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## RECENT DISCOVERIES.

### ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

There seems to be a number of varieties from this country which bear very distinct differences.

The common  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. ultramarine of the 1889 issue appears finely printed in a light color. The stamp in general is a neat affair.

The variety of this stamp I will describe as follows. Its color is much darker blue than the latter and the letters around and over the head within are very ragged and irregular. The difference in these two stamps is great enough for the latter to be catalogued as is the case with the varieties following.

The next stamp to be compared is a variety of the 5 cent, 1890 issue.

The variety appears in a beautiful carmine. The letters as in the case of the latter variety are ragged and irregular; otherwise I find no difference.

I also have a variety of the two cent violet, 1890 issue, the color being blue instead of purple.

### NICARAGUA.

From this country I have a variety of the five centavos blue, 1882 issue.

This stamp is printed on light blue paper instead of white paper as is the case of the common one. Otherwise it is the same.

### COSTA RICA.

I recently purchased a  $\frac{1}{2}$  r. 1863, which instead of having a background of blue, it had one of white, it not being printed where the background should appear. The color is much lighter than common one and the perforation is very poor, and strange to say, the postmark indicates that it was mailed in Liberia, Africa.

### UNITED STATES.

The 5 cent 1890, can be found with both cross and straight lines.

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Mr. W. G. Mullen, of Madelia, Minn. whose "ad." appears on another page some of the best stamps on approval I ever seen. You should not fail to send a selection.

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:: SHADES. ::

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≡ By Col. Lector. ≡

Some time ago a collector here purchased a number of two cent vermilion issued in 1875, (Die C). By looking at a few another collector who was better acquainted with envelope stamps found five of the pink ones for which he offered five cents each. He at once sold them as it covered the cost of all he purchased. Later we find them catalogued in Albrecht's at \$5.00 each. The five stamps valued at 25.00 were sold for twenty-cents. We advise all collectors to keep up to the times with envelope stamps.

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The Bristol County Philatelic Society organized a short time ago is meeting with grand success. The Exchange Department is in running order under the management of Mr. L. H. Benton. For particulars address: Mr. A. H. Wood,

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STAMP COLLECTING.

It is becoming a popular freak for many of the magazines and papers to print articles about stamps, stamp collecting etc. I recently read an interesting article in The Watchman, published at Boston, Mass., from which I will give a few statements.

"It is estimated that there are 5,000,000 ardent collectors of postage stamps in the world," is a statement which I have never seen in print before, although it may have been.

"The most valuable stamp is worth \$1500. and only six of them are known to exist. This is the provisional stamp issued by the P. O. at Millbury, Mass., and consists of a frightful representation of Washington's head in a circle.

The next is that rare stamp which is the cause of the numerous "dreamy" stories which have recently appeared in nearly all of our philatelic papers - that Brattonboro. It says that it is worth \$600.

"One issued by the Hawaiian government in 1851, the two cent stamp of that date printed on white paper in blue ink

is very scarce, and brings from \$700. to \$800."

Of Mr. Ferrary's collection it says: "Mr. M. de Ferrary of Paris has a collection valued by experts as worth nearly three quarters of a million dollars. The gem is a tiny scrap of red paper issued by the P. O. of British Guiana in 1856 valued at \$2000. and is the only one of this issue now existing."

"The trade in postage stamps is enormous. Two hundred magazines entirely devoted to philately and over one thousand brokers all over the world are making a good income by the sale of stamps. Auctions occur often."

The article "winds up" with our Columbian stamps, stating that there were over \$200,000. worth sold before coming from press.

Teacher: Johnny. What did Columbus discover on his first voyage?

Johnny: A way to produce a full beard in twelve hours.

Cape of Good Hope first issued stamps in 1853. This was the triangular issue which now bring good prices.

## NOTES ETC.

Kissingers Philatelic Postal Card has appeared, and takes the place of the Philatelic Postal Card. It is 4 pages now, being in the form of the new reply card. Not much news in it, it being almost entirely filled with the editors kicks, etc. By the way, Mr. K. wasn't it by a suggestion sent by me that you issued your paper in this form.

