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A Philatelic Wail.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

In my office I am writing,
Business letters by the score,
When the postman whistles softly,
Then glides in my office door,
In my mail I find some orders,
But my feelings I can't describe;
As I read on open paper—
"Sample Copy. Please Subscribe."

'Twas a philatelic journal
Called the "Stamp Fiend's Monthly
News."
(Volume 1, likewise the number),
Here I sit and idly muse.
'Tis to fill a long-felt want, and
Belongs to that vast tribe
Coming monthly now to greet us.—
"Sample Copy. Please Subscribe."

But my day's work now is over,
Packets, Sets and Sheets all mailed
Figured up the daily profits,
Then I to my home swift sailed.
Night has come and o'er my pillow
Phantom journals seem to glide,
Stamped in hieroglyphics brilliant
"Sample Copy. Please Subscribe."

When life's weary work is over,
(Editors even have to die,)
And with angels wings they hover,
On the azure of the sky;
When they reach St. Peter's wicket,
And they seek to pass inside,
They will show him as a ticket—
"Sample Copy. Please Subscribe."

HOWARD'S STAMP "CASE."

GUY W. GREEN.

CHAPTER I.

The day in the city had been fearfully hot. The thermometer had hung around the ninetys all day, and now that evening had come had taken a little drop. Humanity had at last ventured out of doors, and was eagerly seeking relief from the exhausting labor of the day. Even the swarthy old Italian who had stood upon his wagon since morning and saluted the passers-by with "Pineapples; two for a quarta," had picked up his reins and gone home to his hovel on the river bottom.

The *Café Delmonico* was doing a rushing business. Waiters were hurrying to and fro between the crowded tables with their burdens of cream and ices perilously balanced upon upraised hands. All grades and conditions of men were giving orders. Strangers elbowed each other in their haste to secure places, and now and then a party of two or three friends sauntered in and stood gossiping idly together as they waited for a vacant table. Omaha life was exceedingly cosmopolitan and the fact plainly showed itself to one who looked in upon this queer assemblage of perspiring mortals.

Two men entered and took seats near the door. They were unlike in stature and appearance. The one was tall, broad shouldered and clean shaven. He was dressed in an ordinary business suit of black. His face habitually wore an expression of severity, which somehow made strangers hesitate before approaching him, and gave the casual observer a rather poor opinion of his compan-

ionable qualities. But when he laughed his face underwent a strange transformation and all of its severity vanished. There was something so spontaneous, so kindly and pleasant about his smile that people who saw it wondered why they had thought Jack Howard disagreeable, and a few even ventured so far as to assert that he was positively handsome. This last, of course, came from the ladies. Women whose main thought was of beauty had sought in vain to obtain the secret of Howard's "transforming smile" as they called it, and Howard when interrogated regarding the matter affirmed (here he smiled again) that he was born that way, and came into the world with his laugh as his sole personal attraction. He had once studied for the ministry, and had made a thorough preparation in college for his intended profession. There was little of the minister left about him now. Perhaps he retained only one reminder of his college days. That was a taste for Philately. All else that might recall his years as a theological student had departed,—for he had never preached a sermon, and instead of the ministry he had chosen the work of—a detective. Now that was something queer wasn't it? But he was a success at what he had undertaken, and he argued that unless he had been intended for that sort of life it would have been a failure for him and so he continued as he had begun. Men sometimes went to him with their troubles, and left him to act as he thought best. A month after perhaps their work would be accomplished, and Howard would pocket his fee smile that smile of his and depart. His employers knew him no better than they had

before but he obtained all future work in their control nevertheless, for "nothing succeeded like success." He was a member of the Western Stamp League, and sometimes when off duty he would drop into the rooms of the society and spend a half hour with the boys there assembled. Occasionally at such times he would flash some "gem" he had picked up, before admiring eyes, and in reply to the many questions regarding it he would return only evasive replies. For said he "I am a detective and I musn't disgrace the profession by revealing secrets of any character whatsoever." Then he would laugh again, so good-natured that it was impossible to be angry with him. He was not a "rabid" collector, but had simply drifted into Philately at college, and had paddled around in it every since. His interest never became very intense; it never entirely died out. So there he was. Judge him as you think best.

As Howard sat at the table it was impossible not to notice his friend who occupied a chair opposite him. He was dressed faultlessly and you somehow felt that he fitted his spring suit and that his spring suit fitted him. He was a nicely built young fellow, rather slender it was true and just such a man as a woman is apt to fall in love with. His blue eyes shaded by long light lashes, which you would admire, but would ad-

mire more were they the property of a feminine owner. His hair was light and wavy, and a smile lurked about the corners of his mouth in such a manner as to make him singularly attractive. You would unconsciously form your estimate of him, which would be something as follows: "A well meaning young fellow. Life happy. A favorite with the opposite sex. Will marry some woman one of these days before he knows what he is doing. Perhaps he will be true to her, perhaps not. Too impulsive to risk matrimony unless he happens to strike his affinity. I should prefer to risk my sister in marriage with a plainer, more substantial man." Howard called him "Walter." His name was Walter Benson. Every newsboy in the city knew Benson; for he was a source of charity that never ran dry, and his name was a power among street gamin. Why once when his horse escaped his control and was galloping down Sixteenth with Walter helpless in the carriage, a newsboy dropped his papers and springing at the horse, held fast to the animal until a police man could stop the frightened creature. Then the little hero hurried off without a word. It isn't much of an incident, but it simply shows who Benson's friends were and how they regarded him.

Benson acted as cashier in a bank of which his father was president. He attended faithfully to his duties,

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

WHAT ONE PHILATELIST SEES.

The postoffice department is nothing if not gallant to the women. It has been so kind as to get out a cute little postal card three and one-half inches wide and four inches long, especially but not exclusively for feminine use. When first put on sale it was thought there would be a great rush for them and billet-doux three and one-half inches wide by four inches long would crowd the mail sacks. But the women did not rush and the little cards are not in the push. They are attractively printed in blue ink with a picture of General Grant in the corner and a little blue shield at the top near the center. But neither the photograph of Mr. Grant nor the more fanciful decorations of the cards have been successful in creating a yearning in the feminine heart for them. The superintendent of the stamp department in the Kansas City, Mo. postoffice said to a reporter the other day: "They sell very poorly in comparison with the larger sizes. Occasionally a lady asks for a nickels worth just to try them but there is nothing like a demand for them. Very few ladies use postal cards at all. Those who do are mostly business women, and the business women want to be just as big and bold as a man and will have no insipid, effeminate trifling in the way of miniature postal cards. The large size, four by six inches is the most

popular selling card. The small card was intended as a convenience for the ladies, but they don't seem to appreciate it."

The double-reply postal cards will be placed on sale at all postoffices, about July 1st. We see that the government has awarded the contract to a Springfield, Mass. firm for 24,000,000 double postal cards, a new device which has long been considered by the postoffice department. The card will be five and one-half by three and one-half inches and will be folded in the middle, presenting four surfaces. The outside surface is for the address and the inside for the message. At the fold the card is perforated, so that the recipient will tear off one half and then answer on the other.

Judge Tuley, of Chicago has expressed a grave doubt as to whether he ought to order the arrest of a letter-carrier because, he said, it might result in detaining the United States mails. Would that divers comely young ladies on the different routes entertained so high and delicate a sense of patriotic duty.

There is one detail in connection with the German postoffice that forces itself on the admiration of the foreigners. If you desire to send money, you hand in the sum at the postoffice, with a post-card costing five cents, which you address to your correspondent with details of the sum sent, and receive a receipt in exchange. But you need write no letter, send no postal order or receipt, nor trouble your correspondent to go to the postoffice; the post-

man delivers to your correspondent at his house or office your post-card, and in return for half of it hands him at once in cash the sum of money sent. E. P. NEWCOMER.

SOUTHERN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Southern Philatelic Society was organized Jan. 1, 1891. Dues ———per year. Official organ *The Southern Philatelist* to each member free. A fine, large library and exchange department unequalled by any young society.

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Sec'y-Treas., Guy Reynolds, Welaska, Fla.

Librarian, C. J. Tyren.

Ex. Supt., M. B. Penndorf, 258 5th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

This society destined to be the largest in the south.

For further particulars address

GUY REYNOLDS, SEC'Y.

Welaska, Fla.

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In presenting to you this the initial number of the FLORIDA PHILATELIST, we cordially invite you to persue its contents carefully and should it meet with your approval,

we will be pleased to receive a Postal Note for 25 cents, and enroll you as a subscriber.

Though this is not as good as we hoped it might be, we aim to make it as good, if not better than some we have seen.

It will consist of 8 to 16 pages monthly, and contain Chronicle of New issue, Articles on Philately by some of the best writers, Editorial, Review, Exchange Department, Etc, Etc.

