. Always address

Bennett & Hasse, 59 & 61 East Montcalm St.,
Detroit, Mich., U. S. A.

Stamps : Free !

25 Good Stamps Free to every person sending for my Approval Sheets.

EVERY TENTH PERSON

Will receive a Stamp Catalogued at Fifty Cents by Scott.

CORRESPONDENCE DESIRED WITH COLLECTORS.

Wholesale lists wanted.

R. E. SMITH,

303 Second Street, Detroit, Mich.

United States Stamps

....AND....

BRITISH COLONIALS.

A fine line on approval, on receipt of reference. Also a full line of the stamps of all countries.

1000 SOLD.

In three years we have sold 1,000 of our packets, of 400 varieties, for \$1. One stamp in each, worth 50 cents. It is a bonanza for any collector.

Send for our new Price List, post free.

W. H. BRUCE,

P. O. Box 283. Hartford, Conn.

E. T. PARKER'S

Monthly Priced List

OF STAMPS SENT FREE BY

E. T. PARKER, Bethlehem, Pa.

FREE Nothing free but BARGAINS. FREE

Send 11 cents for 20 varieties of U. S. Stamps and see for yourself.

A. MORISSETTE, Delray, Mich.



STAMPS—ALL GENUINE! 100 all different, Heligoland, Japan, Spain, Hamburg, etc., with fine Stamp Album, only 10c. EVERY COLLECTOR should send for our FREE price lists, etc., and save money. The finest approval sheets in America at from 33 1/2 to 50% discount. AGENTS WANTED! (Valuable premiums!) We buy old U. S. and Confed States stamps, also

stamp collections, for spot cash. Write us. Standard Stamp Co., 925 LaSalle Street, St. Louis, Mo. Largest stamp firm in America.

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of sending out the

FINEST APPROVAL SHEETS

And if you want to be convinced just let me know and I will forward a selection. Please send references or deposit.

J. P. STETLER, Altoma, Pa.

A Pointer.

To be in line with all enterprising philatelists you should at once subscribe the only weekly paper that contains the latest news which would be of interest and importance to every collector.

It is hardly necessary to mention the monthly paper as it is so well known already; but to those who have not had an opportunity of seeing the "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" or the "Philatelic Journal of America" they will do well to drop us a card for sample copies.

Our Price List No. 16 is always to be mailed free to any address. It is a gem in every respect. Send for it.

Our address is still:

C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Pub.
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ST. LOUIS,

Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

(Limited.)

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For full particulars of our Catalogues and other publications send for our FREE illustrated 40-page list.

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Official Organ of the Columbian Philatelic Society, of Washington, D. C.

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VARIETIES ABOUT STAMPS.

THE CRANK COLLECTORS THEAT AND SWINDLE.

There are Few Now But Their Collections are Worth Thousands—Some Stamps Bring \$50—It is a Mania That Leads to Dishonesty.

Stamp collecting is seldom about in the daily papers now, Detroit collector to the MICHIGAN PHILATELIST recently, but it has not. There are now more valuable stamps than at any time in the history of philately.

Formerly the majority of collectors were boys, who caught the fever, made a collection of a few specimens, got tired and sold out. Ten years ago there were probably five times as many collectors as today, but only a few of them owned over 1,500 specimens. Now there are fewer collections, but nearly every collector has at least 2,000 specimens. In fact, stamp collecting is now becoming a science. There are two large philatelic associations, and through them collectors exchange specimens and arrange for the purchase of specimens of new stamps from foreign countries as fast as there are new issues. There are, besides thousands of smaller collectors, about a dozen big stamp firms which do an extensive business in rare varieties.

In St. Louis and a number of other large cities there are frequent sales of valuable stamps. Catalogues of these sales are sent to extensive collectors throughout the country and bids are made through New York and St. Louis agents.

The value of single stamps among the varieties runs all the way from \$1 to \$100. It is comparatively easy to get a collection of 2,000 stamps. Then the collection becomes expensive. A collector at an auction bids 10 cents a big price for a stamp. When he gets a collection of stamps he bids in \$50 worth of stamps at an auction without a tremor. He knows that stamp collecting becomes a mania. When I got about 2,000 varieties in my collection I began to collect recklessly. I would buy 30 or 40 stamps worth of stamps and pay for

them in preference to paying my board bill. At one time I owed over \$300 for stamps. Later I got so heavily in debt by buying stamps that I had to sell my collection, which probably cost me \$600. Had it been sold stamp by stamp, it would probably have brought \$850. But you will seldom find anyone who cares to buy a large collection at one third its value. It takes too long to sell out 3,500 or 4,000 stamps one by one. New collectors would not think of buying a large collection, because, as I said, they only buy very cheap stamps and consider an expenditure of over \$20 on a collection as very extravagant. An old collector, on the other hand, does not care to put \$500 or \$600 into a large collection because he probably already has all but a few of the varieties in the collection, and it would not pay him to buy the entire collection for the sake of those few. That will explain why I could get only \$225 for my collection.

On the whole however, I came out about square, or possibly somewhat ahead, on the stamp business. I have not exactly stopped collecting, but I do not put much money into it now. When I sold out I had a large number of duplicate specimens. With these I started a second collection and now have about 2,200 varieties.

Like most dealers and collectors I resorted to all sorts of crooked tricks to make money in the business. In some foreign countries, when the postoffice authorities run short of some denomination of stamps, they take stamps of a denomination of double the value, cut them in two with a perforating machine, and use them in place of the short denomination. Such a plan was never tried in this country, and it occurred to me that I might possibly get the postoffice department to accept half of a four-cent stamp in place of a two-cent stamp. So I bought a number of four-cent stamps, cut them in two down the middle and pasted the halves upon a number of filled envelopes which I addressed to myself. As might be expected, I never heard from the letters. I then mailed another batch of blank letters to myself, placing regular two cent stamps on them. Next to the two-cent stamps I placed some halves of four-cent stamps. The letters reached me as they had full value stamps on them.

To be continued.

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The Exchange Dept. is now all ready for business, and any member desiring to participate should notify the Exchange Supt., Henry McConnell, Clarion, Mich. Several members have not paid their dues yet. If you are one, consider this an invitation to remit same to the Secretary, at once. It takes money to conduct a Society of any kind successfully.

Why can't each member secure at least one new member? Some of the members have secured several, each, already. If application blanks are needed, send to the Secretary for them; he will be only too glad to supply you with them.

Put your shoulder to the wheel, and keep us on. Let every member do his best, and we will soon have a strong Association. Remember, we want 100 members by April 1st.

