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THE STAMPS OF FINLAND.

Including a Short History of its Country and Inhabitants.

C. E. SWOPE.

Finland is a country of Europe, bounded on the west by the Gulf of Bothnia, on the east by Russia, on the south by the Gulf of Finland, and on the north by Lapland. It was about the 12th century, a Russian grand-duchy, but in the same century, was conquered by the Swedes, who introduced Christianity within its borders. It was retaken by the Russians in 1714, restored to the Swedes in 1721, again taken by the Russians in 1742, restored in 1743, and conquered again 1808, and in 1809, was ceded to Russia by the Swedes, on the terms of the treaty of Abo, which was at that time the capitol of Finland.

Finland is divided into seven provinces, viz: Finland Proper, The Islands of Aland, East Bothnia, Nyland, Savolax, Tavastaland, and Keymenegard.

The climate is, like in mostly all the northern countries quite cold in winter, while the summer heat is much greater than that of the more southern parts of Europe.

It is asserted that the heat in summer is so great, that vegetation is very rapid, and that instances have been known of grain being sown and reaped within six weeks. The longest interval between seed-time and harvest is ten to twelve weeks. The soil is usually of a clayey or sandy description and the productions of the country as well as its methods of farming are quite similar to those of Sweden. Its usual exports are iron, copper, salt, furs, skins, tallow, butter and rye. There is also considerable lead found in the mountainous districts. The inhabitants resemble the Swedes in manners and costoms, although they retain the features and natural characteristics of the Fins.

They are short in stature with sallow complexion, light eyes, and flat faces, and are hardy and industrious though somewhat slow and stupid.

We will first describe the adhesive stamps, Finland first issued

these in 1856, when two values were emitted, viz:—5 Kopecs blue, and 10 Kopecs rose. The design of above is as follows:

Arms of Finland, consisting of a lion, ramphant on shield with crown above and bugle horns below, printed on white paper and unperforated, value at each end, and stamp in shape of a transverse oval. Next issue was in 1860, and was on tinted paper, perforated, Arms in oval, fancy border, value above and below.

5 Kopecs, rectangular, blue.
10 " " rose.

In 1863, two more of exactly same design and colors, only on white paper were emitted, and in 1866 another new set came out on tinted paper, as follows, perforated:

5 Pennia, rect., brown on lilac.
8 " " black on green.
10 " " buff.
10 " (error)" brown on lilac.
20 " " blue.
40 " " rose.

In 1867, another denomination was issued of different design, perforated—Arms in rectangle, inscription at sides, value above and below.—1 Mark, rectangle, brown. Again in 1875, an entire new set of different design was issued, and were as follows:

Design — Lion ramphant on shield in oval, Finland on the left Suomi on the right, numeral of value in each corner, perforated viz:

2 Pennia, rect., gray.
5 " " orange.
8 " " green.
20 " " light blue.
20 " " dark "
25 " " red.
32 " " carmine.
1 Mark, " purple.

In 1881 one more value came out of same design, *i. e.* 10 Pennia rectangular, brown. In 1885 another set was issued, of same design, only colors changed, perforated.

5 Pennia, rect., green.
20 " " orange.
25 " " blue.
1 Mark, " gray and red.
5 " " green and red.
10 " " brown and red.

I will next describe the envelope stamps, giving them in the order of issue.

1845—Arms same as adhesive, bugle horns at sides, inscription above and value in a scroll beneath.

10 Kopecs, oval, black.
20 " " red.

1850—same type as 1850, adhesive.

5 Kopecs, oval, blue.
10 " " rose.
20 " " black.

1860—same type as 1860, adhesive:
5 Kopecs, rect., blue.
10 " " rose.
1871—same type as 1866, adhesive:
20 Pennia, rect., blue.
40 " " rose.
1876—same type as 1875, adhesive:
20 Pennia, rect., blue.
32 " " carmine.
1881—same type as 1875, adhesive:
20 Pennia, rect., light blue.
25 " " carmine.
1885—same type as 1875, adhesive:
20 Pennia, rect., orange.
25 " " blue.

Finland has issued a number of local stamps, but these will be reserved for some future article. The stamps of Finland are nicely engraved and assist very materially toward beautifying one's collection.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 5, 1886.

HOW POSTAGE STAMPS ARE MADE.

