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SEPTEMBER, 1895.

We beg to introduce to the philatelic public a journal devoted to that science. It will, should nothing prevent, appear upon the first of each month. We are very grateful to all who helped us by "ads" and otherwise, and make an appeal for more. Subscriptions will only be 20 cents.

†

It is rumored that Uncle Sam is to change the color of the current two cent stamp. Good thing! Push it along.

†

L. E. in the Springfield Philatelist, claims to have found a variety of the 90 cent 1872. He asks the small sum of \$30 each for the first ten he sells! Don't all speak at once!

†

Where is the S. S. S. S. going to draw the line between legitimate and speculative issues? Can any tell?

Dealers! Look out for H. H. Williams, 4019 Lane Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. You may lose something on approval sheets if he sends for them. (Philatelic papers please copy.)

†

Have you ever noticed what a nice class of collectors Philatelia fosters in her small boy collectors? Usually neatly dressed, intelligent, healthy appearing lads who can pitch a curve and slug the umpire on week days and on Sundays sing "I want to be an angel."

†

In the August number of the Evergreen State Philatelist an article by W. F. Bishop appears stating that stamps purchased from approval sheets are the most expensive, regardless of the prices paid. He goes on to state that the stamps on approval sheets are nothing more than rubbish, using reprints, surcharges, revenue and telegraph stamps as illustrations. Of course some are such, but those are the property of the fraud and not the honest dealer. He says that when you order stamps you get such as are never seen on sheets. Mr. Bishop, this may be the case with you, but not with us. When dealers send stamps on approval they know that they will be examined and therefore put on the best and save the "fakes" for philatelists who do not believe in approval sheets. It seemed strange that a "philatelist" (?) should condemn sheets, and was not at all surprised when it ended up saying, "I handle only high grade stamps and would be pleased to serve you."

†

We receive a copy of Die Post from Germany, but—

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Quite a political scrap at Clayton. Eh?

We are indebted to Mr. H. E. Morey, of Boston, Mass., (31 Exchange St.), for a copy of his wholesale catalogue. It is certainly the neatest and cheapest of the season.

†

In December we will issue a special Christmas number consisting of as many pages as the occasion may call for. We have decided to issue a very large edition upon that occasion. It will be out in time for advertisers to catch the "holiday trade." Try us and find our merits.

†

You will notice upon page five of this issue a column headed "Comments by Seneca." These articles will appear regularly and will prove interesting.

†

Mr. C. W. Parker states that he will publish a "Philatelic Daily." This is something new in our line and we wish it great success.

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An advertisement in the "Seneca Philatelist" never slumbers, costs nothing for food and is the best commercial traveler a dealer can employ. It never stammers and always tells its own tale.

†

From the mouth of the Rocky Mountain Stamp for September we hear high praises in regards to the P. S. of A. and Q. C. P. S. convention.

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We had the pleasure of a short interview with Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, of Relerton, Canada, who has just returned from Clayton. He is on his way to Buffalo. He reports a good time at the convention.

†

The article upon the Columbian Issue is omitted, but will appear with the Xmas number, when it will continue until March.

Conventions.

Clayton, A. P. A. New officers: Pres., J. K. Tiffany; V. Pres., Alvah Davison; Treas., N. W. Chandler; Secy., C. W. Kissinger; Inter. Secy., W. C. Stone; Sales and Ex. Supt., Geo. D. Mekul; Examiner of Stamps, H. Flackshanm; Librarian, H. E. Deats; Library Ex. Mgr., Dr. G. N. Campbell; Counterfeit Detector, J. W. Scott.

Denver, P. S. of A. New officers: Pres., C. W. Kissinger; V. Pres., S. M. Hamilton; Secy., N. H. Bormus; Treas. L. W. Mott.

Good time reported.

Denver, L. A. P. New officers: Pres., R. M. Bettesworth; V. Pres., L. J. Kramer; Secy., I. E. Patterson; Treas., E. B. Jones; Ex. Supt., E. A. Stegeler; Auction Mgr., Wm. Miller; Purchasing Agt., S. L. Wing; Librarian, C. G. Hart; Attorney, E. Mather; Counterfeit Detector, O. H. Treichel.

The members of the several societies have made excellent selections, and we bid you all success in your offices and we rest assured that you will fill the duties like men.

P. A. F.

Philatelic Papers.

The Eastern Philatelist is the oldest monthly devoted to our hobby.

The Evergreen State Philatelist is an attractive magazine and deserves patronage.

The Bay State Philatelist is as neat as usual.

The Michigan Philatelist should be well patronized.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp supplies us with some of Denver's beautiful scenery.

Other papers of interest: The Southern Philatelist, "Bright and Newsy." The Springfield Philatelist is just what you want. The Philatelic Californian, The Era, The

Texan, The International, The Weekly, and others.

[NOTE: We cannot give much attention to this in this issue as our other work is so pressing. We will promise more next time.]

Notes by Roy F. Green.

"I am very much interested in the recent disturbances down in Cuba." said a travelling man to me the other day. "I have two interests involved, which is more than the average man in this country. One in a business sense, the other of pleasure. I am a representative of a large importing house that handles cigars exclusively, and am a stamp collector in the bargain. From a business standpoint either the triumph of republicanism and the upbuilding of a sister republic, or the annexation of the island to the United States, would be of incalculable benefit to our trade, and as a stamp collector the overthrowing of the monarchical domination would be very pleasing to me. So it is that the news of victories on the part of the revolutionists is hailed with gladness, and the dispatches chronicling a defeat, effects me in a greater degree than most any one you meet. All of which goes to show that more than stamp collectors are, and have been, interested in the daily news from Cuban waters and inland fastnesses.

Since Tunis has set the example of surcharging by means of a perforated or punched letter design, we may expect further exaggerated forms from the French Colonies, we suppose. "L'Avenir des Timbres Postes" for April 10th, gives us an illustration among the chronicles of new issues of this rather interesting stamp, which is the regular two cent type of Tunis, in which the surcharged letter "T" covers the surface of the stamp in punched

holes. Although our French may be a little rusty from little usage and neglect, we understand by this same journal that these surcharges are in the nature of Postage Due, and no doubt the crying need for such an issue will strike all other lands and isles than Tunis, and the surcharge fiend will get in his work in good shape.

Comments by Seneca.

I am aware that I am a little behind the time in commenting upon the following subject—but it's the fashion to be late:

In a certain philatelic paper appeared an article written by a certain philatelist in good standing. The subject of the article was, "Philatelists not Church-goers."

He stated that our hobby was supported by regular attendants at religious services. To prove this he used this illustrations.

A few of his philatelic acquaintances were non-church-goers. Of course this is (supposed to be) a good argument.

I am—and of course we all are—sorry that his friends are subject to carelessness in that line. I write this article in order to "defend our science" and to make a deeper and better impression upon the world. We cannot afford to have our hobby thus denounced and forcing the idea upon the outside public that we are a "pack of heathens." In fact all of the philatelists of my acquaintance are active church workers. Of course philatelists have their faults. Who don't. But they are generally classed as intelligent and trusty persons.

So my friend if you have a friend collector or dealer of such reputation see that he reforms. SENECA.

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CHAS. B. HESSE, Ft. Madison, Iowa.

The next issue will be more attractive and will probably meet your approval much sooner than this. With next issue appears a continued article upon the Columbian issue.

Collectors are warned to be careful about buying errors or misprints in the Columbian envelopes.—E. S. P.

It is stated that philatelic publications in Canada are no longer allowed second-class postal rates. Why any legitimate publication should be shut out of the mails, no matter what its special field, is beyond the comprehension of a Yankee.—M. P.

If the postoffice department changes the locks used on mail sacks from iron to those of aluminum it will effect a saving of \$1,260,000 per year, as Uncle Sam pays by the pound for hauling mail, and aluminum locks will weigh only a fraction as much as the iron ones.—M. P.

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*Japan S. Wedding, 2 var.15
*3 var. Constantinople.....	.15
*6 " Costa Rica.....	.15
*7 " Ecuador.....	.19
*8 " Samoa.....	.15
*12 " Cuba '92-'94.....	.20
15 " Japan.....	.15
15 " Mexico.....	.15
100 " Stamps.....	.10
20 " Unused.....	.20

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A Winter Evening.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

The grim north wind is blowing chill,
 The winter night is cold and clear;
 The moon has thrown her gleaming light
 Across the city, far and near.
 The window-pane is dimmed with frost,
 Few footsteps echo on the street;
 'Tis then I sit down by my fire,
 And there enjoy its welcome heat.
 'Tis then, when business hours are done,
 I draw my album from its place;
 'Tis then, in looking o'er my stamps,
 A smile of pleasure lights my face.
 The darkness now has grown so deep
 That I arise and light the lamps,
 Then settle in my easy chair
 To read and study of my stamps.
 What pleasures can you show me, that
 With such an evening can compare?
 What other hobby has the power
 To charm away all pain and care?
 Our daily troubles fade away
 When Philatelia reigns supreme;
 When at her shrine we sacrifice,
 Life is a sweet and pleasant dream.

On a Philatelic Emblem.

WRITTEN FOR THE SENECA PHILATELIST.

A great deal of discussion is going the rounds concerning a "Philatelic Emblem." This idea seems to us to be a good one, and we heartily hope that the time is near when such a thing will bind us as one in the desire to become more advanced and rid our hobby of the few evils which make the science regarded by outsiders as a mere "financial scheme." But the only difficulty which confronts us is the selection of one which will be universally approved. It will be a matter of no little consideration. There are hundreds to be pleased and there are numberless opinions which vary.

It may not be as difficult to choose an appropriate emblem as we pre-

dict, but the general rule inclines to tend in that direction. The idea of voting for a decision will be more work than the emblem will be worth and it will have more faults after the work is supposed to have been completed. Firstly, some philatelist who may take the greatest of interest in this subject might be totally unknown to the outside world of philately and then be skipped and that would be very unfair. Also there is place for fraud.

Of course there are very few persons in philately who can be called frauds, but there are some who, I am sorry to say, could beat the world's record. There are many other difficulties too numerous to mention. In the next issue the bright side will come to light.

Study of Reprints.

The main things to observe in the study of reprints are: Color, gum, paper, silk-threads, watermark and perforation.

Firstly: The color of a reprint is generally more vivid than an original.

Secondly: The gum of reprints is generally defective. In order to make them as cheap as possible they are very lightly gummed.

Thirdly: The paper in reprints is very different, generally lighter and thinner.

Fourthly: The silk threads are generally omitted in reprints from motives of economy.

Fifthly: If the original has been watermarked, this is omitted.

Sixthly: The perforation remains

the surest guide for detection, especially as our gauge enables us to do without the originals.

The Three-Cent Red Of 1857.

Although the United States 3-cent red, with outer line, is by no means a rare stamp, there are many collectors who do not thoroughly understand the variety. What is known as the outer line is found at the top and bottom of the stamp. It will be noticed that the inscriptions on the stamp, "U. S. Postage" in the label above, and "Three Cents" in the label below, the lettering is white on a background of solid color. In the regular issue, or common variety, this solid color of the respective labels forms the extreme top and the extreme bottom of the stamp. In the outer line, or scarce variety, there is a fine line above the solid color of the label at the top of the stamp, and below that at the bottom. In the scarce variety the fine outer line goes entirely around the stamp; in the common variety the line is found at the sides only.

What the 1857, 3-cent, with outer line really is, is the 3-cent of 1851 (unperforated series) issued perforated. The history of the variety is briefly as follows: The 3-cent of 1851 (unperforated series) was issued with the outer line at the top, bottom and at both sides—it passed entirely around the stamp. The stamps were very close together in the sheet. When the government began issuing the 3-cent stamp, perforated, in 1857,

there was no change made in the plates. These early printings constitute the outer line variety. The stamps being close together in the sheet, as before stated, there was not sufficient room between them for the perforations. To remedy this the outer line at the top and bottom of each stamp was removed, which gives us the common variety of the stamp.—American Philatelic Magazine.

Clippings.

A collection without an album is like a man without a country.—I. P.

Guatemala is to have an entire new set of postage stamps.—E. P.

Samoa has resorted to cutting its stamps diagonally in order to meet the emergency of the almost entire destruction of her stock by fire.—B. S. R.