The following is a list of members up to date:

- 1—A. W. Shaw, Jackson.
- 2—Henry McConnell, Clarion,
- 3—C. J. Van Valkenburg, Manchester.
- 4—O. H. Meyer, Saginaw E. S.
- 5—E. G. Meseroll, Jackson.
- 6—Wm. Randal, Belleville.

- 7—F. H. Borgman, Detroit.
- 8—R. H. Gaines, Jackson.
- 9—M. Pobuda, Saginaw, E. S.
- 10—A. H. Crittenden, Detroit.
- 11—H. W. Boers, Detroit.
- 12—A. M. Girardin, Detroit.
- 13—John Miller, Detroit.
- 14—Theo. Q. Pardee, Detroit.
- 15—W. F. Dessotell, Detroit.
- 16—B. E. Wesley, Jackson.
- 17—O. M. Leland, Grand Haven.
- 18—J. T. Percival, Port Huron.
- 19—G. A. Martin, South Haven.
- 20—F. J. Baldwin, Coral.
- 21—R. S. Appleton, Detroit.
- 22—Chas Henze, Detroit.
- 23—Thos. McCarthy, Detroit.
- 24—A. E. Smith, Belleville.
- 25—J. J. Spencer, Saginaw, E. S.
- 26—C. S. Forbes, Belleville.
- 27—R. E. Smith, Detroit.
- 28—J. F. Henkel, Detroit.
- 29—Frank Williams, Detroit.
- 30—G. F. Heath, Monroe.
- 31—A. Morisette, Delray.
- 32—C. F. Heyerman, Detroit.
- 33—C. W. Bennett, Detroit.
- 34—E. R. Hasse, Detroit.
- 35—Edwin B. Hill, Detroit.
- 36—Howard Beck, Detroit.
- 37—T. L. W. Porte, Detroit.
- 38—R. M. Spenser, Nordhoff, Cal.
- 39—C. Wesley Price, Plymouth.
- 40—Luther W. Matt, Oswego, N. Y.
- 41—W. B. Evans, Pittsburg, Pa.
- 42—Edward Horenburg, Detroit.
- 43—J. Arthur Wainwright, North
ton, Mass.
- 44—Wallace F. Eyster, Toledo, Oh.
- 45—Jas. Parke, Detroit.

Plea for Second-Class Rate.

Copy of this number will probably go to Washington to be reviewed by Hon. A. D. HAZEN, Third Assistant Postmaster-general.

Reg of Hon. A. D. HAZEN not to say this paper cannot be sent through mails at the above rates.

The paper may be small, its weight and its profit to the government being, but please do not say no.

PUBLISHER.

In the Office of a Modern Stamp Firm.

Any of our readers have probably seen the busy life in the office of the dealer in postage stamps.

St. Louis can boast of four of the most spry and successful dealers in the United States, doing by far the best approval sheet business in the city and with a number of smaller firms following their course will soon be the city foremost as a stamp center. Three monthly, one weekly and an-monthly paper in October represent the ever increasing stamp interests in this City.

Enter one of above stamp offices for the first time, one feels astonished at the systematic manner in which this hitherto insignificant business is conducted.

At first glance several large magnificent fire-proof safes greet the eye of the visitor, wherein is stored the most valuable of the firm's stock, an examination of such an accumulation of stamps would more than surprise the stamp collector.

At promptly at 8 o'clock A. M. all hands are busy with their day's labor, the first mail has arrived, consisting of letters, postal cards, etc., from all parts of the United States and Canada, and if a foreign mail has arrived, it never forgets the stamp collector. The members of the firm, the post-keeper, about six young ladies and a boy all take their respective places in the office. Two young ladies attend to the ordinary wants of the collector and the agent, sending out approval sheets, lists, albums, etc., the others divide their work between assorting newly arrived parcels of stamps, and fastening them with hinges on approval sheets, the stenographer takes her place near the typewriter ready to take down and transcribe the letters dictated to her by one of the firm's members, and within ten minutes after starting this office may be seen for one of a large commercial firm and one of one supplying the wants of stamp collectors. — Stolen from the Stamp Collector's Companion.

FORCED TO THE WALL!

THE MOUND CITY STAMP CO. SWAMPED.

Mismanagement and Limited Knowledge the Cause.

St. Louis, Mo.—The Mound City Stamp Co., that claimed such a broad sweep in the stamp field, has failed, the assets being nothing, the liabilities \$8,000. Incorporated for \$10,000.

Chas. J. Fuelcher, the manager of the company, furnished his extremely limited knowledge of stamps to the concern.

Dr. M. Yarnell, the principal and probably only stockholder, claims to lose \$12,000, which he says he invested because of his confidence in Fuelcher.

The failure may be placed against the management and knowledge of the stamp business.

The stock which was left was sold to Mr. F. W. Miller, of the Miller, McCormick Stamp Co., for \$1,000. The Mound City Stamp Co. owed Mr. Miller \$1,400.

The company owes \$8,000, of which none can be paid. Dr. Yarnell will put up no more money, and as his stock was fully paid up and non-assessable he is not responsible for the debts.

The C. B. Woodward Printing Co. attached the stock of the Miller, McCormick Stamp Co. for \$300, for printing of the Stamp Collectors Companion.

The Companion will be discontinued. This is Fuelcher's second experience in reckoning a stamp company. The first being the American Philatelic Co., in which he was connected. That company wound up its affairs with loss to no one except Mr. W. H. Wienstedt the financial backer.

It is hard to understand how the amount of stock and the indebtedness of nearly \$2000 so quickly disappeared.

Mr. Fuelcher was paid only \$75 per month although he is a married man and has a family to support.

About two weeks ago a firm of this city commenced suit against Schutze & Sanchez of the City of Mexico for \$1500 and attached their account with the Mound City Stamp Co., which had no claim or account with Schutze & Sanchez therefore making their attachment of no effect.

We are heartily sorry to see any such trouble come to a firm as large as this.

* The Columbian Philatelic Society, of Washington, D. C. has appointed the "MICHIGAN PHILATELIST" as its official organ.

We will commence with next number to publish the proceedings of the society.

All communications in regard to the society should be addressed to Fred Ritter, 1523 S. St., Washington, D. C.

A Card.

This paper with this number will contain nothing but articles on philately by a Philatelist.

We also intend to make this paper improve with every number and we would like to receive your subscription or ad.

In order to increase our circulation we will until April 1st receive 7 subscriptions for \$1.00.

PUBLISHER.

Philatelists of Wisconsin.