It is our desire to make this journal strictly first class in every respect, and to do this we have secured the services of some of the best writers on Philately.

If any of our friend Philatelists have any article of interest, they wish to contribute to our columns, we would be pleased to receive same, giving or not giving you credit for it, as you may desire.

We wish to extend our thanks to all those who have so promptly responded to our requests for advertisements, and assure you it is fully appreciated, and as our patronage increases, the paper will be enlarged.

With these concluding remarks we enter the Philatelic arena with our contemporaries, promising a lively paper, furthering the interests of the collector as well as the dealer.

DAN E. HAZEN,

Editor.

EDITORIAL

WHAT do you think of our appearance (?).

* * *

.How do you like the S. of P. election (?).

* * *

MR. H. E. DEATS, says he can not accept any office in the A. P. A. this year.

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Do you think this paper worth 25 cents a year (?)

* * *

IF so, you should send in your subscription at once.

* * *

WHEN answering advertisements in this issue, please say that you saw "ad," in FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

* * *

IF you wish to see us each and every month, you should send in your subscription, as we send but one sample copy to each address.

* * *

EVERY collector remitting us one dollar, at one time, for four new subscribers, will be entitled to a year's subscription free.

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COLLECTORS, are you in possession of a standard catalogue (?) Now is the time to get one for merely nothing. Notice the J. W. Scott Co's liberal offer, in this issue.

WE are not publishing this paper for the fun of the thing, neither is it published in the interest of any one firm, but it is published in the advancement of Philately over the whole world as well as our own state.

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AT present we will not say much regarding the amalgamation, but think it one of the best movements ever made, a National Society is what we want, and the only way to bring it about, is to work for it, "United we stand Divided we fall" this is what we think. Pull together boys, make the A. P. A. father of all and the state and local societies its branches.

S. OF P.

CONVENTION.

HELD AT

GETTYSBURG, JULY 4 AND 5.

The 5th annual convention of the Sons of Philatelia held at Gettysburg, Pa., was called to order by Pres. Partlett, at one o'clock P. M., July 4th, in the parlors of the Globe Hotel with the following members present.

J. D. Bartlett,

W. H. Emmert,
 F. S. Fox,
 C. W. Grevning,
 F. R. Hoyte,
 H. F. Kantner,
 W. H. Linn,
 Lewis M. Lang,
 G. J. Luhn,
 S. J. Lowder,
 R. M. Miller,
 R. J. Russel,
 R. P. Spooner,
 J. Percy Stetler,
 Wm. Nicklas, Jr.,
 Ph. L. Messer.

After a short address by the President the following committees were appointed.

Committee on Credentials:

G. J. Luhn, Chairman,
 H. F. Kantner,
 C. W. Grevning.

Committee on Rules:

R. P. Spooner, Chairman,
 F. S. Fox,
 Wm. Nicklas, Jr.

After a recess of 2 hours the credential committees announced the proxy holders as follows:

H. F. Kantner,	55
F. S. Fox,	23
C. W. Grevning,	22
Wm. Nicklas, Jr.,	19
Wm. H. Emmert,	14
R. M. Miller,	12
R. P. Spooner,	11
Scattering,	11

Total 167

The report was adopted and the committee continued for further use, after which the report of the Committee on Rules was adopted as read as the Board of Trustees had read, only 40 votes by mail, it was resolved to count also the proxies held by the members present. During the evening Grevning became sleepy and moved that we adjourn at 9:30 but it was lost and 12 o'clock set as the limit.

The entire session was spent revising the constitution except for the reading of a poem by H. F. Kantner, which was composed by Roy F. Green, who was given a vote of thanks.

The chief point of discussion in the constitution was the fixing of the age of the Pres., Treas., Ex. Supt. at 21 years.

This action and the in famous clause inserted requiring every candidate for office to be a member for at least 3 months barred out the chances of Mr. Clifford W. Kissinger, for the Presidential chair and was roundly denounced by the members who had any sense of honor.

Another point of honor was the raising of the dues. All collectors joining between Jan. and July will hereafter fork out 25¢ and those who join during the remaining half of the year will pay the sum of 3¢ a mo. until the next fiscal year. The initiation fee was fixed at 10¢. After a display of fireworks the convention

adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

This session was devoted largely to adopting rules for the exchange dept. which were made by a committee consisting of Messrs. Emmert, Ashcroft and Nicklas.

The fun was left for the afternoon. After much drilling the constitution was finally reported, enlarged but *not improved*.

The election of officers followed. All candidates not in good standing, whose names had not appeared sixty days previous in official journal and for reasons above stated were stricken off the roll and the following nominated:

President, J. D. Bartlett,
Vice-President, C. W. Peugh,
Secretary, R. M. Miller,
Treasurer, P. L. Messer, W. M. Stuart.

Exchange Superintendent, W. H. Emmert.

Auction Manager, J. C. Miller.
Counterfeit Detector, E. P. Newcomer.

Purchasing Agent, C. H. Mead.
Trustees, R. P. Spooner, Ramsey Puegnet, C. W. Grevning.

By resolution Sec. Miller, cast one vote for each nominee where only one was named and a ballot was taken for Treasurer which the result was P. L. Messer, 69 W. M. Stuart 16.

An election will be held Oct. 1st for the offices made vacant by reason of candidates being stricken off

the roll which officers are International Secretary, Librarian and Attorney.

This endeth the election.

Next in order came the report of officers, that of Sec. showed membership of society to be 363 one resigned and one suspended. The Treasurer reported the receipts to be \$30.28 and expenditures \$1.10, bal. \$29.18 which he said would remain in his hands whether he was re-elected or not claiming to be originally elected for 1 year.

Ex. Supt. reported 34 circuits and everything in a prosperous condition and a vote of thanks was given him for his able management.

C. W. Woodworth, Malden, Mass. a convict, was expelled in secret session.

A resolution was passed and ordered to be printed in the daily papers thanking the proprinter for his kindness in furnishing the assembly room free of charge.

The next meeting will be held in Chicago, Aug, 18, 19 and 20, 1893, following the A. P. A.

The convention then adjourned amid a general good cheer both on the part of the elected candidates and their less fortunate brethren.

NEW ISSUES AND DISCOVERIES.

BY HENRY GREMMEI..

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS:

I shall be glad to receive from collectors and dealers notices of new

issues etc., which can, if desired, be inserted with the sender's name. Communications as to these should be addressed to H. Gremmel, 80 Nassau St., New York.

United States—The official seal now comes rouletted.

Officially Sealed—1892. brown. *Rouletted.*

Austria Levant—The 2kr present issue has been surcharged 8 Para.

Adhesive—1892. 8 para on 2k brown.

Brazil—The present 100 reis comes also *tete beche.*

Adhesive—100 reis blue and red, *tete beche.*

Br. North Barneo—Mr. Noble has shown us an error of the last surcharge, in which the word Cents is spelled Cetns.

Error—6 cetns on 8c green.

Colombia—The new set of stamps for PANAMA made their appearance. They resemble the last map set, but are of better workmanship.

PANAMA. Adhesives—1892.

1c green.

2c pink.

5c blue.

10c orange.

Fiji—The *Monthly Journal* reports the receipt of the one penny stamp surcharged "½d" in black: also the permanent four pence stamp, which does not resemble the 2½d, but has been made by substituting, "FOUR" for "THREE" in a transfer from the die of the three pence.

Adhesive—1892. ½d in black on 1d blue.

Grenada—Unpaid letter stamps of the same type as the Trinidad were issued here on the 18th of April. So far I have seen three values. Perforated 14. Watermark Crown and C A.

Unpaid letter stamps—1892.

1d black.

2d black.

3d black.

Mr. de Coppet has shown us the six pence orange-vermilion, first issue, on laid paper. Perf. 15.

Adhesive—6d orange-vermilion, *laid horizontally.*

Great Britain—The £1 green has been surcharged I. R. OFFICIAL.

Official—8892. £1 green.

Italy—The expectation that the 50 and 100 lire stamps have never been used for postage we find verified in a Vienna newspaper. These stamps are not postage stamps, but only Customs control stamps, which are used between the Post and Customs officials for an easier accounting of dutiable mail matter.—*Der Philatelist.*

Japan—The 3 sen has changed color.

Adhesive—1892. 3 sen rose.

Netherlands—The *Philatelic Record* chronicles the appearance of a one florin stamp bearing the head of the young queen. It is given in one color only, so it is presumably dissimilar in type to the former one gulden.

Adhesive—1892. 1 florin, slate blue.

New South Wales—A new provisional wrapper has been issued. The *Monthly Journal* states that the 2 pence 1854 with diadem has been discovered with watermark "8".