During the fiscal year ending July 1 the government issued 2,823,000,000 stamps, the face value of which was \$56,885,418.—M. P.

The new style money-orders are beginning to come into use, being supplied to postmasters as fast as their supply of the old style orders are exhausted. The new one is smaller than the old one and a decided improvement upon it.—M. P.

Stamps!

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*7 " Ecuador.....	.10
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We will accept all good M. S. S.

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We desire to exchange two copies with all philatelic publications.

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We will from now on have each month fresh notes from the circles of New York.

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A few typographical errors have appeared in the S. P., but for a beginner we flatter ourselves that they were few and far between.

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In our last issue we had an inch ad. for F. W. Kaupp. It has paid him so well as to cause him, out of justice to us, to insert a column ad. in this number.

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Our paper is printed by the Syndicate Company, of Breckenridge, Minn. They are capable of doing A No. 1 work and an order to them (mentioning us please) will be greatly appreciated.

We feel very grateful to the generous parties who favored us with their subscriptions and advertisements. We solicit more from the remainder of the scientists who make a specialty of philately.

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We have heard from several reliable sources that the current two cent stamp will be changed in color, but we have not seen it. It is best to follow the old adage, "Believe nothing that you hear and only half what you see."

†

The Era has been full of approval sheet frauds of late. If dealers send their sheets unsolicited—except by mistake—they cannot expect to get their stamps O. K. Of course mistakes will occur and some times sheets go out when they are not on an order. Also sheets are returned and not credited, and in many cases this is the trouble.

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We have had considerable experience in this line and a mistake is the easiest thing in the world to make. Of course a fraud is found in every branch of life and some are in ours and when a dealer strikes one then he is out sheets. To help dealers look out for frauds we give Mr. H. H. Williams, 4019 Lanchastre Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., a second free advertisement.

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Miscellany.

Advertise!!

Look out for the Panama errors.

The colors of the Victoria unpaid letter stamps have been changed to red and green.

The postmaster of Ecuador announces the issue of a new set of stamps. (S. S. S. S.?)

It is stated that three more values of the Somali Coast were issued, being five, ten and fifty.

The sixty-four att of Siam have been surcharged for use as one and two att, the latter value having run out.

It is generally noticed that the stamps of '95 are greatly inferior to those of '90 in regard to paper and gum.

Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterlors, has returned from his trip, which consisted of about 1500 miles, upon his wheel.

It seems to be a great delight to some collectors to see how prominent they can make themselves by such foolishness as great variety discoveries, in reality amounting to a dot of ink or other inoffensive object.

The question is often asked if match and playing card stamps are included in a collection. These being government issues are embraced in a stamp catalogues, but as to collection rests with the individual collector.

Don't fail to read our supplement this month. It's interesting.

Press Review.

Mekel's Weekly looks well under cover.

Eastern Philatelist is always up to date.

The Southern Philatelist is on

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| 5 French colonies | 3 Honduras |
| 3 Jamaica | 6 Japan |
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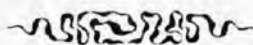
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Philatelies.

BY W. W. F.

The first display of stamps and other philatelic supplies ever shown at the Toronto Exhibition is exhibited this year by Mr. Wilson Wilby.

The new catalogue so extensively advertised by Stanley Gibbons has been issued, and copies of it have been received. The increase in the prices of some of the West Indian stamps is over a hundred per cent.

Now is the time that those who have invested largely in U. S. stamps will congratulate themselves on their forethought.

A number of business men have invested very largely in U. S. stamps and claim they pay as well as government bonds.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal has criticised Senf Bros.' 1895 catalogue to a very great extent as being a buying list and say that it is absolutely useless and unreliable.

A collection of stamps in Toronto recently changed hands for \$15,000. The collection included seven of the Canada twelve pence.

Church societies have not yet gotten over the million stamp craze. A society not a hundred miles from Seneca Falls gathered, or rather started to gather, a million stamps. They reached the amount of 200,000. A certain collector in that city offered them \$35 for the lot. The bargain was completed and the philatelist found several of the famous 3 cent pink of '61, ten of the 10 cent 1847, and many other high values. His money was good and paying 200 per cent. on his investment.

Philatelic Literature.

IN FOUR PARTS.—PART I.

A library of works on philately is an absolute necessity to the active philatelist. This may seem to some a self-evident truth, yet there are hundreds of collectors receiving philatelic literature who fail to preserve it. As stamp journals do more to keep up enthusiasm and interest than the stamps do themselves, no true philatelist could be without a library. Of course it need not necessarily consist of bound volumes, although binding literature insures their preservation as well as makes them handy. Of course it is very expensive to have literature bound. Nevertheless the collector with limited means should not let this deter him from forming a collection of philatelic literature.

The journals devoted to the interests of Philately are all worth saving and any collector who destroys the same cannot be condemned too strongly.

Some one has said "A philatelist without an album is like a man without a country;" this would also apply to collectors who never subscribe to papers in our science. They all sell at very reasonable prices and collectors should not be content with two or three journalistic representations of our hobby, but subscribe to as many as they can afford.

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New York Notes.

BY "METROPOLIS."

The advance sheets of Scott's 56th catalogue have made their appearance. They can be had for the small (?) sum of five dollars. Appropois to the above, dealers are not supplying U. S. at the 55th prices; those fortunate ones that have these sheets

are buying up all the "jumps." U. S. adhesives have made a rapid advance, as was expected, also departments and revenues, some of which have advanced nearly double.

A big advance is expected in British North America, also unsurcharged Hawaiian Islands. Now is the time to fill your empty spaces.

No doubt a great many collectors are of the opinion that the 30 and 50 cent claret (1891) due stamps are going to take "a big drop" in the 56th, but in this they are very much mistaken. It is a fact that all dealers have still a large stock of these stamps, but as the new issue of the 30 and 50 cent has appeared, dealers will soon advance their prices on them. There are a large number of collectors that lack these stamps to complete their sets, but as I have stated, above they think these stamps a poor investment (I cannot find a more appropriate word, as collectors are now investing and not collecting) my advice to collectors is to purchase them at the low price they are now advertised, as they can never be purchased cheaper.

Talking about due stamps I know of a good many collectors purchasing the 30 and 50 cent about a year ago at \$2.50 to \$3.00 and they thought they were cheap at that.

I have noticed that is not an easy matter to obtain evenly centered specimens of the higher values of our present issue, in fact, there are not many to be had at the P. O. in this city.

The collecting of U. S. plate numbers is becoming very popular among collectors. This fad originated in this city.

It is said that the United States government intends taxing all bank checks two cents. We will then have another new revenue to collect. What next?

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The Philatelic Newsletter is a prominent journal among the advanced philatelists and it should be, for it is always O. K.

Southern Philatelist is as enjoyable as usual.

The Evergreen is always prompt and newsy.

We have not seen the second copy of the International.

The Philatelic Californian is neat as the neatest.

The Eastern Philatelist is the pride of our science.

The Michigan Philatelist always meets us upon the first.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp is second to none.

The Bay State is well represented by F. P. Droun in his welcome journal.

The Northern has changed its form a little.

We received "Canada's Only Stamp Paper" and it is a good representative.

Others received: The Reporter, Springfield Philatelist, The Texan, Stamp Journal, The Era.

We are indebted to E. B. Jones, of Ruthven, Iowa, for a copy of his Comprehensive Check List. This work is invaluable to the "Literature Collector."

With the last mail we receive a copy of the Philatelic Tribune, from Smyrna, N. Y. It contains the 71st auction sale of F. J. Stanton, but that is about all (of importance.)

We have received a copy of H. J. Trysnge's wholesale catalogue. It, at a glance, seems to be worth trying.

A. Weisz, of London, sends us a copy of his wholesale catalogue and it is a very attractive one.

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A variety has occurred in the new series for Mexico.

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PART II.

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The actual work performed on a mail train is very similar to that required in the sweat-box.

Mail bags filled with letters filled the passages in the letter car several feet deep, and leathern and heavy canvas pouches stuffed to overflowing with second-class and third-class matter were piled almost to the ceiling in the paper cars.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

New York Notes.

BY "METROPOLIS."

A large number of entire sheets of the war department stamps were recently found in Washington. This city got the cream of the "find."

Those fortunate ones who bought the dollar values unwatermarked at the time they were on sale in the post office here are now going around with a broad smile, and they have good cause to smile as these stamps will put the Columbians in the shade, as far as investment goes. Dealers in this city are holding all they can get. Good specimens of the two dollar unwatermarked are bringing six dollars and this is considered cheap.

The 56th catalogue prices three shades of the brown U. S. due stamps. They are yellow brown, brown and red brown. The 3 cent red brown is priced at four dollars unused and two dollars used.

Those knowing (?) collectors who a few year ago claimed that United States revenues were not worth collecting are now keeping in the shade. The 56th prices will prove that these are the coming stamps (if it has not been proven already). A good collection of U. S. revenues present an interesting and pleasing appearance.

Chas. W. Greuning, one of our leading dealers, also publisher of the "Stamp," has removed his business to Morristown, N. J.

♦♦♦ "Herr" Von Ferrary.

Doubtless many philatelists have seen allusions to a great collector in Europe called "Herr" von Ferrary, but of whose identity or abiding place they have no definite information given them by the journals who speak of the great "Ferrary."

Herr von Ferrary is not a real name, it is the alias under which Mr. Philippe De Ferrari, of No. 57 Rue de Varenne, Paris, France, lets himself loose on the philatelic fraternity.

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native city, however, and made the city of Genoa some magnificent presents, in return for which he was created Duke of Galiera, by Barnabas L. Chiaramonti, who did business under the name of Pope Pius VII. The Pope's titles of nobility are not hereditary or else our Mr. Philippe de Ferrari would have become Duke of Galiera the second on his father's decease, which occurred over a quarter of a century ago.

Mr. de Ferrari has a good collection, probably the best in Europe or anywhere else, his immense wealth enabling him to purchase everything he wants in the philatelic line.

The only fault he has, if we can call it a fault, is a desire to prevent the world at large from knowing of his affection for the giddy science of philately, hence he calls himself "Herr" so as to be mistaken for some misguided Tenton from the land of pretzels and lager beer, and not such an excellent and amiable gentleman as is Mr. Philippe de Ferrari, of No. 57 Rue de Varenne, Paris, France.

♦♦♦ Canadian Notes.

Richard Doidge, of Galt, Ont., has left for England, leaving behind him many unpaid claims. For the benefit of the curious I will state a few facts about Doidge. To begin with this amateur Bishop worked in a foundry at the magnificent salary of \$2 per week. In appearance he was tall and lanky and very unprepossessing. His habits were very irregular, as was also his payment of bills. When he left Galt many unpaid bills against him came to light and even his landlady had a large board bill against him. When Doidge joined the P. S. of A. he gave as one reference Geo. E.

Cleaver, of Reading, Pa., and later when procuring consignments of stamps he gave Cleaver and L. M. Staebler as references. When Mr. Cleaver found out what an unprincipled scoundrel Doidge was, he demanded that Doidge stop using his (Cleaver's) name as a reference, but it did little good. But presently the country became too hot for him and so Doidge decided to return to his native land (God pity it) England. The last seen of him was while he was passing through Montreal en route, so that it is very probable that he has long before this arrived in England.

Watch the jump Canadian stamps take in the 56th.

Newfoundland stamps are becoming very scarce and dealers will shortly advance their prices for them.

Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, the well known Canadian dealer, is a swindler according to the E. P. From all reports such seems to be the case.

Irving E. Patterson has been appointed Secy.-Treas. of the Dominion Philatelic Association, vice W. S. Weatherston resigned.

Scribblings.

BY "GREENWOOD."

Some months ago there appeared an article in the "Eastern" relating to some of the names of foreign countries in each state representing post offices. We can name hundreds, but for collectors in these parts only some in the state of New York are mentioned: Cuba, Hamburg, Holland, Italy, Jamaica, Java, Malta, Mexico, Naples, Norway, Panama, Russia, Wales and last Zurich—not in the heart of the Alps in Switzerland—but in New York.

A very daring robbery was recently committed in Norfolk, Va.

The occupants had left the city for the summer and no one remained in the house. One morning the door was noticed open and upon investigation it was seen that burglars had visited that place. Upon the return of the family they set to work to see what their loss was. They found that a large number of old letters (about 35), years back, were missing. No doubt some stamp enthusiast was implicated in the robbery. The stamps contained a number of Navy Dept. and other old U. S. The burglary has created a scuffle among some local collectors.