As it is desirable to have a society in Wisconsin, every collector is invited to send his name to one of the following addresses: H. F. Taube, 884 Kinnickinnic avenue, or Max Penndorf, 258 Fifth street, Milwaukee, Wis. Every collector should help to bring the "Badger" boys together. Come one come all!

Reducing Foreign Postage Rates.

The opinion of postmasters who have expressed themselves on the subject, are unanimous that there is no demand among their patrons who have very extensive correspondence with persons in foreign countries for a reduction of the foreign postage rate to 2 cents; and, having argued, as I have, for a retention of the 2-cent rate on domestic letters for the present, I argue as before, that the foreign rate should not be reduced until the domestic rate is 1 cent. The judgement of the postmasters above referred to is that their patrons do not complain. What is called for is an international stamp, as hitherto pointed out. I think there can be no question that inasmuch as the ratio of persons using the foreign mail service is comparatively small, and inasmuch, too, as a reduction of the domestic rate is not likely at once to be accomplished, a reduction of the foreign rate is not to be thought of now. —Annual Report of Postmaster-General.

Attention! Attention!

An effort is being made to organize an Iowa Philatelic Society, and with that end in view all collectors willing to join the proposed organization are requested to send their names and addresses to the secretary pro tem, Clarence Jackson, Harper, Iowa. The following have signified their intention of joining: C. L. Stanley, Harry McNeil, Jr., C. N. Jackson, E. P. Newcomer, H. L. Ilgenfritz, E. B. Jones and Emil Besser.

Important.

In reply to the article in the Post-Office about all philatelic societies joining or uniting into one National Society, I will say that a better one could not be devised and I think that the help of the prominent philatelist especially "Kenelin," the originator it could be made a success.

I am safe in saying that the prominent philatelist are members of two or more societies and their efforts far exceed what one National Society would.

The benefits are not as much as good as they would be in one society.

As Alrah Davison says:

"The membership of the A. P. is now five hundred and if all unite the membership would jump to a thousand or even more."

What are your views on this?

Let us hear from you personally.

The columns of this monthly are at your disposal to publish your news.

W. F. Dession

A Chance.

The following appeared in the Belleville Michigan Enterprise, a daily paper.

\$50.00 IN GOLD.

We will pay \$50.00 for a Brilliant U. S. postage stamp of 1846 in good condition used or unused. We will also pay 5c per 100 to \$50.00 each for U. S. postage stamps used or unused. We buy all kinds of U. S. postage revenue Stamps for Cash. Let us buy your old correspondence and send you stamps and we will make offer for the stamps and we will make offer for the stamps. Leave the stamps on the original envelope if possible. Smith & Forbes, Drawer 100, Belleville, Michigan.

New.

The fiscal catalogue for Candidates is still under way. It is now that tobacco or spirit stamps are priced.

Stamp Collectors.

We are in receipt of a marked copy of the Evening Express, of Portland, Maine, containing this article:

Stamp Dealers and collectors, you to act as our agents; big profits send 10 cents for outfits; stamps use them. Day & Co., Box 153, Portland, Me.

Why not try them?

HIT AND MISS.

Soup—Mound City Stamp Co.
Stamp Collectors Compan-

ers, an ad. in this paper will pay

you can't do without—Mekeel's

publisher of this paper has some
stamps on sale.

ad agent wanted for this paper.
for particulars.

the Michigan Philatelic Associa-
Dues, 50c per year.

Western Exchange, is a new week-
Central City, Nebraska.

Electric Philatelist is a new pub-
to appear during February.

on another page, how to receive
national Stamp Album FREE.

ad agent for this paper is wanted
town. Write for particulars.

W. Port, of Detroit, has been ill
several days but is around at present.

Percival, of Port Huron, a promi-
philatelist, was in Detroit Febru-

shop, of Le Grange, was in
for three days the fore part of

ists. catalogues or other pub-
will receive worthy notice in

er.

societies are being talked of in
Wisconsin and Fremont, Neb.

to them.

W. Scott is reported to have
imperforate pair of the 5c issue

Costa Rico Cancelled postally.

Q. Pardee has bought out R. E.
this city. Mr. Smith was a live

owing to the lack of time had
out of the race.

J. of A. for January is simply

The principle article is "A
Mexico," relating the experiences

Charles H. Mekeel.

Frank Knolton, of Fremont, Neb.,
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complete. His general collection
best and best in the state.

We will exchange two copies with all
papers devoted to collecting.

The Packet Stamp & Publishing Co.
which advertises most extensively in The
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Co. No reason is given for advertising
under two different names.

The United Association Philatelist is
the name of a new paper from Washing-
ton, D. C. It contains good new stuff, is
errorless and is a pink of neatness.
Although not a large publication the
enterprising editors say they will make
it better every number.

Messrs Crittenden & Hill of this city
announce that on March 15th, 1892, the
Detroit Philatelist, a new monthly, will
appear. Although the above will be
running direct opposition to me, I cor-
dially bid them welcome and hope most
heartily they will make a success.—W.
F. Dessotell.

We would beg to call the attention of
all of our readers to the advertisements
in our journal. You will find them at
the back of reading matter, and by care-
ful perusing the same you will find that
there are a great many special bargains
therein. If you write to any of our ad-
vertisers be kind enough to always men-
tion that you saw their ad. in the MICH-
IGAN PHILATELIST.

Number two of the Husler is out. It
is a decided improvement on number
one. We thank Mr. VanValkenburg
very much for his kind advice, but as we
are not superstitious we will not change
the name but will do all in our power to
make a first-class publication of it, al-
though we did not begin like "The Era,"
P. J. of A., Eastern Philatelist, Empire
State Stamp Journal and several others.

A Simple Receipt.

"Your hard wood floors are always so
exquisitely polished. How do you man-
age to keep them so?"

"I put chamois skin trousers on the
children, and let them play on the floor."
—Harper's Bazar.

Read all the advertise-
ments in this issue.

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Free to Subscribers. Others $\frac{1}{2}$ cent a word.

WANTED. To exchange Foreign Stamps for U. S. Stamps. Common ones not wanted. W. F. Dessotell.

WANTED. Agents to sell stamps from my approval sheets. Send reference. Henry Ades Fowler, 304 Crawford St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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Black List.

C. W. Woodsworth, several addresses and aliases.

Frederick Sayles, formerly of Fitchburg, Mass. Now of -----

C. H. Cooper, Westerville, Ohio.

Charles Christmas, Grand Haven, Mich.

Given Up

The Mound City Stamp Co. has failed owing to the mismanagement and extremely limited knowledge of the business. Assets nothing. Liabilities \$8,000. Incorporated \$8,000.

An Offer.