Adhesive—1854. 2p blue. Watermark 8r.

Wrapper. ½d green, black surcharge, *pale buff laid paper.*

Panama—The 50c map issue comes now on bluish paper.

1892. 50c brown, blue.

Portugal—A new set appeared, of

the following design, King's head in oval with fine scroll work around and in a square with fancy scroll work in corners, larger figure and Rs. above, *Carreios* at the left and Portugal at the right and CONTINENTE at the bottom. Perf. 14.

Adhesives—1892:

- 2r grey.
- 2½r brown.
- 5r yellow brown.
- 10r violet, *red p.*
- 15r violet, *blue p.*
- 20r greenish black.
- 25r green.
- 50r light blue.
- 75r brown.
- 80r light green.
- 100r lilac.
- 150r carmine.
- 200r blue.
- 300r red.
- 500r black
- 1000r blue.

All the Portuguese colonies will be divided into districts, and for every district a new set of stamps will be issued, in place of the word "CONTINENTE" the district name will be inserted. Therefore we have to expect postage stamps for:

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|-----|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Portugal. | |
| 2. | District Angra | } Azores. |
| 3. | " Haita | |
| 4. | " Ponta Delgada | |
| 5. | " Funchal (Madeira). | |
| 6. | " Mossamedes | } Angola. |
| 7. | " Loanda | |
| 8. | " Benguella | |
| 9. | " Congo. | |
| 10. | " Cape Verde. | |
| 11. | " Goa | } East India. |
| 12. | " Damao | |
| 13. | " Diu | |
| 14. | " Guinea. | |

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| 15. | District Macao. | |
| 16. | " Timor. | |
| 17. | " Laurenzo-Marques. | |
| 18. | " Quilimane | } Mozambique |
| 19. | " Joo | |
| 20. | " St. Thome | } St. Thomas |
| 21. | " Principe | |

This will only make 336 varieties for the poor collectors, without the expected errors, etc.

Queensland.—New wrappers of the same type as the present ½d stamp has been issued, also a new 3d stamp of the same design as the last set. Watermark Q and Crown. Perf. 13.

Adhesive—1892. 3d brown.

Wrappers—1892. ½d green, *brown p.*

1d red, *white p.*

Sarawak.—There are two different types of the last ONE CENT on 3c. The first lot which I received bears the surcharge ONE CENT; the second lot which came two weeks later bears the surcharge One Cent.

Provisional issue—1892. One cent on 3c black and violet.

One Cent on 3c black and violet.

Straits Settlements.—Another new surcharge; this time the 8c has been printed in a new color and surcharged One Cent.

1892. *One Cent* on 8c green, *black surcharge.*

Perak.—The *Gazette Timbrologique* reports an 8c of the tiger type.

Adhesive—1892. 8c orange.

Victoria.—I have the last one penny brown on yellow paper, which I found among a large lot just received. Is this a new issue, an error, or what?

Can any of our readers give us any information about this stamp?

Virgin Islands.—The 1d stamp of the 1879 I saw comes with watermark sideways.

Adhesive — 1882. 1d green watermark.

Crown, CC sideways.

LITERARY AND REVIEWS.

We are in receipt of a copy of "Rogers' Priced Catalogue of the Market Value of the Postage Stamps of the United States."

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Published by ALBERT R. ROGERS, Stamp Broker, 75 Maiden Lane, N. Y.

We have received No. 1, of the "Western Philatelist," an 8 page uncovered magazine. C. D. REIMERS, Pub., 15 cents a year. Iowa City, Iowa.

The "Eastern Philatelist" for June contains 10 pages readable matter. "My Temptation" is continued in this number, which is followed by "The Suppression of Fraud," "Speculative issues I of Central America," "Stamps that I Have Met," "New York Notes," "Editorial etc.," with 13 pages of advertisements.

F. H. PINKHAM, Pub., 25 cents a year. New Market, N. H.

The next to arrive was the "Essex County Philatelist" for May. Rather late, but better late than never, it contains 14 pages reading matter.

ESSEX CO. PHILATELIC PUB. CO. 25 cts. a year. Box 274, Lawrence, Mass.

Out of the 200 frauds and dead-beats advertised in the May number of the "Philatelic Fraud Reporter," there were but 4 advertised from Florida. That isn't bad considering the number that were advertised by one which is not less than 124.

GUY W. GREEN, Pub. 15 cents a year. Stromsburg, Neb.

One of the most interesting stamp journals that comes to us is the "Post Office" of which the Editor is laboring very hard for amalgamation of the various societies. The June number contains, The "Greater Society," "Chronicle New Issues," "Guaranteed Genuine," "Valuable and Interesting Find," "Random Notes," "Report of Auction Sales," "Editorial etc." Also a supplement regarding the consolidation, all of which are very interesting.

P. O. PUB. CO., H. GREMMEL Buz. M'gr. 80 Nassau St., New York City. 25 cents a year.

The "Golden Star" for June contains some very interesting articles on Philately, for so small a paper. GOLDEN STAR, 10 cents per Volume, Taunton, Mass.

The "Philatelic Era" contains more interesting reading matter than any other of our exchanges, the June number contains 23 pages reading matter and 8 pages of advertising.

W. W. JEWETT, Ed. and Pub., 25 cents a year, Portland, Maine.

The June number of the "Southern Philatelist" contains "A Collector's Mishaps," "A Loss and a Fortune," "Some Notes," "San Antonio Notes," "Editorial etc." SOUTHERN STAMP & PUB. CO. 25 cents a year. Charleston, S. C.

The "Essex county Philatelist" published a special number for the Sons of Philatelia, it contains 4 pages.

The Editor says the regular issue will be out in July with 18 to 20 pages.

ESSEX CO. PHILATELIC & PUB. CO. Lawrence, Mass.

The "Electric Philatelist" for June contains 8 pages, neatly printed, with some very good reading matter.

ANDREW M. FINE, 1623 Sanderson Ave., Scranton, Pa. 25 cents a year.

The Monumental Stamp Co. have favored us with one of their beautiful calendars, somewhat late but it is appreciated just the same. Baltimore, Md.

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I have been a collector since 1863 and a dealer since 1883; If you have never dealt with me, give me a trial and I know I can give you satisfaction. Address all letters plainly:

FREDERIC NOYES,

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H. J. DINGHAM.

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PHILATELY AS A SCIENCE.

Collecting stamps and pasting them in an old copy book is not scientific work but when we study our stamps for shades, varieties of perforations, watermarks and embossing, then and only then does stamp collecting become a science. Many scoff at the idea of collecting shades but it is just as sensible as collecting errors in spelling or where a comma or period is omitted. But I must return to my subject.

Geology and botany are considered sciences. What more right have they to the title than philately? Can a person derive as much pleasure from them as from philately? I answer "No." Is not every minute difference in leaf or flower collected or made note of? Why, then can't we collect every variety of a stamp and call our "hobby" a science and thereby gain more respect for it from the people of the world.

As far as general interest is concerned, what useful knowledge is gained by the study of botany? None whatever, while by our stamps we learn of countries we otherwise would never have heard.

On stamps we have picture galleries (very few know whose faces adorn our own stamps) national emblems, coats-of-arms and etc., of many countries, while our albums

give us history, geography and tables of money used by all nations.

Aside from this we are taught the differences in paper also the various colors and their numerous shades. Probably one out of a hundred can tell the dissimilarity between laid, wove or batonne paper, or knows blue from ultramarine, red from carmine or cream from manilla. Not many women can trust their husbands to match goods for them. Why? Because they are color blind. Suppose Mr. Mekeel's wife should give him a lavender ribbon to match, do you think he would get purple? Oh no! not by any means. He is, a "stampie."

This alone should make philately a science as it would be the greatest blessing to *man-kind*. We are also made acquainted with engraving, lithographing, wood cuts, stone cuts and other things of a kindred nature. This in itself is very valuable. Many of the United States counterfeit detectors have wished they had made a study of the engraver's art while young.

Taking into consideration the knowledge obtained from stamps, many will continue to call it a hobby. This question will be discussed more or less in the future, but we must have it put into the standard dictionaries as a *science*.

After our exhibition at the World's Fair in '93 philately will forever be called a *SCIENCE* by the entire civilized world.

GUIDO FAWKES.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF JOHORE (INDIA.)

BY P. H. HEINSBERGER.

The native Indian state of Johore issued her first postage stamps on November 23rd, 1891, and this philatelic event is the first step to bring Johore in direct connection with foreign countries. The values are 2c yellow, 4c black, 5c green, 6c blue, \$1. green and carmine. The stamps are very handsome, made as follows:

In the center is the bust of the Sultan, on his head a silk cap decorated with a valuable diamond. Over his shoulder he bears a cloak and around his neck he has a gold chain with a star of the British Michael and George order. Above the bust in a curled half bow is the inscription in the Malayan language "Johore Postage and Revenue Stamps." On the bottom is the English translation of the same words. Below in the left corner is the value in the Malayan language and in the right hand corner in Latin numerals. In the both top corners is the crown of Johore.