The number of ordinary postage stamps issued in 1881 was 954,128,440 and the value $24,040,043. The method of printing stamps is as follows: The printing is done from steel plates, and the paper used is of a peculiar texture, somewhat resembling that employed for bank notes. Two men cover the plates with the colored inks and pass them to a man and girl who print them with large rolling hand presses. Three of these little squads are employed all the time, although ten can be put in operation if necessary. The colors used in the inks are ultra-marine blue, Prussian blue, chromo yellow, vermillion and carmine. After the sheets of paper, on which 200 stamps are engraved, having been dried, they are sent into another room and gummed. The gum is made of the powder of dried potatoes and other vegetables mixed with water. Gumarabic is not desired because it cracks the paper badly. The sheets are gummed separately. They are then placed back upward upon a flat wooden support, the edges protected by a metalic frame, and the gum is applied by a wide brush. After having been again dried, this time on little racks which are fanned by steam power for about an hour, they are then put in between sheets of card-board and pressed by hydraulic presses, capable of applying a weight of 2000 tons. The sheets are next cut in halves, each sheet containing 100 stamps. This is done by a girl with a large pair of shears, cutting by hand preferred to that of machinery, which method would destroy too many stamps. They are then passed to the perforating machine. The perforations be-

tween the stamps are effected by passing the sheets between two cylinders, provided with a series of raised bands, which are adjusted to a distance apart, equal to that required between the rows of perforations. Each ring on the upper cylinder has a series of cylindrical projections, which fit corresponding depressions in the bands of the lower cylinder; by these the perforations are punched out, and by a simple contrivance the sheet is detached from the cylinders, in which it has been conducted by an endless band. The rows running longtitudinally of the paper are first made and then by a similar machine, the transverse ones. This perforating machine was invented by a Mr. Arthur, in 1852, and was purchased by the government for $20,000. The sheets are next dressed once more and then packed and labeled and stowed away in another room, preparatory to being put up in mail bags for dispatching to fulfill orders. If a single stamp is in any way mutilated, the whole sheet of 100 stamps are burned. 5000 are burned every week from this cause. The sheets are counted no less than eleven times during the process of manufacturing, and so great is the care taken in counting them that not a single stamp has been lost during the last 20 years.

AN ingenious and useful device can, it is said, be found in nearly every railway station in London. It is a small box on wheels, painted crimson, which it may be called an automatic post office. It is devided into two compartments. On the top are apertures admitting a penny, one being for postal cards and the other for envelopes. Drop a penny through a slot and a little drawer beneath, and presto you find a postal card. Drop two pennies in the right-hand slot, open a corresponding drawer, and you will find a stamped envelope containing a sheet of note paper. These little conveniences are also proof against mutilated coins. These are the property of a company.

"I NEVER was exactly buried alive," said an old clerk, recounting his experiences, "but I once worked in a store that did not advertise. When I came out my head was almost as white as you now see it. Solitary confinement did it. — *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*

AN inhabitant of Liverpool, influenced either by curiosity or by economy, wrote last year a letter of 26 words on the back of a penny stamp. It was duly delivered as was a second letter of the same kind. When an attempt was made with a half-penny stamp, the dispatch came liable to a charge of a penny, as an insufficiently prepaid letter. T. P. J.

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WE call the attention of collectors to our correspondence and exchange columns. All persons desiring information on any subject relating to philately might obtain the desired information through this column.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS offers some very good bargains in department stamps; collectors not having complete sets of these stamps should get them at once as they are getting rarer every day.

WE would call your attention to Mr. C. E. Swops' advertisement on second page of cover. He offers some very good bargains in continentals.

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New Issues.

From G. C. P.

AZORES.—The 50 reis envelope stamp has been surcharged with small letters.

BAVARIA.—A 3 pf. newsband has been issued.

BANGKOK—In addition to chronicle in last number we heard of a 3c. Strait's Settlements card surcharged with letter B.

BELGIUM.—20c., 50c. and 2 f. stamps, with head of King Leopold, have been issued. In the first and last mentioned the word "Poste" is below and in the 50c. above.

COSTA RICA.—We have been informed that all of the present issue has been surcharged "Guanacasto."

FINLAND.—Two new stamps 5 marks, red and green, and 10 marks red and brown, have been issued.

GWALIOR.—Stamps, envelopes and cards of India surcharged for use here.

GIBRALTAR.—Stamps of Bermuda have been surcharged "Gibraltar," values ½d., 1d. and 2½d.

LIBERIA.—1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 16 and 32c. stamps, of new design, have been issued.

MACAO.—Surcharges "5" on 25 r. and "10" on 50 r.

TURKEY.—We hear that this county will issue a new set shortly; valves 5 pa. black, 2 pi. red, 5 pi. green, 25 pi. brown.

