



THE STAMP FIEND.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

VOL. I.

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No. 1.

NEW FRENCH ISSUE.

New York Sun.

"Six hundred designs for a new set of postage stamps soon to be issued in France, have been sent in, in public competition for a prize offered by the government for the best. The effigy of Joan of Arc, the new patron saint of France, appears in many of the designs, and there is a strong growing public sentiment in favor of using a picture of the Maid of Orleans on, at least, some of the new stamps.

NEW STAMPS FOR MEXICO.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

It is now quite certain that the report of a new set of stamps for Mexico is not without foundation and from further particulars we have learned the new stamps will not alone be conspicuous for their superiority in quality and design over previous issues, but they are expected to be especially attractive and pretty.

The 1, 2 and 3 centavos stamps have a design representing an Indian ascending a mountain with a mail bag on his back, or as we might term it, a walking post office. This method of conveying the mail is still in practice in that country especially the section of it where the roads are rough.

The 4 centavos stamp is used for city correspondence. The design of this value is the four cornered aztec style statute of Cuanhtemoc in the Paseo

de la Reforma, the figure is said to be very well produced.

A carrier on horseback and two ranchmen also mounted, following a narrow and winding path is depicted on the 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 centavos stamps.

The values above the 25 centavos to the 1 peso illustrate the stage coach with its mail on top. This system is at present used in some of the states of Mexico.

The denominations above 1 peso present the more modern facility for the transmission of mail, the locomotive.

For official correspondence will be used a stamp upon which is engraved the national coat of arms.

The designs were drawn by Mr. Gilberto Lorneli and engraved by Mr. John McDonald.

We are without the information of the colors, etc., but it is quite likely that they will soon be announced.

This set will be welcomed by the many collectors who make the stamps of Mexico a specialty. Though the stamps of old issues are interesting to study, few could call them beautiful, while the revenue issues are considered exceedingly pretty.

THOSE QUOTATIONS.

Respectfully Dedicated to Stamp Dealers.

From the Minnesota Philatelist.

I sat in my office. Nothing unusual after business hours. I had a fine Havana, between my lips, from which I was puffing immense clouds of smoke toward

the ceiling. My mind was exempt from the toils of business worry, and as I sat thus by myself, I naturally thought of my hobby. Columbians were worrying me. I had gone this winter without an overcoat, because my \$16 was invested in the little oblong pieces of commemorative paper, and I was happy. I couldn't get an overcoat because it was too expensive a luxury, and I knew full well I must be in the procession with a full set of Columbians. Thus I thought.

The cigar had gone out and I was in dreamland. (Don't shoot!) Presently there was wafted to my ears the prettiest band music, I believe, I ever heard. The band and the melodies seemed to be drawing closer. Yes, there they were, just passing. A long procession followed in their wake, while now and then an inscribed banner met my gaze.

The first banner read like this: "Want an Album?" Gus Luhn was the bearer; next came B. L. Drew, upholding an inscribed banner which read, "Bear in Mind" (and I did). "Do a little Missionary Work" was the next, and C. H. Mekeel, holding it up. "The only One on Earth" was a banner carried by Guy W. Green. "Wolsieffer's Specialties" was a neat banner carried by P. M., himself; "Our Catalogue" was the next one, being carried by R. F. Albrecht. Other banners suitably inscribed in their order, with bearers, were as follows:

Enormous Success—Wm. Brown.

Your Eye—C. W. Kissinger.

What is Simpler?—R. R. Spooner.

A Daisy (It's toes that way)—Luke M. Bates.

Agents Wanted—C. A. Stegman.

Fifty Per Cent. Commission Standard Co.—(Both Flachskamm's—got a big weight on their back).

Packet 29—Henry Gremmel.

There were also many others in this novel street parade who had nothing to

represent (except the dead). Amongst the latter class tombstones were borne by:

Roy F. Greene, for the *Eagle*

Lewis Bishop, for the *Philatelist*.

D. E. Hazen, for the *Florida*.

Fred Roth, for the *Rocky Mountain*.

Thus they went. Tears of regret could be seen in the eyes of the editors (creditors also).

This dream has a meaning. I have learned from it that to be successful in the stamp business you must advertise—pick out your headline (and in the words of N. W. Ayer & Son, keep "everlastingly at it").

It has taught me also, that to print a philatelic magazine, means it's death and heavy expenses are incurred in buying appropriate headstones.

MORALS:

To would be philatelic editors—Don't do it. If in the stamp business, advertise everlastingly.

I am awake now. To others who have never experienced the above, fight shy.

CLEVE SCOTT.

A FEW LEFT, Unused Columbians.