We offer until April 1, 1892, to all persons securing 20 new subscribers to this paper a Tenth Edition of Scott's International Album FREE.

Regular price, \$1.50. Write for particulars, inclosing stamp for reply.

PUBLISHER.

Dealers' Directory.

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- " 1870, 2c brown, grilled
- " 1870, 3c green, grilled
- *Confederate States, 1861, 5c green.....
- *Chili, entire envelope, 1872, 10c blue, W. P
- * " " 1872, 15c pink, W. P
- * " " 1872, 20c green W. P
- * " " 1872, 20c green, bl. P
- Great Britain, I. R. official, 1882, ½ d. green
- " " " 1885, ½ d. slate
- Mexico 1888, 10c lilac, on ruled paper.....
- " 1887, official, brown.....
- * " 1888, official seal, brown
- *Phillipine Islands 1890, ½c brown
- * " " 1890, 1 m, dark violet
- * " " 1890, 8c yellow green.....

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No. 3.

A New Stamp Album

In our pages will be found an advertisement of the "Unique Postage Stamp Album," which we had intended to review in our last number but loss of space at the last moment prevented.

This album has been brought before the collectors by Henry Gremmel, and to our mind it will fill what has hitherto been a void.

Many collectors have been asking for a blank album that could be bought at a moderate price, those on the market being too costly for many.

To them the "Unique" album will be a boon, as it is not only moderate in price, but has points in which it excels any other.

The pages consist of sheets of flexible cardboard of any color, these being bent in the center, and then held in the cover by means of a wire fastener running through three mental loops.

His Name is Mud.

A. B. Quigly, alias Frankfort Stamp Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., alias A. Burmester of Newark, N. J., was arrested on the 20th of January, and held in \$1,000.00 bail, he will be tried by the U. S. District Court, at Trenton, N. J., on April 21st. All collectors and dealers who have been swindled by the above mentioned A. B. Quigly should send in their affidavit to the post office inspector at Trenton, N. J. post office.

President's Message.

So. AMBOY, N. J., Jan. 11, '92.

To the Members of the Sons of Philatelia:

GREETING:—Unexpectedly and unsolicited you have elected me as President of your noble society. You will please accept my thanks for your kind appreciation of my ability by electing me to the highest office within your gifts.

By accepting the responsibility of this office, I shall endeavor to build up to a higher standard the Sons of Philatelia. But I shall need the assistance of every officer and member to assist me in these efforts.

Let us recruit our ranks by enrolling every honest and earnest collector in our ranks for "In number there is power." If we work in unison and with care we

will soon secure a membership second to no Philatelic society in the world. If every member will put his shoulder to the wheel we will have a society which will not only be a power of strength, but a society which we will be proud of, at the end of 1892. Trusting that you will give me your support, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

J. D. BARTLETT, Pres.

A Gay Time.

Salads, fruits, imported drinking water, turkey and Havana cigars reigned.

NEW YORK, January 26.—The Philatelic Society of New York, held a reception at their club rooms, 25 Ann St. last evening in honor of their first anniversary. Besides its own members, members of all Metropolitan societies were united. Messrs. J. Walter Scott, Henry Clotz and Chas. Gregory constituted the reception committee. The committee made liberal provision for the entertainment of the guests. The repast consisted of salads, turkey, fruits and many other delicacies, the most important of which was *Imported Drinking Water* and *Havana cigars*.

New York Philatelists are right in for gay times, this being the third one within a few months.

Where! Oh! Where! is Detroit?

Young, But Oh My.

A young but a more prosperous and stronger society for its age than the Columbian Philatelic Society can not be found. It has a fine library, a good exchange department, an honest set of officers, a good official organ and the dues are but fifty cents per year. Mr. Frederick Ritter, the secretary of the society, you will find is a very pleasing young gentleman to correspond with in regard to any questions about the society. You will also find Mr. A. Sydney Bayles, the President, equally as pleasing.

Each member tries to get a new member, therefore increasing the membership of the society.

I would say to the collector and dealer whether young or old to join the C. P. S. It is beneficial, it is cheap, it is a refined society from beginning to end.

Join! join! join immediately.

PHIL A. TE'LIST.

Columbian Philatelic Society.

PRESIDENT—A. S. Bayles.
SECRETARY—F. Ritter.
TREASURER—H. Norwood.
LIBRARIAN—D. A. Tracy.
EX. SUPT.—Chas. Burnham.

MINUTES.

The last regular monthly meeting of the Columbian Philatelic Society was held at the residence of A. T. Nyman on Friday, February 26. The meeting was opened promptly at 7:30 p. m., with President Bayles in the chair. The members present were as follows: Messrs. Bayles, Norwood, Tracy, Samborn, Perkins, Robinson, Butterfield, Barker and Ritter. The minutes of the preceding meeting were first read and approved, after which the applications received for membership since the last meeting were considered. President Bayles then read an interesting article from one of the current philatelic papers. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the members and from it many useful hints were obtained. After the settling of several business transactions the members began their exchanges. At 9 o'clock the society adjourned.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It being the duty of all officers of the Columbian Philatelic Society to give a report of the work of their respective departments at the close of each month, I have collected together the following facts, which I respectfully submit to the members of this society.

No. meetings held, 4.
No. new members, 12.
Total membership, 20.
Average attendance, 9.
No. new papers received, 139.
Total amount in library, 200.
Amount money received, \$2.75.
Amount money expended, \$3.39.

The above record of new members shows an increase of over 60 per cent. on that of last month. The society in all of its departments is doing well and from the improvement since the last month may look forward to a future of great prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,
F. RITTER, Secretary.

INFORMATION.

The Columbian Philatelic Society was reorganized on the first of December, 1891, at which time the present officers were elected. It was decided to reduce the dues until May 1, 1892, to 25 cents per year. This includes that every member shall receive free our official organ, and after a payment of ten cents shall have the free use of the library. This fee does not have to be renewed at the expiration of a year's mem-

bership. Send in your dues now and become a member while you can do so at a reduction. Greatest advantages to both dealer and collector by joining this society. The badges of the club are to be had by sending ten cents to the President or Secretary.

For further information and library rules address the secretary,

F. RITTER,
1523 S. St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

Baking Powder.

From the "Era."

A new brand of baking powder, called the "Postage," bears on the label a representation of the current 2c postage stamp of the United States in the correct color. According to the law prohibiting printing of cuts of United States stamps and coins this label should be suppressed. I wonder if any action will be taken. The Garland Stove Company was recently enjoined to cease the display of its pictures of United States twenty dollar gold pieces, and I fear the baking powder label will meet the fate of the gold coin posters.

