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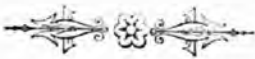
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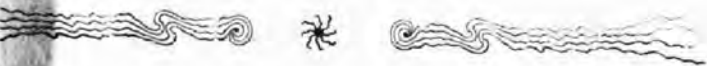
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We have received an announcement of another Philatelic Address book to be published by Frank B. Hoyt, Buffalo. The price of the same will be only ten cents.

I noticed in the weekly Phil. a reported error in the five cent Columbian, it reading Columbus Beliciting aid from Isabella, and examined a block

of four; three were found right, but the fourth was described, even with a gl

We have received the announcement of 'A Philatelic Souvenir', 'An S. of P. Souvenir', and it is also announced that there will be issued in a short time an 'S. of P. Directory'.

We have received the following papers:—Phil. Tale Ohio Stamp, Long Island, Argosy, Collector, Souvenir Ink Drops, Forest & Northwest, Youths Magazine

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SYRACUSE, N. Y., MAY, 1892

NO. 4.

THE USE OF POSTAGE STAMPS IN BELGIUM

B. G. POHL

The Belgium Stamps are of
following values: 1, 2, 5, 10,
15, 35, 50 centimes 1fr. 2f.

The stamps of 1, 2 and 5c are
paper stamps.

The 10c stamp is used for
and letters, fee being 10c for
trains. The 20c stamp is
for only inland letters of
for letters to Holland
emburg and Northern
ance.

The 25c stamp represents
universal union fee. The 35c
for registered or express in-
letter, the registration
press fee being 25c.

The higher values are for
y letters or containing
y values, for inland.

The service of the express
rs often is made by the

telegraph office. Therefore we
find postage stamps of 35c and
lower values with the tele-
graphical octagonal obliteration,
sometimes in blue.

And also the octagonal tele-
graphic of the 25c stamp are
found used postally, for ex-
press letters. On April 1, 1893
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be issued. In every case they
are already printed. They are
the current stamps of 10 and
25c - bearing at the lower side
a little tablet which can be de-
tached by means of a perfora-
tion and bearing in French
and Flemish the words "Not
to deliver on Sunday" if the
sender wishes his letter to be
delivered on Sunday he may
detach the label.

All the liberal press unan-
imously condemns this project
yet it is probable those stamps
will be issued.

NOTES

France is soon to adopt an interesting innovation in the postal card system. The cards will be issued in the form of check books, with stubs. The sender of the postal card can make memoranda of its content on the stub and can have this stamped at the Postoffice before the card is detached, so that a verified record of the correspondence can be kept.

from collectors abroad. These stamps are just so much clean profit to the government, except for the comparatively trivial cost of manufacture, for they will be locked up in albums and never appear upon letters for the government to carry.

Among the foreign collectors thus ordering sets of the stamps was Wilhelmina, child of the Queen of Holland, who is an enthusiastic miniature Philatelist.

The new issue of Colombian stamps has proved a lucky speculation on the part of the government. Collectors and dealers have bought them in large quantities, and, since they are only to be issued during 1893. They are bound to become scarce in time and to increase in value. It is said that before a stamp had left the press orders for them aggregating \$200,000 had been received by the government.

As chronicled by the Union Phil. - The 50 cent and 1 and 5 peso stamps of Guanacaste are reported with the error 'Guagacaste' in Mexico - The supply of 10 pesos having become exhausted a new supply was ordered. They are of the metal type and have fancy initials in the centre to distinguish them from the cent values. Nicaragua - The series are now in use, the

RAMDON NOTES

Summer, that period of the year when collectors usually lay aside their albums, is here at contrary to preceding year dealers report business rushing and all look forward to a prosperous trade all through the hot season.

Philatelic writers have often intimated the question of having a system of postal script, now near that we will soon be favored with such a system, in the form of the postal note. A sheet of paper for amounts up to \$300 has been proposed up to the payment of one cent and the amount required is torn off and the writing being required.

This will be quite convenient for us collectors.

The new 8¢ stamps are still quite scarce as only a few dealers have them on sale. The envelopes are being well circulated but very few of the high values are used.

SOMETHING NEW 

We were unavoidably detained getting our paper this month by printing in a new press and outfit. We have heretofore been printing our paper one page at a time which took a great deal of time, but now we are in shape so that we can get our paper out promptly each month.

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LETTER-CARRIER DOVES

Post service was carried on in ancient times extensively.

Herodotus the earliest writer had single systems of news transport. Harpagnus sent Cyrus a writing concealed in a hare's stomach. An Egyptian Council clipped the hair clean off from the head of his slave and wrote some news with charcoal on the bare skin and after the hair were grown sent him to a friend, this slave representing something like our present mail carriers.

The Cheivouts of Athens were known to write news on a stick covered with paper.

These were known as Scytala

Darius had rapid deliveries with saddled horses ready at different and distant stations to spread news as quickly as possible. The same with Augustus of Rome. In the ninth century the Germans, French and Italians had riders for the states purpose.— N. H. Mayers

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In the earliest times Romans and Greeks used doves to carry the news to their distant homes.

In Turkey was a regular transit by doves which regulated as follows:— towers were erected 30 miles apart, where men stationed to collect the news from the incoming dove and send out new ones on the way. All Europe had done the same purpose before telegraph came into use.

In the orient singular use of doves originated for the purpose. The real letter doves were distinguished from common doves by having broad strong muscles, dark brown or plumbeous and were quite different than common doves. They flew from 20 to 25 miles an hour, but had to be fed before sent on their journey.

They were trained to rest in unusual places but when at home or at accust-

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Each can only carry a small amount of paper in its flight, yet the dove carried 3500 dispatches making 70000 words in one trip. All dispatches were written on a small piece of paper and then microscopic photographed on a still smaller paper. This was wound in the tail feathers of the dove. The charge was one-half franc for each word. One trip of a dove would have brought 3500 francs. The tail of the dove was ornamented with the name of the sender and owner, N. H. M.

