

# The Eastern Stamp.

*A Monthly Journal Devoted to the Interests of Stamp Collecting.*

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## EDITORIAL.

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In presenting to the public this initial number of our journal we beg to call your attention to the facilities it affords you. The subscription is very low considering its size, being only fifteen cents per annum. We consider that all collectors should subscribe to at least four or five good philatelic papers so that he may become posted in his hobby, and if you are doing this, and feel satisfied with our appearance, we would be pleased to receive your subscription.

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The circulation is large being from 1000 to 2500 copies per issue.

It will be our endeavor to keep up the standard, and give our subscribers a bright newsy paper full of fresh philatelic news and interesting reading matter. We will also try to have each number contain some short stamp story written by prominent philatelic writers. Hoping to receive your name on our books as a subscriber, we are

Yours very respectfully,

A. H. EKLUND.

## THE LOST STAMP.

*Written for The Eastern Stamp.*

One of the most popular methods of stamp collecting, is the approval sheet business.

After securing the more common varieties, by trading duplicates with neighbors and friends, the collector begins to look around for other means of enlarging his collection. At first the most profitable way is by purchasing packets. But in a little while he comes to the limit of this, when it no longer pays. The one great source of supply still left is the approval sheets, and hence, it is natural that this is a very important item in the business of a stamp dealer.

I remember, about three years ago, I was receiving sheets from a certain dealer, and among others, there was an especially fine sheet of United States stamps. The finest stamp in the lot was a beauty, valued at \$15.00. This was altogether "too rich for my blood," but I was delighted to show it to my friends, nevertheless. One day I found to my utter astonishment and horror, that it was gone! What should I do? I searched the house, turned everything upside down, thereby incurring the ill-will of my maternal parent, but all to no purpose. I then overhauled all my pockets, and looked into every conceivable nook and corner, but without success. I was in despair. Then all of a sudden the thought occurred to me, might not some one, to whom I had shown the sheet, have taken it? My suspicion fell upon a young fellow whom I had seen a few days previous. Singularly enough he kept out of sight of me after that, accidentally of course, but this strengthened my suspicions. The stamps must be returned in a day or two and my trouble and anxiety increased ten-fold in proportion as the days slipped by. I did not dare to broach the subject to my parents, for fear of getting a scolding and a "lecture" on the subject of carelessness. Many thoughts passed through my head. I was even tempted to become an approval sheet thief. But I did not entertain this thought long. A look at the consequences, soon determined my course in that particular. Finally I resolved to write to the dealer, stating the case fully, and see what terms I could command. This seemed the most feasible plan to me and I was on the point of carrying it into execution, when, lo! The lost stamp was found. That evening I took the sheets from my pocket to

find the value, and as I did so a piece of white paper fluttered to the floor. Imagine, if you can, my joy on picking it up to find the lost stamp. It is needless to state further particulars, which can easily be surmised, and I came out of the scrape with no worse injury than a bad fright.

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### A LITTLE FIND.

At a recent auction or rather church fair in this city, a young boy drew from a grab bag a box containing a thousand or more common United States stamps. However on looking over the lot, several good stamps were found, the most valuable and one being a ninety cent blue, 1861 issue. Several other good stamps were in the lot that retail at from fifteen to thirty cents each.

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### NOTES OF INTEREST.

Mr. N. E. Carter is the possessor of a possibly unique envelope of early days. The inscription being Spargurs—Hovey, Lake-Express—impressed in black on buff. This was probably issued by some now forgotten express company.

Gen. Yashinou Takahasha the Assistant Postmaster General of Japan, is the authority that the Japanese postal system gives employment to over nineteen thousand persons.

The inscription on the scrolls of the 1886 issue of Guatamala, reading "Libertad 15de Septiembre 1821" is in commemoration of the "Declaration of Independence" of that republic.

The so called Madagascar stamps were issued by the English Consul, resident of Antananarivo, and were attached to letters and franked then to Mauritius, where they were removed and the stamps of that island affixed in their stead.

The first issue of Brazil were engraved by Carlos d'Azevedo and Jose de Faria the mint engravers, and were printed at the National Treasury at Helim.

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## A CURIOUS MAIL CARRIER.

The mail carrier between Calico, California, and Bismark is a dog. In the last three years he has never missed a trip no matter how bad the weather was, and he has never lost a letter. He will never stop on the way until he has delivered his mail to the officials then he immediately goes and joins his friends.

