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 Constantinople, 3 var., comp.,  
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## POSTAGE STAMP REMINISCENCES.

BY PHIL HEINSBERGER, N. Y.

The international stamp fraternity is celebrated, this year, the 50th anniversary of the adhesive postage stamp by James Chalmers, and on this occasion, I intend to enjoy the numerous readers of THE KEYSTONE STAMP NEWS with an international stamp review. I am writing about the experience of our beloved child "Postage Stamp," in the course of his career, which will show us the checker-board of the little fellow. Almost a century had passed, since his invention, before people began to collect postage stamps as we do it in the present time. In the year 1845, people in Great Britain collected postage stamps to "decorate their rooms," alias—a substitute for wall paper. But once a thing of curiosity and interest, the postage stamp soon became the favorite of amateur collectors, to decorate their stamp albums with. Year by year the stamp societies increased, and hand in hand with them the number of stamp collectors has increased. In our present time, as is estimated, there are about ten millions of stamp collectors living scattered in all parts of the globe. This army of stamp lovers, varying in color, white, black, and perhaps of Mongolian race, varying in age, as school children, and men with white heads, varying in occupation as clerks, merchants, lawyers, bankers, millionaires. And more than this, our little fellow postage stamp has true friends among "crowned heads." Among them were Emperor William II, of Germany, at the time he was yet crown-prince; and the unfortunate dead emper-

or Maximilian of Mexico; further the dead Secretary of The Holy See (Papal States,) who, although not a crowned man, had more power than kings and emperors. From living present prominent collectors I mention Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, and Philip La Renotiere de Ferrary, (millionaires, but ardent and live collectors.) Our little friend postage stamp further is a favorite in the Royal postal museum at London, England, and at Berlin, Germany. Honorably to mention is further the "International Postal Private Museum" Siegmund Friedl" at Vienna, Austria.

At the both named royal postal museums are exhibited postage stamps as well as anything else belonging to the international mail service. That private postal museum of Siegmund Friedl, Vienna, contains postage stamps, revenue stamps, stamp curiosities and philatelic publications, and is open to the public by the kindness of the proprietor. The prices of certain postage stamps in course of time have phenomenally advanced, so that only very few of the richest stamp men can buy them. I mention only a few stamps whose prices have increased, i. e. Mauritius Envelope 1863 1 shilling yellow is worth \$400. Hawaii 1852, 13c blue, \$500; Prussia envelope, 1852, with silk thread, the set of 4 stamps values \$200. North German Confederation Provisional Envelope 1868 "pasted over" the envelope of Brunswick, Oldenburg, Prussia, Saxony, Mecklenburg, rank from \$30 to \$50 each. Austria newspaper stamps 1852, 10 k carmine with Mercury head cost \$40. Saxony 1850, 3 Pfennig red,

brings \$25. There are many more of these high priced stamps. One of the first issued postage stamps of Great Britain 1841 1 penny red is the cheapest, as 1 cent can buy them. Other high priced stamps are the so-called "Errors," that means stamps which during manufacturing process have been misprinted in one way or other. We have there as "Error" Cape Colony 1860, 1 penny blue and 4 pence red, each values \$500. Stamp curiosities are those postage stamps with the portraits of the Prince Hurband, of England, issued by order of Queen Victoria, but never circulated, as Parliament refused to recognize them. Further we have the postage stamp bearing the portrait of Napoleon IV, of France, issued by the imperial adherents under the regime of the republic, but never circulated. As a matter of course, the majority of foreign postage stamps cheap, are and within the reach of the poorest boy. We can buy at any time, 100 varieties foreign postage stamps at 10, 25, 50 and 75 cents and more, and 1000 varieties can be had already for \$5. An extraordinary use to which our little friend the postage stamp is subjected, is the "private reprint alias counterfeit." Well known in our country are those counterfeiters, who manufacture to order, or for regular stock, foreign postage stamps. Those rascals live in New York City and in Boston. The New York counterfeiters carry on their business under the disguise of reliable stamp dealers and cheat the collectors out of their money!