Too many blank pages in the Chicago Philatelist.

C. L. Moreau of New York announces his third sale for March 17 th. It contains some good U. S. stamps.

One of the cleverest little papers that has reached me is the Collector's Press, of Malden. Neatly printed, it is filled with articles and notes of interest, which show the editor to be a critic. His notes on the prices of U. S. stamps (Philatelic Forage) is a particularly strong article.

Italy has issued for its only foreign possession, Eritrea, a set of stamps, postal and letter cards. They are the regular Italian stamps surcharged in black with the name of the colony, which is on the coast of Africa.

The first Dutch auction sale was held in Rotterdam Feb., 2 to 10 and consisted of 1462 lots and whenever a lot consists of more than one stamp, each individual specimen is sold by itself, no matter how common the specimen may be.

The Panama Postmaster announces that the stamps of Panama have not been surcharged the department and that all surcharged stamps are unauthentic and valueless.

Sellschopp & Co., hold their fifth annual sale of stamps March 18, 1898, consists of 438 lots.

Geo. W. Archard is trying to re-organize the Philatelic Press Association. The Philatelic Editors should give him their support as it would no doubt be a great benefit to philately in general.

The 10 cent Special Delivery stamp with its new color is a beauty, in fact, with it is the prettiest of the current set. The Columbian set of stamps is the finest and most beautiful set of stamps ever issued and we hope the envelopes will be in line with the others.

The American Philatelic Association now has 415 paid up members and 100 applications and is once more on the move. Secretary Walton has just issued the Constitution, By Laws and list of members, the latter arranged both geographically and alphabetically, one can find at a glance how many members there are in each town and their names.

The A. P. A. and the Sons of Philatelia will hold their annual convention in Chicago this year, the S. of P. immediately after the A. P. A. "Dixey" will be on hand at both.

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## EDITORIAL.

Circumstances over which we had not  
any controll compelled this number to be  
late. This occurrence reminds us of the  
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has appeared. We have not seen a copy  
yet but expect to have one.

We are not in any hurry to obtain se-  
cond class rates but intend to apply in a  
month or two. The question is: *Can we  
get them?* We will hope for the best.

There is considerable talk of change-  
ing the Bristol County Philatelic Society  
to a society which will take in all of New  
England instead of Bristol County.

## → STAMPS. ←

There are about 6000 different kinds of stamps in existence. The museum of the Berlin postoffice alone contains between 4000 and 5000 specimens, of which half are from Europe. Some stamps bear coats of arms and other emblems impartially borrowed from the heavens above, the earth beneath and the waters under the earth - stars, eagles, lions, horses, serpents, railway trains, dolphins and other fearful fowl. Beside there are effigies of emperors, kings, queens, dukes, etc.

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POSTAL CARDS.

Why do not more philatelists collect postal cards? It is without a doubt the most entertaining, interesting and instructive branch of our hobby. Perhaps some collectors never saw any other card than those of our own country, or because there are few that collect these cards. To the latter reason I would say; all the more reason that you should make a collection. Postal card collectors are increasing very fast, therefore do not wait for others to reap the harvest, but have a hand in it yourself. The demand for postal cards is rapidly increasing. Another point is that postal cards are a thing beauty especially when neatly arranged in an album. You can get an album suitable for this purpose at any book store. Having found your album, get a packet of postal cards and study them. In a few months you can get a very interesting little collection. As to the place to buy your postal s, I would mention Messrs. Lohmeyer and

Watson. These two gentlemen have done more for the advancement of philately than any collector I know. They publish a monthly stamp paper devoted to this branch of philately called *The Postal Card*. *The Postal Card Society of America* is a well organized society with some of the best known postal card collectors at the helm. Every collector of postal cards should join. In conclusion I will repeat that you start a collection at once.