A local collector recently received from a western dealer seven approval sheets unsolicited. It would not pay for him to be a fraud, would it?

The "only" Gus Luhn has established a very interesting and unique subject in the "Southern" of "Stamp men I have met," giving illustration of person each month. He has also started a pawn-broker's shop.

It is said that some of the Columbians can be obtained at many of the Post Offices in small towns yet. Better buy some.

Collectors who have received the initial number of the Seneca Philatelist are very much pleased with it and wish it much success.

The Eastern Philatelist proposes to issue a special holiday number which will surpass any previously issued. It consists of several pages more than under ordinary circumstances and will have a guaranteed circulation of 6,000 copies. Good thing, push it along.

One of the most interesting features of the Boston Stamp Book is the agreeable chat on new issues by G. R. Kennedy. This with the "Bay State," with its comparative auction sales from two of our best new journals.

Now is the beginning of the fall trade. The dealer who expects a large business without advertising will be sadly left. By the way, if you would like to do a good business, put a trial ad. in *The Seneca*.

If some enterprising dealer would communicate with some of the old residents of local towns in the Southern States he would in all probability find some one who had some old confederate locals. Try this.

Dealers' Association.

"IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH."

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Vice Pres.

Sec'y, A. J. Littlejohn.

Treas., F. N. Massoith.

NOTICE.

Brother Dealers: The above have deemed it advisable to form a corporation to protect and unite the Philatelic Dealers of the United States and Canada.

In order to form any such combine we must have each and every reliable dealer with us for unity and strength. Our object is to convince dealers, by the use of the press, that we can work with more satisfaction by the actions of one head than the confusion of many. We also expect to rid ourselves of the frauds which do at present blot our "hobby." All dealers having bad debts are privileged to send them to the secretary, who will give them to the firm of attorneys who will carry on all legal business for the association at a small cost to us.

We have secured the efforts of a firm of lawyers of great ability. The names of such persons shall appear in all of the journals belonging to this association or to the

American Association, thus preventing other dealers from being victimized by the same parties.

We also expect and intend to hold a "World's Exhibition of Philately" in 1897, if possible. New York or Boston will undoubtedly be the competitors in the strife as to which shall be the place to be honored by any such event. We will have exhibits of the most interesting kind.

When a few more dealers see that this is to be beneficial to them, we shall appoint the committees to perform the necessary work.

We beg of the press to take the subject up and give it a thorough renovating. Dues 50 cents in advance. Year begins Jan. 1st, 1896. No initiation fee required. Address for application, A. J. Littlejohn, Private, Box 324, Seneca Falls, N. Y.

Oney K. Carstarphen.

The *Seneca Philatelist* support H. C. Beardsley, of the *International*, and H. S. Swenson, of the *Newsletter*, in their nomination of the subject of this article for president of the Philatelic Sons of America.

This young gentleman is known in our circles as a genial and reliable friend to the cause. The office in question could not be held by a more competent person than this gentleman. His home is in Denver, Colo.

The election of officers of this society will take place August next and we wish to be recorded as having the honor to aid in the presentation of such as Oney K. Carstarphen. Although it is rather soon to open the campaign (not champagne), we considered it as "the sooner the better."

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DECEMBER, 1895.**Editorials.**

We request all papers to copy the following:

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We will soon be well versed in "How to start a collection" if these would be philatelic papers continue in their "good work (?)

The Bay State Philatelist gives coin collecting a little space in the November issue.

The American Philatelic Press Association will be to publishers and authors what the United Philatelic Dealers Association is to the dealers. Do you belong to both? Send in your application to H. C. Beardsley, Box 216 St. Joseph, Mo.

We need more advertising. All dealers who wish to add 200 per cent. more to their business should insert an ad. in the Seneca Philatelist for one year at the low rates

The Philatelic Emblem argued by so many will never be, unless a little less wind and a little more real work is applied to the cause. Our friend in the east will kick if he can't use his extensive (?) reasoning powers to figure out a design, but unless some influential man takes hold and pushes it on to working order nothing will be done whatsoever. Our idea is very plain. We make the second-handed suggestion that a button inscribed with the words "In Philatelia," Now some able member just take this and "push it."

F. N. Seebeck in his letters to philatelic publishers tries hard to win our favor. This does not work however.

We beg to thank the editors of the following journals and hope they will come again:

Rocky Mountain Stamp, Michigan Philatelist, Post Office, Canadian Philately Magazine, The Era, Eastern Philatelist, Pipestone Philatelist, Philatelic Californian, Philatelic Newsletter, American Journal of Philately, and others.

You will notice our auction sale upon the back page.

Mr. W. H. Kessler, Jr., the well known Detroit philatelist, is at present the associate editor of the Michigan Philatelist.

Recently several publishers and authors got together in Denver and organized the A. P. P. A. We ask all dealers and publishers to uphold and support this idea.

Mekeel has a suit with the Boston Slauf Book. The claim being \$25,000 damages. "Something unpleasant must have been said about this St. Louis gentleman," says the Michigan Philatelist. "It is, of course very embarrassing to have any untruth published in connection with your name, but we are afraid that the \$25,000 will fall short."

Join the Dealers' Association.

The editor wishes to purchase an 1857 12-penny black Canada at a fair but reasonable price, also an 1857 one shilling scarlet vermilion, St. John's, Newfoundland.

We have just issued some office rules which can be had for a one cent stamp.

Now that the cold weather has set in, the album is playing an important part in this division of life.

J. N. Burton's 13th auction sale catalogue just received.

We already feel the great benefit derived from the the A. P. P. A.

Papers received: The Bay State, The Post Office, Newsletter, Canadian Philatelist, The Eastern Philatelist, The Rocky Mountain

Stamp, The Groveland Stamp, The Morristown Stamp, The Michigan Philatelist, and The Diamond.

We have received: C. H. Mekeel & Co's. Illustrated Price List, Scott Stamp & Coin Co's 56th Catalogue, J. N. Burton's 13th Auction Sale, C. H. Holden's 16th Auction Sale.

We will now start a Review of the American Philatelic journals, taking one each issue and give them a thorough review. If you receive more than one copy of this issue please give it to some collector.

C. H. Holden, of Durand, Mich., has received astonishing prices at his monthly auction sales.

H. M. Porter & Co., of Philadelphia, announce the Philadelphia Stamp News. We are happy to think that these people are at the head of such a project. Our acquaintance with them has proved satisfactory in every respect.

We expect to attain this size and circulation each month.

Possibly this new order by the Department of the P. O. to the Inspector forbidding them to use their efforts to secure the collection of debts, will be beneficial to all. But why should not this apply to all cases? It is as great a crime to defraud a philatelist through the U. S. mails as any other individual. This order should be tested as to its equalization. We are human beings, although people treat us as monomaniacs upon the subject. But as people become more enlightened as to the deepness of our hobby they

see that it is no boys' play. Undoubtedly many young people enjoy the time spent with philately, but we refer the "non" to lawyers, brokers, physicians, actors and business men in general. So the department had no other reason than this—they are paid to do so much labor, if they can receive the pay without a feint at the stated labor so much the better. Why the post office department should insist that the rights of a human being which has cause to patronize that department should be left unprotected as a mystery unless you have a "pull" and understand how they do business. Many post offices in this part of the country show want of management.



Yours,

Publishers Seneca Philatelist.

Thorntown, Ind., Dec. 12, 1895.
Editor of S. P.

Dear Sir: On January 1st, 1896, I will issue "The Hoosier Philatelist," a monthly magazine, representing philately in this part of the U. S. "The Hoosier Philatelist" is to be a first-class magazine and we wish to receive advertisements from first-class dealers. Size of page, 6x9; adv. rates, 25cts. per inch; 90cts. for quarter page; \$1.75 for half page, \$3.10 per page. Subscription rates 25cts. per year. Dealers' Directory, \$1.00 per year (12 insertions), exchange notices one-half cent per word, free to subscribers (limited to 30 words.) Subscribe or advertise. Circulation 874. Terms, cash in advance. HERMAN BOYD.

The above is a cut of "ye editor." Always at your service and always willing to correspond with reliable parties about stamps and stamp matters. Always willing to receive ads. (of reliable parties) and subscriptions from all. Ye editor is secretary of the Dealers Association and will be pleased to receive 50 cents from any dealer for dues from Jan. 1 '96, to the date '97. He is a member of the Columbian Philatelic Association, Queen City Philatelic Association, Southern Philatelic Association, Philatelic Sons of America, Applied American Philatelic Association, League of American Philatelists, and is willing to join any other association of good standing. Yours respectfully,

A. J. LITTLEJOHN



J. N. Burton.

This well known party entered the ranks of Philately in 1885. As a collector he remained two years and in 1887 began as a dealer. He turned his attention more to auction sales than any other branch. His first auction sale was held in November of 1893. Great success ended this sale and his good work continued. His prices compare favorably with the large public sales held in New York and Boston. He will hold auction sales during this season upon the following dates:

Dec. 25 and 26th, 1895.

Feb. 1st, 1896.

Mar. 1st, 1896.

Mar. 20th, 1896.

April 15th, 1896.

Other sales will follow these, but no fixed date will be set for a few days.

Mr. J. N. Burton acts in the capacity of president for the Dealers' Association and is doing some good work.

I will mail your circulars flat and under for 10 cents per 100. Larger size 25 cents per 100. No circulars wasted. Address W. H. ENGLER, Box 20, Bark Hill, Md.

H. C. Beardsley.

The above is one of the best known journalists of the present age, in connection with philately. His efforts have been appreciated by all.

He is editor of the *International Philatelist*, which calls forth many exclamations of praise for this gentleman of the west.

Although not personally acquainted with him, I have had cause to carry on business transactions with him. In every respect he has shown his wonderful ability for carrying on an honest business with a "strictly business" method as a motto. He is secretary of the A. P. P. A., and is as competent to hold the office as anyone.

The A. P. P. A. needs the support of all the "press." It will evidently prove to be a great success and well deserves the same.

The address of the above gentleman is given below and if any editor or publisher wishes to receive the benefit of this combine, let him hear from you.

H. C. Beardsley,
Box 216, St. Joseph, Mo.

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A. P. P. A. Notes.

The A. P. P. A. is booming.

O. K. Carstarphen's candidacy for president P. S. A. is booming.

F. H. Pinkham has just been elected Pres. A. P. P. A.

H. C. Beardsley of St. Joseph, Mo., is also a well-known actor. His stage name is unknown to us. He is not on the road this season, but when he is, his work is carried on by Harry North, his secretary.

We will keep this size each month. Ad. rates change Jan. 1st.

The Columbian Issue.

IN FOUR PARTS.—PART I.

The Post Office Department announced upon December 5th, 1892, the issue of a new series of postage stamps and envelopes. This issue was to be known as the Columbian Series.

THE ADHESIVE. The Columbian adhesive stamps were issued in the denominations of one, two, three, four, five, six, eight, ten, fifteen, thirty, and fifty cents, and of one, two, three, four and five dollars. These stamps differ in size and form from those now in use. Each stamp bears a design commemorative of the discovery of America by Columbus.

The engraved space measures seven-eighths of an inch by one and eleven thirty-seconds inches.

The issue is executed from line engravings on steel, the general design in the upper portion of the stamp is substantially the same.

The details of this design are, first, a white-faced imprint of the years "1492" and "1892" in the upper left and right-hand corners, beneath in white-shaded capitals appear the words "United States of America," in a wavy line. Directly under this are the words of denomination.

These words end on either side of the stamp in a space of circular form, with ornamental surroundings, within which are Arabic numerals of value, standing alone in the case of denominations under one dollar, but accompanied by the dollar mark in denominations of one dollar and upwards.

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The Envelope Stamps of Bremen.

Written for the Seneca Philatelist by
"H. P. A."

That the free city of Bremen issued stamp envelopes at all is

usually only recalled to the mind of the American philatelist by two varieties being listed by the "Standard" catalogues.

There are in reality three distinct types, which, without noticing the minor varieties caused by position of the stamps or varieties in manufacture of paper, would make at least six collectable varieties for those who do not specialize in the Germanic stamps, while for the specialist the list would increase to twenty-four or five varieties.