Europe too has its share of counterfeiters, and hardly one high priced stamp has escaped the hands of the counterfeiters. In Germany these rascals imitate U. S. Newspaper stamps. Some of the manufacturers of the staff were honest enough to print the remark "Imitation" or "Falsch," but some have forgotten

this remark, and sell the stuff as genuine U. S. stamps. You numerous readers of THE KEYSTONE STAMP NEWS, do you know the inscription on the postage stamps of Japan? Some of those hieroglyphic signs signify: "The counterfeiter of the stamps shall lose his left hand" and it is indeed to regret, that our civilized laws do not allow such treatment to a counterfeiter. Counterfeit stamps are made: (1) by chemical process changing the color; (2) by surcharging the stamps; (3) by manufacturing or discovering Errors. As a rule the everyday collector has no experience to discover at once a reprint counterfeit, although the international philatelic press promptly exposes the rascals and their manufactured stuff. But some of our prominent American stamp papers neglect to mention this important fact, to the interest of certain stamp dealer counterfeit-clique! Shame to such papers whose publishers disgrace the stamp fraternity! Some post offices too, carry on the counterfeit business especially in the French and English colonies. They often from time to time manufacture surcharges and errors! for the sake of money. The name of thief, rascal, villain, scoundrel is too good for such people. In Europe in the last year some of these manufacturing counterfeiters fell into the hands of "Dame Justice" I mean into the hand of the punishing law, the court, and promptly sentenced to prison. Let us hope, that those moneyed counterfeiters in the U. S. (especially in N. Y. and Boston) one day may be reached by the neck and sent to prison, where they belong. The stamp collector only want "genuine stamps." For many other purposes our little friend the postage stamp is in demand. It means for mercantile purposes.

There are ladies' dresses umbrellas hats, handkerchiefs, fancy goods and

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## EDITORIAL.

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Yours in Philately,

THE PUBLISHERS.

## PERSONS AND THINGS.

The new issue of the United States stamps is placed on sale at the various post-offices throughout the whole country. We think they have too good a "Multum in Parvo" look about them, but for all that they will be sold at the same as cash at this

You can get this paper one year and 25 stamp photos for 50 cents by following the directions printed in our advertisement on page 2.

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Mr. E. T. Parker is at present devoting a portion of his spare time to the arranging of his stamp collection. He is pursuing a method of his own, and though we have only seen one volume we can say truthfully, it is a fine collection.

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Remember that we will receive your subscription from now until April 22, 1890, at 15 cents per year. Don't delay.

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We have secured Ph. Heinsberger, 9 First Ave., N. Y., as a regular contributor to our paper, and he will also receive "ads." and subscriptions at the usual rates.

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Advertise, dealers in this paper as we are going to make it one of the best mediums by which you can reach the public.

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The evening edition of the *New York World* has opened an exchange column and desires stamp collectors, especially, to patronize it.

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Alex. S. Dagget has joined the N. P. S. He, remember, manufactures the new postal cards.

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Read the "ad" at the top of page 2.

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**AN EMPIRE FOR THREE CENTS.**

The National Museum, at Washington, has added to its collection two stamps of what the French catalogue makers would call a *provueance illustre*. These are specimens of the famous issue under the Act of 1765, which resulted in losing England her American colonies. They are uncanceled and are two of eight which were preserved by the heirs of the Hon. Wellbore Ellis, who was Commissioner of Internal Revenue for Great Britain in the year of 1765. After his death they came into the possession of his son, Wellbore Ellis, Jr., who was a partner in the famous banking-house of Walker, Maltby, & Ellis, which failed in the great financial panic of 1827. These two stamps remained in the Ellis family up to a few years ago, when they were given to Mr. E. J. Walker, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, by his grandfather, the senior member of the above-mentioned banking firm, who was interested in antiques and curiosities. A short time ago the two stamps were given by Mr. E. J. Walker to Mr. J. A. Brill; of Philadelphia. Very soon after the stamps came into his possession, Mr. Brill received an offer of £10 from an English collector for the two, but declined it at once, where-upon the Englishman cabled him an offer several times as large, which was also declined. Mr. Brill came to the conclusion that if the stamps were of that much value to an Englishman, they would be of much more interest to an American museum of historical relics, and he promptly presented them to the National Museum, where they will be installed in a frame, which with pictures and proper legends, will help to tell the story of the causes that led to the American Revolution.