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such a society be organized; organized with some set purpose in view with such departments that the dues will be returned in so many special and lasting ways that its participants will be compelled to renew his efforts to secure new members and so to keep his society before the critical eye of the public.

Organize a society with these motives in view is ours; organize blindly and without purpose will only defeat be the inevitable result, but it will also be accompanied by a shower of ridicule and good natured bantering.

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and so eventually place the association upon a sound financial basis.

I sincerely trust that press correspondents who read this humble petition will give the matter serious thought and attention, and before expressing an opinion will carefully give a brief epitome of such suggestions as will further tend to create such an organization,— for "Perhaps it may turn out a song, Perhaps turn out a sermon."

H. H. Zobel, C. P. P. C.

Dominical Stamps.

On June 1st there was issued in Belgium the first of the Dominical Stamps, i. e. Sunday stamps. These stamps are of a new type, bearing at the foot a tablet inscribed in French and Flemish, not to deliver on Sunday.

This tablet may be detached, as it is separated from the stamp by perforation, and then the letter will be delivered at the earliest time, regardless of the day.

The values will be as follows; 1c grey 2c orange, 5c green, 10c brown, (issued) 20c olive green, 25c blue, 35c lilac and brown, 50c pale brown, 1fr. carmine on green and 2fr. lilac on pale carmine.

The values under 10c will bear the Arms of Belgium, those from 10c to 2fr. the head of King Leopold.

The 10c has been issued, and the others will be as soon as the old stamps are sold.

G POHL.

Postal Card Changes.

Postmaster-General Bissell has decided to abandon the three sizes of postal cards now in use, and to substitute one size for

single and reply cards. The variations which have been sent to the Post Office for competitive bidders for the contract for furnishing the postal service with uniform sized cards of 4½ by 5½ inches, what is known as the international size, it being used generally by the countries comprising the International Postal Union. The double, or reply card, now in use, will be continued, with the single card, when folded, reduced to that of the double card. These two cards will take the place of the small, or "ladies' size," the medium, and the large and the double card.—*N. Y. Sun.*

The Open Through Mail P. O. Department OFFICIALLY SEALED

Mr. L. H. Benton in the "*Western Philatelist*" of April 5th says that the "Open Through Mail" is a Sealed, curved line variety, existing in two forms, one with and without the dot between the words "Open" and "Sealed." The one without the dot is on white paper, and the Official variety has appearance of being "Sealed" whereas the other is close.

The dot variety is a clearer impression and is evidently printed in two colors, the straight line variety, while the "Open" variety is in blocks of four. Can this be a counterfeit? The straight line variety has a dot.

I have before me five blocks of "Open Through Mail" that I received in exchange from a collector who had over three hundred to exchange and there no dot on three of the blocks, but on the other two blocks one of the cards on each block has a dot, therefore

is a counterfeit so must be the
 These stamps are catalogued in
 53rd at 25c each. Who knows
 whether they are genuine or counterfeit.

IWING.

ABOUT OLD STAMPS.

people except a limited number
 do not have any idea of the great
 quantities which have been reached by
 mania for collecting old postage
 stamps.

would withdraw the word mania as
 an objectionable ring and the time
 of the past when people, however sen-
 sible, can laugh at the stamp collectors.

Let it be of philately, as it is called, has
 become among us to stay. Millions of
 dollars are invested in stamp collections,
 many of these are really monuments in
 every way in the history of an important
 part of modern civilization. You may
 not consider these vast quantities
 of stamps as things of beauty, but you
 will surely admit that they are curi-
 osities of past years bring with them
 the flavor of foreign lands.

In those times was, not so many years ago
 when only children, usually
 girls, indulged in stamp collecting
 and carried their friends greatly with
 them for old letters. If by chance an
 man preserved his interest in this "silly
 hobby," as it was usually styled, he
 took good care to conceal the fact
 when bargaining for coveted speci-
 mens with stamp dealers were careful
 to say: "I am getting these for my
 boy, he likes this sort thing you

know."

Now it is all different. Grown men
 and women all over the world and in all
 stations of life not only collect stamps,
 but are proud of it and have reason to be.
 Why think of it! there are American
 stamps, perhaps numbers of them still,
 hidden away in old trunks and garrets
 which if brought to light and presented
 to a stamp dealer would bring anywhere
 from \$300 to \$1,500 apiece. If that sur-
 prises you go to any large dealer and try
 to buy one of the 1874 issue from Mil-
 bury, Massachusetts. They will give you
 a thousand dollars each for all you can
 bring them.

One of the rareties most prized by
 American stamp collectors, and by fore-
 eign ones also, is a certain Baltimore
 envelope issued in 1845 which was used
 before postage stamps were introduced.
 It was the custom at that time to seal
 the letter folded around itself without
 any exterior envelope such as is in use
 to-day. These were left at the Post-
 offices at various cities and five cents
 collected on them or sometimes ten cents
 if the distance happened to be over three
 hundred miles.

One of these Baltimore envelopes with
 the Postmaster's signature was sold a
 few weeks ago by a New York dealer
 for \$400 and would have brought more
 if the address had been more legible.

At the same sale a New Haven en-
 velope of 1845 with a five-cent red stamp
 on it brought a still higher price, over
 \$500 in fact, and is considered one of the
 rarest stamps in existence. To look at
 it one would be at a loss to see how any
 one could find in it the equivalent for

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EDITORIAL

We shall hereafter insert in our columns Amateur articles, in fact make our paper part amateur.

We want some good Mss. either Philatelic or Amateur and should be pleased to hear from any one who can furnish the same.

Correspondents wanted in all of the large cities, especially in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Boston.

Papers received during the last month; Phil. Argosy, Phil. Gazette Hoosier Stamp, Rocky Mountain Phil., Stamp Collector, The Illinoian, Juvenile Press, Youths Magazine, Young Kentuckian, Monthly Visitor, The Northwest, Electric Philatelist. We have also received La Union Filatelica and L'Annunzio Filatelica Italiano and have no doubt but that they are interesting; yet we are not certain.