From the Empire State Philatelist.

STUDY YOUR STAMPS.

Oh that I could shout those three words in the ears of every stamp collector, or that I had the power to confiscate the collections of every one who maliciously accumulates scarce and often almost unique specimens, and have about as much regard for them as the dollars they represent. I know of a collection now, that contains several stamps that could not be duplicated at any price, and yet the owner thinks no more of than he would of a fine watch, or any valuable piece of jewelry. His only idea in collecting, although he does not express it in so many words, "I am a richer man than you; I can afford to pay higher prices than any man in New York, so I have the largest collection." But I tell him, as I tell you, five hundred stamps, arranged with care and *carefully studied*, will give greater pleasure to the owner, and more satisfaction to the person they are shown to, than the finest collection in the hands of an illiterate man, who only shows you his collection to give you an idea of his wealth. T. COKE.

From the Michigan Philatelist.

SHALL WE COLLECT USED OR UNUSED STAMPS.

Some collectors refuse all specimens which have been cancelled, and will place in their albums only new or unused stamps. Others will not admit unused stamps, and insist upon having used ones only. The "happy medium" between the two extremes seems to us the best plan.

The collector who refuses used stamps, however handsome his collection may appear, must of necessity have many a blank space in his album, for it will be next to impossible to complete many sets unless, indeed, he be possessed of riches in abundance. In this case the stamps may be procured in sets from the countries issuing them, and his album then becomes very attractive.

There is another drawback to the collection of unused only, and that is the unfortunate habit of reprinting, which many countries have adopted within the last dozen years. A collector may see reprints or "remainders" which the officials have sold to dealers at a merely nominal price, hawked about at a penny each, while the specimen in his collection cost, including postage and time spent in correspondence, several dollars perhaps. True, his stamp is the mo desirable, and yet only an exp could detect the difference.

Those who collect used stam are not expected to have comple sets, and for some reason, whi we cannot cleary explain, a bre in a set of used stamps does n appear such a serious matter when the specimens are unus Even a small used collection, made up of carefully selected sp cimens, will always look well, a its value will continually increa

Do not put into your album stam which are so badly defaced, that requires a careful examination determine if the specimen be fr Austria or from Turkey. A lit care in selecting will add muc not only to the beauty of your c lection, but to its value as well.

Get stamps with even margi so far as possible, lightly but di tinctly cancelled. Avoid specime so cancelled as to spoil the appe ance of the portrait, or whate the design is, or marked so that is hardly possible to tell wheth the stamp is a 10 reis or 100 reis Brazil.

Finally, have a care in mounti your stamps. Use hinges and th you can easily change a poor spe men for a better without injuri your album. Never paste yo specimens in solid. This is a re of the barbarous age of collecti and we now live in a more enlig ened time. CHROMDIN

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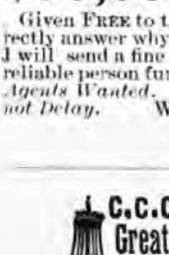

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THE STAMP "CRAZE" AND ITS EVIL RESULTS.

J. FRANK WILLARD.

If it might be permitted us to inspect with a close scruting, many of the aspirants of philatelic glory, I think truthfully, that we would find that the majority of the great army of stamp collectors are entirely governed by the temporary *craze* for stamps, instead of that constant and unrelenting desire to succeed and prosper in this quite prominent science, if so it may be termed.

If the desire to have a good collection of stamps is only transient, how can we look for much success out of this prospective science?

This kind of a stamp fanatic is not the one to whom it would be right to intrust the perpetuation of this modern art.

It is a good plan to collect stamps; it certainly then is a good plan to do it with a heart loyal to the cause. This "craze" is one of the great evils of the younger part of this army. They feel for the moment an indescribable desire to connect themselves with this stamp collecting company, if only by the tie of a "two-cent stamp" as a forerunner of those great achievements they hopefully dream of.

My earnest desire is that no wrong construction will be construed upon my theory—for it is my earnest hope to see this scheme of collecting stamps succeed; and the younger part of the ranks ought not to stop with that temporary zeal, but ought to go on with the good work.

The thought that impressed me most on this question, was the way in which a certain collector forsook a very fine collection, after his fever for stamps subsided, for a paltry sum.

Now the reason of this was, because at first his desire for the accumulation of stamps had been too impetuous, and as time went on his ardor for the collecting of stamps diminished so rapidly, that he lost all interest in his collection, and, as a last hope of any benefit from his labors, sold all for a sum really half the worth of the collection; such a craze for stamps is certainly ruinous to a successful collection.