## STAMP COLLECTING AS AN INVESTMENT.

*Taken from the Philatelic Era.*

There are many people who open their eyes very wide when they learn the prices that are paid for rare stamps, and wonder who can be foolish enough to buy "those little prices of paper."

It is almost impossible to make the majority of the people look on a stamp approvingly, but several people who laughed at it when first they heard of it, are now prominent collectors.

and a great number will say that they collect because it pays. If anyone will look up prices, comparing the prices of lists three years back and the present, they would be astonished at the marked advance, especially in the stamps of U. S. and British Colonies. In 1888, the U. S. 1847, 5c brown, was worth \$3.00, and is catalogued at \$6.50; the 1851, 5c brown, has risen \$1.50 in three years, and the 1860 issue, high values are going up like a New York contract building.

The J. W. Scott Co., catalogued the N. Y. 1843, 3c blue, glazed paper, at \$7.50, and is selling at auction sales at \$10.00 to 13.00, while the 1870, embossed set can only be had by collectors with large pocket-books and bank accounts. In 1875 the set could be had for 50c (used), now the modest sum of \$20.00 is asked for it, and yet you find people who say collecting is a waste of money. The Dep't of State has risen in a short time, from \$61.85 to \$70.00. The Confederate locals are stamps that are at top prices, the commonest being worth \$1.50 and two were sold in New York recently, to Mr. A. R. Rogers, for \$350.00 each, they were the New Orleans 5c red, and Marion, Va., 1861, 5c, red on blue.

Besides these, there are numerous others raging in value from \$5.00 to \$100.00 (Livingstone, Ala.)

The only people who do not get any satisfaction in the rise, are the young collectors, as the prices put their dreams farther and farther from their reach.

E. S. LUTHER.

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### STRAY WAFERS STAR.

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### SOCIETY NOTES.

The London Philatelic Society now numbers one hundred and seventeen members, and has the Duke of Edinburgh, the second son of Queen Victoria, for Honorary President.

In its ranks it numbers the following: Sir Daniel, Cooper Bart, Earl Grey and the Earl of Kingston.

Its Belgium representative is J. B. Moens, of Brussels, and C. B. Corwin and J. K. Tiffany are its American adherents.

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## PROOFS AND ESSAYS OF UNITED STATES.

H. B. SEAGRAVE.

*Taken from the N. P.*

I presume many of your readers have no idea what Proofs and Essays are, so before I proceed farther, I will explain.

There are two kinds of proofs, die and plate. Die, or hub proofs as they are sometimes called, are impressions taken from the die when first engraved and before the plate has been made.

They are distinguished from the ordinary plate proofs by having large margins, much longer than is possible from a plate. Plate proofs are impressions from the plates that the sheets of stamps are printed from, hence they have but little margin, simply that of which is perforated, in the original.

Most of the die proofs are printed on India paper. Plate proofs are printed on India paper and fine card. Essays are designs for the stamps, supposed to have been submitted to the government and rejected on account of not filling the bill, in the estimation of the officials to whom submitted.

Many of them are as handsome as any stamp ever issued by the United States. Some, it is next to an impossibility to procure, and others, owing no doubt, to the plate or die being in existence can be bought for a mere trifle. A few years ago proofs and essays were things seldom seen even in the finest collections, but now owing to philatelic influence, in a measure no doubt, such things are more frequently met with. I think that the collecting of these beautiful impressions has received quite an impetus. Of course, proofs and essays are a little dabbled with except by advanced collectors or the specialist who collects U. S. Stamps only. The amateur of today has ample to do to collect the regular government issues, unless he possesses the means, enjoyed by a very few. I will mention a few

essays in my possession, as it may be a guide to some of your many readers.

1. Large "3" in center, postage above, cents below in lathe work oval, die proof in red, black, blue, brown, and green.
2. Similar design with addition "U. S." Washington to the right in circle, "U. S. Postage" above, "Three cents" below, both on one piece in colors of above.
3. Franklin to the left, "U. S. Postage" above. "Three cents" below. India proofs in red, blue and black.
4. Washington to right in niche, inscriptions same as the Franklin above, die proofs, five colors.
5. Washington to left, in lathe work frame, "A, B and C" in corners, die proofs, five colors.
6. Washington to left, "U. S." in upper corners, "3" in lower. Postage above, value below, die proofs in five colors.
7. Washington to left in lathe work, octagon, five colors.
8. Same as third described, but "Albany Office" at sides. Die proofs on India paper, five colors.
9. Washington to left, star in each corner, five colors.
10. Similar to 7th, but smaller, same colors, etc.
11. New York Post Office 5c, large head of Washington, die proof in five colors.