*S. T. Amp.*

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*Dealers in Birds Eggs.*

*I would like to receive any price lists catalogues, etc. pertaining to birds eggs in exchange for ad. space.*

**THIS OFFICE.**

## NOTES ETC.

*The Philatelist* from Denver has at last turned up and a very neat paper it is. It contains several good articles, among them, H. C. Beardsley's Epitome of U. S. Stamps. The articles are headed by the portraits of the authors which add not a little to the looks of the paper.

Have you sent in your subscription to the A. P. A. World's Fair Fund? Mr. Rogers is waiting for it.

The S. of P. hold their annual election in August, and the candidates are beginning to come in from "the brush." C. W. Kissinger and Dr. Russell, who is to the S. of P. what Corwin "used to was" to the A. P. A., are candidates for the office of president with odds greatly in favor of Mr. Kissinger. A curious feature of the election is that the trustees announce that the candidates will have to pay the expenses of the election. Breakers ahead.

A novel postal experiment has been tried in Huddersfield, and apparently with complete success. It consists in attaching letter boxes to the tram-cars, in which letters can be posted as these vehicles are traversing the suburbs, the boxes being cleared by the post-office officials on the arrival of the cars in town. As an example of the convenience to residents in the outside districts it is noted that the boxes cleared at 8.30 P. M. include let-

ters posted at Lindley, Bradley, Almondbury and Crosland Moor after 8 o'clock all in time for the London, Midland, Irish and Scotch mails, for which the box at the central office closes at 8.45. If a person desires to stop the car for the purpose of posting a letter, a penny has to be paid, which is placed by the conductor in the fare box. The public, however, seem to have eagerly availed themselves of the privilege. On the opening day the number of letters dropped into these travelling boxes exceeded five hundred. *London Daily News.*

*The International Philatelist* contains this month a portrait of N. Charles Sparks of Toronto, a prominent Canadian specialist.

H. C. Beardsley out in St. Joseph, Mo. is managing an amateur minstrel show just at present. I hear it whispered that he is going on the stage next season. His name is that "Major."

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## AN IMPORTANT LETTER.

Fifty years ago the then Empress of Russia, having written a letter to her father, gave it to a servant to put into the hand of a courier, who was waiting to start.

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As soon as the Empress was told of it, she sent an express to command all of the mail, bag and baggage, back to St. Petersburg. After fifteen hours had been spent, everything was reopened, the imperial missive recovered, and placed in the courier's care, and then, but not till then, the mail was allowed to resume its journey.

The daily despatch to the provinces from St. Martin's le-Grand is on the average about 2,000,000. letters in 3,253. bags. 726,000 news papers in 1,836 bags: sent to other districts of London 367,000 letters in 1,115 bags. The letters delivered in the City number 700,000. The registered letters forwarded to the provinces daily are 27,000 and are sent in 1,718 bags. From the foreign branch there are 1,000,000 letters and 85,000 newspapers despatched every Friday to the continent, 1,000,000 letters and newspapers to the Colonies and Foreign countries.

Mr. Chas. W. Peugh is afraid that he will have to give up the *One Dime* on account of not having time to attend to it. What will the H. P. S. do for an official organ?

*The Canadian Journal of Philately* has appeared. It is, probably, the best magazine of the kind published having 29 pages of good readable matter. Subscription, \$3. per year.

A conundrum: *Why is a beginners collection of envelope stamps like the face of Columbus on the one cent stamp.* (Because they are cut close.)

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The Cape Verde Islands have issued only about 25 different stamps, the first being in 1877.

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Mr. A. J. Kirby has got the last number of his paper out under his management. Mr. L. Benton will issue it hereafter. The first number will appear in August. The size will be about the same as the *Plain Talk* of New York.

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We decided not to have any *Review Column* as we have stated. This will give more room for good articles. We will give good prices for original articles in exchange for advertising space.

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## SQUIBS.