We think all S. of P. who have the interests of the at heart will vote for Dr. Sylvester, age 28; collector years: E.T. Randall, age editor for 30 years: H.H. Zo 23; collector for 11 years: for Trustees.

We note in The Weekly Philatelic card from Mr. Brubaker, in which he states that on June 7 he lost everything he had, including *Ink Drops* of first. Mr. Brubaker has our sympathy and we hope this misfortune will not lead to the discontinuation of the paper, as we should miss the bright part much.

For 30c will send, 'The Fall of the House of Usher' an intensely interesting book. For 20c paper one year.

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A self-inking press 4x6 in size, with condition, and small outfit for \$10.

Address this office.

One pound good reading matter only sent.—This office.

RANDOM NOTES.

And still the S. of P. moves on. The membership has now reached one thousand and is still increasing. The A. P. A. will soon be left quite in the shade. I see R. Wright of Broken Bow, Neb. is going to issue a Souvenir of this society, and in what I hear it will be very neat and will be especially valuable to members. The latest way to mount a stamp collection is upon 'bristle' board. Such, I notice, is the way a collector in Denver is mounting his. It certainly would be unique. I suppose, however, that bristle board was what the writer intended to say. Someone has sprung amalgamation on me again. This time it suggested all philatelic societies be consolidated with the American Philatelia. While there is no doubt the S. of P. would not object, if it is allowed to go on as usual, the other societies will have a good deal to say against it.

The 1892 Seebeck are now on the market. They start, as usual at \$1.50 and go over for the set, but they will soon drop to a dollar or less. The 1891 issue of Seebeck eclipses all other sets in beauty. —Santos.

The whole of the Canadian 2c registration stamps, which became obsolete a year ago, has been destroyed. According to a recent decision of the Post Office Department, purchasers of Columbian stamps are entitled to perfect specimens. The removed Hawaiian stamps are to be recharged for the Provisional Gov-

ernment, and it will undoubtedly have to hold your Hawaiian stamps, as the prices will rise in a short time.

The Californian's

All questions relating to former and recent issues of Hawaiian stamps are eagerly seized and investigated by the San Francisco collectors. The large variety of errors has awakened considerable interest—not to say considerably more disgusted.

Philatelic Society of San Francisco is actively engaged in forming plans for a philatelic exhibit at the proposed International Exposition in San Francisco this winter. It is the society's intention to make the finest exhibit of rarities ever seen in California.

The San Francisco *Cronicle*, a leading daily, has taken great interest in the Philatelic Society, and has printed all doings of importance at its weekly meetings. They have also requested all news of general importance occurring at the leading auction sales.

Sons of Philatelia members taking an active interest in the welfare of their organization should support and vote for Dr. R.J. Russel for President. Dr. Russel certainly deserves some recognition for his valuable services as an International Secretary, and now is the time to show our appreciation of his efforts.

Dr. W.Y. Sylvester, E.T. Randall and your humble servant are candidates for S. of P. Trustees. Can you support us?

H. H. ZOBEL, C. P. P. C.

Send, with reference, for my approval sheets at 50 per cent commission.

U. S. Revenues bought.

G. I. La Mont,

212 Park Place; Brooklyn, N. Y.

such a sum of money. Such considerations however have little weight with genuine stamp collectors.

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The importance of the subject may be shown by the fact that several hundred works have been written about stamps and the catalogue for advanced collectors which is now being compiled by Henry L. Calman will contain over one thousand pages. Ten years ago the largest catalogue in this country contained only one hundred pages.

The first postage stamp ever issued was an English two-cent stamp brought out in June, 1840.

One by one the other countries of the world appreciated the advantages of the new system and began issuing postage stamps. Brazil came second with an issue of stamps in 1843. The United States began its stamp system in 1847, France in 1849, Germany in 1852, and so on until to-day all the civilized nations of the world and many of those which are only half civilized use postage stamps. The Hawaiian Islands have had postage stamps for forty years past, one of the rarest stamps in existence being their issue of 1851 of five-cent blues which are worth \$400 apiece. Siam began issuing stamps in 1883, Japan had them in 1871 Iceland in 1873 and bleak Corea started a Postoffice system in 1885, but it lasted about an hour, as the town of Seoul burned down the same day and the people have never recovered sufficiently to turn their attention to postage stamps since then.

Syracuse Herald.

He whoes wise will advertise.

NEW ISSUES

A. Greenbaum calls attention to the discovery of a re-engraved *Filafelic Facts and Fallacies* of the 30 cent 1872 issue. It can be distinguished at a glance from the first die by the heavy shading under the scroll containing the words "thirty cents." Another difference more striking still is that the lined background of the head is of crossed lines instead of ruled parallel lines as in the first. In fact all the lines of the die are cleaner cut and more strongly brought out; unpaired; 1890 issue, 2 cent, on red surfaced paper; 1872 issue, 30 cent, black re-engraved.

Venezuela.—A Columbian stamp similar in shade and design to our own has been issued here. At the top is "1492 Correos de Venezuela 1892" with the value "Veinticinco Centimes" and the numerals below it as in our own set. The picture is that of the discovery of the land ("Descubrimiento de la Nueva Firme"). The stamp is the same as of the American Bank Note Company. No color is given. The new issue is now in use and in a general way resemble somewhat the previous issue. The set for Postal Union use is inscribed "Correos de Venezuela".

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ved labels; 5ct. grey; 10 green;
blue; 50 yellow; 1 bolivar brown
b red; 10 b violet; 30 b pale
own; 25 b carmine.

Dominion Philatelist.

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Written for Syra. Phil.

Philately in the Empire State.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

The supremacy of New York State in almost everything is unquestioned. It stands first in population, first in wealth, first in prosperity. In commerce and manufactures it is unequalled. The greatest city of the New World lies within its borders. Politically it is the most powerful of any of the States, so much so that it has been said "As goes New York so goes the Union."