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## EDITORIAL.

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We appear this month greatly improved and hope to make such advancements each month hereafter. Advertisers are already beginning to see that this a paying paper. Come one and all of you. Low rates, large circulation are the two things that we boast of. We ask you for a trial only.

With our next number we intend to add a cover to the paper, and will soon follow with more pages. One thing more. Subscribe now before we change the price to 30 cents, as we will soon do.

Yours very respectfully,

A. H. EKLUND.

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## POSTAL PARAGRAPHS.

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The title of "stamp-licker" is not the most attractive in the world to bestow upon a young lady, especially when she is petit, pretty and charming. But Miss Ada M. Crawford, of 2112 Wharton street, Philadelphia, Pa., is nevertheless a stamp-licker, and what is more, is the world's champion in her chosen vocation. Miss Crawford, who has just passed her eighteenth birthday, is now forewoman for the E. C. Howe Company, publishers of directories, at Eighth and Locust streets, Philadel-

phia. Three years ago she entered the employ of the house, and at once attracted attention by the lightning rapidity with which she addressed, sealed and stamped envelopes. The first time she tried stamping envelopes she did 1,500 an hour. She can now do 3,000 an hour and has kept this up steadily for days. Strange to say she persistently declined to use a sponge, and everyone of the millions of stamps which have carried letters and circulars to their destinations all over the country has received a dainty lick from her tongue. Miss Crawford talked interestingly of herself and her work recently. "Do I like the work?" she repeated in reply to a question. "Indeed I do, in fact I wouldn't do anything else. I suppose it seems very funny that I should prefer to use my tongue instead of a sponge, but I can get along so much better. I can only do 2,000 an hour with a sponge, and I can easily do 3,000 an hour without it. No, it doesn't seem to affect my health in the least. I'll tell you a funny thing about it: if business becomes slack and I don't have any stamps to stick I lose my appetite and can't scarcely eat anything. But as soon as I get down to work again my appetite returns and I become ravenously hungry. There seems to be something in the gum that acts as a tonic." When questioned about her work Miss Crawford said that she could stick 3,000 stamps an hour, and could seal 12,000 envelopes (also with her tongue) in a day. She can also fold 13,000 circulars and address 1,600 envelopes a day.

A letter addressed to the Postmaster General inquiring whether the P. O. Department intended to issue a World's Fair postage stamp brought the reply that the Department has not decided yet.

The World's Fair is to have a postoffice large enough to supply hourly mails to 14,000 exhibitors, and the force to man-  
age it will be as large as that of the Milwaukee Postoffice.

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### WORCESTER NOTES.

The past month has been a lively one for collectors and dealers in Worcester.

On the evening of Jan. 25th the W. Co. Phil. Ass'n. met and held the most interesting stamp meeting which has ever been held in this city. Mr. N. E. Deats, the well-known philatelist of Flemington, N. J., was present and the evening was devoted to examining the fine collection of U. S. proofs and essays exhibited by him. Mr. Deats entertained the company by conversation on various philatelic subjects, especially the purchase of the U. S. Government remainders of tobacco and spirit stamps by him.

Mr. J. K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, was in town during the later part of January, and paid a visit to several local philatelists. He is cast in regard to incorporating the American Philatelic Association.

The last meeting of the W. Co. Phil. Ass'n. was held Feb. 9, but as only 3 members were present, there was no quorum and consequently no business was transacted.

We are very sorry to hear that both Pres., Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Marble of the W. Co. Phil. Ass'n. have handed in their resignations, which were laid on the table at the last meeting.

Mr. A. Davison, editor of the *Post Office*, N. Y., was in town last week and paid several visits. We however did not see him.

We earnestly hope all the younger collectors will not dispose of their collections as warm weather approaches, but will lay them aside safely, ready to begin again when next winter prevents out door sports and enjoyments. This is a great fault we have to find with the Worcester collectors.