There is no telling what our government will do, however. I remember one novelty in advertising which was circulated quite extensively not long ago. It was a lithographed card representing a letter. On one corner was pictured a current stamp, while from the other corner protruded a photograph and a lock of hair, tokens of some one's affection. The address was "U. R. Suretofind." The advertisement of a well known firm appeared on the back of the card.

WELL KNOWN.

Mr. Alvah Davidson is Considered the
Best Known Writer of Philatelic World.

Alvah Davidson, whom we consider the most prolific philatelic writer of the day, has just copyrighted and issued a neat little pamphlet, entitled "Stamp Collecting." The title page further states that it is "the most fascinating pursuit in the world," and this little book tells "its object, its benefits, its pleasures," and "How to collect, from the beginning, up." The benefits which Philately will receive from the publication of a work like this cannot well be estimated now, but we feel sure that many will date their knowledge of this subject from their first perusal of it.—H. E. Deats, in *The Jerseyman*.

Notice.

The publishers of this paper would like a good agent and correspondent. One that is willing to work. No other need answer.

STORIES ABOUT STAMPS.

SOME CRANK COLLECTORS CHEAT AND SWINDLE.

Collectors are Few Now But Their Collections are Worth Thousands—Some Stamps Bring \$50—It is a Mania That Leads to Dishonesty.

(Concluded from last number.)

But in canceling the regular stamps the halves were also canceled and post-marked, thus showing that they had been through the postoffice. That was all I wanted. I tore the halves off the letters and sent them, with a great portion of the envelopes, to foreign dealers. Of course I was careful that there should be no remains of the regular stamps on the envelopes. The cancellation could not be disputed and the stamps were accepted as great rarities. I cleared quite a little by the scheme.

"The United States government, you may know, issues what are known as newspaper stamps. These stamps, which are large oblong ones, are not sold to the public, but are simply used in the postoffice to keep track of the number of pounds of newspapers and periodicals mailed in bulk. For instance if 1,000 copies of the Michigan Philatelist are to be mailed they are taken to the postoffice and weighed and postage is paid according to the number of pounds—say 100. The clerk takes newspaper stamps representing 100 pounds and pastes them in a blank book, which, when it is filled, contains stamps representing, say, 10,000 pounds. No stamps are placed on the single newspapers. The filled stamp books are forwarded to Washington, where they are credited to the office sending them. The latter office has to send on the amount of cash taken in for these stamps. In this way a complete record is kept without the trouble of putting stamps on single papers.

"Well the law forbids the sale of these newspaper stamps, which, consequently, are rare specimens. I always made it a point, when in a small town or village, to call at the postoffice and ask for some newspaper stamps. But everywhere the postmasters seem pretty well posted on the law and declined to sell me any stamps. At last one day while on a trip to Chicago I got off the train at a small town and went to the postoffice. I asked the postmaster for some newspaper stamps.

"Be you from Greenville?" he inquired in response to my request. I did not see what Greenville had to do with it,

but thought I had better assent. So I said, 'Yes.'

"'Well, then, it's all right,' he replied. He then sold me all the newspaper stamps he had in stock—some \$15 worth. I felt a little worried about the stamps and took the next train for Chicago. About a month later another collector stepped off at the same town and asked for newspaper stamps.

"'I was nearly arrested,' he told me afterward. 'The postmaster told me that some time ago a chap came in, said that he was from Greenville and bought all the newspaper stamps they had.'

'It seems that Greenville postoffice generally buys its newspaper stamps from this other office. The postmaster evidently thought I was acting for the Greenville postoffice. He had considerable trouble in explaining the affair to the department', and for some time the officers were trying to find who 'worked' the office. But they never got on my trail. I sold the stamps and cleared some \$60.

"Schemes like that are worked by collectors and dealers all the time. About three years ago the American news exchange, a Cincinnati return letter agency, got out a lot of handsomely engraved stamps which were to be pasted on regular letters. If the letters did not reach their destination they were returned to the exchange and then to the owner. There was no sense or advantage in the scheme, but quite a number of stamps were sold to large firms at \$1 per 1,000. Through a business man I got 500 of these stamps, which were unheard of among collectors. At that time I corresponded with a large number of collectors, and sent them any rare duplicate stamps I had on approval. Well, I put about 100 of the worthless stamps on different approved sheets and marked them from 50 cents to \$7 apiece, according to the parties to whom I was sending the sheets. A good many collectors supposed them rarities of United States locals and purchased them. I sold about \$90 worth of these stamps, and I suppose that to this day the collectors who bought them think they are fine specimens. Fraud? Oh, no, that wasn't fraud. It was just improving one's opportunities."

"What are large collections of stamps worth?"

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The "Stamp World" is to enlarge and
improve soon.

American Collector is a new monthly.
Best success to it.

The Union Stamp Co., of this city, has
started up again.

The Wayne Stamp Co., of Detroit, is a
new stamp company.

The M. P. A. have some very fine look-
ing exchange sheets.

A. H. Crittenden has moved. See ad.
in another part of paper.

Mr. C. F. Hayeman has just imported
some fine stamps from Hayti.

Another Directory to be issued, this
time by the J. W. Scott Co., L'td.

Mr. R. E. Smith will go back to deal-
ing before the World's Fair time.

We thank Mr. Conrath for a price-list
of stamps for sale by his company.

For want of space several articles were
crowded out, but will appear next month.

Chas. Christmas, of Grand Haven,
Mich., has settled his accounts in full.
Sensible boy.

The P. J. of A. is at hand and is still at
the head of the line, with the "Era"
close at its heels.

A. R. Rogers' photograph exhibition at
the World's Fair will be one of the lead-
ing features of the fair.

The Sons of Philately have a member-
ship of 168, with about 25 new applicants
monthly. This is hustling.

Mr. Tuhn received an unmerciful
scorching, as did also myself, in the Phi-
latic Hus'ler. Such is life!

The Era is at hand and as usual is
very finely printed, contains interesting
articles and plenty of advertising.

Deats & Sterling dissolved partner-
ship the 12th inst. Mr. Sterling will con-
tinue the business at the old stand.

Hus'ler No. 3 is out and is improving
each issue. Hope it will continue, but
do not strike so hard on this paper.

We are greatly indebted to the S. B.
Bradt Co. for a copy of the 5th Auction
Sale catalogue, also a copy of the Stamp
News.

Mr. G. W. Green's Philatelic Fraud
Reporter is at hand, and is full of frauds.
Among the losers are two firms from this
state.

The Chicago Philatelic Society are
without an official organ. Here is a
chance for some good paper, or a new
paper, to start up in the society.