This zeal which so captivates the stamp collector at first, finally gets

to be a heavy expense; because, after he has spent so much time, money and labor, in the acquiring of his collection, looses all for a value so meagre in proportion to the value of his collection.

I think we all believe that *this fickle craze* is not the kind of enthusiasm to be a benefit to the student in philatelic knowledge.

Bankruptcy, in so early an undertaking, must seem discouraging to the prospecting scientist. However, we have proved carefully, that this "would-be scientist," is his own destroyer on account of careless parting with his hard-earned collection.

Another of the great evils resulting from this desertion of loyalty to the cause of stamp collecting, is the demoralizing influence on other stamp collectors.

We certainly do not and could not expect a person just starting out in the study of philately, to feel very zealous in his work, to see his companion all about *turning from* their stamp collecting. Now, let us discuss the other side of the question.

Suppose all these followers of philately should *remain* true to their collections; should *help keep up* the common interest, and *try* and *help* others to be strong in their zeal for their collections a very different result would b found. Where there is one will i a company of people to do a certai thing—that object desired, is usu ally obtained.

Now! Why is this?

The reasons are three-fold:

First—Because the joint feelin for their collection keeps up in terest.

Second—This interest accruin from joint feeling, helps to kee up the plan of exchanging stamps

Third—This plan of exchang permits a larger field of philateli knowledge to be gone over.

I suppose, when a person make complaints, or brings up argument against a certain plan or projec he is expected to bring forth remedy for the evil he has tried t throw down. My first remedy t this evil of a stamp craze, would b a more constant study of th stamps. Interest is immediatel kindled in the mind of the co lector, when he starts out with th determination to study his stamp —by this study he derives the goo intented to come from a collectio of stamps. We all certainly kno that the mere collection of stamp for no definite aim is a habit whic we ought not to cultivate.

Another powerful incentive, i exciting interest in philately, is t

ave a successful rivalry between he collectors.

This I really think one of the ost powerful aids to a more horough and firmer philatelic nowledge. By rivalry I do not ean simply the pulling down or estroying of each others collec-ons, but that *gentle rivalry* which egets a true and common interest. ow, last of all, let this great army stamp collectors be ever in-reased; let us all do our part in he bettering of this cause.

And, let us have uppermost in ur minds, a *true and honest Union* stamp collectors. Finally, let s all combat, with one might, that vil—the temporary "craze" for amps.

A CHAT ABOUT COUNTERFEITS.

rom M. P.

Large numbers of collectors owadays are being swindled by ounterfeit stamps that are printed y the thousands from electrotypes. here is a so-called philatelic aper that has a large advertise-ent of some dealer in this class goods in its last issue. It may e well to remark that the former wner of this so-called philatelic aper, advertises Hamburg Locals onfederate States stamps in *arper's Young People*, but does ot say they are fac-similes as he oes in philatelic papers.

There is a party in New York ty that ought to be exposed for e benefit of young collectors and at is A. Beissabath, located at 198 William street, New York city. No doubt a number of collectors have noticed his advertisement in *Harper's Young People* a number of times. The writer went to the above address to see what he could find out about the business, the address given turned out to be a small room upon the top floor of the building, when I opened the door I was confronted by two youths, one about 17, and the other about 20; I soon explained my mission by saying that I wished to purchase some of their stamps. I was then shown drawers full of their stuff. Among the stamps I noticed some dangerous counterfeits of the Fiji Islands one shilling; they were struck off in sheets with about two dozen stamps on a sheet. They then cancel them with a cork, with the cancellation cut in the cork. Of these they had quite a number with different cancellations. I found they had counterfeits of stamps from every part of the globe. They also had quite a number of bogus stamps of their own invention, among which I noticed Prince Edward Island, Paraguay, Bolivar, etc. Among the things I noticed an ingenious contrivance for perforating the stamp. They claimed it was their own invention. It resembles a pair of nippers, with hollow brass points inserted in the jaws. It seems they import large numbers of the stamps from Germany. The parties name I could not find out. After pumping all I could out of them I left after purchasing a few of the stamps. *H. G. Tepper.*

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WE are greatly obliged to the stamp collecting public for the kind manner in which our paper has been received. We have received many lettsrs of praise from all over the country for which we are very thankful. We will try to make this paper a paper of instruction to all. Our aim is to please.