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**NOTICE AND READ THIS.**

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After April 15, the subscription price of this paper will be thirty (30) cents instead of fifteen cents as the price now stands. All who want to improve their time should send now and receive the paper one year for the modest sum of fifteen cents. Remember April 15, 1892.

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The *Collector* at hand, bright and fresh as ever. Bro. R. M. Miller must be making a success of the paper, as it is steadily increasing in size.

No. 4 of the *Ohio Philatelist* is a good one. A new continued story begins with this number entitled, "The Hidden Treasure," which is very interesting.

The *Philatelic Tribune* called the other day, but is very small with little reading matter to speak of.

Everybody interested in stamps should have a copy of *Advertised Philatelic Frauds* which gives the names of 600 stamp frauds, and blank pages for as many more. We heartily recommend you to send 25 cents to A. B. Merrill, Everett Mass., and receive one. Many thanks for complimentary copy Bro. M.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* for January contains twelve pages and cover, comprising some good reading matter.

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The *Coin and Stamp* is a new one, hailing from San Antonio, Texas. It is devoted to both coins and stamps. Subscription price 50 cents, published by Dr. J. B. Breeding.

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The *Young Collector* is a poor paper, containing little of nothing. However it stands a chance to improve, the same as the rest of us.

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The *Dominion Philatelist* is the same large Canadian paper as of yore and is truly a good magazine. Would like to see you every month.

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The *Electric Philatelic* at hand. It is much smaller than we supposed, containing only four pages. Please send us two copies, Bro. Fine.

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Vol. 4, No. 2 of the *Philatelic Journal* of Ohio is the last issue of that journal which will soon be a thing of the past. Mr. W. S. Kinzer will discontinue publishing it on account of lack of time.

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The *United Association Philatelist* at hand. The paper is official organ for the U. P. A. Best wishes.

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The *Michigan Philatelist* called the other day, filled with comic pictures.

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### THE NEW, OLD ADDRESS BOOK.

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Mekeel's 1892 address book contains many names of Worcester collectors who have long since been out of stamps and omits several who are active members at present. His list should be revised before the next edition is published, at least as far as this city is concerned.

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# The Eastern Stamp.

*A Monthly Journal Devoted to the Interests of Stamp Collecting.*

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VOL. I. WORCESTER, MASS., MARCH, APRIL, 1892. No. 3.

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## EDITORIAL.

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Here we are again. You will notice that on the cover it reads March, April. We have put these two numbers together for the reason that our paper has been published on the 26th of each month, which is a very late date for a monthly, so we have decided to change the date of publication to the 1st of the month instead. Sometime in the future we will endeavor to make up the missing copy by printing two numbers in one month.

We have also received 2nd class mail rates so success is smiling us in the face.

Remember that the subscription price of this paper will be changed April 15th to 30 cents instead of 15 cents as the price now stands.

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Read through all the advertisements in this number as you are sure to find something you want.

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Ex-Postmaster-General James has written an article on "The Ocean Postal Service" for the April Century. Mr. James advocates a letter-rate of two cents an ounce for ocean postage, and a reduction in the rate on international money-orders. He thinks this reform more needed than that of a lower rate of postage on domestic letters.

**HOW HE LOST HIS COLLECTION.**

*Written for The Eastern Stamp.*

**IN III CHAPTERS. CHAPTER I.**

Late one afternoon several years ago, I was sitting in a small station waiting room of the town of U——, Nebraska, waiting for the eastward bound train which would be due at this town in about an hour and a half. As I had already been sitting here about an hour, I began to become exceedingly restless. I got up, stretched myself (as there was no one in the station) and with a yawn walked out upon the platform. Seeing nothing here to attract my attention, I started for the business part of the place, which consisted of six stores and a grain elevator. I soon became tired of seeing the sights, the most prominent one being a few men trying to catch an old sow which dodged about in a most lively manner, giving the men who tried to catch her a good share of her coating, much to the amusement of a couple of big fat women who were standing looking on.

When the fun was over I started back for the station, preferring the dingy little waiting room instead of standing in blaze of a scorching hot sun, as was the fact on that July afternoon. I went into the station and sat down to wait another long hour. I suddenly remembered, that just before leaving Kearney, I had received from a dealer, a letter containing some of the better class approval sheets, which I had not yet looked at. I took them from my pocket (as I had previously laid them there) and began to look over the lot, some sheets of which contained some very fine stamps.