There is no value expressed on the stamp, but as they were authorized for local use only, the value has always been understood to have been 1 gr. They were in use from January, 1857, to January, 1868.

The stamp is a hand stamp and the envelopes were probably prepared whenever a supply was needed and not prepared so that a full stock was ever on hand at one time.

The design of the stamp may be briefly described as a single line forming an oval enclosing the arms of the city, a shield, emblazoned with a key placed diagonally and surmounted by a crown with five ornaments. The inscription is above the arms and within the oval, "Stadt Post Amt" in Roman caps and below "Bremen." The second type differs from the first by the height of the crown and the size of the caps, and the third type, while also noticeable in the caps, can be told by a difference in the appearance of the key.

The papers employed to make the envelope are creamy white and blue.

Reprints also exist, but are seldom met with entire.

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" 10c. " dark.....	.70
" 10c. " black.....	1.10
" 10c. " " strip 3.....	4.00
" 12½c. green.....	.40
1868 1c. black.....	.10
" 1c. brown red.....	.12
" 2c. green.....	.12
" 3c. red.....	.03
" 6c. brown.....	.10
" 15c. slate or violet.....	.10
1870 1c. brown red, laid, fair copy.....	9.00
" 1c. yellow.....	.20
1892 20c. red.....	.12
" 50c. blue.....	.28
" 8c. double strike (rarity).....	6.00
1873 893 var. reg.....	.68
1789 officially sealed unused.....	1.75
1860 5c. vermilion envelope.....	1.25
Error Post card (cat. \$5.) a bargain.....	1.00
20 varieties Canada.....	.25
5 " " cards (entire).....	.06
Prince Edw. Islands 8 unused, all different.....	1.90
New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, unused.....	.15
" " 10c. red.....	.25
" " 12½c. blue.....	.60
" " 17c. black.....	.25
Nova Scotia 5c.....	.22
" " 1c.....	.40
" " 2c.....	.40
" " 10c.....	1.30
" " 12c.....	1.00
British Columbia 3p.....	.60
NEWFOUNDLAND.	
1863 1p. red brown, used, cut one corner otherwise fine.....	\$5.00
1866 10c. black, used.....	1.00
" 12c. pink.....	.60
" 13c. orange.....	.90
" 24c. blue.....	.45
1867 1c. blue.....	1.00
" 3c. blue.....	.25
1876 1c. violet brown.....	.80
" 2c. green.....	.50
" 3c. blue.....	.21
" 5c. ".....	.50
Five varieties later issues.....	.10
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1847 5c. brown, Franklin.....	.75
" 10c. black, orig. cov. fine.....	4.00
1855-60 10c. green, orig. cov. fine.....	.45
" " fine.....	.35
1861 5c. brown.....	.30
" 12c. black.....	.26
" 90c. blue, damaged corner, a fair copy otherwise.....	2.00
1862 2c. unused, o. g.....	.21
" 15c. black.....	.40
" 24c. mauve.....	1.00
1868 2c. grilled.....	.15
" 15c. ".....	.75
1869 1c. buff.....	.40
" 2c. brown.....	.10
" 6c. blue.....	.60

(See next column.)

Philatelic Literature.

IN FOUR PARTS.—PART II.

I can hardly find words strong enough for the condemnation of those iconoclasts who, after one reading of their stamp journals, throw them aside to be eventually destroyed. All stamp papers are worthy of preservation, even "One Dime" is a curiosity—of smallness. But even worse than these indifferent collectors are those, who, while they delight to call themselves philatelists, do not care enough about the science to subscribe to a moderate number of its journalistic

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1872 7c. vermilion.....	.60
" 12c. dark purple.....	.60
" 12c. " pair.....	3.00
" 15c. orange.....	.45
" 10c. brown.....	.65
" 30c. black.....	.60
1882 30c. puce brown.....	.35
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1890 Set 1c. to 90c. complete.....	1.00
1893 Set 1c. to 50c. Columbian.....	1.25
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Due 30c. yellow brown, unused, o. g.....	1.00
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representatives. No philatelist should be content with one or two stamp magazines. As for the sample copy fiend, who subscribes to none at all, he should never be dignified by the title of philatelist.

It is impossible for a man who is unacquainted with the philatelic literature of the time, to be a thorough philatelist. The stamp magazine is absolutely essential to the student, and he who refuses its aid will never taste the sweetest pleasures of Philatelia. In these days of low prices, there is no reason that the poorest collector should stint his literary feast. The twelve

best stamp papers in America can be secured for \$5.00 a year, and if you are willing to expend double that sum, you can subscribe to almost all the meritorious philatelic journals alone; and a library with no European magazines would be sadly incomplete. American journals excel all others in enterprise, but nevertheless Europe, and England especially, has some splendid publications, which are an honor to any library. Yet I would advise the young collector not to neglect our home papers for those of Europe.

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Red River Valley of the North.

Wilkin County, the Garden Spot of the Valley.

Climate. For healthfulness the climate of western Minnesota is too well known to require comment. The air is clear and dry in winter, and the mud and rain and chilly, penetrating atmosphere, so disagreeable in moist and warmer climates, are unknown here. No malaria, no ague, but all enjoy that greatest blessing possible to mankind—clear heads and healthy bodies. Among domestic animals disease is practically unknown unless imported from the east and south.

Soil. This territory has the usual rich, deep, black loam that makes the Red River valley so attractive to farmers. The subsoil is a fertile friable clay, very retentive of moisture. This feature enables it to mature crops in seasons of drouth that prove fatal to other localities. With good farming such a soil is practically inexhaustible, while its peculiar constitution makes it the most easily cultivated of any soil in the world.

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24c. War Dept.....	.75		.90
90c. Treasury Dept.....	2.00		2.50

All the above are unused and in perfect condition. Cash with order. We have some good U. S. stamps that are slightly damaged which we would send on approval to responsible parties at 40 to 70 per cent. off Scott's catalogue. GUARANTEE STAMP CO., 106 E. 111th St., New York.

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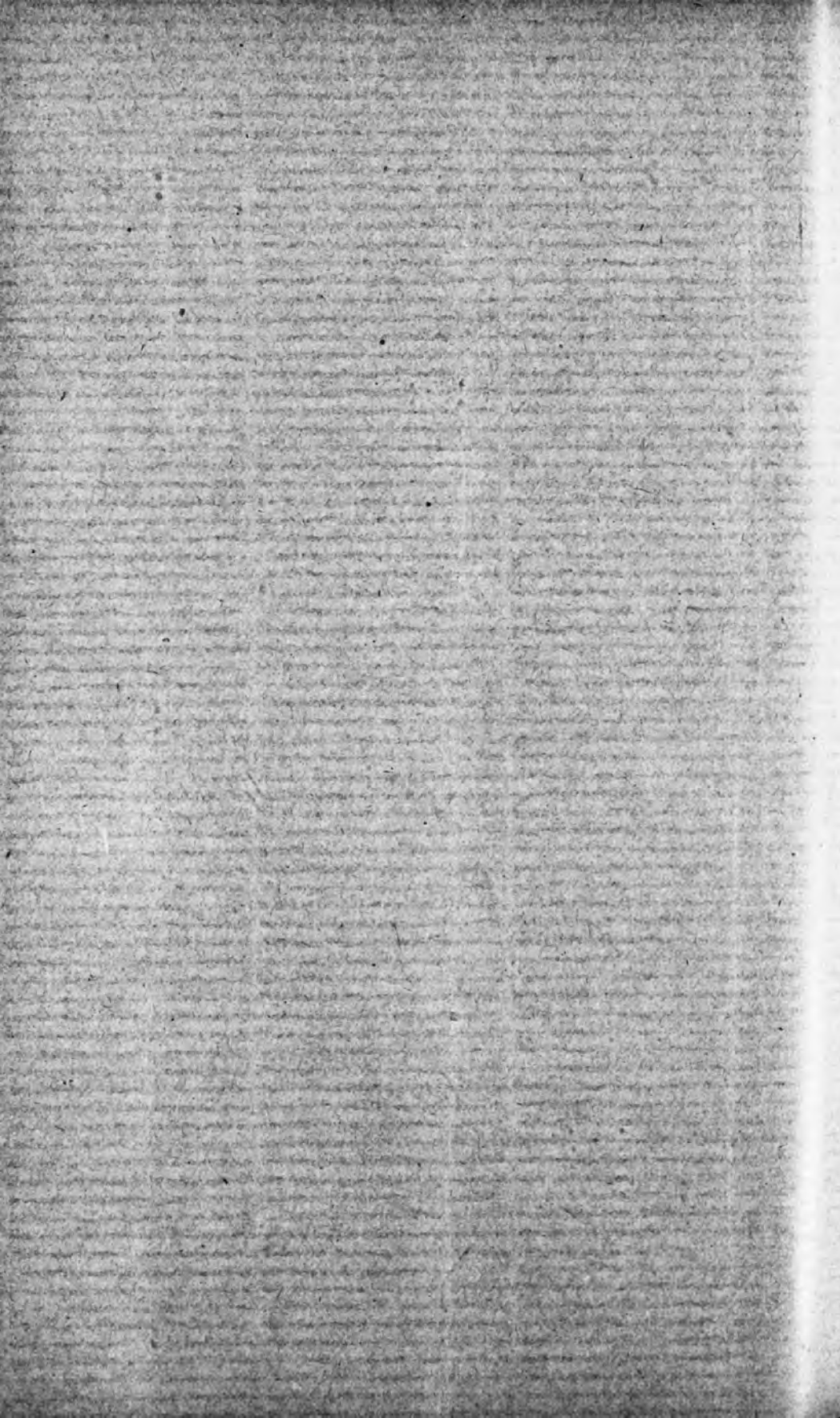
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THE FAST MAIL.

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Now and then a side door would be thrown open and a determined-looking clerk would snatch a mail-bag from out the darkness, the train speeding on, giving no sign of its interest in the operation. Each clerk has his assignment and is responsible for the proper distribution of the mail assigned to him. The work on the division between Syracuse and Cleveland is assigned as follows: The clerk in charge works Illinois, California West and Massachusetts; the local clerk works the local field, delivering and catching mail on the fly; and other clerks work New York East and Ohio West; Vermont, Rhode Island, the Province of Ontario East, Indiana and Wisconsin West; Pennsylvania, Main East and Iowa West, and so on through the list. The mail bags are piled up in systematic order and properly labeled, and there is no confusion in the separation of the tons upon tons of mail bags which have to be handled every trip. On the trains which pass through Buffalo morning and evening 1,800 packages of letters, 50 letters to a package are handled by five men in about eight hours; and 75 sacks of papers which hold from 500 to 1,500 pieces each are distributed by nine men. The boxes into which the mail is first separated are so labeled that those which receive the largest mail are located in the center of the case within easy reach of the distributing clerk. Rapidity of distributing is a prime necessity because the mail trains run upon arbitrary schedules; and as a rule, in connection with

postal or express trains on lateral and other lines. It is essential, therefore, that the clerks be very efficient and capable of much physical exertion when necessary. Mistakes are not often made, but when they are the error is traceable directly to the clerk who made the separation, a system which insures accuracy and carefulness in distribution. The letter and paper cases are labeled according to the diagram in the examination room, so that each clerk on the division is familiar with them and is enabled, when his own assignment is covered, to turn in and assist someone else who is under an avalanche of business circulars or "sample copies." No clerk's work is finished until every piece of mail is distributed.

[To be continued.]

New York Notes.

BY METROPOLIS.

At an auction held recently in this city by one of our leading firms, (the name of which need not be given) a certain collector (whose name will also be withheld) sent in his bid on a certain stamp of one of the British Colonies, his bid being the highest, he immediately remitted the required amount, and the stamp was accordingly forwarded to him. In the meantime the collector had taken sick and he therefore had no chance whatever to devote himself to stamps; however, after fully recovering from his illness, his interest in stamps began anew. He then for the first time examined the stamp which he had purchased at the auction, and to his surprise he noticed that the stamp had a very strange appearance and looked very much as a counterfeit; but wishing to be positive before saying

anything about the matter, he had the stamp thoroughly examined by a well known dealer who informed him that in his opinion the stamp was a counterfeit, but wishing to be still more informed as to its genuineness, the collector then had it examined by several experts who also adjudged the stamp a counterfeit. He then carried the stamp back to the firm under whose auspices the auction was held, and forthwith demanded the return of the amount he had paid for the stamp, claiming that the stamp was a counterfeit, and as all stamps that were put up at the auction were guaranteed genuine he had a perfect right to demand the return of the amount he had given for the stamp.