MR. A. J. MONATT, of the *Garden City Philatelist* kindly gives us a little send-off in No. 3 of his paper to the effect that we copied three of his editorial notices, *word for word*, in No. 1, of our paper. Now we know that we have plenty of room for improvement in our editorial column and in our whole paper, for that matter, but when we look over his paper with its uncut leaves and its poor printing we see that he is not a model editor nor his paper a model paper.

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Review.

The Philatelic Magazine is one of the best papers we have received.

We have also received the *Chemung Review* which continues to improve.

The Youth's Ledger contains some very good notes of Philatelic matter this month.

The Blade is a very interesting little paper hailing from Petersburg, Illinois. It has our wishes for success.

We mean to send two (2) copies of our paper to all papers and the publishers of other papers will please send us the same amount.

We had the great pleasure to receive from Mr. H. T. Hawles, of Atlantic, Iowa, his neat little publication, *The Stamp Collector's Di-*

rectory. It is a book which ought to be in the hands of every collector.

We have received the following papers. Publishers please accept thanks.

The Canadian Philatelic and Curio Advertiser; The Youth's Ledger; The Chemung Review; The Blade; The Stamp and Coin Gazette; The Philatelic Magazine; The Collector's Companion; The Empire State Philatelist; The Garden City Philatelist; The Stamp Collector's Directory; The Collector's Science Monthly; Our Progressive Youth; The Collector's Leisure Hour; The Philatelic Herald.

New Issues.

From G. C. P.

Antioquia. — *The Philatelic Monthly* notes a new type of 20c. blue.

Azores.—Two more surcharges with small letters 25 reis, lilac and 300 r. green.

Ceylon.—We hear of a new 10c. card, brown on buff, no border.

Chili. — The 20c. green has changed to gray.

Liberia. — The colors of the stamps mentioned last month are as follows: 1 cent, red; 2c., gre 3c., violet; 4c., brown; 6c., gr 8c., violet; 16c., orange; 32c., b

Mozambique. — *The Philat World* says that stamps with bossed head of King Leopold rounded by double oval contain the inscription "Provincia de M zambique," have been iss Values: 5 r. black, 10 r. green, r. carmine, 25 r. lilac, 40 r. bro 50 r. blue, 100 r. red brown, 20 violet, 300 r. orange.

Natal.—We are informed t the 3d gray has been surchar TWO PENCE.

Peru.—From the *P. M.* we learn of two new stamps; valu 5c. blue, 10c. olive.

Portuguese Indies. — The *W.* also says that stamps sim to those of Mozambique have b issued for use here, "India Po gueza," in double oval. Val 1½ r. black, 4½ r. brown, 6 r. gr 1 tanga carmine, 2 t. blue, 4 t. b 8 t., yellow.

Servia.—A new 10x10 post c is announced.

Siam.—The ½ att. blue, has peared with surcharge 1 tical.

Straits Settlements.—Th *W.* also states that the 32c. been surcharged "three cents." that a 3x3 card, blue on buff, appeared.

SEALING LETTERS.

From the Exchange.

The first letter known to be sealed with wax is said to have been written by Frederick, Count Palatine, by a French gentleman sent on a mission to the Court of Weimer. For a long time beeswax was the only material used in sealing letters, but toward the middle of the sixteenth century beeswax was replaced by sealing wax introduced from India, and by degrees this came into general use. Wafers are supposed to have been used about the same time. The first adhesive envelopes were used in England in 1848. By slow degrees sealing wax was substituted by adhesive envelopes. It has now become fashionable to use wax in sealing letters.

The $5,000 United States document stamp is the largest and highest value adhesive stamp ever issued by any government in the world. It is beautifully engraved and is printed in orange, green and black, and measures 4½x2¾ inches. They were used only by railroad and other large companies.

The first stamp dealer and collector arose in 1861.

EXPRESS NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

From the Stamp.

In the West, and I suppose in the East also, nearly all the express companies have stamps or labels, which are used to prepay the charges on periodicals and other matter which is included in the second class of the Post Office Department. Those I have seen have no claim to beauty or excellence of design.

All are of one design. The name of the express company is at the top. Below this is an express car with the value of the stamp on each side. Then follows the rules which the party must observe in prepaying matter with the stamp. The express companies themselves call it a stamp.

I have seen the stamps of the following: Pacific; Denver and Rio Grande; United States and Wells-Fargo. It has also been stated that the American has issued some, but I do not remember seeing any.

These stamps are entitled to as much consideration in my estimation as the United States Newspaper stamps. The U. S. stamps never pass through the mail but are simply attached to receipts and

cancelled on these. Probably they are not stamps. But these express stamps are attached to the package of news matter; they are cancelled on the package and so have as much Philatelic value as the express letter stamps.