A young man who had been sitting opposite me in the room for the last fifteen minutes, and who had not until now said anything, came across to where I was and sat down beside me. He proved to be very interesting, and at once began talking with me about stamps in such a manner that I could plainly see that he was well posted in what he was saying and must have studied stamps for many years. He said that he had spent many hundred dollars on stamps and for six year had been a very active collector, but was suddenly interrupted in his collecting by some painful proceedings, which I thought must

have been bad luck in some way that compelled him to give it up; but I thought I'd keep still and not be inquisitive.

The hour slowly dragged by, and, at last I was relieved by hearing the faint whistle of an engine in the distance. My companion and myself both went out on the platform, as he was also going to take this train.

A few minutes after the train pulled up and we stepped aboard. After we were comfortably seated in the car, and the train having started, my companion took from his pocket a cigar which he lit, then settling down he asked me if I would like to know why he gave up collecting so suddenly, to which I replied that I would; so taking a long pull from his cigar he began the following.

*Continued in Next Number.*

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### HOW MANY COLLECTORS WE HAVE.

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Stamp collecting is gaining everywhere. Take in the schools for instance. If one boy begins collecting stamps, you will soon see twenty boys doing the same thing. I have of late, been trying to ascertain at what rate stamp collecting is increasing. Ten years ago, it was claimed that there were at the time 500,000 collectors. This however was incorrect. Through careful study on the matter I have found, that in 1880 there were 300,000 collectors; 1881, 320,750; 1882, 370,200; 1883, 397,000; 1884, 430,000; 1885, 465,900; 1886, 488,370; 1887, 513,000; 1888, 560,635; 1889, 583,214; 1890, 600,000; 1891, 624,283.

The above figures are of course estimates, but have only been found after long, hard study upon the matter. Let us hope that it can soon be said, that over 1,000,000 people of the globe collect postage stamps.

PERRIN.

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Some of our dealers who make use of the postal-card to advertise thereon, will find that our late issue of cards (business size) are well suited for such purposes being somewhat larger. Space counts.

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## OUR EXCHANGES.

Whew! What a paper Bro. Pinkham is making of the *Eastern Philatelist*. All who have not seen a copy should send at once for a sample. A. H. Pinkham, Publisher, Newmarket, N. H.

The *New Hampshire Philatist* here again. Glad to see you.

The *Missouri Philatelist*, published by Courath Stamp and Publishing Co., of St. Louis, is at hand. Come again.

Our neighbors, the *American Philatelist and Collector* at hand, up to date as usual.

The *Collector* is growing with every number. Success to you Mr. Miller.

*One Dime* is a good paper for the price. Published by Charles W. Peugh, of Kossuth, Indiana.

No. 12 of the *Post Office* received. Mr. Gremmel has had wonderful good luck with his editorial undertaking.

The *Canadian Philatelist* is improving. A little more reading matter would make it a daisy.

The *Philatelic Era* is the best paper for the price ever sold. March number contains some very fine reading matter.

The *Essex Co. Philatelist* is mostly devoted to postal card collecting. It is nevertheless a very good paper for all philatelists.

*Philatic Tribune* is going to be a semi-monthly publication.

The *Scissors* is not a stamp paper but has each month a page devoted to philately.

We extend our thanks to Messrs. Albrecht & Witt for sending us a catalogue of their first auction sale.

No. 2 of the *Electric Philatelist* called the other day.

The *Stamp Collector* of Great Britain is a good editorial paper.

*Coin and Stamp* arrived. If you would fasten the pages together it would improve your paper wonderfully.

The *Curiosity Collector* here. Although a small paper it contains some very breezy reading matter.



### POSTAL TELEPHONE AS WELL AS POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

The Postmaster-General recommends this year the adaptation of the telephone, as well as the telegraph, to the postal system, showing that it is not only the constitutional privilege, but the duty of Congress to utilize all the means of modern science for quickening the transmission of intelligence. He says upon these two points:

A year from next March the telephone patent expires, and

unless Congress acts promptly to authorize its adoption for communication among the people, it requires no stretch of the imagination to believe that in the next two years one immense syndicate will unite and control all the hundreds of telephone plants of the country as the telegraph is now controlled; or the two will be united and then for the next twenty years the most astute attorneys will be legitimately earning large salaries in indignantly opposing the so-called attacks of future Postmaster-Generals upon defenseless vested rights.