The firm thereupon informed him that all stamps purchased at the auction, that did not prove as represented must be returned within five days from date of delivery, and concluded by informing him that although the stamp might be a counterfeit they were not aware of the fact at the time of the sale, and had it been returned within the specified time the amount paid would have been cheerfully refunded. But as this was not the case they could not be held responsible, and therefore refused to refund the amount.

The collector then denounced the firm in very hot terms and also threatened to write to all Philatelic publishers giving them all the facts of the case and then made his exit from the office in a very disappointed state. Upon reaching home the collector started to put his threat into execution by writing to all the leading stamp magazines and asking them to kindly publish the letters as he wished to give the Philatelic public an idea just how this firm transacts business, but alas, the firm got wind of these letters that were written to the Philatelic press, and not wishing to have the letters published they immediately issued a circular relating to this case. One of these circulars and a full page advertisement was sent to all the leading magazines. For this reason none of these damaging letters were published and it is rumored that the end is not.

The flag cancellation which has been in use

for some time in the Boston, Chicago and Washington Post Offices has also been placed in use at the Post Office in this city. This cancellation should be placed in the Post Offices in all larger cities throughout the United States, as it saves time and presents a patriotic display.

Collectors in this city are now kept busy looking over the 56th edition of the Standard Catalogue, consequently the stamp trade here is slow at present.

Unwatermarked Periodicals seem to be very scarce in this city. very few dealers have them in stock.

St. Louis Notes.

BY "ST. LEWIS."

Some of the collectors here are trying to organize a local Society. The persons to whom I have spoken are all in favor of a society similar to the Chicago Philatelic Society, but if that is impossible, have a branch of some national association, the newly organized Columbian Philatelic Society preferred.

Several months ago I heard of a daily stamp paper to be published by an eastern gentleman, but it was never published, so I was agreeably surprised to receive on the second of this year a copy of *The Daily Stamp Item*, a four page paper published by the Mekeel Co., and edited by the "Office Cat."

The only late find that I have heard of was that made by a drug clerk near the Union Station, who found a block and strip of M. H. Simmon's medicine stamps, catalogued \$1.50 each by the 56th.

If the 1890, 2 cent capped variety is as common in other localities as it is here it must be very common indeed. Most of the collector's stock books are filled with them. How the dealers are fixed I do not know. By the way St. Louis would support a few more dealers. To the best of my knowledge and belief there are only three dealers who give their time to the business entirely.

A Revival In Philately.

BY THE DOCTOR.



O. K. CARSTARPHEN.

Mr. C. is our candidate for the next presidency of the Philatelic Sons of America. The election will occur in August next and remember that Mr. C's past record for the P. S. of A. has been one of great benefit to that society. It is stated that Mr. Oney K. Carstarphen has caused the application of more of the present members than any other person in connection with this association. If he could perform such work as a member, you can find out what he can do by casting a vote for him at the election.

He was born April 10, 1875 at Hannibal, Missouri, and removed to Colorado in 1880. He entered our ranks in '83. His collection at present amounts to 4,000 varieties, including some desirable stamps. He is at present manager of the Business Department of the Denver Times.

Philately, as perfect as she may seem, as advanced as she looks, is upon the verge over which, should she have the ill fortune to fall, she would be the most vile of hobby's. That is not the worst of it—she is growing more corrupt every day.

Politically she has not much ill fame, but her ranks are with a few exceptions composed of the frauds of the nation.

To prove this we state, 1st—The writer of this article has from 30 to 45 papers devoted to philately in his receiving list. Out of that number at least ten, each month advertise frauds. Many black lists are upon the market and are constantly being revised by new editions.

2nd.—The collector of to-day is nothing more than a speculator. This is shown by the amount of space in some of our magazines to auction sale and market prices.

Very few of the so called "philatelists" are the possessors of a collection in an album, in fact few consider the stamps in their possession as a collection, simply as stock open to a buyer provided he can pay the necessary price. Business firms are making philately a scandal of a speculation. They run up the prices in such a manner as to discourage the collector of limited means.

3rd.—Our philatelic magazines are degenerating. Although there are a few which are improving each issue, there are some which rob the philatelic public and which never have contained an article with a real bearing upon stamps.

Some have the appearance of having been printed with \$5 printing presses, or with the proof press and others cannot be so much as recognized as the work of a printer.

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It was a fitting way to mark this important event, and as far as regards the great task, skill and artistic finish the stamps themselves want, reflected honor upon all concerned.

The faith of our postal authorities, our Postmaster General himself assured us most solemnly that as commemorative issues their entire existence should be confined to the single year of this issue.

As for usefulness, the Columbians are not to be mentioned. Large business firms would not use them. Then the postmasters had them continually on hand. They were awkward. They tore so easily that when in strips it was impossible to separate them without damaging them in some way. But that they were a most welcome addition to the album of philatelic devotees goes without saying and the Columbian page of the album will be turned to in the future, with ever increasing pleasure and additional delight as the years roll by; as the brown locks grow

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Another fact not generally known is that a captain of a vessel who carries letters to another country at the request of friends or others holds himself liable to a fine of \$1,000. This fine may averted by placing the letters in a stamped envelope, the stamps to be destroyed. In case of a captain bringing letters into port, he may save himself by turning them into the post office and paying the rate of postage charged in the country from which they came.

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As for usefulness, the Columbians are not to be mentioned. Large business firms would not use them. Then the postmasters had them continually on hand. They were awkward. They tore so easily that when in strips it was impossible to separate them without damaging them in some way. But that they were a most welcome addition to the album of philatelic devotees goes without saying and the Columbian page of the album will be turned to in the future, with ever increasing pleasure and additional delight as the years roll by; as the brown locks grow

grizzled and then white and finally others take our places on the scene, and we "cease from troubling."

[To be Continued.]

Curious Postal Laws.

Probably most of the readers will be surprised to know that the government holds the right to forbid express companies from carrying letters except they are enclosed in a stamped envelope, the stamp of which must be destroyed. The Post Office Department has always assumed that under the constitutional powers, the government has a complete monopoly of mail matter as to transportation, and that no competition is to be tolerated. Nevertheless, Congress has never extended the monopoly farther than letters, so that mail matter of the second, third and fourth class may be sent by express, freight, or as the reader chooses. But it is contrary to the law to send a letter by express, unless it is enclosed in a stamped envelope. This insures the government getting the same revenue as though it carried it itself, as provision is made that a letter sent shall be so marked and sealed as to prevent the second use of the stamp. These instructions were given to express companies over a year ago.

Another fact not generally known is that a captain of a vessel who carries letters to another country at the request of friends or others holds himself liable to a fine of \$1,000. This fine may averted by placing the letters in a stamped envelope, the stamps to be destroyed. In case of a captain bringing letters into port, he may save himself by turning them into the post office and paying the rate of postage charged in the country from which they came.

EPOCH.

A Rare Collection.

A Seneca Philatelist correspondent called upon Mr. John F. Seybold of Syracuse recently, for the purpose of seeing his collection.

The magic words, "I am a stamp collector," were sufficient to insure a hearty welcome.

I was immediately conducted to Mr. Seybold's especial sanctum. This room is used entirely for stamp affairs. In one corner is a revolving bookcase containing philatelic literature. It contains all the prominent books on this science, and a large number of bound volumes of old and rare magazines. Among these may be mentioned twelve bound volumes of the Stamp Collectors' Magazine. Mr. Seybold is a subscriber to all the current magazines, and has an extensive collection. But when the collection is brought forth, all else, for the moment, is forgotten, I had heard a great deal about this collection and I expected a fine showing. My expectations were fully realized.

The estimated number of varieties is 26,000. These are placed on large cardboard and present some very pretty effects. Of course, the first country I looked over was our own, the United States. The issues of this are absolutely complete. All the rare carrier, newspaper, envelope and department stamps were here shown.

I am afraid I had envious feelings when I saw such stamps as a strip of four 5 cent New Yorks, on original letters, 90 cent Justice unused, \$5 State and complete issue of Newspaper.

The envelope of 1861 attracted my attention. It was the 4 cent blue and red, entire and *used* condition. This is a very scarce stamp. Passing on I saw a few Confederate locals, Charleston, Fredericksburg, Nashville, etc.

British North America was another revelation. It was complete with one exception, the Canada 12 pence, which is to be obtained soon. Among others I noticed a magnificent strip of three 10 pence, a pair of 7½ pence and a 6 pence lilac perforated of Canada, all on original letters. I was somewhat astonished when I was informed that all the issues of European countries were complete, without exception, up to about five years ago, when Mr. Seybold ceased collecting new issues.

This gentleman has given much time to

the study of the stamps of Switzerland. His collection of Swiss Cantonals is acknowledged to be one of the best in the United States. I think I am safe in saying that few collections contain such stamps as the double Geneva, the Geneva envelope *used* and the 4 cent V, and each valued at over \$100.

There is one sheet of Switzerland, containing 15 stamps, which its owner informs me he would not sell for \$1,000. Mr. Seybold is a regular patron of all the large auction sales and secured a large number of his rare stamps from this source. I could occupy pages in enumerating the rarities of this collection but space forbids.

Mr. Seybold is always ready to welcome visiting philatelists and invites them to call. In closing this article I wish to say a few words to those among us who may have fears as to the future value of their stamps.

The best way to judge the future value of a stamp is its past record. Has it had a good advance every year? Several instances of this I noticed while looking over this collection. The \$5 State Department was obtained a few years ago for \$7.60 (it is now worth \$125), the \$2 State for \$1 and many stamps worth from \$5 up were obtained some years ago for as many cents.

It can safely be assumed that a stamp that has had a steady advance in the past will also advance in the future. This also shows that the time to buy stamps is *now*, for the prices are going up every year.

DISHONEST PERSONS.

Mr. M. G. Fox, of Cleveland, Ohio, has reported to us the following dishonest persons, who have retained stamps sent them, substituted others and neglected to pay for those retained: A. H. Degloyer, Seymour, Ind.; Mortimer J. Savory, 44 Campbell, Chicago, Ill.; Joseph Hoffman, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; John W. McDillow, 8th St. Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

Further information can be obtained by addressing Mr. Fox, at 220 Central Ave., Cleveland.—Adv.

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For President.—see page 41.

For Vice President.—The subject of this sketch has the support of all of the leading philatelists of America, and the press. As an officer, Mr. B. has shown his wonderful ability as president of the League of American Philatelists. We hope in the future to give you his likeness in the magazine.

Secretary.—W. H. Kessler, has also been elected president of the Michigan Philatelic Society and won by a big majority. Be on the winning ticket.

NOTE.—Mr. K.'s photo and sketch will appear next issue.

International Secretary.—We are more than pleased to offer Mr. Irving E. Patterson's name for this office. His photo will be presented in March and will be followed by a short sketch.

Treasurer, B. J. Bishop.—Do not think when we state that Mr. B.'s photo will appear next month, that we intend to make a picture gallery of the S. P. for March. We only wish to let you see the parties for whom you should vote.

Convention Seat.—It is the honest opinion of the editor that the west is getting more than her share of the conventions. The east boasts of as many members as the west. Why not combine the P. S. of A., and the Dealers Association for New York in 1897.

W. E. Boyd, Alias H. E. French, of Grand Rapids, in a Bad Fix.

The editor of the Seneca Philatelist was recently informed by the P. O. Inspector for Chicago that he was expected to appear before the Grand Jury in March at Grand Rapids, to testify as to the guilt of W. E. Boyd alias, H. E. French.

In September last, the firm of A. J. Littlejohn & Co., were closing out their Approval sheet department. Among the many answers to advertisements placed was that on a letterhead of W. E. Boyd & Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., Brokers, the letter signed by W. E. Boyd. The Business Manager of the firm at that time was A. J. Littlejohn, our editor, who decided that they being brokers must be reliable. One consignment was sent which was returned with the statement that they were "not good enough," and better was wanted. Expecting to make a good sale, A. J. L. sent him one of the best sheets in the Approval Department at that time. The sheet had many of Great Britain's most valuable stamps marked at low prices. They were sent and as they were not returned, letters of inquiry were sent but no answer. Nothing was said of the debt but soon a communication was sent to the "Ed." by the P. O. Inspector which gave the company here an insight as to this person.