\$2.00 each,	-	-	\$2.50
3.00 "	-	-	3.75
4.00 "	-	-	5.00
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The Forest City Stamp Co.

51 Arcade,

CLEVELAND, O., U. S. A.

Dealers, remember, we send out 3,000 copies next month.

If any of the readers of this paper should wander into Cleveland they will always find a welcome at our office.

A correspondent of the *Free Press* is endeavoring to have the P. O. Department adopt OLD GLORY as a design for the new 2c. stamp.

The Traveling Collector.

The Eastern Philatelist

There is an old saying that "A rolling stone gathers no moss," but the average stamp collector regards the philatelist who is fortunate enough to travel about the country as a very "lucky dog," who is bound to run down about every known variety sooner or later, which can be had of course for little or nothing. The perambulating collector is supposed to be like a snowball starting from the top of a hill, growing larger with amazing ease and rapidity in its course.

The writer recently started from Montreal upon what has proved (to his sorrow) an eventful philatelic journey into the Sunny South. Although starting with many visionary gems in mind, his philatelic snowball did not gather all the timbrological rarities in its pathway, but on the contrary melted literally "out of sight." In other words, his room was unlocked during a short absence from the hotel, a valise containing besides jewelry, books and valuable papers, what were still more valuable and dearer to a collector's heart, three duplicate stock books which were the work of years to accumulate and costing hundreds of dollars, all gone, with accounts, in one fell swoop, so it may never be known just how much the robbery amounted to.

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CHAS. C. HENDRICKS, - - - Editor, Manager and Publisher.
51 Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio, U. S. A.

EDITORIAL.

How do you like us? We want your subscription, and are offering this paper till September, 1895, for 25 cents.

The new Venezuelan twenty-five cent. Columbian stamp is a beauty, and greatly resembles our 2c. Columbian stamp in color, size and general workmanship.

The set of new North Borneo stamps is a handsome issue, and it seems as though before many years the last issues placed in our albums might easily make it be mistaken for a scrap-book.

It has gone the general round of stamp conversation that a new issue of U. S. stamps were to be forthcoming some time

in July. We wonder what they will look like? We shall not venture it as a suggestion to the P. O. department Washington, D. C., but we honestly believe that there will be a great labor uprising in the country, if compelled to go over as much territory to get a stamp stuck on an envelope as we have had to heretofore with the government bonds we have been using for stamps.

To the editors of other philatelists we extend a cordial greeting. Not until we have tried it ourselves, were able to get even a faint conception of the immense amount of work connected with the editing and publishing of a stamp magazine. Now that we are in the field we intend to do our best, and respectfully ask those who may detect any errors in our publi-

ation to pass it over with a non-critical eye. We should also like to exchange with all stamp papers and magazines.

We would like to suggest to the many readers of this little magazine, to have their friends, fathers, mothers, uncles and aunts, to resurrect those old letters and documents they laid away some 20, 30 and perhaps 40 year's ago. No doubt, many of these letters have stamps affixed to them which are quite valuable at the present time, and which if you will send to the editor of this paper, with stamp enclosed for reply, will tell what they are worth and when they were issued. Please send the complete envelopes.

In the editing and publishing of a new stamp magazine it is a very arduous duty for the editor to do all the writing contained therein. Now, we want to feel on friendly terms with all of our readers, and any article they send us that will be of general interest to stamp and coin collectors will be thankfully received and generously paid for.

We intend to have a magazine as good and large as the best. Nothing less will suit us, so send in your copy not later than the first of each month, and make our paper a paper of general interest to all. It is our honest belief that if you give the people a paper they want, there will be no trouble in getting their subscription, and it is their subscriptions we have got to have to make this paper a complete success.

The price has been placed at 25 cents a year which is as low as possible and possible, and which we feel will give us a large circulation, at once, to build on. Now send in your name and 25 cents, we will send you as bright and neat and newsy a stamp magazine as you will be

able to find in any of the four quarters of the globe.

COLUMBIAN COINS

They are Plentiful Enough at Present.

The carelessness or forgetfulness of persons carrying pocket pieces is illustrated by the fact that among the subsidiary coin turned into the various sub-treasuries of the country appear from time to time the Columbian souvenir half dollars, says the New York Journal.

These coins under the act authorizing their issue are a legal tender in amounts of \$10 or under. They are taken at the sub-treasuries, of course, at their designated value only, whereas they cost the careless or forgetful persons who put them into circulation from \$1, to \$2 apiece.

But three of the 50 cent. pieces have been thus presented at the New York sub-treasury, and none of the Isabella quarters have made their appearance here. The sub-treasuries in western cities, have received numbers of both.