One-cent letter postage, 3-cent telephone messages, and 10-cent telegraph messages are all near possibilities under an enlightened and compact postal system, using the newest telegraphic inventions. The advantage of tying the rural postoffice by a telephone wire, requiring no operator, to the railroad station must be obvious. The benefits arising from telephonic connection with the postoffices will easily suggest themselves in a hundred ways to those who want the entire people to share in common privileges. The rural population would be the great gainer. A telephone message from the postoffice to the railroad station miles away to ascertain if expected freight had come would save the farmer many a needless wagon trip over bad roads; news of approaching frosts could be promptly spread over county districts and fruit-growing regions, and many a valuable crop saved.

The day's market prices for cattle and grain and wool and produce may be obtained by the farmer direct by inquiry from others than the buyer who drives up to the farm in his buggy. All these may seem homely purposes to dwellers in cities, but country life would lose some of its drawbacks by the extension of such facilities to those who bear their full share of the burdens of the Government, and receive, in postal respects at least, less than their share of its benefits.

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### GOSSIP IN A PHILATELIC STRAIN.

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"Hang out your shingle," Bro. dealers as the stamp business is "in full play" now. During the hot summer, hours have been spent by the sea-shore or the lake, time has been given to the camp and they aught, fishing, boating, racing, bathing, all have



kept us busy. As fall approaches, we see the sportsman in the woods of old Maine hunting the moose, caribou, blacktail and *other* species of the deer tribe. But a new year dawns upon us, now we see them all at their homes. We see the schoolboy soon to go back "to the same old grind" ready for philately, or the business-man having got his store in running order, takes comfort in the philatelic monthly. Yes! dealers "be up and doing."

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How can our younger dealers offer sets of Alsace and Lorraine inverted network, with profit, for the sum of 10 cents? Scott catalogues them unused \$10.85, used \$6.65.

There is a mistake somewhere, dealers are losing money (?) sharp as they are (?) to sell a \$10 set for \$.10 or else they are simply counterfeits. The latter is more probable. The writer, long, long ago(?) bought a set for this sum, some time later he went to catalogue them, ten minutes later! and lo, they were no more.

Arm yourself with a catalogue remembering you cannot buy a \$5. stamp for a nickel, nor \$10. one for a dime.

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"The supreme court has decided the *lottery case*, upholding the law prohibiting the circulation through the mails of papers containing lottery advertisement."

We got the thing down fine, Uncle Sam, the lottery "fellers" can't advertise in our papers nor can they use the mails for correspondence.

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The following clipping from one of Boston's dailies may be of interest to our collecting friends.

"The postage stamp will be fifty-two years old in May of next year. Its inventor was a printer, James Chalmers of Dundee, Scotland, who died in 1853. England, fifty-two years ago, introduced the new system of prepaying letter postage, and according to a decree of Dec. 21, 1839, issued the first stamps, which were to be out before the public on May 6 of the following year, as noted above. A year later they were introduced in the United States and Switzerland, and within three years had become common in Bavaria, Belgium and France."

M. C. BARNARD.



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No. 1.

## EDITORIAL.

THE EASTERN STAMP is once more placed on its feet and subscribers will receive the paper until their year has expired. The new company have taken the paper into their hands, and contents which were not before filled will see to.

The subscription price as stated in No. 3, has been changed to 30 cents per annum; 50 cents to Foreign countries. Advertisers will be allowed to contract for space at the same rate as we will shortly triple the circulation and double the advertising rates.

BEGINNING next month we will hereafter at the beginning of each editorial, give the actual number of subscribers we have for or loss over preceding issue, and the correct number of copies sent out.

All who will send in their subscription price, 30 cents by Feb. 10, 1893, we will give them of charge the complete file

from No. 1. This is an offer which everybody should jump at, as our supply of back numbers is very limited and probably will not hold out until above date.

READ all the advertisements in this number very carefully as you will undoubtedly find something you want.

WE are making up a large edition for February and we will attempt to astonish everybody.