The ceremony of introduction of the new postage stamps was a very brilliant one, and was celebrated on November 16th, 1891. The postmaster general reviewed in a short speech the history of the Johore postoffice since its origin and the following is the text:

Johore opened mail connection with foreign countries on June 16, 1884. Before this day all mail matter of the country were delivered irregularly to the capitol of Johore and the expense to bring them to the next seaport, Singapore, (Strait

Settlements), were 5 cents for each letter or parcel for the subscribers to the Singapore mail carrier, who fetched the mail, which they had to wait weeks for. This state of things kept on until Sultan Abu Baker gave the permission to establish a regular mail service. In the beginning of the newly established service the mail man was looked upon as a nuisance (similar as at the present in China!) In course of time the natives put confidence in the service.

People used the postoffice more and more and commercial people petitioned the officials to establish a money order service which was also an uncertain thing. During the first year only 2000 pieces of mail matter were delivered by the people for forwarding, but now more than 10,000 pieces of mail matter, and over 5,000 money orders are carried through the postoffice. The only postage stamp in use since 1884 up to the present time was a Strait Settlement stamp, 2 cent surcharged "Johore" and as many 2c stamps as the postage was must be used. This nuisance is now past, and the new postage stamps are an improvement. The stamps can only be used for mail to the Strait Settlements, but the postmaster thinks that the day will not be far when Johore will enter the "Universal Postal Union." The new postage stamps were ordered by the Sultan (Ruler) while in England, 1891. The stamps can be used for postage or revenue purpose.

The above is the address of the postmaster general and to this the Sultan answered that it made him great pleasure that he was able to introduce in his state postage stamps. With great solemnity this postal festival closed.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

MY FIND.

BY A. M. GRIGGS.

Fred Andrews and myself like all boys living in seaport towns were frequent visitors to the wharves and every new vessel coming into port was honored (?) with a call from us.

We were both ardent collectors and of course, as may be surmised, frequently came across some very desirable stamps.

One Friday evening we were at cotton compress wharf and were bemoaning the fact that no new vessels had arrived since our last visit when suddenly we heard a great splashing and whistling and upon running to the edge of the wharf and peering around the stern of a great ocean steamer loading at the dock we were delighted to see a very fussy little tug having in tow what we at once recognized as an English "tramp," nosing her way daintily among the busy river craft.

"She's going to berth here!" cried Fred excitedly, and we both waited for her to be safely berthed and at once boarded her.

We were kindly received and given the freedom of the ship.

Wandering down into the hold among old ropes and sails my eye was caught by an old box and I said to Fred: "yonder is something for us."

In a second we were rummaging in the old sea chest among mildewed sails and tarpauline, finding nothing else.

Suddenly my hand came in contact with a bulky bundle and with a thrill which none but a collector knows I recognized a package of letters.

Drawing them out I began eagerly to sort them. As I proceeded with my work a cry of delight came from Fred, and looking up I saw that he too had discovered a packet.

At the end of fifteen minutes I heard a "dog gone!" from Fred followed by a slap of paper on the floor and when we came to compare notes I found that I had merely a lot of the common 1 penny English stamps of the 1864 issue. He was in the same fix with the exception that he had a 2 pence blue 1858 in his and recollecting this and also the fact that my collection was minus this stamp I turned back and picked it up, envelope and all, after we had started out.

Reaching the deck we thanked the officers and left the ship.

I did not think of the stamp in my pocket till after supper that night, but upon tearing the stamp off the envelope my eye was caught by a glimmer of blue inside the envelope and upon opening it imagine my surprise and delight to find a clean, gummed, and perfect block of eight unused specimens of Tasmania 1853, 1 pence blue! my cry of astonishment and delight caused every one to look up but it was some seconds before I recovered myself sufficiently to explain my excitement when everyone of course shared in my delight.

As Fred had first had the stamps I thought it only fair to give him a specimen for his collection and after keeping one for myself I sold the remaining six for a round hundred. Fred and I still visit every new vessel but we have never made such a find as we did that Friday in the hold of the old English "Tramp".

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

An ambitious, active collector never wants for a place in which he may find the treasures for his album.

Among the historic homes of New England, where ancestral correspondence grows yellow with age, in the family garret, covered by the mold of years, lie stamps that would bring greatest joy to the heart of any philatelist. In each of the New England homesteads, the correspondence of years is faithfully kept, and very few have ever been hunted out by the philatelists of today. Garrets are full of them, pigeon-holes filled with old-time letters, which would delight any of us to handle, if only for a brief time. And then those old love letters deep down in some ancient maiden's trunk, tied with the bit of ribbon, cemented as it were by that little love-knot which binds it. Oh no! we would not for the world invade the privacies of the lover's hearts, but would'nt we like those stamps?

Isn't New England a good place to collect? Only seek and ye shall find.

In the cozy Southern homes, with surrounding plantations, in the land of the palmetto and magnolia, where once raged the fiercest civil war that history records, may be found philatelic treasures without number. The garrets are o'er loaded with them, the Confederate States issues, those rare locals which Scott catalogues but fails to price, and then those others, which Scott nor any other philatelist ever saw, varieties without number, in strips of three and blocks of four now repose safely

under the family roof. The correspondence of the past awaits our search. The letters of this historic period may form a valuable book some day, but, I am sure that my philatelic friends will agree with me when I say that the most valuable portion of those letters will be the perforated bit of colored paper finely pasted on the outside. My Southern friends, is not the "Sunny South" a suitable ground for research? Seek and you will surely find.

And you who live in these towns, where "slow but sure" has been the watch word, where the mushroom grow up of one night has failed to startle it, but rather like Topsy "it just growed," where business has been handed down from father to son, and the correspondence of years reposes in the firm's vaults. Did you never think of the treasures you might find? The banking houses of the country, the wholesale establishments, the manufacturing firms and where not. Seek and you will find them without number.

Did you ever look in an old album filled with the photographs of our distant relation? If you never did go right straight and get it, take the photos out, look on the back of each one, and nine times out of ten you'll find a stamp. And although the proper stamp to use on these were the regular U. S. Internal Revenue stamp, of small denomination, you will find, probably ten times out of a hundred, that they made a mistake, probably intentional though for they served as well, and stuck on a Playing Card stamp instead. I had the good fortune to find no less than eight valuable playing card stamps in one collection of photos. These little things we must bear in mind, and if we seek we shall find them.

Did you ever think of visiting a

village drug store to look for stamps? Well it is a queer place to look for the treasures of our life, but nevertheless, on the shelves of many of these pharmacies, are the patent preparations, which at one time had to have a revenue stamp on each bottle. Many of these back-number preparations still set back on the shelves, ready to be relieved of their rare treasures. These proprietary stamps are constantly advancing in price, and to the one who hunts them out, lies a prize. They are all over the country, from Maine to California, and if you only seek for them you will find them and rejoice.

Then the *rara avis* of them all—the Periodical stamps. Every once in awhile we hear of the unsophisticated Postmaster, who parts with them at face value, and thereby cause a smile to radiate the face of the purchaser. Of course the majority of Uncle Sam's custodians of the Post office are aware of the penalty, and conversant with the postal regulations. But once in awhile you can find the "green hand," who is willing to dispose of them, and you may at last get those blanks in your album filled. Search for this office and you'll surely find it.

Then these attorneys, who conducted a large pension business a few years ago, and was in daily communication with the Pension Office, oft have a few Interior's laying around. The Editors who have amassed a varied assortment of Agricultural reports, may have some Agriculture's. No matter what may be your sphere in life, no matter what your vocation, nor where you reside on this broad continent, if you are active, and energetic no matter where you seek you'll find them.

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Roy F. Greene is now sole owner of the *Eagle Philatelist*, having bought out Mr. Swanbeck. He will have to do all the work himself, editing, publishing, etc., but he is a hus'ler, and the *Eagle* should always be on time.—*The Stamp*.

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MR. ALBERT R. ROGERS held his fourth auction sale at Niagra during the A. P. A. convention.

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MR. GUY REYNOLDS has resigned Secretary-ship of the Southern Philatelic Society. Mr. Chas. Higgins is his successor.

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OWING to serious illness Mr. E. P. Newcomer, is unable to furnish us "What one Philatelist Sees," this month. We wish Mr. Newcomer a speedy recovery.

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WE are always in need of Original and interesting MSS. for which we will give cash or advertising space in the "F. P."