The "Post Office" is at hand. It is
well printed and contains several fine ar-
ticles. Mr. A. Davison, the noted writer,
is editor, Henry Gremmel manager.

FOR EVERYBODY.

Special to Advertisers.

The MICHIGAN PHILATELIST for April
is to be a "scorcher," and is to be enlarged.
In order to go to this expense we
must have ads. We will circulate 1000
copies. Besides advertising, it will con-
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ada and Mexico is 20c. To all other
countries, 40c.

An Honest Confession is Good for the Soul.

This rather antique saying is remarkably exemplified in a letter just received from Ivy L. Lee, Atlanta, Ga.

In the publication of this letter we feel that it should be a warning to the many unsophisticated youths that are so frequently found tampering with legitimate business in such a manner as to bring dishonor and contempt upon themselves and disgrace to their friends.

We can but commend the straightforward way in which young Lee makes this explanation, and we believe his new resolutions will be carried out as he so emphatically declares they will.

Atlanta, Ga., February 20, 1892.
Editor Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

MY DEAR SIR—It may be interesting and profitable to the readers of your Weekly to hear my side of the unfortunate circumstances with which I have been connected during the past year.

I had been collecting for some time and had been receiving sheets from the Batchelder Stamp Co., St. Louis. They gave way to the "Standard" while I had some of their sheets in my possession. They were the first stamp dealers with whom I had had any connection. In a few weeks after answering their advertisement, I saw advertisements of other firms in the Youth's Companion. I had never seen a stamp paper up to January 1, 1891, and thus my dealings had always been very limited. Somewhere about that time I wrote to every dealer whose name I could find for sheets. Their sheets containing a large number of stamps which I did not have, I appropriated them to my own collection and exchanged others in their places.

I never knew what course dealers would pursue if you did not return their sheets, and without thoughts of the consequences I wrote for another big lot afterward. These contained a great many more stamps I did not have. I became such an enthusiast that I experienced an uncontrollable desire to have a large collection. Having many good and responsible friends, by their recommendations I frequently obtained very rare lots of stamps.

Well, in April I organized my society, and, of course, this gave me a good send-off among collectors, and I still received more sheets. Then I encountered the longing desire which every collector at some time or other has, of being a dealer. I naturally had a large amount of stamps on hand, and buying some blank sheets I sent the Philatelic Journal of America an exchange notice. This brought me a

large number of answers, and thinking that every paper would pay likewise, I began to advertise promiscuously.

As I expected to have a very large trade from such advertising I made several time accounts and secured a large amount of goods.

Then my business began to grow dull, I was threatened with every imaginable penalty, I was attacked "without gloves" from every quarter. I did not know what to do. My father being a minister of the Gospel and a man of small means, I hated to go to him with my troubles. I was tempted to do anything. This state of things will explain my sending out fraudulent checks.

I will always regret these unfortunate circumstances, because as "Guide Fawkes" in last week's Weekly says I was "honest at heart."

I will always feel an obligation to those who acted so kindly toward me in my trouble. Will you permit me to mention the kindness of Messrs. Kirtland, of New York, Bruce, of Hartford, and Kaufman, of Jefferson Barracks. I think the stamp business will always be honored by the possession of such men as these. My father and myself will always feel under obligations to them.

Well, I have had an unusual experience, and one through which one rarely passes without landing into jail. But let my experience be a warning to other boys; let them always try to confine themselves within their means, and never order too many sheets, as the temptation is very great to appropriate for your own use.

I am now not a collector nor dealer. I now think I have settled with every one of my creditors. Never allow yourselves to be led too far by the liberal time offers of dealers, and always pay cash for what you buy, or don't buy it.

Thanking you for your kindness in giving me space, as you have given so much room for things detrimental to me, I will always be obliged for this letter in my favor.

Yours very respectfully

IVY L. LEE.

An Offer.

We offer until May 15, 1892, to all persons securing 25 new subscribers to this paper a Tenth Edition of Scott's International Album FREE.

Regular price, \$1.50. Write for particulars, inclosing stamp for reply.

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New.

Edwin B. Hill and A. H. Crittenden have put their heads together and will continue business under the head of the Crittenden-Hill Stamp Co. SUCCESS TO THEM.

PUBLISHER.

Twin City Philatelic Society of Pittsburg.

The regular meeting of the Twin City Philatelic Society was held at their room 49 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., February 17, 1892, with President Rode in the chair.

There were present at roll call Messrs. Rode, Sermin, Kirk, Vowinkle, Doebelin and Neessner; Messrs. Diesch and Buckholz as visitors. Mr. Diesch was afterwards elected as resident member, and Mr. R. C. Buckholz was proposed for membership by Mr. Doebelin.

Messrs. Vowinkle and Neessner were appointed to visit philatelists in the city not members of the society, with the view of having them become members.

"Mekeel's Address Book" came to hand, and all members are very much pleased with its appearance.

Mr. G. W. Rhode had his collection of foreign stamps on exhibition. Among this collection there were some fine specimens and it was very interesting.

Mr. Ferd. Sermin will have his collection on exhibition at the next meeting, which will be held at their room, 49 Fifth avenue, Wednesday evening, March 16, 1892.

For information in regard to the society, address C. Vonwinkle, Jr., secretary Potter street, E. E. Pittsburg, Pa.

Delay.

A serious accident having come upon us delayed this number about two weeks. Our April number will be a fine issue, and will contain a biography of a prominent collector, which was to appear this month.

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Neat Auction Sale Catalogue.

A very neat auction sale catalogue was sent us from The Universal Stamp Co., of St. Louis, Mo. Some fine stamps are offered to the highest bidder. Send stamp for one.

Any collector receiving a sample copy of this issue, and desiring to see the best number we have published, should subscribe now, and get the April number.

Notice.

Everyone subscribing to the MICHIGAN PHILATELIST through me will receive a large bundle of reading matter free. O. H. MEYER, 422 S. Ninth Street, Saginaw E. S., Mich. marlyr

Black List.

This column is devoted to the exposure of *Frauds*. Dealers, send in your *Frauds*. Frederick K. Sayles, Fitchburg, Mass. C. H. Cooper, Westerville, Ohio. Chester Goodwin, Reading, Mass.

RESIGNATIONS.

Too Many for a Young Society.

The Detroit Philatelic Society, although but four months old, has received eight resignations. They are

- 1—C. T. Heyerman.
- 2—A. M. Girardin.
- 3—J. F. Miller.
- 4—H. W. Boers.
- 5—T. L. W. Porta.
- 6—Frank William.
- 7—Albert Morissette.
- 8—Russell E. Smith.