There were \$2,500,000 of the Columbian half dollars coined, making a total of 5,000,000 pieces. The quarters are of greater rarity, but \$10,000 worth or 40,000 pieces, being coined.

A vast quantity of the half dollars remain in the hands of persons interested in the administration of the World's Fair. Recently they requested Secretary Carlisle to take them, and he expressed a willingness to do so, if they could be placed in general circulation.

This did not please the administration, who wanted them melted up so that the value of the coins outstanding should not be cheapened. The secretary would not agree to this extraordinary request, entailing an unauthorized expense, but was willing that the work should be performed if the expenses were paid, and there the matter rests.

CLEVELAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY, (Branch No. 7, P. S. of A.)

Officer for 1894.

President, J. W. McNair; Vice-President, W. H. Barnum; Sec.-Treasurer, A. W. Hoffman; Exchange Superintendent, W. C. Hendricks.

Second meeting held May 8.

The meeting was called to order at 7.50 p. m., with Vice-President Barnum in the Chair, and the following members present, viz: Bond, Burr, Hendricks, Huntington, Graves, Bailey, McClure, Malcolm, and two visitors.

Mr. E. S. Graves was elected secretary pro tem., in the absence of Secretary Hoffman.

The Constitution Committee was ordered to report at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8.45 p. m., after which the members had the pleasure of inspecting Mr. Bailey's collection.

Next meeting will be held June 12, at 7.15 p. m.

The Cleveland P. S. of A. members were rejoiced to hear that the Omaha gang had been expelled from the P. S. of A.

Be sure and vote for Detroit, Mich. for convention seat, 1895.

We will grow to 32 pages by September.

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Agents wanted at 50 per cent. commission. References required.

THE FOREST CITY STAMP CO.

51 Arcade.

CLEVELAND, O.

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No. 2.

THE TRAVELING COLLECTOR

[CONCLUDED.]

That is, if the vigilant and lynx-eyed local police do not find it, which they may in the course of a few hundred years, provided the thief comes and fastens it securely around some blue-coated guardian of the Danville peace. So far they have done but little, except give poor advice, and the Chief and Mayor exchange blank glances when you explain there were over \$700 worth of stamps besides other valuables in the stolen valise. They never heard of old stamps being worth anything, but the mayor finally condescends to write you a postal card, probably at the expense of the great corporation he governs, expressing the wish that you find it, but declining to take any measures to do anything whatever towards that happy result. Then you were connected with a theatrical company, and everybody but yourself smiles and regards the loss as a mild and old joke or advertisement.

But never mind, you ought to be happy, you are not a "Travelling Collector?" To be sure the travelling out of that town (on foot) is a little wearisome, as R. R. corporations like local corporations, have no souls or passes for busted stamp dealers, but just keep your eyes on the ties and you may find Canada 12 pence or Millbury, (but you didn't).

I recently received a letter from an advanced collector saying he had heard of my acquiring a Newfoundland Ver-

million shilling for my collection, and that he envied the good things I picked up in travelling. I replied that I would let him have it for the exact cash price I gave, viz: \$60, and say nothing about my travelling expenses in and out of Toronto, where it was bought. I have not heard from him yet, but suppose he imagined I picked it up for about 60c, but anyone that thinks so would change their mind after working Toronto for stamps a few weeks, as the people know a thing or two about stamps, as well as in other sections where there any stamps at all worth having.

If collectors will take a fool's experience and advice they will advertise in some reliable stamp journal or get their wants supplied by the responsible dealers, while saving all travelling expenses and maintenance by staying at home, es travelling about in most sections, expecting to find rare and desirable old postage stamps, is wisdom paramount to a journey into the domains of his sataucic majesty in quest of an ice carnival.

EDGAR NELTON.

At auctions, in Japan, the bidding is silent and secret. Each person writes his bid on a slip of paper, and the slips are quietly dropped into a box. The box is then opened and the highest bidder is named.

Keep your eye open for Harry Combs, of St. Johns, N.B. He is a fraud.

Subscribe for the Stamp Fiend.

THE CLEVELAND PHILATELIC
SOCIETY.

(Branch No. 6, P. S. of A.)

Meeting of June 12, 1894.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m., vice-president Barnum in the chair, and the following members present, viz: Messrs T. S. Barnum, Bond, McClure, Knecht, Hendricks, and Hoffmann.