S. T. Amp.

THE first stamp paper published in the United States was the *Stamp Collector Mercury*, in Boston, in 1866.

THE highest price paid yor a Russian stamp was $300.00, this amount being paid for old Saretoff Local, issue of 1869.

AUGUSTINE WATSON the inventor of the ready stamped newspaper wrapper died November 28, 1885. He resided in Washington.

THE rates of ocean postage, fixed by Franklin in 1853, remained unchanged until 1868, when the charge was reduced from twenty-five cents to twelve cents. This explains why an ocean steamer was represented on that value of the 1869 issue.

SPOILED, misdirected or otherwise damaged stamped envelopes, redeemed at the Department a mutilated in a hand machine, b cutting off the upper right han corners thus severing the stamp in two, when the envelopes are sol by the pound in wagon loads.

THE 1856 British Guiana is on of the rarest stamps known. I was type set in the colony, for us temporarily, each one being au thenticated by the postmaster initials, and as a further precautio were not sold to the public, bu affixed to the letters by the po office clerks.

REDUCED postage and othe causes have increased the corr spondence of the world. Less tha fifty years ago the average of le ters received by each person p annum was only three in th United Kingdom and it is no thirty-seven letters and four post cards. The latest reliable ascer tained comparison (for 1882, whe the average was thirty-five in Gre Britain) gives the average p head in the United States at twe ty-one; Germany, seventeen France, sixteen; Italy, seven, an Spain, five.

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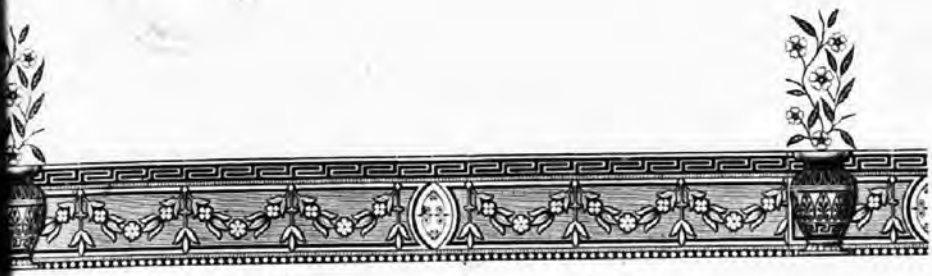

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Luxemburg, 3 var.....
Malta, 2 var.....
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Porto Rico, 4 var.....
Sardinia, 5 var.....
Sirmore, 1885, 2 var.....
Siam, 3 var.....
Swiss (auser kurs), 10 var.....

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SURCHARGES.

C. E. SWOPE.

A great deal has been written concerning the collection of surcharged stamps, both *pro* and *con*, I think "*con*" should win the race.

It is certainly a pure waste of money to buy any quantity of the provisional issues now upon the market, because there are so many counterfeits and fac-similes among them. Nothing is easier than to get a lot of unused stamps; say of the issue of Luxemburg, and with one genuine specimen to go by, print an unlimited quantity, with which to fill the pockets of guileless and unsophisticated collectors.

Surcharges are certainly a blot upon the fair escutcheon of Philately, and should by all means be discountenanced by the stamp-collecting fraternity.

When this is done, there will be no more issued, and in a short time they will be on sale. I, being a dealer, have had to handle them, nolens volens, and have never felt any compunction concerning them, being always fearful that there might be counterfeits among them, it being next to impossible to tell a genuine from a counterfeit, unless the surcharge should happen to be printed *over* the cancellation, which sometimes is the case.

I will gladly destroy all I have, if others will do the same, and thus get rid of that many of these pests.

Take, for instance, the stamps of New Caledonia, St. Pierre et Miquelon, Tahiti, Dominican Republic, etc. How many of them, that are in the majority of collections, are really genuine?

I have a number from those countries myself, and although I paid good prices for them, I cannot but deem them suspicious. If we could only prevail upon the publishers of the various albums, to omit them from same, I think there would soon be no demand for them, which would quickly put a quietus upon them.

It is a rare occasion when a collector will pay from fifty cents to a dollar for a surcharged or provisional stamp, (especially if unused), unless it be one of the old issues of the United States, which I, of course, exempt from this at-

tack, as they are not surcharged stamps. I remember several high-priced surcharges I had, that I had sent out time and again, marked at catalogue prices, but which invariably came home to roost, until I became so disgusted at the sight of them that I tossed them into a mixed lot, and I suppose they are now gracing some one's collection, and at the cost only of a thousandth part of twenty cents.