Does New York's supremacy hold good in the Philatelic world? That is an interesting question, and one which in the course of this essay I shall attempt to settle conclusively. I believe that New York is the greatest Philatelic state in the Union, and to prove it I intend to give a brief review of Philately in the Empire State. In the first place New York city is the Philatelic capital of America, just as Paris is of Europe. Other cities may claim that honor; Chicago may wish to usurp it; St. Louis may claim the distinction; Boston may not in her say; but New York city has within its limits more Philatelists and more dealers, than any one of the above. I had almost said than all of them together. The auction sales of postage stamps held in New York by Albrecht & Co., the Scotts, and others, are the most successful in the world; and the aggregate of the business transacted by

New York stamp dealers undoubtedly is far greater than that of either St. Louis, with her two large concerns, or Chicago, with its many small ones.

New York city is unfortunately behind the times in Philatelic periodicals; though she has several, none of them can be compared with the Philatelic Journal of America, the leading exponent of the science on this continent. The American Journal of Philately, and the Metropolitan Philatelist are both fairly good papers, especially the former, but they are not worthy of the great city from which they emanate. Two other small sheets, The Stamp, and the Long Island Philatelist, also hail from Gotham, but both have deteriorated greatly of late, owing to the scant attention bestowed on them by their publishers. There is a splendid field for the publication of a strictly first-class stamp journal in the metropolis, and I hope soon to see it occupied.

In regard to philatelic societies New York city is far ahead of all other American philatelic centers. Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, and Philadelphia are content with one local society in each case, while New York has three, and Brooklyn, which should rightly be a part of New York, about as many more. New York certainly has more valuable collections than any other city on the continent, and her collectors are among the most enthusiastic and thorough philatelists in the world. The Empire State can well be proud of such philate-

lists as Scott, Rogers Gregory, Corwin, Clotz, De Jonge, Davis, Collin, Calman, Bogert, Hunter, Rechert, Albrecht, and Gremmel.

We do not hear so much of the philatelist in the interior of the state, but there are plenty of them just the same, though the provincial collector is usually overshadowed by the superior glory of his city brother.

New York should have a good state society, when so many of the smaller states are supporting successful ones. I believe there was a state society organized a year or so ago, but, alas, it met an early death and the mourners were few. Just now, I understand that Mr. Fraser Brown, a rabid Albany stampite is trying to organize a state association: Success to him.

Some of the interior cities have local societies: Albany has one, I believe and Buffalo has a flourishing band of the S. of P. Rochester did have a society, but I have heard nothing of it lately. All of these cities have quite a large number of collectors and Buffalo had a quarterly magazine when last heard from, called the "*Philatelic Argosy*," edited by Mr. Frank R. Hoyt. Syracuse also has a promising young magazine, *THE SYRACUSE PHILATELIST* edited and published by Mr. W. J. Spire. Syracuse also has quite a number of fine collections, that of Mr. John F. Seybold being the best.

Utica rejoices in but few collectors, most of them being of the school boy class. Mr. E. D. Ibbotson, late of Richfield, an exceedingly active collector, has just moved to Utica and perhaps he will boom the hobby a trifle.

Oswego has one well known philatelist, Luther W. Mott, the writer.

Oncida is the home of the writer of this article.

Poughkeepsie was recently the possessor of a society of which Mr. Wacker was the main spirit, but like other local societies, it does not make enough noise for us to know whether it is still in the land of the living.

In regard to the many other artistic philatelists scattered through the various cities and towns of the State I would refer the reader to Rogers' Book, which enumerates perhaps the contents of them. I firmly believe that no other state can boast of a greater number of philatelic notables than our own. The figures bear me out in this claim.

Hurrah for the grand old Empire State. First in stamps; first in men; and first in the hearts of philatelists.

Albany Notes.

There is a collector here who has hit upon a novel idea. He took a hinge, cut it in two, and pasted the half over the space for the "By-boro." He opens the first page of his album shows the hinges to his young friends, and tells them "How he will get them in a garret, and after having done so, will sell them for \$2,000 for them. (Whew!)

I desire to call your attention to the Empire Philatelic Association. This society was founded in Albany, N. Y., 27, 1893, by W. B. Tyrrell, and at present about thirty members. For application to secretary, F. C. G. ers, 207 Jay street, Albany, N. Y.

Many of the business men here have bought sets of "Columbians," just out of curiosity.

Mr. F. C. Myers recently obtained a magnificent copy of the 3-cent rose, 1868, "Grilled all over," which he afterwards traded for the set of Executives. (specimen.)

The Columbian envelopes are very scarce here. [Major Albanis.]

A Few Pointers.

Hold on to all of the 14 Columbian envelopes you get. Dealers are already offering two cents each for them. A year from now they will be scarce.

U. S. Revenues above the dollar value will soon be "out of sight" to the collector of this year, unless he obtains them soon. It is only by special order that you can get them of the dealers, and even then some of them refuse to supply your wants.

Steer clear of unused Mexicans of any issue up to 1884, emanating from St. Louis, unless you collect the class of stamps under which they should come in the catalogue. It is also good policy to carefully examine used specimens before purchasing.

The wide-awake collector is holding the unsurcharged Hawaiian stamps in high esteem. The prices on these stamps are the same, for instance; the 2c. violet, 1891, unused, is selling at 50c., listed at 35c. Quite an advance for such a common stamp.

The "Seebecks" are to stay, it seems in spite of the opposition made against them by some of our philatelic pessimists. The used ones are well worth

saving, notwithstanding the opposite views of some dealers.

The reason the issues of the native Indian States can be purchased so cheap and below face in many instances, is not because those offered for sale are counterfeits, as some suppose. The native Princes, generally badly in need of cash, sell these stamps to our enterprising dealers a great deal less than face, so the dealers are able to place them on sale at "greatly reduced prices."

A pointed pointer:—The Syracuse Philatelist is "here to stay," to use that stereotyped expression. It is small, but Oh! my! 10c please. [The Wayfarer.]

Events of Interest.

The A. P. A. convention at Chicago August 14th.

The S. of P. in the same city August 18th.

Birth of the Philatelic Sons of America August 19th.

Attempted arrest and escape of the notorious Lewis Bishop, alias A. Burmeister, John J. Morgon, etc., at Denver, September 9th.