Mr. H. L. Benton will take charge of *The Golden Star* in few months. We understand that it will not be wholly devoted to our hobby as it has been in the past. It will be very much larger than it is now and will appear in July.

We are to have a cover with the next number. We want your name on our subscription list. *Only 15 cents. Send it!*

It is nearly time for the Columbian edition of *The Pennsylvania Philatelist* which will consist of over 100 pages.



## NOTES FROM TAUNTON.

The A. L. Dean Stamp Company is a new one from here. Mr. Alton L. Dean is the business manager.

Now that the B. C. P. S. takes in all of New England, collectors in this part of the United States should not fail to write the Secretary for particulars. Address:  
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Mr. Andrew J. Kirby has purchased a large stock of revenue stamps belonging to Mr. C. C. Lewis. He will devote himself to dealing in stamps and his extensive printing business.

Taunton now has the first branch of the H. P. S. The following officers have been elected:

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Mr. L. H. Benton is selling out most of his fine collection of stamps. The best of them will be offered at auction.

— Col. Lector.

## NOTICE.

To the numerous requests for copies of No. 1 I say that there are but a very few left, therefore all subscriptions will have to begin with the current number hereafter. Editor.

A new society has been organized to be called *The Stampic Protective and Beneficial Association*. Mr. F. Brown is the secretary of this new society.  
*F. Brown, 112 Elm St., Albany, N. Y.*

No. 2 of *The Philatelist* has appeared. It is the best paper we receive. SEE AD.

We wish to correct an error which occurs on page 16 of this number. Mr. H. L. Benton should have read, Mr. L. H. Benton.

The Post Office Department was created September, 22, 1789. The Postmaster General was not a Cabinet officer until 1829 when Postmaster Barry was invited by President Jackson to a seat.

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I learn through one that attended the De Coppel Sale that the U. S. stamps brought prices way above catalogue price. It goes to show that these stamps are in great demand. Complete your sets.

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**'THEBUSSEM'**  
**STAMPS.**

Don Mariano Pardo de is a distinguished Spanish literary gentleman, who writes under the pseudonym of 'Dr. Thebussem.' He has written "The Annals of Offices in Spain," and other works and articles concerning Philately.

He has also popularised in Spain the collecting for matters relating to stamps, and has awakened the idea of stamp albums and envelopes.

The Postmaster General was desirous of giving Dr. Thebussem a cross or an official decoration, but the Doctor refused, asking instead that he might be called "Chief Honorary Postmaster of Madrid," with permission to use a special uniform, without salary.

Such a request, of course, appeared very strange, but the Doctor insisted on it, and the title he asked was conferred upon him. The Doctor uses a special stamp for marking his letters, which the Post Of-

fice Authorities allow to pass, so that he is the only one in Spain who enjoys postal freedom, and as his correspondence is naturally very limited, the stamps are rare.

*A CURIOSITY.*

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Nine Years in the Post.—A letter nine years on its travels is a rare occurrence nowadays. On September 6, 1882, Herr L., living in Prenzlau, sent a letter to his brother at New Zealand. The letter arrived safely, but never reached the hands of the person to whom it was addressed; and now, after nine years' straying, has been, through the postoffice in Berlin returned to the sender. Numerous German, English and French postmarks and remarks cover the envelope, and apparently it was for a long time unnoticed in the letter box at the Wellington Hotel. The envelope bears the English postmark October 3, 1882, the date of its arrival at the

hotel. Another date is June 8, 1891, with the inscription, "*Non reclame*" and "*Not called for.*" It then went back to Germany. On August 18 it fell into the hands of the sender at Prenzlau. His brother, to whom it was sent, died long since.

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The *Philatelic Era* of May, the latest that has reached us, contains much good matter, the "Review-Critique" being especially good. The editorials however are a trifle weak. A lengthy chronical is included which adds much to the publication. It is on the whole very nice.

The *Weekly Philatelist* seems not to have been able to have kept up its eight pages, though I understand it pays well. It contains the most news of any stamp paper though that is not saying much.