Collectors have enough counterfeits and fac-similes of the regular emissions of the different countries to fight against, let alone surcharges, and the sooner we get rid of both the better.

I have no doubt but that there are numbers of philatelists that are of the same opinion as myself, and I earnestly request that they come to the front with their views as to what is best to be done in the matter.

Let us by all means hit upon some method by which we can succeed in snowing them under, for all time to come, at least as far as their collection is concerned.

Louisville, Ky., April 18, 1886.

THE price of this paper is 25 cents a year.

PHILATELIC MONOPOLIZERS.

BY W. G. WHILDEN, JR.

Every trade is to a certain e tend monopolized by the mone men of our country. The sta business offers the best field "tight-fisted" dealers. I reg to have to say so, but it is a f nevertheless, viz: that certain la dealers have bought up the pri pal supplies of certain stamps, are selling them at their prices. The say that it is perfe fair. Well, perhaps it it, in sense of the word; but the collector is not able to pay exhor tant prices for certain specime

Like Jay Gould and other "r road kings," there are a few sons who have made money off certain stamps, when they k that they hold the principal sup A gentleman told me not long a that at the close of the war 1865, the post-master of Savann Ga., gave him *one million an half* (1,500,000) Confede stamps of assorted kinds. I wo state that he was a philatelist, one of the original founders of National Philatelic Society of N York city. Knowing that t would be valuable in time, he c fully preserved them. He sold greater part of them to Mes

nley Gibbons, Alfred Smith Whitfield King, of England, also supplied several dealers the continent of Europe. It uld be useless to state that his ns were *very large*, almost a all-sized fortune.

This same gentleman is what ght be called a "Philatelic Mon- olist." He charges catalogue ces on certain Confederate mps *in quantities of one hun- d or more.* This seems out- eous. But if you objected to rates he would say: "I don't e whether you buy them or not. ey will be worth double that in w years."

Another dealer has bought up greater portion of almost all Departments in existence, and asks "round prices" for them. ne dealers, who hold large stocks rapidly raising their prices. *is rise will continue. The stamps l not decrease in value.* This tement will be made manifest en in a few weeks catalogues of tain dealers will appear. Com- e three successive catalogues of ne large dealer, and you will see full meaning. (I might men- n for instance, the 1847, 5 and cent.)

n writing this article, be it clearly understood that I am in no way running down the *large* dealers, nor am I writing in the interest of any *small* dealer. But it is to impress upon collectors the importance of buying U. S. Departments, and sets of the 1851, 1857, 1861 and 1869 issues. And especially *Confederate Stamps.* They are getting scarcer and rarer every day. They are comparatively cheap now, compared to what they will be in a few years. I should not exclude confederate and United States *Locals.* Fifteen years ago, there were ten times as many collectors of Locals, as there are now, *in proportion to the number of collectors then and now.* Why is this? Because they are so valuable. If a certain Local is worth $25 now, what will it be worth in ten years? Therefore let us buy all the rare stamps we possibly can, *while they are cheap.* Above all things complete your United States Collection.

I trust my few words of advice to younger collectors may be of service to some one, who is neglecting to buy U. S. Departments, and I sincerely hope, no dealer who is getting up a *monopolizing scheme* will take offense at my warning to those who have not had experience.

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We will try and have this paper appear as near the first of each month as possible. We still want to thank our friends for the kind words we have received. Will you help us make this paper a success by subscribing or advertising? We want 500 subscribers before our next issue.

The special delivery of the postal department does not grow in popularity. On the contrary, the number of letters carried in the mails under this stamp has grown smaller every month. The total number of letters carried in Feb. was only 76,159, against 86,123 in Nov.

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I have a fine lot of American and foreign postage, revenue and document stamps, also several hundred coin and stamp papers, which I wish to exchange for American coins, currency, script or high-valued postage stamps. Correspondence solicited.

J. H. STEINBERG,
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A. HUGH HIPPLE,
Campden, Lincoln Co., Ontario.

I have a large stock of U. S. and foreign postage stamps to exchange for others not in my collection. My U. S. department and periodical stamps are one of the features of my stock. Correspondence desired with collectors in all foreign countries. E. L. SAWTELL,
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Rare minerals, shells, Indian relics, rare U. S. and foreign stamps and U. S. periodical and telegraph stamps, for rare match, medicine, revenues, locals, entire stamped envelopes and postal cards. O. H. SPRAY,
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E. W. VOUTE,
203 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Review.