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COLLECTORS NOTICE. In order to increase our subscription list, we will send the FLORIDA PHILATELIST one year for only 15 cents, providing you send before September 10th.

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FROM the many congratulatory and flattering letters received, encourages and urges us on to make this one of the best, if not *the* best Philatelic journal extant, and patrons may rest assured that we will use our utmost endeavors to sustain and improve it in every way in our power.

OWING to pressure of other matters we are compelled to drop "Howard's Stamp Case" until our next number, when it will be continued.

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A LETTER came to Topeka, Kan. the other day addressed to "Geo. W. Eightquarts." It was delivered to George W. Peck.—*The Detroit Philatelist*.

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THE Conrath Stamp & Pub. Co., have sold their stock of stamps to the Miller-McCormick Stamp Co., The *Missouri Philatelist* will be continued by the Editor. P. H. Conrath.

PHILATELY.

The fact that Philately, Philatelist and Philatelic have been properly defined in the Century Dictionary has been noted by some of our contemporaries.

The author of these definitions was Mr. C. H. Mekeel, editor of this journal, who furnished them to Prof. Whitney, of Yale, the compiler of the dictionary.

The definitions are as follows:

PHILATELIC (fil-a-tel'ik) *n.*

Of or relating to philately.

PHILATELIST (fi-lat'e-list), *n.*

A collector of postage-stamps and revenue-stamps as objects of curiosity or interest.

PHILATELY [fi-lat'e-li], *n.* intended to mean the love of the study of all that concerns prepayment, i. e. of stamps, absurdly formed [by M. Herpin, a stamp collector in *Le Collect ionneur*, in 1865].

The fancy for collecting and classifying postage-stamps and revenue-stamps as objects of curiosity; also, the occupation of making such collections. — *Philatelic Journal of America*.

P. K. OF A. SPECIAL NOTICE.

Mr. Chas. J. Tyren, 309 14 Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. and Edgar Pitie, Jr., 83 Orleans St., New Orleans, La., would like to correspond with collectors in all parts for the purpose of organizing the Philatelic Knights of America.

THE FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

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Spicy, e'en unto the core.
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And as fresh as Eden's bowers
'Tis the "FLORIDA PHILATELIST"
"Published in the land of flowers."

It is welcome to my sanctum
May it have long life and peace
In its work of spreading knowledge
May its labors never cease;
May it meet a warm reception,
May it wield a mighty power
Toward enlightenment, cultivation,
From the land "among the flowers."

ROY F. GREENE.

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NOTES.

The July number of the FLORIDA PHILATELIST, was perfection indeed. It was full of interesting matter and was very much enjoyed. The editor intends to make it the best paper in the South, so Gussie Luhn will have to hus'le the *South-ern* if he wants to be "in it."

Mr. Luhn has the finest collection of Confederate stamps in the South if not in the country. He also has

an excellent collection of United States, it being especially rich in "Departments." Mr. Luhn attended the S. of P. convention and will show his jolly countenance at the A. P. A. convention.

Emil J. Rall of Savannah, Ga. is one of the most prominent philatelists in the South. He has a fine collection and is a member of the larger societies of America and Europe, he is also one of the World's Fair Exhibition Committee.

Ere you receive this paper the Seventh annual convention of the A. P. A. will be a thing of the past. This being the first convention since the Association was incorporated much work will have to be done. May the members remain in peace and harmony during the coming year and thereby cause the society to increase in membership. It is to be deplored that 600 or 800 members can't pull together.

Mr. A. P. Hosmer, Sec'y of the W. P. U., has a very severe letter in the July *Quaker City Philatelist*. He appears to be under the impression that all who are for consolidation are enemies of the W. P. U. In this he is much mistaken, for all the W. P. U., "amalgamators" (if the expression is allowable) are the sincerest friends which the society has. If it was not so they would not be taking so much interest in its well-fare. He is very unjust to Mr. Davison and will see his error in the near future. If Mr. Hosmer will join the majority he probably can get an office (?) in the A. P. A.

Wishing success and long life to the "F. P." I am

Yours in philately,

GUIDO FAWKES.

Aug. 15, 1892.

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LITERARY AND REVIEWS.

The *American Philatelist* for July, with 20 pages and cover contains some very interesting articles, such as "An Open Letter" by John K. Luff, "Gleanings" and an address to the members of the American Philatelic Association by the president. SAMUEL LELAND, 25¢ a year. Drawer 651, Chicago, Ill.

The *Chicago Stamp News* is an advertising sheet of the Publishers. The July number contains "C. P. S. Gossip" and etc. It is sent free to all who apply for it. THE S. B. BRADT CO., 132 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

"Consolidation is the heading of an article written by A. M. Griggs in the July number of the *Missouri Philatelist*, then follows "The Collecting Mania," "Brief sketch on the Advancement of Postal Distribution," "Just a few Observations," "What one Philatelist Sees," Editorial, Review, etc., and with the change in color of the cover is very neat in appearance.

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The *Curio* is a small sheet devoting a little space to stamps. A. E. BENNET, 15¢ a year. Williamsville, Mass.

The *Eastern Philatelist* for July contains the fourth chapter of "My Temptation," "A Word for the Irresponsible Dealer," "Cleansing Stamps," Editorial, Review and etc. F. H. PINKHAM, 25¢ a year. New Market, N. H.

The July number of the *Post Office* is at hand, with 28 pages and cover, 12 pages of which are reading matter the balance is taken up with advertisements.

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The "Fearless and Independent" *New York Stamp* having been refused second class rates in New York City, now comes from Long Branch, N. J. as *The Stamp* of which the July number contains 20 pages with some very interesting reading matter. GREVNING & SPOONER, 25¢ a year. Long Branch, N. J.

The Semi-Monthly *Philatelic Tribune*, comes to us twice a month, with some interesting notes etc.

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The *Stamp Collector*, from across the pond with its 20 pages is very interesting. THE STAMP COLLECTOR, 62 Ramsay Road, Forest Gate, 37¢ a year. Essex, England.

McKeel's Weekly Stamp News comes to us regularly every Monday with its usual amount of good reading, and is undoubtedly the paper for late news and notes.

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With its new design of cover the *Philatelic Journal of America* is the finest stamp magazine published. The July number contains 28 pages of reading matter, giving a complete Chronicle, some A. P. A. notes, "The Stamps of Spain," "Spanish Counterfeits" with illustrations of the Genuine and Counterfeit, "Stamps of Mexico," "The Stamps of Victoria," "Philatelic Calendar," Notes and Clippings, etc., all of which make a very complete number.

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The *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, for July contains a poem dedicated to the Sons of Philatelia by Roy F. Greene. The Young Collector—The Philatelist of the Future, an account of the S. of P. Convention, Editorials, etc.

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In the July issue of the *Detroit Philatelist* may be found a short account of the S. of P. Convention, Notes, Grills and Surcharges by Cleve Scott, Editorial etc.

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"What Constitutes a Philatelic Library" is the main article in the *Philatelic Era* for July, "Is Philately a Science," a letter from London, Clippings, etc.

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NEW ISSUES AND DISCOVERIES.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS:

I shall be glad to receive from collectors and dealers notices of new issues etc., which can if desired, be inserted with the sender's name. Communications as to these should be addressed to H. Gremmel, 80 Nassau street, New York.

Angra—One of the new issues for this Portuguese colonial district has appeared. Same design as the new Portugal, but ANGRA in the place of Continente.

1892. 50r light blue.

Argentine Rep.—*Le Timbre Poste* announces that the 2c wrapper is now printed in dark mauve, and that the word "Impresos" is in italics larger than before.

Wrapper—1892. 2c dark brown.

Barbadoes—A new provisional arrived. So far we have seen 2 values, but they are of very fine workmanship, the head of the queen has been abolished and in its place the King of the Ocean, Neptune with a spear in his right hand sitting in a large shell carried by two Seahorses, Barbadoes on top and value below in straight labels.

Adhesives—1892. 1-2d green.
2 1-2d blue.

Brazil—The 100 reis envelope with head of Liberty exists in different sizes and qualities of paper.

- a. Thin wove white paper, 151x88.
- b. Thick " " " 151x88.
- c. " laid " " 156x88.
- d. " wove " " 133x109.

Bolivia—In a lot of stamps received from this country, we found the 1c lake surcharged TIMBRE in blue, used for postage.

Revenue used for postage—

1892. 1c lake, blue surcharge.

Br. Guiana—Provisional 2c cards, single and reply, have been issued.

Postal card, provisional issue—2c on 3c carmine, black surch., buff. 2x2c on 3x3c carm., black surch., buff.