## Benefits I Derived from Stamps.

STAMP collectors as a general rule, are looked at by the general public as being a set of queer persons. It is hardly a wonder that they think us queer, when some of us will pay several hundred dollars for certain small bits of paper. But let them look into our affairs a little, and see what they will find. "What will we find?" some non-collector might ask. A regular large busi-

ness carried on by hundreds of companies in all parts of the world, all engaged in selling these precious bits. Catalogues are issued regulating the prices of the various stamps according to their scarcity.

I can say for my part that I was also once one of those who believed stamp cranks to be fools. But I am now glad to say that I have joined the foolish ones.

As for the benefits I have derived, they are many and varied. For instance, I was a very poor scholar when at school in geography, and as for neatness, there was very little in me. I was fond of going out evenings and not returning home until very late, although I arose quite early. Consequently I was continually out of sorts, and friends began to give me up. About this time I myself became interested in stamps and before I knew it, I had an album and was collecting. This began the changing point of my life. I at once began to improve in geography. I became neat, (as my album testifies) much rather did I stay in evenings and work with my stamps, than go out to the various clubs, I went to bed in due season, became jolly which of course brought me back my friends, and all my former bad habits passed off as if by magic.

Can any one blame me for loving philately? I know you will

all echo a silent No! and join in the glad shout, "Long live the art of STAMP COLLECTING."

#### Philatelic Pickings in America.

PHILATELY as a rule is booming in the east better than ever in its history before. New stamp companies are coming in (some classed(?) ) and the old ones are reaping their yearly harvests.

The other day the writer was in Boston and of course went up to see E. A. Holten's establishment. Up three flights of stairs at No. 8 Summer St., Mr. Holten was found in his office busy. Busy! why he was leaning over the morning mail which had just come, tearing open the letters as if his life depended on it. However Mr. Holten is never busy enough to stop him from "talking stamps" a little and as this was no exception, Mr. Holten told the Worcester fellow several things he wanted to know. Four or five clerks were all busy in various ways, showing that prosperity reigns within the office. The Worcester man saw lots of things he wanted, but—\$\$\$\$.

SOMEWERES around seventy-five auction sales will take place this winter and next spring out of which number we are glad to see that the Pacific coast has her share which begins with a big three night's sale by W. Sellsch

opp & Co., of San Francisco. New York, Chicago and St. Louis will of course carry off the palms.

used chest, a big box full of old letters containing many scarce stamps.

It has been noticed of late, that more collectors are beginning to subscribe to the philatelic papers. For the past few years many have been relying on sample copies for reading matter.

We are informed through the columns of the *YANKEE PHILATELIST*, that only eight stamp journals published pay. What was the writer thinking of.

THINGS are mighty lively up in Canada when it so far, that three stamp journals launch out in one month,

PHILATELIMANARINS.

The Massachusetts Philatelic Union was organized in Worcester, Dec. 9, 1892. There were eight persons present. The society has now a membership of twelve.

#### NEW COUNTERFEITS.

THE market is again being flooded by a new assortment of counterfeits, mostly of the stamps from United States of Columbia. The counterfeits are mostly hard wood cuts and are not nearly so well made as the originals, the lines being heavy and blurred and the general appearance throughout is rough. Young collectors should be very careful when purchasing these stamps, and only trade with people you know keep nothing but genuine stamps in stock.

Massachusetts is exceedingly blessed with stamp journals, having seven of them.

Thos. Pardoe the Canadian fraud has skipped with his father to unknown parts.

NICK.

#### NOTES.

Of all the big stamps finds lately, I believe the one by J. E. Knowles caps everything. He recently, while visiting his grandmother discovered in a rarely

#### "TIME POSTED."

SOMETIME ago I saw several articles in the *Eastern Philatelist* pertaining to a certain small stamp which by the writers was considered an unknown curiosity. The stamp was a small oblong, perforated one, printed in blue on white paper. A handless face of a clock with the inscription "Time Posted" above is the only cut figure on the stamp.

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### EXCHANGES.

The *Washington Philatelist* is  
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cover. The reading matter in  
this paper is always of the best  
kind.

New Jersey is blessed with a  
new one called the *New Jersey  
Philatelist*. As a whole it is  
rather a poor get up.

*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*  
published by W. Sellschopp & Co.  
is one of the best papers we have  
seen for some time. No. 2 con-  
tains 20 pages and cover.