Arrangements are being made for the editor to leave for Grand Rapids about Mar. 2 or 3. Full accounts of the trial will be given in our April number.

Review.

(All magazines and circulars to be reviewed should be addressed to the S. P. editor.)

Eastern Philatelist came out in Holiday attire in November. It contains many readable articles and notes. The notes on "Russian Postal Issues" drew our attention. It

was a very interesting paper and written by S. B. Hopkins.

Daily Stamp Item still survives with many good notes.—Taken off the press wire(?)

Rocky Mountain Stamp gives us more of Denver's beautiful scenery. Mr. Jos. Davis' article upon "The Department of Sales" is instructive as all R. M. S. articles generally are.

Michigan Philatelist always favors us with the latest society news of the L. of A. P. This only, is worth the price asked.

Evergreen Philatelist holds a conspicuous place in our files. Mr. B. thinks that the E. P. as well as the S. P. needs more reading matter. "We'll have it Mr. B. if only for your special benefit."

Texan Philatelist is a little wonder. Mr. Walter C. Loury as editor is a hustler in every sense of the word.

Northern Philatelist gives us some society reports but that is about all.

The Pipestone made its appearance without any cover. It contained the cuts of B. J. Bishop and W. H. Kessler.

The Missouri Philatelist's initial number appears, but upon cheap paper and contains only clipped articles. Try again Mr. Wilson.

Philatelic Facts and Fallacies arrives but still no change. The same thing. Give us a little change Bro. W. S.

The Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book, published by Hopson & Platz of Omaha, Neb. Our expectations were more than realized. It presents an attractive appearance and contains the names of 600 of the collectors of that state. The typographical appearance is unsurpassed. And for only ten cents.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE

In Four Parts.—Part III.

To be a live and progressive philatelist in these days, you must be a close reader of the philatelic press and an eager follower of the current happenings from the world over. You

must be a subscriber to at least five or six of the best magazines. Through the medium of these papers you must keep posted in regard to the changes in price, new issues and of philately in general. A good library is a source of great enjoyment as well as profit.

The value of philatelic journals, as well as of stamps, increases with their age and scarcity, and while not generally known, good philatelic libraries find a ready sale and good prices are realized from same. My advice to collectors is: Start a philatelic library by all means; no matter whether you have a few or many papers, after the start is made you will be surprised to find how soon it will grow, and in a short time you will have acquired a fair library and a foundation for something better.

A collector, naturally, will get many duplicate papers, such as sample copies, etc., and these are very useful to trade for others.

By watching the "Exchange Column" of a great many of our journals, you will learn of many collectors who are desirous of exchanging their duplicates for others, and by a little judicious correspondence, numbers which you are in want of may be obtained.

Another way of getting good papers is by the medium of Auction Sales which take place from time to time. Many times good files of the leading journals can be purchased at such sales at very reasonable prices, considerably below those asked by publishers.

By selecting only such copies as are first-class in every respect, and keeping the files in a neat condition they may be bound into handsome books. Many papers publish but two, three, or perhaps half-a-dozen numbers and then suspend. Some of these publish some articles of value, but, in themselves, are not worth binding. My plan of disposing of such papers is as follows: Select such of the better class as are of a size, and have them bound together, trimming the pages evenly. This is possible in a great many cases, and many articles are thus preserved in a neat and compact form.

Articles worthy of preservation, in two or

four page sheets and the like, should be cut out and pasted in a scrap book, and indexed according to countries.

My library, which I have gathered in the last five years, contains some 87 bound volumes besides two scrap books filled with clippings, and I would not part with it for a good deal. A collector of philatelic literature, if asked whether his library gives him pleasure, will, nine times out of ten, reply that he derives nearly as much pleasure, and great deal more benefit from it than he does from his stamp collection.

I would advise all who have not a library to start one at the very earliest opportunity.

"TEZZO."

Brevities.

The postal authorities have arrived at the decision that a black envelope is unmailable, the cause being the indistinctness of the cancellation.

F. Trifet made a neat capture of the stolen Kidder collection and beside reclaiming the recalcitrant collection, gained an immense amount of free advertising. Mr Kidder's collection is variously estimated as being worth from five to eight thousand dollars. It was stolen eight years ago.

H. K. Sanderson has recently been elected to the Massachusetts Legislature.

The Standard Stamp company have recently informed publishers that a new style of "ad" should be run. The "ads" are all electros and present an attractive appearance. The type is quaint and very noticeable upon the sheet with other type. This firm have the necessary push and therefore make the money.

E. T. Parker is placing "ads" in all worthy philatelic journals. Mr. P. is an extensive advertiser.

The Detroit stamp company have changed their name to F. H. & A. S. Capper.

Last month 4,000,000 postal cards were used in America's metropolis.

George E. Cleaver for Librarian of the P. S. of A.

A new stamp journal is announced from Ohio, the name being unknown.

The Texas states that the International will have a rival in the semi-monthly field, the contemporary being H. A. Jacks of Nile Mich. - We were not aware that Mr. Beardsley was the editor of a semi-monthly, and are positive that the International is not supposed to appear so often. We imagine that Mr. Louny based his statement upon the fact that the International issued two numbers with only ten days intermission. This was done only to catch up with "Father Time". Are we not right Mr. B.?

(Mail and Express, N. V.) The report of the P. O. Dept. of the United States for the last fiscal year shows that the postal revenues from all sources amounted to about \$77,000,000, and the expenditures amounted to nearly \$87,000,000.

EXPENDITURES.	
P. M. Salaries,	\$16,079,508
Clerks,	9,414,138
Free Delivery Service,	12,139,092
TRANSPORTATION.	
Railway Mail,	26,429,747
Star route,	5,753,570
Messenger,	1,192,985
Postal Car Service,	2,946,939
R. R. Postal Clerks,	7,103,065
Foreign Mails,	11,711,455

The only expense diminished in '95 from '94 was the Star Route transportation.

We are indebted to H. G. Beardsley for a copy of "Brief Librettas" of the Burlesque Opera, Romeo and Juliet which was given by the Crescent Athletic Club under the direction of W. L. Haskell in St. Joseph. Mr. Beardsley was general manager. Undoubtedly this entertainment was a grand success under our Bro. Publisher's Management.

The Dec. 2, 1895 number of the Boston Stamp Book to hand. The auction sales of the season are the main features. We notice an apology to the Mekeels upon the recent disturbance which, had it not been for the courtesy of the Mekeels would have ended in a suit for libel. W. Lionel Moise gives a descriptive article upon the Philatelic Exhibition at Atlanta and a comparison of the magnitude of the Postal Service of the U. S. with France, Germany and Great Britain. We notice that A. L. Cassino & Co., of Boston hold a Double Day auction. This sale at a casual glance appears to contain some of the best stamps yet sold at public auction. Fine engravings are given of some of the most valuable stamps. All appear to be in good condition. There are given eight which are of cut U. S. envelopes. We predict that the bids on these will be low and few. The catalogue value of the sale is \$8540.



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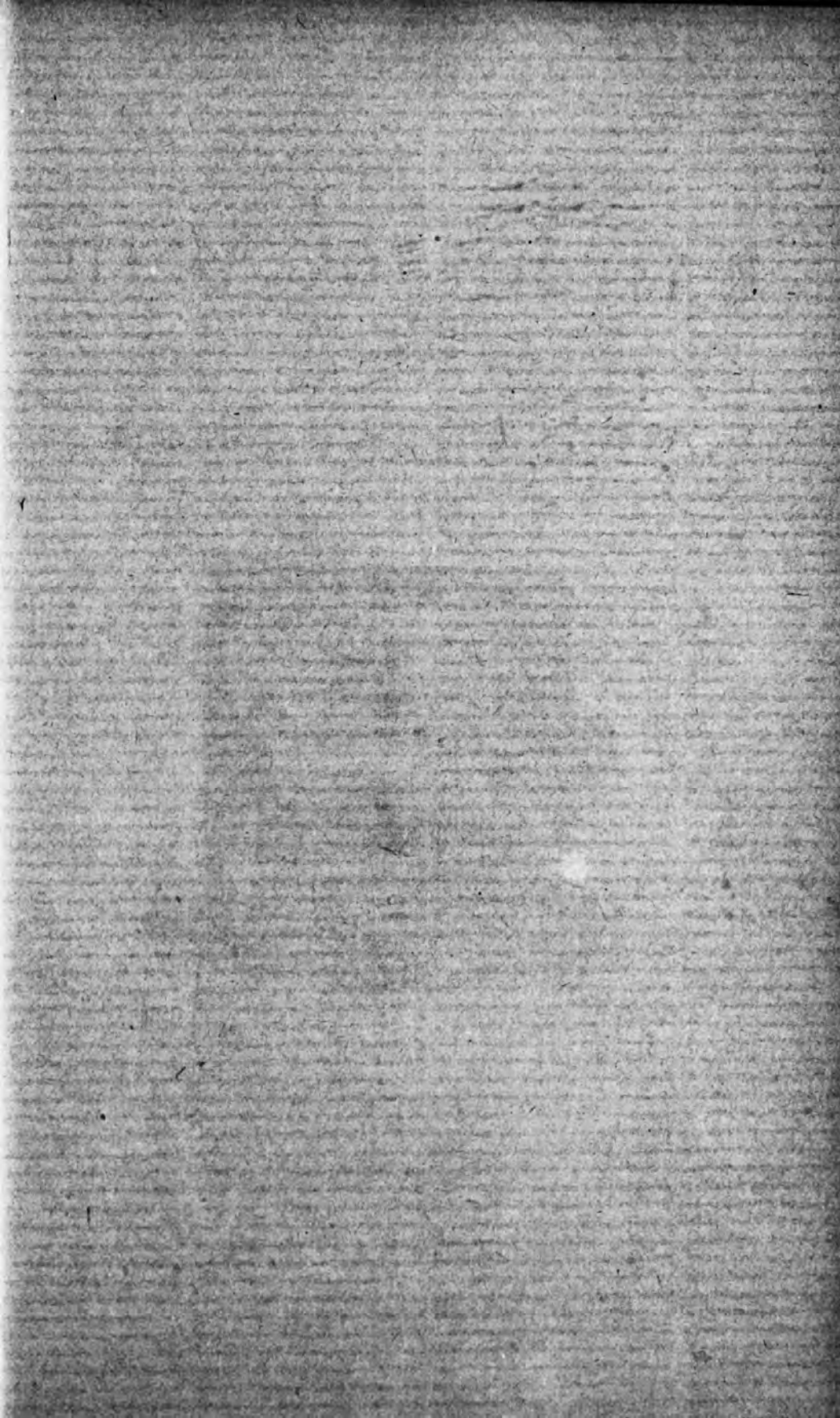
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THE FAST MAIL.

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The old adage "the longest way 'round is the shortest way home," is often literally true in the sending of mail matter. If by carrying the mail 100 or 200 miles further by fast trains over lines where close connections are made, an important town or distributing center can be reached in less time than by local train and stage service, the mail is sent by the longer route. An instance of this is given in the distribution of the mail on the 9th division, going west, for Frankfort, Ky. The most direct route is from Sandusky over the Sandusky & Peoria line; but the fast mail arrives at Sandusky at 1:37 A. M., and the next train south does not leave until 6 A. M., reaching Frankfort at 3:50 P. M. Instead of throwing off the letters for Frankfort at Sandusky, therefore, the pouch is held for Otis, Ind. where it is transferred to the Michigan City & Monon line and again to the Chicago & Louisville, reaching Frankfort at 1:56 P. M., nearly two hours quicker by a roundabout course 200 miles out of the way. The department lays down no fixed rules for the dispatching of mails by certain routes. The rule is that all mails shall be dispatched upon the principle of reaching central and important points speedily, and the intelligent clerk is left to be the judge of what is the quickest route.

Exceedingly interesting to an outsider was the operation of catching the mail bags hung

on the cranes at small country stations. Up to 1869 local service was performed only on trains that stopped at stations or slacked up to allow the exchange of mails by having it thrown into the open door as the car slowly passed the station. In May, 1869, Wards, mail catcher, the one now in use, was invented, which permits the mail to be caught while the train is under full speed.