Members, members, do not send in any more resignations. Please don't! We are paying 50 cents a month now, do not force us to pay any more.

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" " " " " 1 d. lilac.....	.02
" " " " " '85, 1/2 d. slate.....	.07
Hayti, 1891-1 to 7c., 5 var. complete.....	.20
Heligoland, wrappers, 3 var. complete.....	.06
Hungary, 1888, 1 to 50 k. 7 var.....	.10
*Mexico, 1864, 4 var. complete.....	.10
*Mexico, 1872, 6c to 100c unsp., 5 var.....	.25
Sweden, official, 11 var. complete.....	.15
Sweden, unpaid 10 var. complete.....	.15
United States, 1870, 1c blue, grilled.....	.15
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PARENTS.

Guardians and Teachers Should Encourage Stamp Collecting.

Parents, guardians and teachers should encourage and assist the youths in their charge, to collect and accumulate stamps. Girls, as well as boys should become collectors, and though vastly the greater proportion of the latter are already in the field, there are also many enthusiastic collectors among the former.

This is always a fascinating pastime; especially when communities exchange views, talk over their successes, vie with each other in perfecting their collections and in mounting their stamps in handsome and artistic style.

It is related that every inhabitant in an English hamlet were seized with the "stamp collecting mania," music, cards and games of all kinds yielded to Philately. Old and young collected, studied and discussed "stamps," and wagered on their genuineness, when a doubt was expressed. It is stated that lovers and sweethearts almost quarreled with each other over doubtful questions arising in the discussion of this momentous subject.

It is an innocent and instructive diversion, and while we do not desire to make whole communities wild on stamps, we would recommend it as a highly instructive and valuable occupation for young people, at some period of their lives, to make a collection.

One might present a mercenary view of the subject, and say, what is undoubtedly true, that "rare stamps are continually increasing in value," so are many of the old varieties of all countries, especially those of the United States.

A collection made in early life, laid to one side or forgotten, and found in later life, will have increased greatly in value, in fact, at a more rapid ratio than money at interest, and if not sacrificed, will

bring a handsome percentage on its original cost. But it is not from this standpoint that we recommend this pursuit; it is from the educational advantages that are necessarily connected with it. In searching for and securing certain stamps our curiosity is aroused, and we naturally inquire into, and study their peculiar characteristics. They may tell us of wars, of the rise, decline and fall of Governments, of Presidents, Emperors, Kings and Princes, or great families, of political intrigues, assassinations and suicides. They are in fact, an incentive to biographic and historic research. We have in these little stamps emblems of the "mutability of all human affairs." We have histories of great nations stamped on minute pieces of paper; we have works so small that we study them with microscopic eye-glasses; we have the conceptions of those high in power of the various countries represented—the face, the characteristics, the most striking scenery, is often depicted; the taste, the mode of thought and the ideas of the times; the people, the country and the character of their Government and rulers, and the different stages of civilization. By those means we learn their history and that of their contemporaries, which is often romantic, sad and exciting—the stamps themselves, in many respects, having an interesting history.

Let your youths then study Philately.

Chas. W. Greening.

Mr. Chas. W. Greening, a well known New York dealer has sold his entire business together with the good will of it to the *Fordham Stamp Co.*, who will fill the orders and carry on the business as well as its former owner.

Mr. Greening with Mr. R. P. Spooner are publishing the *New York Stamp*.

What do you think of this number?

Columbian Philatelic Society.

PRESIDENT—A. S. Bayles.
SECRETARY—F. Ritter.
TREASURER—H. Norwood.
LIBRARIAN—D. A. Tracy.
EX-SUPT.—Chas. Burnham.

MINUTES.

The last meeting of the C. P. S. was held March 25th at the residence of Mr. E. E. Butterfield. President Bayles being absent Vice-president Barker took the chair. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. with an attendance of twelve. The minutes were first read and approved, after which the report of the committee on by-laws was given. Several bills were then introduced by the members, all of which were properly recorded. The new applications for membership were next considered after which the exchanging was commenced. At 9 o'clock p. m. the meeting adjourned.

FRED RITTER,
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Royal "Cranks"

The late Duke of Edinburgh was an enthusiastic collector and a member of the Philatelic Society of London.

Alexander Czar of Russia is an ardent collector of stamps and birds eggs.

The Prince Regent, of Bavaria, has a large collection of beetles—the most complete in Germany—and is also an observer of the habits of ants, flies, moths, etc.

The King of Rumania has a large and valuable collection of autographs.

Prince George, the heir presumptive to the throne of England, is a stamp collector, having the largest collection in that country, excluding that of the late Mr. Tapling, now in the British Museum.—Hoosier Stamp.

The New York Stamp.

The two well known New York dealers F. W. Greer and R. P. Spooner have started a new philatelic journal called the *New York Stamp*. It contains 12 pages and cover, and the articles are of the best. It is ably edited by Ralph P. Spooner and is well worth the price asked. Only 25 cents per year. The publishers of this paper can, by the permission of the *New York Stamp*, offer this paper with theirs for thirty five (35) cents per year.

Sons of Philatelia.

The growth of the S. of P. has truly been marvelous; from a small insignificant society a year ago, it has grown to be the second largest Philatelia Society in the U. S., having at this date (March 2,) 186 members.

The benefits of this Society are as large, if not larger, than most societies. viz: Ex. Dept., Monthly Auction Sales, Purchasing Agency, Collecting Bureau, (for collecting of bad debts,) and a Philatelic Library, all of which are conducted by experienced philatelists. While offering special inducements to beginners, we will endeavor to make it profitable to *any* collector, however advanced, to become a member.

Any honest collector can become a member of this society. Initiation fee 5 cents. Dues, 25 cents per year. R. M. Miller, Sec'y, New Chester, Pa.—Hoosier Stamp.

A New Society.

We are requested to announce that a philatelic society has been organized in Nashville Tenn., and will be called the Rock City Philatelic Society. The secretary is Mr. A. F. Weidenbacker, No. 168 North Cherry street, Nashville, who will be pleased to hear from any who wish to join. We hope this society will meet with success as so many do not. [Ed.]

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Wake up. Advertise.

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Society Notes.

Under this heading we wish to publish accounts of all stamp societies. We should like to receive reports from the various secretaries. It must be distinctly understood that we will not publish the minutes of any society.

Stamp Collectors.

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There is little response to Alvah Davison's articles on a National Society. What's the matter with the Philatelic Press? The columns of this paper are open for discussion.