Canada—Mr. R. Wuesthoff has a variety of the 5c 1859 which hitherto has escaped the attention of specialists and cataloguers. The peculiarity of the stamp in question is

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in having all the vertical lines and curves in double. This is most prominent on the left side of the stamp. There is little doubt that this variety occurs in the plate, and is not the result of a impression while printing, but was caused by a double impression of the original die in making the *cliches* to print from.

Adhesive—1859. 5c vermilion, variety.

Horta—Another one of the three districts of the Azores has issued a 50 reis adhesive of the same type as the Angra, with the exception of the change in name.

Adhesive—1892. 50c light blue.

Labuan—*Le Timbre Poste* states that the 6c on 8c exists also surcharged in red, with both straight and inverted surcharge.

Provisional issue—

1891. 6c on 8c violet, *red surch.*
6c on 8c " " "

inverted.

Morocco—The current 15c stamp of France has been surcharged "15 centimos" for use in the French post office in Tangiers.

Adhesive—1892. 15 centimos on 15c blue, *black surcharge*.

Sarawack, Another Provisional, this time the 1871. 3c has been overprinted with new value and a bar over the original value.

Provisional issue—

1892. One Cent
on 3d brown.

yellow p. *black surcharge*.

Philippine Is.—In addition to the stamps of the new issue chronicled in our March number the following values have appeared.

1892. 15c red brown.
40c slate.
80c orange.

Tasmania—The *Stamp News* chronicles the following envelopes and wrappers.

Envelopes—

1892	1 penny red,	white p.	} 120x70
I	" "	lilac p.	
I	" "	blue p.	
I	" "	buff p.	
I	" "	green p.	

Wrappers—

1892.	1 penny red,	orange red p.
I	" "	yellow p.
I	" "	dark blue p.
I	" "	rose p.
I	" "	dark red p.
I	" "	light blue p.
I	" "	buff p.
I	" "	manilla p.
I	" "	green p.
I	" "	violet p.

Western Australia—Two new values has appeared, of same design as last issue.

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2 45p	Lv O. B R'y	1 45p	8 00p
6 30a	3 54p Toronto	Ar	12 32p 6 08p
7 35a	4 30p Ar	Oakland	Lv 11 55a 5 00p
7 50a	4 40p Lv		Ar 11 45a 4 40p
11 30a	6 40p Ar	Lacoochee	Lv 9 45a 12 30p
11 50a	6 55p Lv		Ar 9 45a 11 50a
1 00p	7 33p San Antonio	9 05a	10 55a
3 40p	9 11p Tarpon Springs	7 25a	8 08a
4 05p	9 25p Sutherland	7 08a	7 35a
4 25p	9 38p Dunedin	6 53a	7 05a
4 45p	9 48p Clear Water Harbor	6 43a	6 43a
6 10p	10 40p St. Petersburg	5 50a	5 00a

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BELOW I quote different portions (and make comments thereon) of a circular sent out by Alvah Davison and Leroy D. Walker:

“DEAR SIR:—Since the former letter sent you in regard to ‘consolidation,’ many important things have happened of which you should be advised, and thus enable you to cast your vote intelligently on this matter.”

“Mr. Hosmer has stated in print that the A. P. A. wished to bolster up its finances by getting the treasury of the W. P. U.”

“At the convention of the A. P. A. just held at Niagara Falls, the treasury of that Association was found to have a balance of \$384.00 on hand. Has any other society a like amount? This shows that Mr. Hosmer’s statement is false and simply made to scare you from voting for consolidation.”

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No foreign society offers its members such privileges.

"We leave it for your good sense to answer, and if you have already cast a vote against consolidation and desire to change in favor, a vote dated later than the other, will effect the purpose, as the polls do not close until September 10th."

The polls will close before this paper is issued, but if this article

causes you to change your mind, call on your fellow members to unite in obtaining another mail vote.

"With the sincere wish that you may favor the 'Greater Society' and that we may meet at Chicago in 1893 in a convention long to be remembered, we remain,

Very truly yours,

ALVAH DAVISON,

A. P. A.

LEROY W. WALKER,

W. P. U."

I have always taken an interest in the affairs of the W. P. U. and do not write this with any feeling of animosity. The officers have been courteous and have worked hard for the maintenance of the society. If they would only be willing to unite it with the A. P. A. and work for that body as they have for the Western, how much better it would be. One large body can accomplish more than several smaller ones. The more local and the fewer national societies we have all the better.

"Them's" my sentiments.

ALCAZAR.

WRITTEN FOR THE FLORIDA PHILATELIST.]

COMMENTS HERE AND THERE.

BY UNCLE PHIL.

THE best part of that best paper, the "Philatelic Era," is the "Literary Notes and Review," but, like everything else, it has its defects, the chief one being that it lauds contemporaries to such an extent, that one is almost led to

believe that Jewett has a half interest in every stamp journal published. Of course, this does not apply to the small four by five sheets which no one can help but criticise, but to the sixteen, twenty and thirty-two pages which, however perfect they may appear in their general make-up, will still, upon a little examination, show some fault, which, if exposed, would prove beneficial to its readers. Brother Jewett, turn on the light.

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"The manuscript on which was the review of several others (exchanges) was accidentally blown out out of the window, which had been left open during a storm."—Collector's Press. Good for Aeolus!

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A Philatelist gone! The U. S. postal authorities looking for John J. Morgan." This was the announcement, cut out in big, cold type, which greeted the readers of the "Philadelphia Press" on September 1st. There were many "ahs!" and "I told you sos," doubtless uttered by the paper's philatelic readers as their eyes fell on the news, but as they proceeded and discovered how large were the amounts of the fellow's appropriations, they began to express surprise. 'Twas ever thus! The effect this affair will have on our pursuit is self-evident and we can only solace ourselves with the fact that there is one fake less in our midst.

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"Our Editor's Wandering," dated Atlantic Ocean, August 21st, 1892, was the title of an amusing article written by Gus Luhn in the September "Southern Philatelist," but didn't that date fall on Sunday,

Gus? Among the other contents is "A Card," written by Wm. Nicklas, Jr., in which the writer attempts to defend himself against the charges in the "Pennsylvania Philatelist" of bad faith at the S. of P. Convention. He merely averts the real issue, however, by stating that he had only sixteen proxies for Mr. Kissinger instead of twenty-three, as stated in the charges. Be it sixteen or twenty-three, every proxy should have been cast in Kissinger's favor, and Nicklas knows that only too well himself. Although my proxy did not count for Mr. Kissinger, I intend that it shall next year if he is a candidate.

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The writer is a resident of the "great philatelic centre"—New York City—and is therefore a "hustler" when it comes to obtaining news. The following piece of news, however, though important, was an easy find, as it is all over town, although the unsuspecting principals think every thing serene. Here it is: One of the most prominent philatelists of New York, the publisher of a paper, will, in three months or somewhere around the happy Yule-tide, take as a wife, the daughter of one of our most prominent dealers. The groom and his prospective father-in-law have strenuously endeavored to keep the thing quiet and think they have succeeded in their efforts, but we're all in the secret? But we won't publish names, as it might break the match, and thereby the lover's heart also.

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A fellow who lived in Quebeck.

Bought up some remainders seebeck.

But he finally got

So sick of the rot

That he threw them away by the peck.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

HOWARD'S STAMPCASE

GUY F. GREEN.

CHAPTER II.

"So you are engaged on a new case, and a stamp case at that? That's funny. Tell us about it", and Benson took his cigar from his mouth and waited for a reply.

He and Howard were standing in front of the postoffice idly conversing as they watched the passers-by.

"Well," began Jack slowly, "I'll tell you the circumstances, and let you pass your own judgment. Of course you understand that what I say is to be treated as confidential."

"Fire away. You know me well enough to trust me. What you say stops right here," and Walter pointed significantly to his bosom.

Hearing this assurance, Howard drew a little closer to his companion and spoke.

"Perhaps you know old man Canfield, the railway contractor. You do? Well, what I have to say concerns him largely. Oh, no, he has committed no crime. He is my employer.

"It seems that the old gentleman is a stamp collector and has been one for years. This fact is not generally known, since he appears to be a little bit ashamed of his predilection to the hobby, and wishes his leaning to Philately kept as secret as possible. I am rather glad he collects, however; for if he did not I would not have the case upon which I am now engaged.

"You see Canfield has collected for a number of years. It seems that he began when he was a young

fellow, driving a grading team back in Ohio. If you will take the trouble to look through certain old files of philatelic literature, you will probably discover a few articles signed 'Stampeo.' They were written by Canfield, who was quite an enthusiast in those days. These facts don't concern my present case, but they are interesting as bearing upon the career of my employer.

"Of course, when a collector adds to his treasures year in and year out for something over a quarter of a century, he is bound to secure something pretty good. Canfield's collection is a beauty, well worth looking at. Why, you have a good array of stamps, but they don't begin to compare with those I am speaking of.