The opening of the auction sale season September 10th.

Surcharging of all the remainders of the Hawaiian stamps by the Provisional government, June, 1893.

Expose of the "German American Philatelic Society," or "Germania of New York," by the Postoffice.

Advent of our third stamp weekly: "The Stamp Collectors' Weekly."

[The Wayfarer.]

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EDITORIAL.

A surprise has lately been sprung on the philatelic public, in the shape of the exposure of Lewis Bishop, alias John J. Morgan, Horace Stone and A. B. Quigley. The majority of collectors were not aware of Bishop's identity, but a few were, and it is owing to them that he has been exposed.

It seems that he has escaped the police and is at large. Bishop alias Quigley, is described in the Weekly Phil., as 23 years old, five feet 10½ inches tall, of slim build, thin face, blue eyes, and very slight, brown mustache.

Our Announcement,

Commencing with the October number of the SYRACUSE PHILATELIST, the general policy of the paper will be completely changed, and its tone improved.

The Philatelists demand a dignified, sparkling and critical magazine. One that will uphold its constituents, comment upon the questions of the day in a fearless style, and one that will partially review its contemporaries. Such a journal the Syracuse will be.

We also beg to announce that Mr. H. H. Zobel will act in the capacity of associate editor.

We notice in No. 47 of Weekly Philatelist that the Providence plate has been found, and also 32 sheets of the Providence locals. The stamps were printed from a copper plate in blocks of two—one ten cent and eleven five cent. The stamps are now catalogued at \$5.00 for the five cent., and \$25.00 for the ten cent. and an advance is soon expected.

We have received the official catalogue of the postage stamp exhibit, for which we thank the publishers. It is a well gotten up book of 68 pages, giving a list of the stamps exhibited, and the exhibitors. Price 50 cents.

REVIEW.

Dixie Youth—A weekly paper for boys of the South, containing some very interesting reading. Subscription price per year. Atlanta, Ga.

Amateur Scientist—A monthly scientific journal, well worth the subscription price. 35 cents per year. Brookline, Mass.

The Recorder—After an absence of six months we are glad to welcome the paper back again. Its appearance is fully up to the standard. Subscription price 25c per year. North East, Pa.

Philatelic Postal Card—A monthly printed on a card, to represent a return card. Filled with interesting items. Subscription 25c. Reading, Pa.

Girls' Enterprise—A Bi-monthly devoted to Amateur Journalism. It is one of the brightest papers that comes to our notice. Subscription 20c. Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Our Sanctum—A semi-monthly. Subscription 50c. Carbondale, Ill.

The Herald—A weekly local paper. Subscription 50c. Manchester, Iowa.

Philatelic Californian—No. 1 has been received, and if it carries out the high standard it has sent for itself, it will be a magazine with but few superiors. No. 1 is a most excellent number, and we welcome it to our table, and wish it the best of success. Subscription 25c a year. San Francisco, Cal.

The Philatelic Kaleidoscope—An 8 page philatelic monthly. No. 1 is very newsworthy, and well got up. Subscription 1c. Belleville, Mich.

We have also received the following: Our Sanctum, L'Intermediaire Timbrologie, Youth's Magazine, Golden Star, North West, Edison Chapter, Pennsylvania, Albrecht & Co., 15th Auction catalogue.



The Original Postal Service.

In 1270 was founded the **Marines and Knights Order of Knights**. This was developed in many large towns. It lasted for some time, then became almost a thing of the past. After some time it was again started by **Louis XI** in 1464. To the **Thurn and Taxis** it was prohibited, to start a reform of the postal, but **Rogers I of Thurn** started

a post in Tyrol, had a post from Brussels to Vienna. Through **Leonard of Thaur** Charles VI had regular post riders, which traveled Holland to Triest and Speier, Rheinhausen and Italy. In 1526 routes were laid out, streets leveled and improved, and mail wagons built. But owing to the depressing state, the service was again brought down to carriers, and remained so for a number of years. There were no laws as to the breaking of seals, and no mail boxes or postmarks. Letter boxes originated under **Louis XIV**, in Paris. Every letter was sent under frank, the name of sender and receiver being given. The latest correspondence cards were gotten out by **Dr. Hermans**, in Wein. When in 1850 the first issue of stamps appeared in Spain, the country had been under **Queen Isabella** for 17 years, whose portrait adorns them. The country at that time was one of endless dissension. **Isabella** ruled until 1868, and all stamps issued up to that date bear her profile. That year **Isabella** was dethroned and she fled to France. A provisional government was continued until 1870: That year a set of stamps was issued, with the profile of a female in the center. Then the sovereignty of Spain was yielded to the young son of **Victor Emmanuel of Italy**.

During his reign one set of stamps was issued in 1872. He rejected the crown in 1873, and went back to Italy. Then the Republicans ruled till 1875, when King Alphonso XII took the throne. Alphonso died in 1885, but no stamps were issued since 1872.

N. H. M.

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Interesting Facts and Figures.

Interesting facts and figures by the Wayfarer, for one hundred and seventy-five years, as gleaned by him, will show that postage had been collected entirely in money, and in all cases prepayment was optional. John Haywood, the first postmaster of America, had a chance post. John M. Mills, who became postmaster in 1840, suggested the postage stamp. His suggestion was received with indifference, and so he soon retired. His successor, C. A. Wichille, put the department in its old ruts again, and C. Johnson who succeeded him in 1845, had a hard task to replace the reform measures of Mills. In 1817 the act authorizing the issue of stamps, of the 5c and 10c denominations, was passed and approved. A Mrs. Shaw was the lady who purchased the first

two stamps issued in this country. denominations remained in use for years. In 1861 the series of 1851 called in by Montgomery Blair, a new series was issued in this country. In 1863 a two cent stamp was issued for local service. In 1865 newspapers were issued, 5, 10, 25 cent denominations, but these soon fell into disuse. The idea of stamped envelopes was first thought of by J. D. Hubbard of Connecticut, at whose suggestion the first stamped envelopes were issued in 1851. The denominations of 3 and 6 cents were issued in 1855 a ten cent envelope was issued. It may be said that while two Connecticut men invented the postage stamps and stamped envelopes, in America there was a third Connecticut man who invented the envelope machine which manufactures 30,000 envelopes a day. His name was Ed. Allen.