The operation of catching the mail is simple enough in the daytime, but at night it seems positively marvelous to note the accuracy with which the clerk judges the location of one of these lonely cranes.

"How do you know when to prepare for a catch?" asked an interested man, as a bag was flung in from out the inky night.

"By various signs," he said. "In the first place I know my territory thoroughly, and I can tell by the grades, curves, the running time and by the engineer's station signal where each mail crane is situated.

"No we rarely miss a bag unless it is improperly hung, and the records show that not more than one in 1,000 is missed and left by the roadside. These mistakes are mostly due to the carelessness or ignorance of the postmasters who make up the bags. These pouches are for letters chiefly and must, or should be, filled according to certain rules. They must be tied in the center and evenly divided, for if the pouch is heaviest at the bottom it is apt to drop as soon as it is released."

[To be continued.]

St. Louis Notes.

BY "ST. LEWIS."

Rare Stamp found in Mattie Garman's chain-letter collection, Sycamore, Ill., Feb. 1. Mrs. Mary Holmes, a relative of Mattie Garman, the Kaneville cripple who collected several stamps by the chain-letter system while counting the stamps found among them one worth \$650. It is the Brattleboro stamp. - St. Louis Star. Who's kicking himself?

The long talked of Philatelic Emblem has appeared at last. In fact two of them, one from St. Louis and the other from Iowa. The St. Louis emblem consists of a 2 cent stamp with "Stamp" above and "Our Hobby" below, the whole surrounded by the "Philatelia's Followers," while the other is described as follows: The design consists principally of the letters "A. P." so where you see a man wearing an A. P. emblem you know he is an American Philatelist. The question now arises, which one shall we buy? The best plan I think is to buy both and a collector will be sure to know you to be a collector when he sees you.

I made a mistake in my last notes about the number of dealers who give their whole time to the stamp business. There are four instead of three, The Meekel and Standard Co., Miller and Stegmann.

No dealers wanted. On January 26, four collectors Wm. M. Martin, Otto C. Backer, H. L. Gerding and A. A. Baugher met at the home of Adolph Rodermann to organize a Philatelic society in St. Louis. As there were not enough present, it was decided to hold another meeting in a few weeks and each person present to act as a committee of one to hunt up more collectors. Mr. Martin offered his home as a meeting place. Feb. 9 the following collectors gathered at the home of Mr. Martin and organized the St. Louis Philatelic society: Wm. M. Martin, H. L. Gerding, A. A. Baugher, Adolph Rodermann, Walter Baine, F. N. Chase, C. R. Gerding and H. E. French. There was some talk about not allowing dealers to join the

society, but no action was taken on the matter, although all the collectors present were in favor of excluding them. After a delightful midnight supper the meeting adjourned to meet at Garrison hall, which was placed at the disposal of the society by Mr. French on the 15th. The meeting at Garrison hall was attended by 14 philatelists. A constitution which was submitted by Mr. Martin, was adopted temporarily. The election followed, unanimously electing the following officers: president, Wm. M. Martin; vice-president, F. N. Chase; secretary, F. L. Scott; treasurer, C. R. Gerding, 1706 Market St. The other member of the executive board is H. E. French. It was moved and seconded that dealers should be excluded from membership in the society. This motion was unanimously carried. After a little more business was transacted the meeting adjourned to meet the last Thursday in February.

The following are the charter members of the St. Louis Philatelic society: H. L. Gerding, A. Rodermann, C. R. Gerding, Wm. M. Martin, A. A. Baughn, H. E. French, Walter Baine, F. N. Chase, W. L. Scott, F. H. Sachleben, J. G. Gordon, Fred Fuessl, A. L. Wessmann.

About April 10, H. L. Gerding of this city will issue an address book of Missouri stamp collectors. All collectors residing in Missouri should send him their names and address. See "ad" in another column.

Syracuse Notes.

BY SALINE.

Among the philatelists of Syracuse, are four lawyers, three doctors, three merchants and a large number of others. Who has not noticed the number of professional men who are engaged in this fascinating pursuit? One of these who, on account of ill health had to retire from active work, informs me that the collecting and arranging of his stamps occupy nearly his whole time. He would be lost if he did not have his collection to care for, and this is only one case of many.

It is quite the fad here at present to collect everything on the original cover. This is certainly a very satisfactory way to collect, but they need a separate album. Several collectors have some very fine stamps in this way.

Mr. L. G. Quackenbush, who is well known as a philatelic author has been transferred from the position of manager of the racing department of E. C. Stearns & Co. to that of manager of the advertising department. This change will probably give Mr. Quackenbush more opportunities of using his literary talent.

A LETTER.

To the Members of the League of American Philatelists.

Fellow Members:—My name having been mentioned for the next presidency of our grand and noble organization, I wish to make the following statement:

My plans for the coming campaign are being completed and will soon be opened. I ask the support of all in the society. If elected I will do all in my power to enlarge and advance the organization. But I will not go through the usual conglomeration of promises at present. If you wish to see what I can and will do, vote for me next summer. I have been honored recently with the vice-presidency for New York State of the Columbian Philatelic society and as you all know, I am secretary of the Dealers association and a member of the American Philatelic Press association. Hoping that you will give this matter consideration I remain,

Resp'y yours,

A. J. LITTLEJOHN,
Editor S. P.

Review.

The Postage Stamp is the title of a new magazine announced to appear from New York in March by W. W. Reid. Mr. Reid's being a printer, insures prompt and reliable issues. Our best wishes that it may succeed.

The Washington Philatelist arrives in the usual form. The article upon "Politics in

Philately" was very concise and to the point. We cannot say that we blame editors, running for office, for using space for their own election.

The Evergreen Philatelist states that it will have 5,000 circulation in March. The "ad" space is well taken up and reading space is mostly short notes of interest.

The Philatelic Californian starts in on Vol. 3 with the January issue. This magazine is the most popular journal devoted to stamps west of the Rockies. The new design on the cover is attractive; and we promise our readers to soon appear with a pretty cover also.

The Philadelphia Stamp News is composed of short notes and small "ads".

The Michigan Philatelist for February contains the usual amount of live and instructive articles. We missed the press review. We believe that all magazines should give some space to contemporaries.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp is well along in its second volume. The article on "popular stamps but unpopular prices" by C. E. Severn, is undoubtedly the best article upon the market to-day.

Philatelic Facts enters Volume 3. This magazine, (if it can be so called,) is barely readable.

The Stamp, of Groveland, Mass., although small, is a newsy, bright and readable paper. Mr. Pike wittily states that the Daily Stamp Item, published by the "office cat" resembles a kitten more than a cat.

Philatelic Facts and Fallacies makes the statement that G. N. Burton acts as President of the Dealers association. We beg to inform W. S. that the name should be J. N. Burton of Madison, N. Y., but we appreciate the interest shown by them.

The Philatelic West, Vol. 1 No. 2 appears, making an apology for the mistake of the printer. We could only see that the magazine was as good as could be expected for a second number. Another pardon is asked from R. F. Green for placing his poem upon the back page. That is just where it belonged.



BERTRAM J. BISHOP.

Mr. Bishop, who is our candidate for treasurer of the P. S. of A., was born in Chicago, May 11, 1875, moved to South Dakota in 1884, where he remained until 1889, when he removed to Wyandotte, Mich. his present place of residence. He commenced collecting in 1888 and has accumulated a fine collection since then, one of the best in the state in fact. He was one of the founders of the Michigan P. S. Mr. Bishop has always enjoyed the respect of philatelists everywhere and has always stood as an example of everything that was good and honorable in Philately, and it is safe to say he will be the best treasurer of the P. S. A.

United States Sunday Stamps.

BY GEO. H. HOPE.

At the present time many people, being conscientious, believe that letters should not be forwarded Sunday. The Belgium government tried a set of stamps on which was stated whether the letter was to be forwarded Sunday or not.

People who wish to send a letter often drop it in a box Saturday night, and unknown to the conscientious person, that letter travels all day Sunday. Now in the

opinion of that person that letter ought to have stayed in the office until Monday morning. That person might avoid the letter traveling Sunday by not sending it until Monday morning but it might take more than a week to reach its destination.

To avoid this mistake and set that person's conscience at ease, why not issue a set of Sunday stamps and see how the people of the United States stand. Let us remember that it is no more agreeable for the mail clerks to work seven days a week than it is for us.

This set is not obliged to be like that of Belgium, but might be a separate set from our regular issue and only the lower denominations, say from 1c to 10c. There has at times been talk of issuing a flag stamp, but an objection as to the expense has always been raised. Now why would this not be a good opportunity for a flag stamp as the number issued would be comparatively small.

What a page it would make in our albums, a set of Sunday stamps showing our patriotism by being on a flag.

Let us all shout Sunday stamps on a flag of a flag and we shall have them.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE

In Four Parts. Part IV.

To the general collector a daily stamp journal is not a necessity, as they are meant for dealers and auction enthusiasts, but a weekly does not fall amiss. One weekly I should consider sufficient for the ordinary use of a collector, but five monthlies are none too many. I should not deem it advisable to cling to those extremely scientific journals. A little news and current events come handy. Humor and breezy articles are not out of place. Don't try to be a librarian all at once, go at it easily, gradual steps upward are of greater benefit than a sudden jump. You will appreciate your efforts more and enjoy the literature so acquired.

When you become an advanced collector do not release yourself from the idea of preservation.

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Editorials.

The magazine hereafter promises not to issue any more double numbers. We regret that such was the case last month, but it became necessary to change printers. The Seneca Philatelist has heretofore been printed in Breckenridge, Minn., by The Syndicate Printing Company, now by the Journal Publishing Company of this city. The delay was so great in returning cuts, etc., that we could catch up with time in no other way than that employed.

This magazine offers to the person who will secure five page "ads" for one year, at our regular rate, \$20 in cash. Try it.

We will next issue start a subscription prize contest.

The publishers of this magazine intend to issue, on or about July 1st, a Black List. Please send in the names of parties who could be inserted in this list as known frauds.

The Carion case has been taken up by all magazines in a public spirited manner, one which will probably be the means of inducing the directors of the American Philatelic Association to again take up his case upon its merits, and at least grant Mr. Carion the defence previously denied him when the matter was brought before the late convention at Clayton, N. Y.

With great regret we read the death of Mr. A. Schindler of Chicago, a well known card collector.

A new stamp company has been formed in Denver, Colo.

Many of the papers comment upon the staleness of the Michigan Philatelist. We always find the M. P. to be newsy and instructive.

We also regret to state that we noticed that Melvin I. Ringdal of Zumbrota, Minn., who went to Denver, Colo., for the benefit of his health, died January 21st.

The Stamp of Groveland struck some of the snags that the S. P. did. After a few more magazines have met these people, an effort will be made to combine debts, etc., and place these frauds where they belong.

Canadian Notes.

We were glad to note the improvement in last month's Seneca Philatelist and think that it is now the coming paper. Some time ago the Michigan Philatelist predicted an early death for the lusty infant but at present they have nothing but praise for the S. P. But such is life!

Perhaps its a little early but we would like to suggest the name of Alfred F. Wicks as the best candidate for Canadian vice-president, P. S. of A. in 1896. Mr. Wicks is a thorough gentleman, well versed in philately, and a person who would do much toward the up-building of the P. S. of A.

Mr. W. G. Humphreys, of 231 Jarvis street, Toronto, has been appointed Exchange Supt. of the Dominion Philatelic association. Mr. Humphreys will devote his entire time to the business and under his care we may hope for great things in the future.

A new philatelic paper, the Philatelic Record, is announced from St. Catherines. We sincerely hope that the new venture may prove a success as Canada should have at least six philatelic papers whereas it only has one at present.

The old officers of the Toronto Philatelic club were re-elected at the annual meeting.

Ketcheson's 1896 catalogue of Canadian revenues is now in press and will probably be out as this reaches the readers. This catalogue will be a great improvement on all preceding ones and is the result of much careful thought and labor.

The Canadian auction of the season will be that held by T. S. Clark in Toronto,

March 5th at 8 P. M. The sale includes 593 lots, many of them very rare, and is especially fine in B. N. A., stamps. The sale includes 593 lots. The stamps will be on exhibition before the sale at New York, Boston, Chicago, and Montreal.