These stamps, as everybody is doubtless aware, were required to be placed upon all paper used in commercial transactions, suits at law,

publications, transfers of real estate inheritances, and marriage licenses and ran in value from a half-penny up to several pounds. Those now in the Museum are of the value of half-penny and a penny. A great English statesman, who was one of the few friends America had in England during her war for independence once remarked: "My lords and gentlemen, it is a solemn moment in the existence of a nation when, by its own aggressive and oppressive selfishness, it is threatened with dismemberment for the sake of a couple of paltry scraps of paper." Upon this argument these two stamps, with combined face value in their day of three cents, may be held to have been to Great Britain the price of her Western empire.

**EIFFEL TOWER POSTAL CARDS.**

These Postal Cards bearing a facsimile of the pride of Paris Fair on one corner, and containing on the face the written statement that they are mailed "*au second*," "*au troisième*" or on any other story, or *etage*, of the tower, are among the latest World Fair curiosities received in N. York. "It shows" said a returned sightseer how intimately the Government of France is connected with the management of the Exposition. You can buy and write and actually drop the postal cards into a Government mailbox on any of the lower stories of the "*tour Eiffel*." The postmen make their rounds and collect the mail from the Eiffel boxes the same as they do in the street.—*The S. Phil.*

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J. T. Handford, Lincoln Park, N. Y.

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ware, which are decorated in every way or other with a stamp. And but not least, we can see (while travelling) in the show windows of post-keepers in all countries on earth many things, small and large, which have the design impressed or painted on, of our little friend, the postage stamp, the beloved child and son of "Mother Philatelia."

#### Persons and Things Continued.

The "Addenda to the Stamp Collector's Library Companion by John Tiffany, has been received. A good list it is too.

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Subscriptions received to this paper 15 cents per year if sent in before April 22, 1890. We guarantee 12 numbers or all money refunded.

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The *C. P. S. Bulletin* has also been received. It is published by the Chicago Philatelist Society, and though only to their interest it is quite interesting.

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The *Post Card* for February has been received; The eleven numbers which have been issued so far this year make quite an interesting collection on the post card matter. The publishers owe our thanks for the same.

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Remember that from now until the 22nd of April you have the chance of subscribing for this paper at 15 cents per year. After that date, the price will be 20 cents per year.

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The *Progressive Philatelist*, a quarterly, has been handed us. A fine journal.

The *Philatelic News*, another bright youngster has started its third volume with good spirits.

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The *Curiosity Collector* for February gives the revenue collecting words of praise.

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The *Ye Booble Philatelist* has begun the art of combining numbers.

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In the *Western Philatelist* we notice a review we of the past year. Quite a good idea. Let us have them every year, Dixey.

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Hold all the 700 reis of 1889 issue of Brazilian stamps. They are very, very scarce, and wise is he who will keep his until a fancy price is asked, which must come.

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The *Rhode Island Philatelist* was behind time with its February issue. The "phiz" of Alfred Dawson, a well known collector, adorns the first page.

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We warn you to keep all the 90 cent purple 1888 you have, as the price has jumped 40 cents in a few weeks, and the indications are, the price will advance. A good investment for some one.

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It is said that a great many of the European Stamp Dealers are men who only make stamp dealing a "side issue." Let's stay at home and count the hundreds of dealers who are doing the same. If we were to look up every dealer in the U. S., we would find them of all ages, occupations and walks in life.