[N. H. May]



FIRST POST-PAID ENVELOPE.

The idea of a post-paid envelope originated, early in the reign of Louis XIV. with M. de Velay, who in 1653 established (with royal approbation), a penny-post, placing boxes at the corners of streets, for the reception of letters wrapped up in envelopes, which were to be bought at offices established for that purpose. M. de Velay also caused to be printed certain forms of bills and notes, applicable to the ordinary business among the inhabitants of great towns, with blanks which were filled up with such special matter as might come to the writer's object. One of these bills has been preserved up to our time. The invention of stamped postage envelopes, is, however, claimed for Sweden.

In 1813 a Swedish artillery officer lieutenant Treckenber, petitioned the Chamber of Nobles to propose to the government to issue stamped paper specially for envelopes or prepaid letters; but the proposition was rejected by a large majority.

Mr. G. I. LaMont has purchased the Brooklyn Stamp, and will assume control with the October number.

We are in receipt of an auction catalogue from J. N. Burton. It catalogues a fair variety of U. S. and some good foreign. The sale is to take place at Madison, N. Y. on Nov. 10th.

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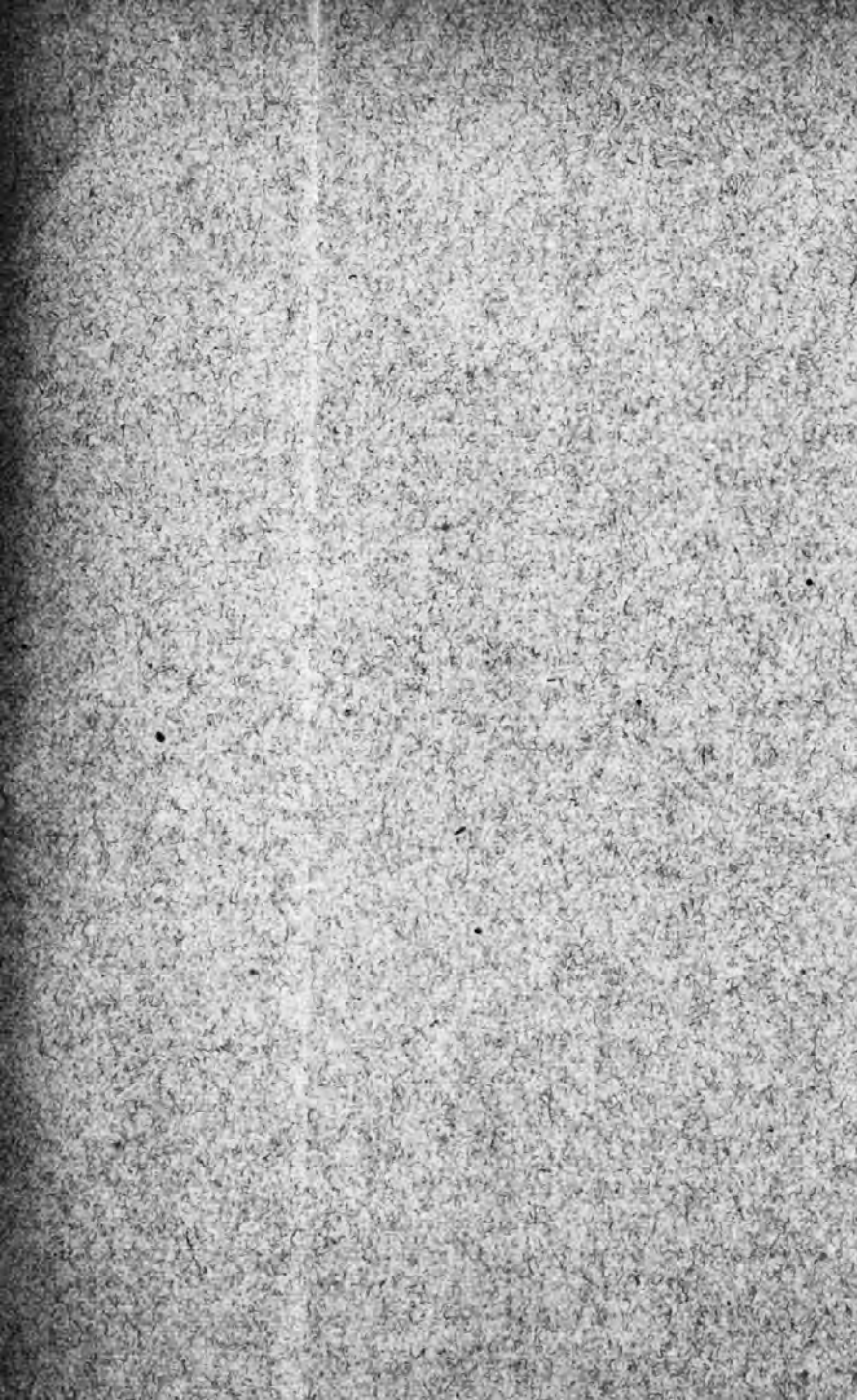


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The Stamps of Seebeck.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

It must seem very curious to an outsider to notice the many references in our stamp journals to "Seebeck" stamps. Even to many young collectors, who are not fully posted on the *raison d'être* of these stamps, it is a great mystery to know why this name is given to some late issues of South American countries. Mr. F. Seebeck, whose name is so often associated with these issues, is the president of the Hamilton Bank Note Company of New York, and a philatelist of many years' standing. Mr. Seebeck, during the many years in which he had followed the fortunes of the pursuit, had become firmly convinced that Philately was suffering from a dearth of new issues. Hence, in the goodness of his heart, some four years ago or so, he conceived a little scheme, which was to kill two birds with one stone. By his plan, not only was Philately to be blessed with new issues yearly in such countries as should fall in with his scheme, but the pocket-book of Seebeck was, incidentally, to be filled with the checkers of Philatelists. Mr. Seebeck's plan was as follows: The Ham-

ilton Bank Note Company, in which Mr. S. is understood to be the leading spirit, was to print and furnish to the republics of Nicaragua and Salvador all the stamps, envelopes, cards, etc., needed by those countries, entirely free of charge. A new series of stamps was to be issued yearly, and the Bank Note Company as payment, were to receive all the stamps on hand at the close of each year, and were to have the right of reprinting the stamps.