We wonder how many of our readers have ever seen a Canadian Private Post Card. They are used by only a few Canadian firms and some are very unique.

IRVING E. PATTERSON.

The Columbian Issue.

PART III.

There are one or two peculiarities about the Columbian stamps that call for criticism. The series are not arranged in anything like historic order, in the first place. Instead of beginning at the beginning and proceeding regularly to the end, there seems to be no order at all in the arrangement, but the scenes from the life of the great navigator are portrayed without any logical sequence. Then if the engravings are historically accurate, Columbus would have made a fortune as a dime museum freak. In the scene representing the discovery of land he is smooth faced, but on landing he is decorated with a full beard. As the time between these two events was about twelve hours, it will be seen that Columbus must have been a wonderful hair-grower. The size of the stamps will seriously interfere with their use. This does not apply to private correspondence, but in business firms, where a large number of letters are daily sent, the time required for stamping will be increased more than a third.

The Michigan Stamp is improving greatly each issue. Let the good work continue.

The new paper announced from Ohio is the Philatelic Free Lance, from Bellaire, by Ben S. Morris and H. B. Taylor, to be issued June 1st: Sixteen 8x12 pages monthly.

ADVERTISE!

THIRTY YEARS A STAMP DEALER

From "Boston Stamp Book," Jan. 3,
1896.

The first publication of a philatelic nature to which the writer subscribed was Trifet's Monthly Stamp Circular. That was twenty years ago. Mr. Trifet, however, if we may believe the testimony of Bostonians who, having been accustomed years ago as children to buy stamps of him are now buying of him for their own children, has changed but little in appearance and not at all in his ability to show good stamps to prospective buyers.

In the old days he had such trifles (?) as a sheet of unperforated 24c. 1851, two entire sheets of 3 cent grilled all over of 1868, eighteen sheets of each of the eight values of 1855-60 perforated (most of which sold for 60 cents a set, though they are now catalogued at \$42.95) and 120 sets complete of the Departments, including twelve sheets (ten on a sheet, with imprint) of the five dollar State. One of his "finds" was a lot of 700 New Brunswick 6p., 15 shillings and a quantity of "splits." The last were thrown away, the shillings sold at from seven to ten dollars, and after a great deal of hard work the sixpences were worked off at 62½ cents each! This was in 1883.

What Mr. Trifet has on hand now, is, however, the real subject of this article. Everybody in Boston, and everybody in America who knows or cares anything about stamps remembers the romantic story of how his recognition of certain stamps which were stolen eight years ago recently led to the capture of a receiver of stolen goods who had been carrying on his illegal occupation on a princely scale. The collection was a very fine one in its time, and, as may naturally be supposed, age has not impaired its value.

But eight years' enforced separation from his collection was too much for the philatelic ardor of Mr. Kidder, and he offered to sell the stamps to Mr. Trifet. A price was agreed upon, the cash paid over, and the collection is now Mr. Trifet's own.

Neither Mr. Kidder nor Mr. Trifet wished for the notoriety which would come from keeping the collection separate, and so it has been broken up. From this and his stock, Mr. Trifet has made up a little book containing about 300 stamps, none of which is catalogued lower than ten dollars. The stamps are divided into three grades:—those worth \$100 or more; those worth between \$25 and \$100; and those worth between \$10 and \$25. These classes Mr. Trifet calls A, B and C.

Class A opens with a 10 cent St. Louis die C on grayish pelure paper, and the others are the circular 8 cent British Guiana with the 4 cent magenta of the 1856 issue of the same country, a twelve pence Canada on wove paper. The ten shillings and one pound Great Britain, maltese cross, watermark, unused. The five cent and both thirteen cent Hawaiian Islands first issue. Nevis, 1 shilling yellow green on white paper, unused. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia shillings with an unused scarlet Newfoundland shilling. An unused 2 silbergroschen Prussia with solid background,

the stamp which Mr. Phillips questioned whether Senf ever saw—two St. Vincent stamps, the 4p. on 1 sh. and the 5 shillings star watermark. The 2 reals Spain of both 1851 and 1852, both unused. The double Geneva unused, and the 4 rappen vertical lines, Zurich, a 3 lire and Tuscany the blue Naples Trinacria, the last a magnificent specimen with original gum. This class also would doubtless include such stamps as a very fine unused 1p. Sidney view with original gum, the 6 and 8p. laureated New South Wales, which are, undoubted unused originals and the State Department, from 1c. to 20 dollars, marked "specimen."

Class B is larger, and, in the aggregate, the most valuable of the three classes. In the United States it includes a ten cent Providence 24 cent 1851, imperforate, 5 cent yellow unused, a 3 cent grilled all over in similar condition, an unused 90 cent 1869, and a 15 cent 1869 original without grill, the horseman carrier in red with short rays unused, the 30 cent Justice, and the New York three cent on

green glazed paper. Afghanistan is represented by the 1 rup. 1871, the 1 ab., black, of 1874, the 1 sa., black, 1-2 rup. mauve, and 1 rup. mauve, of 1875, and the 1-2 a 1 rup., black of 1878. There is also a 1 dollar British Columbia perf. 12 1-2, an unused 6p. Canada perforated, and a 3 s. g. Brunswick of the second issue, unused. The early Ceylons, many of them cut to shape, but all unused, with an unused 2 r. 50 c. are followed by the 2 1-2c. 1861 envelope of the Columbian Republic. The Charleston envelope on orange, the 16 sk. Denmark rouletted, unused and with original gum, the one real green of the first issue of the Dominican Republic are among the other choice things, while a beautiful vermilion franc of the first French issue is well worthy of its distinguished company. In Great Britain there is an unused V. R. and France puts in an appearance again with a used tete beche pair of 25 c. blue, first issue. Next is the 1-10th, yellow, large network, of Hanover, unused, with the original pink gum. Then India comes in with Nos. 219 and 220 of Scott's catalogue, both unused and some of the rare Cashmeres, while Mexico puts in two of the Saltillo set used. Nevis calls for notice with a 4 p. and a 1 sh. on grayish paper, and a 6 p. lithographed. There is an unused 6 p. New Brunswick, a 4 and 6 orange, and 6 1-2 p. scarlet Newfoundland and an unused set of early New Zealand. Mention should be made here, however, of the complete "specimen" sets of the War and Justice Departments and of the unused laureated 1 and 3 p. New South Wales on blue paper. When we come to class C, we find stamps too numerous to describe in detail, if not to mention. We must therefore be content with giving a list, somewhat in the form of a catalogue. Here we find of the United States two beautiful 90 cent 1860 and 90 cent 1861, 5 cent chocolate, 24 c. 1868, 24 and 30 c. 1869, a strip of three 6 c. 1869, and a block of nine 1 c. of the same year, 7 c. 1870, 24 c. 1872, and reprints of 12c. 1873, all unused. Other United States stamps are the New York 3 c. on blue glazed paper, 5 c. newspaper, blue border, 9 c. newspaper, 5 c. 1855, full projections unused, 6 and 10 c. Executive, horseman carrier, black, short rays, \$2. State, used and 7 c. Navy unused. Afghanistan shows Scott's numbers 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18 and a 5 centes. Lombardy-Venice unused follows. Azores, 240 reis curved label, Bahamas, 1 shilling CC 12 1-2

unused, o. g., Barbadoes no value vermilion unwatermarked, perforated and both colors of 6 p., Baden 3 kr. with gum, Barbadoes again 6p. yellow CC 12 1-2, Belgium 40 c. L.L. both with and without frame, and two unframed 20c. and Bermuda three pence fancy type on 1 p. are among the other choice unused stamps. Bolivia appears with the 10 and both 50 c. blue of the first issue and the 500 c. nine stars, unused, with gum. Brazil italics, 180, and 300 reis, two specimens of each, perforated, 10 reis black and 600 reis. Bremen rouletted 3 and 10 grote, British Guiana Nos. 6 and 10 used, 9, 78 and 82 unused, British Honduras 6p. yellow, Buenos Ayres, Nos. 1, 6, 7 and 8 unused, British Columbia 10 c. perf. 12 1-2, Canada 1-2 p. on ribbed paper, 7 1-2 and 10 p. perforated, both Cape of Good Hope triangular shillings unused, an unsevered pair of 40 reis stamps, one being Cape Verde and the other Mozambique, a 6 kr. Baden, white ground unused, with gum, unused Ceylons with star watermark and a fine 2 p. emerald green, a watermarked, Crown CC unused, Columbian Republic Nos. 19, 20, 21, 25 and 70 unused tete beche pair of 10c. Here are various types and states of plate of the "post-paid" stamps, seven in all, two specimens each of the 1 and 2 p. Greek border, the green Britannia, surcharged "four pence" used, and 1 shilling green, unused of the head-type. Mexico furnishes Nos. 96 and 99. Spain, 6 r. 1856, unused, 12 c. 1851, in similar condition, 6r of the same year, used, and the following unused: 10r 1851, 5r 1852, 6r 1852, 12c. 5 and 6r 1853, 1r dark blue, 1854, and 4c 1865 imperf.

Mr. Trifet wants to celebrate the thirtieth year of his business as a stamp dealer by selling more good stamps than ever. All the stamps on this list are for sale, and buyers of rare stamps will do well to read this whole list and see what there is here that they want. Then let them visit Mr. Trifet at his pleasant office or write to him for his terms on these stamps. It would be hard to find a finer general stock than that sketched here. The whole value of the book is more than \$15,000, and it is a rich treat to look at it. We are much mistaken if Mr. Trifet does not sell a very large proportion of these stamps within a very few weeks.

Mr. F. Trifet's address is 36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

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2c Probri. ".....	1 60	2c Express blue.....	25	Part Perf.	
5c " ".....	1 00	5c " ".....	25	25c Ins.....	\$ 18
10c " ".....	80	10c Bill of Lad.....	55	30c Int. Ex.....	60
20c For. Ex.....	60	15c Int. Ex.....	45	40c " ".....	35
30c " ".....	1 25	20c " ".....	15	50c Morg.....	60
50c " ".....	30	25c Life Ins.....	75	60c Int. Ex.....	1 00
50c Pass. Tick.....	20	30c For. Ex.....	25	70c For. ".....	1 10
\$1 00 Manifest.....	80	50c Orig. process.....	35	Silk Papers.	
\$1 00 Prob. of Will.....	80	50c For. Ex.....	75	1c Propp.....	\$ 35
\$1 00 Mortgage.....	3 00	50c Life Ins.....	1 50	5c Agree.....	15
\$1 30 For. Ex.....	70	70c For. Ex.....	1 50	5c Cert.....	15
\$1 67 " ".....	1 00	\$1 00 Morg.....	75	10c " ".....	30
\$1 90 " ".....	80	Part Perf.		10c Contract.....	15
\$2 00 " " violet.....	1 00	2c Express, blue, perf. top and		50c Orig. process.....	30
\$2 00 Prob. of Will.....	80	bottom.....	\$ 45	60c Int. Ex.....	30
\$3 50 Int. Ex.....	1 20	2c Bank check orange.....	50	70c For. Ex.....	35
\$5 00 Morg.....	3 25	3c Telegraph.....	18	\$1 00 Int. Ex.....	20
\$20 00 Convey.....	1 15	5c Cert.....	20	\$2 00 Mortgage.....	35
Second Issue.		5c Int. Ex.....	12	\$2 00 Conveyance.....	30
1c black and blue.....	\$ 50	10c Power of Att.....	55	\$2 50 Int. Ex.....	60
3c " ".....	20	\$2 00 " ".....	32	\$25 00 Mortgage.....	3 00
4c " ".....	25	\$2 50 " ".....	25	Third Issue.	
6c " ".....	1 20	\$3 00 " ".....	80	4c Black and Claret.....	\$ 90
15c " ".....	28	\$5 00 " ".....	50	4c " " Brown.....	50
20c " ".....	20	1871-75 Propri.		6c " " Orange.....	50
30c " ".....	60	10c Green.....	\$2 00	15c " " Brown.....	28
40c " ".....	40	1878 Propri.		30c " " Orange.....	25
60c " ".....	50	5c Black.....	\$1 60	40c " " Brown.....	40
70c " ".....	40	10c Blue.....	6 00	60c " " Orange.....	32
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