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We wish to thank the *Empi State Philatelist* for kind words.

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The Chemung Review come hand with a new and prettily e graved cover.

The Stamp and Coin Gaze was a little late, but makes up i good articles.

We wish to thank Mr. W. Jewett for file of *The Philate News*, published in 1884.

The Collectors' Companion h changed hands again, we hear. M Cowles being the one to buy it th time.

We have received the followi papers. Publishers please acce thanks.

The Empire State Philatelis Monthly News, Chemung Revie Collectors' Science Monthly, C

ctors' Companion, Collectors' eisure Hour, Collectors' News, lain Talk, Quaker City Philalist, Canadian Philatelic and urio Advertiser, Our American outh, Stamp Youths' Ledger, Iohawk Standard, Our Progresve Youth, Philatelic Record, The lade, The Advertiser, The Garen City Philatelist, Stamp and oin Gazette.

The Collectors' Science Monthly a large paper, published by H. . Spaulding and Geo. A. Lowe, Battle Creek, Mich.

Notes.

C. S. P. S.

This society is in a very flourishg condition now, as there are new embers added almost every week. very member is expected to have essay or pay a fine of ten cents. rices are given for the five best says. Mr. H. G. Spaulding, Battle Creek, Michigan, has en elected an honorary member. he society is now divided into o parts, each part to furnish esys at different meetings, as it s too long when every member d an essay at each meeting. enver is having quite a boom in mp collecting. Every school now has from 50 to 100 collectors. We hope this will continue.

F. W. Feldwisch, Secretary.

New Milford, Conn., Philatelic Society.—At the last meeting we had our quarterly election, and the following officers were elected: President, John W. Turrill; Vice-President, George S. Hill; Secretary and Treasurer, Maurice U. Levy; Librarian, John W. Turrill. H. G. Spaulding of Battle Creek, Mich., was elected an honorary member of the society. The resignation of James S. Robertson was accepted. Subjects for next meeting Saxony and San Domingo.

John W. Turrill, Sec'y.

New Issues.

From the C. S. P.

Bermuda—The ½d. is now green, 2d. violet, 3d. gray, and 1sh. brown.

Ceylon—We have a new 5 cent stamp without surcharge, inscribed "Ceylon—Postage—Revenue.

Dominica—The 6d. green is now surcharged to do duty as ½ penny.

Faridkot—A new stamp is reported of the value of ½ anna, black.

GIBRALTAR.—The registered envelopes of Barbados, and post card of Malta are in use here, with surcharge "Gibraltar."

GUATEMALA—Provisional stamps of 25c., 50c., 75c., 100c., 150c., have been made by surcharging the 1 peso, red, of the northern railway, with the words "Correos Nacionales, Guatemala," and the value repeated several times. There are, also, type set ornaments resembling links of chains, &c. It is stated that a new series is in preparation, from 1c. to 2 pesos.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—*The Philatelic Record* says, that on account of a lack of 5 sh. stamps, the green *duty* stamps of the same value, have been surcharged "Postage" in black.

PHILIPPINE I.—A new stamp of very low value has just appeared. It is of the current type, with "Filip"—Impresos" at top, value ⅛ de centavo, green, (c. c. 26.)

ROUMANIA.—We hear of the 25 bani, blue, of the new type.

UNITED STATES.—Notwithstanding the careful examination given to stamps by the thousands of collectors all over the world, we believe Mr. Holton is the first to notice an important variety of the first 3-cent stamp. There seems to have been two types of th value, one in which there is a fi line around the stamp, and th other in which this line is at th sides only. So far as noticed, th unperforated stamp of 1851, is the first type, while the perforat one of 1857, is found of both type It is curious that the reprints ma in 1875, are of the first type.

VENEZUELA. — The 5c. blue, (c. 43), and 50c. green, (c. c. 2 prepared several years ago, ha just been issued; while the 1 has not yet appeared.

VICTORIA.—*The Philatelic Re ord* notes the 2sh. 1881, blue green, with surcharge in blac the 1sh., 6d. rose "duty" stam typographed instead of lith graphed; the 3sh. "duty" stam changed from scarlet, lake on bl paper, to light brown on white p per, and the 10sh. from dark bro on pink paper, to bluish green white. Some of the half-pen wrappers are on paper wat marked "N. S. W.," which was s some years ago to the Sydney po office, to supply a temporary wa Eighty per cent. of them were r letted, the others not.

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