The *Youth's Magazine*, though not a strictly philatelic publication, devotes much space to our hobby. Its "Stamp News" column and a column of "Notes" are very interesting and well worth reading. It is the Official Organ of the S. P. B. A. the new and flourishing society.

The *Town Crier* though laboring under the same disadvantage as the *Youth's Magazine* in not being an entirely phil-

atelic magazine contains a few interesting notes. A good many of them are so however. Its printing is not very good also the printer, who resides in Kettles does not seem to know much about punctuation and orthography.

The *Brooklyn Stamp* (No. 3) has appeared. In size of pages it is all to be desired while its reading matter is well written. "Methods of Defrauding," by Selwyn Thompson is the leading article, seasoned with good editorials and letters by Guy W. Green and others.


*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* of the 29 contains much good matter. Selections from Tiffany's History of U. S. Stamps and the "Subscribers Column" make the best showing.

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TAUNTON, MASS., JUNE, 1893.

NO. 5

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TAUNTON, MASS., SEP., 1893.

NO. 6.

### NOTES OF INTEREST.

We have received a copy of the *Official Catalogue of the Postage Stamp Exhibit*. It consists of 68 well gotten up pages and a velvet cover and the reports of the A. P. A.

that the society is in a very healthy condition. It gives a complete catalogue of the Postage Stamp Exhibit and the price is in cents.

The number of stamps of each of the denominations issued in 1869 is as follows:— 1 cent, 8,100; 2 cent, 114,058,000; 3 cent, 46,800; 6 cent, 6,368,700; 10 cent, 5,30; 12 cent, 4,088,875; 15 cent, 2,360,24 cent, 414,325; 30 cent, 513,180; 90 cent, 77,650. Of this issue the stamps from 1 cent through the 15 cent were issued in sheets of 150. Above the 15 they were issued in sheets of 100.

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consists of 3,046 lots. It is the collection of the late Isaac C. Martindale, Camden, N. J. The catalogue consists of 172 large pages and cover. The sale takes place on the 24 and 25 of October.

We learn through *Mekeels Weekly* that John R. Hooper who writes under the name of *Canadensis*, has been charged of murdering his wife. It is reported that he is very ill.

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NO. 7.

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The name of Mr. F. S. George appears in several applications to the P. S. of A. in the *Pennsylvania Philatelist*. Mr. George is the editor of the *Northwest*, says that he does not account for it as he hasn't made application to P. S. of A. for membership. Probably there are a number of such cases in Singer's new society.

Collectors who wish to purchase a fine set of revenues should try Mr. Kirby's ad. as advertised on page 39.

This month of October has seen two new papers launched out from the east. They are both good ones.

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### THE GROWTH OF PHILATELY.

It is now nearly fifty years since postage stamps were first issued, and as the collecting of them began soon after, philately has been in existence for nearly a century. Where it began, no one knows. In its early days there were but few opportunities of getting stamps as the first dealers did not begin business until the fifties. How queer it must have been without any counterfeits to look out for!

Mr. F. Trifet, the well known Boston dealer, claims the honor of being the oldest established dealer in the U. S., having commenced dealing in 1866. Others who have gone out of the business probably commenced before him. A large New York dealer remembers seeing in City Hall Park, New York, with other fakirs, selling stamps which were on a board. Each specimen had a tack pressed through it to keep it from blowing away. In those days one hundred dollars was a large amount to invest. At present, one of our dealers has \$150,000 invested. Twenty years ago, stamp magazines

were unknown. At present we have over fifty monthlies, one semi-monthly and two weeklies with the announcement of a third all published in our own country.

Philatelic societies are also of late origin. There are many of these in the U. S., the A. P. A. being the representative one. The S. of P. is the largest society, and has over 1100 members.

The Columbian stamps have brought many new collectors into Philatelist's ranks. Our stamp magazines, too, are bringing in new enthusiasts every day. In fact, we could not have a brighter prospect for the future.

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