"It seems there was one specimen in the collection which the owner especially prized. That was a New Haven 5c red on original envelope. The specimen was unique, being worth all the way from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and was guarded with scrupulous care. Very few people even know of its existence, and this is what makes its disappearance the more mysterious, for the stamp is gone, probably stolen.

"The theft took place less than a week ago. The stamp was in its usual place Monday, Wednesday it was gone. I was interviewed and employed Thursday. To-day is Friday. So you see the culprits, who now have possession of the valuable bit of paper, have about three or four days the start of me.

"I questioned the old man closely in regard to the stamp, his servants and his friends who might be able to gain possession of his

album. It seems that only two philatelists in the United States, one in New York and the other in Boston, even knew that Canfield owned such a stamp and they were sworn to secrecy. It was barely possible that some of his servants might know he possessed a valuable specimen, but they were all faithful to him and could be trusted. His entire household, with the exception of his coachman, had been in his employ for years. But the coachman was such a gentlemanly fellow that no one would suspect him. Besides he was densely ignorant concerning stamps. Mr. Canfield knew this because he had once come into the house for orders, and by some accident had caught sight of his master's album. With mouth wide open he had asked: 'What was the use of keeping them things?' After such a display of ignorance, Canfield was sure no suspicion could be attached to his coachman.

"One fact about the theft is peculiar. A grand party was held at Canfield's residence Tuesday night. The next day the specimen was missing. I hinted that possibly one of the guests could throw some light on the subject. This suggestion was immediately discredited by my employer for two reasons: First, The assemblage was a select one, being composed of the *bon ton* of the city. Second, None of these partaking of the mansion's hospitality were aware of the existence of the stamp.

"When the old gentleman enumerated his guests I was almost forced to agree with him. There were the Marquises DeVeres, Bowlbys, Allens and others equally high in society. They have lived here for years

and their honesty is unimpeachable. In fact the only guest who is not thoroughly known is the beautiful young widow, Mrs. Beckley. But she is vouched for by the Stephens, who met her at Saratoga, and so she must be all right.

"You ought to see Mrs. Beckley, Walter; she is the handsomest woman I ever set eyes on, and a charming conversationalist. I am almost at her feet already. But that has nothing to do with the case.

"I now have two fields of investigation—the servants and the guests. I am going to work both of them, for I am convinced that through one of these mediums I shall find the stamp.

"No one knows of the loss except Canfield, you and myself. Keep what you know secret. I am going to ferret the matter out or die trying.

"Hello, there's my car, and I must go out to my room. Well, good bye."

Howard made a dash for the motor and was gone.

Benson gave a prolonged whistle.

"Well, that is devilish curious!" he softly ejaculated. Then he looked quickly around him, pulled his hat down over his eyes and walked rapidly down the street.

That was the beginning of Howard's stamp case.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Comfort, a family paper published at Augusta, Me., contains a few words about stamp collecting, including a cut of a stamp album and a letter from Mrs. J. C. Jay, of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., who is doubtless the other half of the La Hoyt gentleman of local-port fame.—*News*.

FINANCIAL SIDE OF PHILATELY.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH

PHILATELY can be considered from many different points of view. Its different features attract into our ranks people differing widely in tastes and inclinations. On this account philatelists are prone to look at the advantages of stamp collecting from their own stand-point solely and to forget that Philately is many-sided.

Doubtless among a half dozen philatelists, each one could give a different reason for his interest in philatelic affairs; one would perhaps tell you that having a natural taste for collecting he has, instead of becoming an enthusiast in the accumulation of coins, rare books, pictures, or China ware, or minerals, chosen Philately, because he believes that more enjoyment is to be procured from that pursuit with a smaller expenditure of money than from any other branch or kind of collection; another will say that he is a philatelist because a stamp collection is of so great historic interest, because a stamp, bearing a picture of some great commander or statesman, whose deeds have long since become matters of history, serves to remind him every time he sees it of the events, oft-times of great importance, with which that man was connected and with which his name is closely connected; another collects because Philately is such a wonderful teacher of facts, biographical, historical, and geographical; another, perhaps merely as an amusement or because some of his friends are philatelists; and still another adduces

as his reason for being a stamp collector the fact that the rapid increase in value of nearly all rare stamps offers him a comparatively safe and paying investment for his money.

This last class, which includes almost all stamp dealers as well as some collectors, make their profits, of course, out of the other classes, but nevertheless they are to be counted among the most zealous philatelists and are always foremost in the advancement of philatelic interests. Although we may feel most interested in the educational, artistic or the literary side of Philately, the financial side is the one most observed by the world of non-collectors around us. Money secures respect in any field, and a stamp worth \$1,000 is an object of interest to all, whether collectors or not.

The outsider, whose notions regarding Philately are vague and erroneous, is compelled to believe that there is some intrinsic merit in stamp collecting after all, when he learns the extent of the stamp traffic, of the large capital of the many firms who make a regular business of buying and selling stamps, and of the large sums of money which philatelists pay out every year for specimens they require in their collections. We are often inclined to regret that many much wished-for varieties command such a high price as to debar us from purchasing, but there is some consolation in the reflection that the rise in price is owing to an increased demand, which means, of course, that the number of stamp collectors is increasing.

The fixed commercial value of all kinds of stamps has unfortunately

attracted the attention of many unscrupulous persons who, while caring nothing for Philately itself, have sought to make money out of it by various illegitimate schemes. Without referring at any particular length to those well (but not favorably) known personages, the manufacturer of counterfeits and his equally blamable accomplice, the dealer who seeks to make a greater profit by selling imitation stamps as genuine, the much exposed but undaunted approval sheet swindler or the advertising dead-beat, let us enquire into the ways of the speculators, that we may learn how deeply we are indebted to these philatelic benefactors (?) for the floods of speculative varieties with which we are desperately struggling.

Philately has had a great influence on the postal issues of the world. If stamps had never been collected, many small countries would have got along with ten varieties where they have issued fifty. These issues are generally traceable to some philatelist who has influence with the government and the issuing of a new set of stamps for speculative purposes is becoming very popular with some countries as one of the easiest and surest ways of raising revenue. The speculative issues are certainly detrimental to Philately, insomuch as every new stamp issued increases the number of collectible specimens which is already far too large for all except those whose time and money are unlimited.

The latest instance of the issuing of a set of stamps entirely unnecessary for postal purposes, but which are expected to be very remunerative to the government is to be found in the Portuguese colon-

ies. Heretofore stamps were issued for the colonies of Azores, Madeira, Portuguese Indies, Angola, Mozambique, St. Thomas and Prince. But in this latest issue each one of these is to be subdivided and stamps issued for each division. For instance, instead of issuing one set of stamps for the Azores Islands as a whole, each island is to have a set of its own. The amount of stamps actually used in all the Azores put together during a year would probably be less than that sold during the same period in an American city of 10,000 inhabitants, so you can readily see the need(?) of separate issues for each island. It is practically the same as if every State in the Union were to issue different stamps.

These Portuguese stamps have not even the beauty of design of the Szebeck issues, the stamps of all the colonies being exactly alike in everything except the name.

But stop, I must cease rambling over the vast field of philatelics or I will cause some of my readers to think this article longer than the average chronicle of new issues, which is capable of being spun out longer than anything else that I know of. I will therefore lay down my pen with the hope that every one of my readers will find their finances so prosperous that they will, in the future, make extensive purchases of the picturesque little curios that we all love so well, but—don't buy the speculative issues.

NOTES.

The "Florida PHILATELIST" continues a success in every respect. A brilliant future is predicted, and Mr. Hazen is to be congratulated for his vigorous enterprise.

L. Lorimer Drury, of DeLand, Fla., formerly President of the Southern Philatelic Society, has gone to Boston to attend college. Mr. Drury is a very enthusiastic collector, and will be much missed in his old home.

Gus. Luhn brings a good report from the A. P. A. convention, also several varieties of very desirable stamps purchased at Mr. Rogers' sale. Mr. Luhn always has a good time every where he goes, and also all the "beer" he wants.

The recent convention was the most harmonious the association has had since it was founded. With the late elected corps of officers the body cannot do otherwise than succeed and become one of the greatest societies of its kind in the world.

It is reported that J. D. Rice lost some \$800 worth of stamps at the convention. The stamps were mounted on S. I. P. S. cards, and in Stanley Gibbons' duplicate album. Collectors should be on the lookout for them.

About January 1st there will be printed a list of members of the American Philatelic Association. If you are not now a member, you should see to it that you are on the list, as it will contain names of the most advanced and prominent philatelists in the world. For further particulars address the secretary, Mr. M. F. Walton, Box 38, Philadelphia, Pa. He will give you all information concerning the association. Yours in Philately,

GUIDA FAWKES.