The resignation of President McNair was received and accepted with regrets. Mr. T. C. Bond, was placed on the Constitution Committee, vice Mr. McNair, resigned. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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“ 12c lilac.....	.22
“ 30 orange.....	.30
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“ 12c green.....	.45
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0.05 ".....	.00¼
0.06 ".....	.02
0.08 ".....	.02
0.10 ".....	.00½
0.15 ".....	.06
0.30 ".....	.12
0.50 ".....	.25
1.00 ".....	2.00

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EDITORIAL.

Have you seen the set of souvenir postal cards, issued for the California Midwinter Fair.

A. M. Rareshide the popular dealer of New Orleans, has moved to Houston, Texas, where he will open up an office.

We have been greatly pleased by the encouragement given us by the many readers of our last issue, and we take this opportunity of thanking them for doing so.

We are told by reliable parties, that the new issue of Mexican stamps will be ready September 16, which is to the Mexicans the same as our Fourth of July.

We are sorry to hear of the resignation of Mr. Ashcroft as Secretary of the P. S. of A. We wish him luck in his new venture.

It seems quite strange that our home city of Cleveland, should be so quiet regarding stamp collecting, when we have such earnest collectors and as good and large collections as can be found in any city of its size in the country. What we would suggest for you to do is, to attend the meetings of the P. S. of A. at 51 The Arcade, the second Tuesday of each month, and besides having a good sociable time with its many members, learn of the new issues and the current stamp news that is so dear to every collector.

We would advise all persons purchasing the higher valued Columbian stamps to keep an eye open for counterfeits, and we will suggest, right here, that they have not got the word "Falsch" on them, or the word "Fac-simile" across their face. However fine they may look, it wouldn't be out of place to try a large magnifying glass on them.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPH.

For The Stamp Fiend.

All "struck" or caged at last. Thusly we may speak of the blanket-sheet Columbian stamp.

Fremont, Ohio, has many approval sheet dead beats. Dealers will serve their best interests by "keeping an eye open" when requests for sheets come flocking in from said town. Ye writer well knows whereof he speaks. Information cheerfully given to interested parties.

Envelope stamps are usually advertised "with wide margins." Can some stampist explain the why of this? If the design is yet intact what concern need be given to the width of the margin?

Stamp papers seem to be less numerous than they were a few months ago. This retrogression is doubtless due to the unparalleled "stringency in the money market," or perhaps a few of our would-be editors and publishers have turned commonwealers.

Who can give one good reason why "entire envelopes" should not be relegated to "innocuous desuetude." Are we not collecting stamps rather than "patent lines," "pointed flaps" or "water-marks?" Think of the space consumed in displaying even a few pieces of ordinary paper. A score of stamps could be displayed for every envelope. It is certainly the stamps we want and not the "broad sheets of plain white paper." Ye

writer is a faithful collector of adhesive and envelope stamps, but can find no earthly use for "entire envelopes." But tastes are multifarious.

There is a practice of certain wholesale stamp dealers, that I cannot but condemn, viz., the act of quoting wholesale prices in papers intended for general circulation. What would the groceryman think of the wholesale coffee dealer who was constantly broad-casting "wholesale prices of coffee?" The injustice of the thing would be plain. Should the wholesale stamp dealer be subject to less stringent rules? Who will answer?

The American stamp catalogues seem to be full of inaccuracies and omissions. Ah, well! Whoever thinks a faultless catalogue to see, thinks what "ne'er was, nor is, nor e'er can be."—STYLUS.

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— N. V. S.

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I again arrange my sheets and have almost completed them, when, in comes a six year old youngster who wants "free cents wurf of stamps." I satisfy his longing, and turn to wait on a young lady who, "would please like 10 two cent stamps and 5 postals, and would you please wrap them up." I inform her that Uncle Sam has not taken the honor himself as yet to bestow any such office on us, and that she could procure them at the post office across the street. She leaves, murmuring something about our sign, which, if she had read in full would

have given her the impression that we sold Postage Stamps for Collections.

After getting all the vacant places on my sheets filled up, I make quite a few little sales, and was just arranging to go to dinner, when, in comes a traveling salesman, whom I "spot" on the moment as wanting me to put in a side line of some stock along with my stamps. He carefully places his sample case on the counter, and, after the usual "good morning," hands me his business card, which tells me he is traveling for a wholesale drug house, in Chicago. I tell him "no, thanks, nothing to-day," and turn to go, when he laughs, and says "well, I wouldn't treat you that cool. How many sets of dollar value Columbian's have you got like those in the window at \$22.50 per set?" I told him I would sell him 10 sets at that price. He reached over the counter and laid his hand on my shoulder, and, almost before I got through talking, he said "I'll take them," and ten minutes later when we parted company at the bank, I don't know when I felt the happier he or I. S. T. AME.

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