The Detroit Philatelist, which was to appear on March 15, is now ready. It is well printed and ably edited by A. H. Crittenden. Mr. Crittenden does not think THIS PAPER a welcome visitor.

Correspondents Column.

This column will be held open for the free discussion of any question that may arise, relating to stamps and stamp collecting, and our patrons are kindly requested to make liberal use of this department. The right to reject any article is reserved by the publisher. Patronize this department.

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For want of space several small articles were crowded out but will appear next month.

The P. J. of A. is at hand and is still at the head of the line, with the "Era" close at its heels.

We are in receipt of a paper entitled, *The Hoosier Stamp*. It is well printed and contains several good articles.

We are indebted to The S. B. Bradt Co., for a copy of the sixth sale of stamps and a copy of the *Chicago Stamp News*.

We wish to thank H. F. Dunkhorst, of Washington, D. C., for his March price-list. It contains many fine bargains.

We are in receipt of "Our Calendar" edited by H. P. Boyle, of Washington, who bought out the Western Philatelic agency.

Mekeel's Weekly has at last raised the advertising rates. Not to dictate Mr. Mekeel, but I think this ought to have been done long ago.

The Mound City Stamp Co., it is said, gained much notoriety by advertising in the street cars. This is rather an expensive mode of advertising, but it is a sure way.

The advantage which the reduction of postage from 2c to 1c an ounce would give the stamp dealer, can hardly be comprehended, and through persistent agitation of this question we may gain our point.

We shall be glad to exchange either one or two copies with any publication devoted to collecting. Books, pamphlets, etc., relating to stamps which may be sent us will receive proper notice in these columns.

Mr. R. E. Smith for some years a dealer and collector in this city announces a *Fraud* paper to appear sometime in September. Mr. Smith has five months to get the first number out and I trust it will be a good one.

The *New York Recorder* stated that the adhesive postage stamp was invented in 1834 by a man named *Chalmers* of Dundee. A great deal of discussion has arisen of late as to whether he was the inventor or not. His son *Patrick*

Do you not think this paper is worth 20 cents per year?

The *Philatelic Era* at hand, bright and newsy as ever.

The M. P. A. have some very fine looking exchange sheets.

We have not seen the *Husler* this month. Where is it?

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A. H. Crittenden has moved. See ad. in another part of this paper.

Collectors would do well to subscribe to the MICHIGAN PHILATELIST.

A mistake occurred in last number, Mr. Luhn's name was spelled Tuhn.

Mr. G. W. Green's Philatelic Fraud Reporter is at hand, and is full of frauds.

Advertisers will find that an ad in this paper will pay. Try one and see for yourself.

The Stamp Echo from Central City, Neb., is a new one to be started. Success to it.

Every philatelist should have the *Fraud Reporter* sent to them regularly in order to keep posted on the "Dishonest" side of Philately, which this magazine gives faultlessly.

WASHINGTON D. C.

Notes.

Another paper from this city, an 8 page and cover monthly, termed the *Washington Philatelist*.

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Washington now has for dealers, four or five amateur dealers, 1000 collectors and a society of nearly 30 "paid up" members.

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The collectors here are wondering at the non-appearance of the paper which Mr. H. P. Boyle was to publish on February 15.

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None of our friends of other cities have been to see us. Are we too much out of the way?

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The Postal Museum is making "slow but sure" progress.

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I have received a note stating that the "Patomac Stamp Co." has been formed for the purpose of sending out sheets only.

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The managers of the above are two reliable gentlemen of Washington, Mr. A. S. Bayles and Mr. Fred Ritter, president and secretary of the C. P. S. respectively.

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I notice by the Eastern Philatelist that Mr. Boyle has purchased the Western Philatelic Agency. He is reliable and will succeed.

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And now ending for this month I will say, Don't pass us by without making us a call even if it is short.

WASHINGTONIAN.

"The Philatelic Tribune" now in its 7th year is one of our newest contemporaries, F. J. Stanton, editor.

Mr. Herman Boers, of this city, has just sold his fine large collection of United States and Foreign Stamps to Mr. A. H. Crittenden. The terms of the sale are private. Mr. Crittenden also purchased the collection of U. S. stamps owned by Farrand H. Borgman, editor and publisher of the Youth's Effort.

I notice that the *Eagle Philatelist* stated that they hoped the *Detroit Philatelist* would be good as nothing that ever amounted to anything has ever come from Michigan. Now, Bro. Swanbeck, I will show you differently although the *Detroit Philatelist* is to be a "daisy" the MICHIGAN PHILATELIST is to be still better, and then I hope Brother, you will take that back.

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8. THAT it is only 20 cents per year.

9. THAT that the advertising rates are low.

10. THAT it has a circulation of 1,000.

11. THAT we have stamps that we should return and that THE MICHIGAN PHILATELIST has a free advertising department which it will use liberally.

12. THAT we should not substitute other stamps for ones that do not belong to us and that we will be caught sooner or later.

13. THAT advertising is the best way to make yourself and business known.

14. THAT the publisher is giving away premiums.

15. THAT "Honesty is the best policy" in every business. No exception; not even stamp business.

P. O. STAGE.

"The "Era" for April has come to light". "And it is out of sight."

Removal.

The removal of this paper to 63 Bagg Street has delayed us one month but we will catch up for the June number.

We announced that we would enlarge with this number, but it being impossible will do the enlarging with the June Number.

Advertising rates will remain as will be found in another part of the paper.

Late News.

The "Post Office" for April received contains fine articles and portraits of A. Davison and Henry Grenel. Fine typographically.

"The Curio" received, it is a four page paper fairly printed, 2½ pages of ads and 1½ pages of reading matter. Leaded.

The biography of C. Frederic Heyeman, one of Detroit's most enthusiastic collectors has been crowded out of two numbers but will positively appear next number. For the next number we have several good stories especially "The Stamp Act" by Washingtonian.

P. O. STAGE.

Frauds! Frauds!

THE MICHIGAN PHILATELIST will have a department for frauds, carried on in much the same plan as G. W. Green carries on his paper.

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“ “ “ “ “ '85, 1/2 d. slate.....	.07
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Hayti, 1891-1 to 7c., 5 var. complete.....	.20
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*Honduras 1878 7 var. complete.....	.35
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Hungary, 1888, 1 to 50 k. 7 var.....	.10
*Mexico 1864, 4 var. complete.....	.10
*Mexico 1872, 6c to 100c unpa., 5 var.....	.25
*Nicaragua 1890 10 var. complete.....	.45
*Salvador 1890 9 var. complete.....	.35
Sweden, official, 11 var. complete.....	.15
Sweden, unpaid, 10 var. complete.....	.15
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