This novel scheme was carried out in a manner which insured its success. The stamps of the Seebeck regime have been among the most beautiful in the world. The designs have been artistic, the coloring neat and tasty, without being gaudy, and the engraving and printing all that could be desired. These stamps are so well known that any lengthy description of the various handsome designs with which they have been ornamented, would be wholly superfluous. Mr. Seebeck was acute enough to see that handsome coloring and tasty designs would attract the eye and consequently the patronage of a large majority of Philatelists, and he has therefore spared no pains to make them attractive.

It is not too much to say that the See-

beck issues have been a howling success. A great deal has been said in the philatelic press about their origin, but nevertheless, collectors have fallen all over themselves in their attempts to place these exceptionally handsome stamps in their albums. With the younger element, especially, the Seebeck issues have been immensely popular. There is good reason to believe that the speculative contracts have proved exceedingly profitable to everybody concerned, excepting only the collector, on whose money the impecunious governments who use these speculative issues, the engravers who make them, and the wholesalers and retailers through whose hands they must pass to reach the collector, thrive and grow fat.

The Seebeck issues have not, from their very first entrance on the scene of action, lacked enemies and detractors. They have been second only to the surcharge as a target for the most severe criticism, and at times one is forced to believe that they deserve all the hard things which have been said about them. Certainly the use of these issues by several petty South American republics sets a bad example to other nations; who, when they see Salvador, Nicaragua, Ecuador, etc., having all their stamps and envelopes supplied gratis, will very likely be tempted to follow suit.

If we were certain that the speculative issue would go no further than those States, to which its use is at present confined, we might be content to accept 'Seebeck's' without question, and to think no more of the matter. But there is no telling how far this specula-

tive idea may not penetrate in future. Mr. Seebeck and his mental allies have demonstrated that a speculative contract can be undertaken, on the terms before mentioned. Why should not many impecunious governments issue stamps under the Seebeck system?

Some philatelic writers advise readers to exclude the Seebeck stamps from their albums, using as their motto, "Desperate Diseases Require Desperate Remedies." Whether so desperate a remedy is really necessary, at least perhaps open to question. The collector is very loth to resort to such harsh measures; indeed if he has hopes of ever obtaining complete sets, he is obliged to collect Seebeck stamps, if they are legitimate government stamps, and as such are just as necessary to a complete collection, as the C. G. issue of the United States. We do not believe in arbitrarily barring stamps issued under the Seebeck system, I certainly think their use should not be discouraged in every way. Stamp collectors have far too many traps set for them as it is, and the Seebeck trap becomes unduly numerous, then, but not now, we may be justified in demolishing it.

Were it not for the pernicious system under which these stamps are manufactured, they would certainly be among the most interesting stamps in the world, for their designs are most meritorious. It seems a great pity to be obliged to shut out of our albums the handsomest stamps extant, but the Seebeck system shows signs of being other South American countries may have no other alternative.

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BY ROY F. GREENE.

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 a number, while Argentine Re-
 lico gives us three official reprints of
 rat issue, made in 1866, and three
 nts of the 1862 issue which have
 m. Privately reprinted in London
 1871 Austria has ninety reprints

of adhesives, post cards and envelopes,
 while her colony of Austrian-Italy has
 forty-nine. Azores claims thirty-seven
 distinct reprints, Baden fourteen, Bel-
 gium two, which however, were reprint-
 ed officially.

Bergedorf has nine set down to her
 credit, seven of which have been put
 out by a Belgian dealer, since 1872, the
 two others were officially reprinted.
 Seven is the output for British Guiana,
 Cape of Good Hope two, Cape Verde
 Islands fourteen, Cashmere fifty-one,
 Denmark twenty, Ecuador five, (there
 is some dispute as to these latter being
 reprints or remainders).

Finland has nine reprints, France
 fifteen, French Colonies thirty-six,
 Great Britain two, Guadeloupe two,
 Hamburg thirteen, Hanover forty, Hel-
 igoland eighteen, Hungara seven, Hy-
 derabad three, India fourteen, Liberia
 one, Lubeck eleven, Macao fifteen,
 Madeira thirty-six, Mauritius four,
 Mexico nineteen, Mozambique fourteen,
 Natal ten, New Caledonia one, New
 South Wales six.

Next comes the North German Con-
 federation which are the noted reprints
 of Alsace and Lorraine seven in number,
 Oldenburg gives us four, Paraguay two,
 Persia eleven, Poland one, Portugal
 forty-one, Portuguese India twenty-one
 Prussia thirty, Reunion Islands eight,
 Romagna nine, Roman States seven,
 Roumania one, St Tomas and Prince
 Islands fourteen, Samoa sixteen, Sand-
 wich Islands four, Sardinia twelve,
 Shanghai eleven, Sirmoor one and Sor-
 uth four

Spain bobs up serenely with four,
 South Australia twenty-four, Sweden
 seventeen, Tasmania thirty-four, Timor
 eight, Tolima three, Transyaal seven

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▲ EDITORIAL. ▲

With the Associate Editor.

Was the result of the recent demand for Hawaiian Provisionals beneficial or disastrous to Philately? This question is one of grave importance. One that demands the attention of every dealer and collector.

In the first place, speculators controlled the entire supply of rarities; and secondly the post-office department was either standing in with them or were in some way engaged in withholding or limiting the supply of various denominations in hopes of a rapid increase in value.