*The Pennsylvania Philatelist*  
comes to our shanty full of phil-  
ately. As a rule this paper is  
pretty good.

We acknowledge the receipt of  
Bogert & Durbin's catalogue for  
their thirty-sixth auction sale,  
which takes place December 16,  
at 7.30 o'clock in Tribune Build-  
ing, New York.

The *Chicago Stamp News* is pub-  
lished in the interest of the S. B.  
Bradt Co., and is sent gratis to all  
buyers of stamps. We also re-  
ceived catalogue for their tenth  
auction sale which takes place  
January 17.

Mr. Gremmel thinks that up  
north of him people are behind  
time. We have just received  
September number which is good.  
Please place us up to date.

Philip Conrath is making quite  
a success with the *Missouri Philate-  
list*.



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As there is nothing so pleasant as to be able to help others with one's knowledge, I thought I would tell what I know about the "piece of paper" and which I think the correct answer.

The stamp was issued in 1868 by a now defunct express company the stamp being placed on the package, and the clock face being marked with ink or pencil marks with the two hands to show the time of delivery. I have in my collection this stamp printed in three colors besides blue, namely red, black and pale green.

ED. CONN.

### My First Stamp Find.

A little stamp stuck on a letter,  
From a foreign country came;  
A little boy a stamp collector,  
Got his eyes upon the same.  
With a shout of joy that rang  
aloud,  
The little stamp he tore,  
From off the letter it adorned,  
And to his album bore.  
"I've got a rarity this time,"  
He said with great delight;  
He looked it up in Scott's cat-  
alogue,  
And found he was quite right.  
Since then he has made his many  
finds,  
But none with such great pleasure  
As when he rumaged that time  
for stamps,  
And gained his first stamp treasure

ARTHUR.

### HINTS TO BEGINNERS.

I have often thought of writing upon this subject, till at last I have fully decided to do so. Stamp collecting, as everyone knows, who is a collector, is a growing hobby and great numbers of recruits are yearly coming upon the field. These new forces need instruction and we older collectors have a duty to perform, namely to do the instructing.

Young beginning collectors when purchasing stamps from the smaller class of dealers should, if in doubt to their genuinness consult some more advanced collector. If the stamps prove counterfeits, you should drop your dealer immediately. When starting collecting, first buy a small album as it will not look so empty nor are you so apt to misplace your stamps. Always use gum hinges for inserting stamps in your album, as you can then if you wish examine both sides. It protects your stamps just as much as by sticking them fast injure them. The first and best way of buying stamps for your collection is by packets. When packets fail to give you new varieties enough to pay for buying, take to approval sheets. Pick out some good dealer who gives a fair commission and hang to him, providing he is square with you. Always return sheets within time allotted. Delays always cause the dealer considerable trouble.

If you wish to remove a stamp from a piece of paper, do not soak it, but give it a thorough steaming, which will loosen the stamp so that it can handily be removed. Soaking a stamp often rots the paper. Never buy any torn stamps for your collection, as they give your album an unneat appearance and are not nearly so valuable. In case you should find a rare stamp in a torn condition, it would then be all right to place it in your collection as a substitute until a whole one can be obtained. All stamp collectors should subscribe to at least two or three good philatelic journals, because it helps you to keep posted in your stamp work in numerous ways. It is also pleasant to sit down and read the good articles offered you for the prices too. Hang on to all your U. S. stamps as their value increases monthly. Do not remove stamps from the original envelope if they are rare, because it adds to their value. The last of all and the most important of all, *Do not help to disgrace philately, but help build it up.*

### Pickings from Europe.

—  
By our Foreign Friend.  
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The stamp trade has been somewhat slow in London to be so far in the season. Some of the companies though, have not felt it slack in the least, but pronounce it just opposite.

The usual number of counterfeit dealers are again beginning to get bold in London. Poor specimens of the original hold the board.

Wm. Shomberg a well-known collector in Stockholm, Sweden, recently sold his entire collection for a good sum to another gentleman who will keep it whole.

In Switzerland nearly every settlement has from one to five stamp dealers. The Swiss dealers all sell counterfeits, but as false similes.

Some dealers in Roumania sell stamps instead of in packets by count, by the pound.

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Terms for a 2 or 3 line advertisement in this column, \$2.00 for 12 insertions, payable in advance.

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