Unfortunately for the speculators, the expected increase did not materialize; the result being seen by a decided fall in prices and a corresponding increase in the supply of rare stamps.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

The enormous quantity of stamps issued yearly, or more frequently by the South and Central American Governments, occupy the same space as the emissions of F. N. Seebeck.

These stamps, while intended exclusively for official correspondence, are rarely used for such a purpose. They are simply manufactured for the sake of the revenue they bring in sales to unwary collectors who should know better.

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

From present indications, the prospects for an organization of a Philatelic Press Association are unusually bright. Popular advanced collectors, who frequently contribute articles to the philatelic press, have taken hold of the movement and will give it the support.

While it may be rather premature to propose a candidate for the position of President of the new association, the *Syracuse Philatelist* will be pardoned for naming such a well known and esteemed philatelist as Mr. F. H. Pinkham of New Hampshire.

DIE VARIETIES.

DIE varieties form one of the most interesting and principal studies in philately. It is here where the greatest student seeks for his oddities, and "die varieties" do the scientific work. A collection of die varieties is worth twice as much as a plain uninteresting collection of colored paper.

Philatelic Press Review

Were one to judge the standard of the Philatelic press during the past few months, we wonder what would be

inion of that critic? What would 'e opinion of outsiders?

The recent summer was certainly one the busiest in the history of Phila- yet the philatelic press seemingly re- ged its vigilance, and fell far behind; t only in current events, but in gen- l news, and in the class of articles eented.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* has bably advanced more rapidly in e- tige and in influence than any other riodical in the United States. Since enlargement it has printed some ex- lent articles upon little known sub- ts. The October number con- tains e reprinted articles on the "Stamps Naples" and "Alsace-Lorraine," that eerve special mention.

The principal, and most interesting ture of the *Collector* is the list of new mbers and officers' reports, in the o- ber number. We predict a still er increase in members, for the en- g year, in the Sons of Philatelia.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* prints an ecellent article from the pen of L. G. eckerbush upon the proposed "Press ociation." The writer proves, be- d a doubt, that such an organization e necessity. It must come.

The second number of the *Philatelic d- forer* appeared promptly on No- mber 1. The most important article ies by Dr. Sylvester, on "Hawaiian ibilities. He proves the statement e- t insiders are printing them, and e information about a fake provi- al electrotype.

Any collector doubts that the Co- bin stamps will not become rare, e- ould read Editor Davison's article e *Post Office*. Mr. Davison segms

to have struck the correct reason for supposing that those stamps sent to Europe will not be returned.

The *Philatelic Kaleidoscope* for November contains a portrait of John R. Hooper, and a full account of the case to date. This together with notes, editorials, etc., makes up an interesting number.

The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* at hand. No. one consists of four pages and a cover.

After an absence of three months the *Hoosier Stamp* has again appeared. The *Stamp* has again changed hands. C. W. Grevning again assumes control with the October number.

We notice that Mr. Brown of the *American Philatelic Magazine* has taken F. S. Parmelee for a partner. The new firm will deal in stamps, in connection with their publishing business.

We have received the November and December numbers of the *Reporter*. Good! Come again.

We have received the initial number of the *Minnesota Philatelist*. Edited by Harry S. Swensen. It is published by a stock company, and should prove a success.

We have also received the following: *Our Sanctum*, *Amateur Scientist*, *The Recorder*, *Girls' Enterprise*, *Philatelic Era*, *Hoosier Stamp*, and *The Northwest*.

Over a year ago collectors were advised by different authorities to hold all the 50c due stamps they had. was rumored that this denomination was to be retired, as it was seldom used. It still seems to be with us, but those who followed this advice have no reason for complaint, as they are rising in value rapidly.

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and Tuscany eleven.

The United States claims forty-four, though of course these are all government reprints or at least, reprinted by government authority.

Victoria has forty-seven set aside to her credit, and Wurtemberg sixteen.

Among the stamps of private parties, firms or corporations the most conspicuous reprints are: Danube Steam Navigation Co., four, Figi Times Express five, Helsingfors two. La Guayra four, New York postmasters stamp one, and the postmasters stamp of Kingston, Knoxville and Nashville of the Confederate States.

Thus one can see that even a collection of reprints is no small affair, in as much as many of the reprints are as rare as the originals.

Summing up the reprints above enumerated we find a grand total of One thousand and sixty-eight. Quite a respectable showing for these downtrodden stamps.

I am indebted for much of the information herein given to Mr. Harry Hillekes and his work on "Reprints".

I trust that these figures will set you thinking and that in the future you will give some study to reprints, those stamps which may or may not be the bane of Philately.

AT RANDOM.

The 3c green, grilled, issued 1870 does not seem to be following the example of most of the U. S. instead of rising in value it has remained the same and even fallen in price in some catalogues.



I wonder what became of the late E. P. Newcomer's counter collection. He had accumulated a very fine assortment of stamps, and it would be a pity they had to be scattered again. Such a collection would be of great benefit to some society.



How easy it is for a collector to confuse the meanings of the words "reprint" and "reissue". Reprints are reproductions of stamps, made by a government after the stamps so reproduced are obsolete and the issue is the same, only the reproductions in this case are received for postage, while the reprints are not.

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I have been informed that Mr. Eugene Gesvret, a partner of W. Sellschopp, will open a new philatelic establishment. The collectors wish Bro. Gesvret the best of success.

Hawaiian Provisionals have decreased greatly in price. The rare issues are now comparatively common, and can be easily obtained.

The Sons of Philatelia Branch in San Francisco now holds regular monthly meetings. The total membership is usually present, some thirty.

With two philatelic magazines San Francisco can now take her place among the largest philatelic centers in America. She has five local societies, seven dealers who cater to the city trade and two hundred advanced collectors.

Hong Kong single surcharges are not so rare now as was the case two months ago. Many of the 50 on 48 cents violet have made their appearance.

Bogus Columbian adhesives are now quite common. They are wretchedly made by litho-

graphic process and have the word "Imitation" across the



Did you notice how the price of the jubilee issue of Argos dropped? They sold readily at \$2.00 each at first, but now are selling for half that.



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