September 3, 1892.

The Shah of Persia is said to be an enthusiastic collector, and can display quite a number of very curious stamps.—*One Dime.*

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Editorials.

CATALOGUES are out announcing the fifth auction sale of R. F. Albrecht & Co., to be held October 6th.

THANKS to the officers of the Iowa Philatelic Association for their kind invitation to attend their first annual convention at Des Moines, 30th and 31st of August.

IN another column will be found the Columbia Stamp Co.'s advertisement. Each applicant is presented free with a neat imitation alligator purse.

IN the future we will conduct a "Philatelic Gallery" containing portraits and biographies of the most prominent Philatelists in the land. The "likeness" of Mr. August Djonje will appear in the next issue. Subscribe and thereby get the full set.

IN another column will be found an article copied from the Philadelphia Press telling of John J. Morgan's rascality. He's a slick one, having defrauded dealers and collectors out of thousands of dollars worth of stamps. We hope soon to hear of his being dealt with by the proper authorities.

There occurred a typographical error in our July issue which might have done harm to the advertiser,

the J. W. Scott Co. In speaking of their latest "Best" Album; the advertisement ran thus: "Second edition, June 1890." But should have read—Second edition, June 1892. This, we regret very much, but was no fault of ours, as the same copy of advertisement was sent to printer that the J. W. Scott Co. sent us.

The J. W. Scott, Co of 163 Fulton Street, New York City, is one of the oldest and largest firms in the United States, and have been to a great expense in revising the new edition of their album. Every Philatelist should have a copy of this new album, as it is replete in every respect. We consider it one of the best ever issued.

Mr. Davison, the talented editor of the *Post Office*, is under the impression that we are not a member of the A. P. A. In the August number of his paper, Mr. Davison comments on the FLORIDA PHILATELIST, and goes on to say "the PHILATELIST, like all other papers, favors the consolidation movement, but we would suggest to Mr. Hazen that his first step should be to apply for membership in the A. P. A." Now, Mr. Davison, as much interest as you take in the A. P. A. affairs, we should think you would read their official organ and see who are joining that association, and furthermore we would say that we *are* a member of the A. P. A. and that we applied for membership in that as-

sociation in June and our application was published in the July number of the *American Philatelist* and was admitted as a member before your valuable sheet was issued, or perhaps previous to your writing of the article. We have written Mr. Davison telling him of and asking him to correct this error in this month's issue of the *Post Office*.

TO S. P. S. MEMBERS.

Are you in favor of amalgamation? If so, let us consolidate our society with the A. P. A. If you will disband the S. P. S. now and join the "Greater Society," you may do so for 50 cents, which is the price of its official organ. This is lower than the S. P. S. dues.

According to the incorporation requirements every member must own one share of stock, which is \$1 a share. A member *is not* required to buy a share each year.

ADVANTAGES.

It is governed by the most prominent philatelists, who have the welfare of the association at heart. It has a larger library than any three American societies combined. Its sales department is better than the exchange departments of any society in the *world*. The purchasing agent will supply you with stamps as they are issued. A counterfeit need never disgrace your album; if you have a doubtful stamp send it to the Counterfeit Detector, who will pronounce his "verdict" on it. *The best* of all is the official organ, the *American Philatelist*, which has been established six years and is one of the most scientific yet interesting journals in the States.

Now, fellow members, you see what benefits you derive by being a member. The small advantages of the "Southern," united with the greater

advantages of the "American," will cause the A. P. A. to be better in every respect. Remember, "In union there is strength" and "United we stand, divided we fall."

If you are for or against amalgamation inform me by the postal card which you will receive with this number of the *FLORIDA PHILATELIST*.

Any S. P. S. member who wishes to make application for membership and will write me for an application blank I will send one signed by Mr. Hazen and myself as references.

Consider this well, as it is of vital importance.

Philatelically yours,

GUY REYNOLDS.

A. P. A., S. P. S.

Welaka, Fla., September 1, 1892

JOIN THE BEST,



The American Philatelic Association is composed of stamp collectors in all parts of the world. One of its departments is for the exchange of stamps, another, for the purchase of new issues at a fraction over their face value; another, for detecting counterfeits; while its foreign exchange, literature exchange and library are privileges open to all members. The Association publishes a monthly magazine, the *American Philatelist*, which is sent to all members. The cost of membership is \$2.50 for the first year, this including \$1 for a share of stock, a reduced fac simile of the certificate being shown above. After the first year the cost is only \$1.50 a year. The Association has now over 500 members. It is the largest society of stamp collectors in America, and one of the largest in the world. All collectors are invited to join. Application blanks will be furnished by the publishers of this paper.

A PHILATELIST GONE.

THE U. S. POSTAL AUTHORITIES LOOK-
ING FOR JOHN J. MORGAN.

Offered Tempting Prices—Owners of Rare
Postage Stamps Forwarded to Him
Are Now Awaiting Their Money.

HORACE STONE MAY BE THE SAME MAN.

The Disappearance of Philatelist Morgan in
Camden Contemporaneous with Stone's
Branching Out in This City, and
Now Both are Absent.

The United States postal authorities who are charged with the integrity of the mails in this city and vicinity are concerned as to the exact whereabouts of a mysterious philatelist who has been operating through the Philadelphia and Camden post offices recently. His rubber stamp was secured at his late boarding house across the Delaware by a post office inspector. This stamp comprises the total assets of everything tangible that was left behind and when pressed upon an inking pad and applied to a strip of white paper makes a clean cut impression which reads: "John J. Morgan, Philatelist, Publisher Columbia Philatelist, Lock Box 28 Camden, N. J."

Philatelist Morgan began operations about a year ago under the above letter head and advertised and sent out circulars giving full lists of tempting prices that he would pay for the transmission of rare postage stamps of this and other countries. His entire establishment consisted of a room in a boarding house and a lock box in the postoffice. To establish confidence among his patrons he announced himself as a publisher and referred "by permission" to "Hon. Jeremiah Kozien, of New Jersey," supposed by the post office inspectors to be a mythical person.

OFFERED EXCELLENT PRICES

The prices offered by Morgan were so far in advance of every other philatelist that in a short time his lock box was so crowded with sealed remittances containing hosts of rare postage stamps that it became a matter of surprise to some of the postoffice officials. Soon after his visits for mail and registered letters became less frequent than formerly, and now all the registered and other matter is forwarded to the dead letter office. Many enquiries have been received by mail at the

postoffice of this city as to the standing and whereabouts of this Camden operator and one quite recently from a prominent military officer of the regular army who is patiently awaiting a snug remittance for a valued collection of rare postage stamps forwarded to Morgan some months ago.

Contemporaneous with the disappearance of Morgan, the Camden philatelist, was the branching out of one Horace Stone, a philatelist who announced his address on his circular of prices as Kensington Avenue. He likewise ran his business through a lock box and a boarding house apartment, and in addition gave his landlady written permission to receipt for his registered letters.

Stone has also now disappeared from public gaze with a lock box well stuffed with registered letters, and his method as a philatelist have been so closely akin to those of Morgan, the Camden rare postage stamp collector, that it is now believed by the postoffice inspectors that John J. Morgan, of Camden, and Horace Stone, of Kensington Avenue, are one and the same individual. If they be the same man he has made thousands of dollars from the rare relics of his correspondents during his brief business career.

THE LOCK BOX BARRED

His lock box in this city is now barred from the inside, so that should the dual philatelist appear to claim his registered letters he can be delayed long enough to be nabbed by the proper officials. At his late boarding house his landlady looks perplexed, and answers all callers in the line of the song, "He never came back."

The United States postage stamps are of denominations from 1 cent to 90 cents, the postage due from 1 cent to 50 cents, and the newspaper and periodical stamps from 1 cent to \$60, comprising a series of forty in all; and as almost every administration has devised and issued new designs, the large amount of money which could be realized by an unscrupulous collector of stamps can be readily imagined.—*Philadelphia Press.*

New Issues and Discoveries

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS:

I shall be glad to receive from collectors and dealers notices of new issues, etc., which can, if desired, be inserted with the sender's name. Communications as to these

should be addressed to H. Gremmel, 80 Nassau Street, New York.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. A. Davison has shown us a pair of the 1868 2c black grilled 12x14 mm., or 15x18 squares; this has not been catalogued before, and we consider it a great rarity.

Adhesive.—1868. 2c black, grilled 12x14.

AUSTRIA.—Mr. C. Ledermann informs us that this country will issue new envelopes, wrappers and unpaid letter stamps.

BARBADOES.—A new provisional has been sent to us by our correspondent, and we also have all values of the long-expected new set. The latter are beauties, king of the ocean (Neptune) is setting on a large shell resting on two sea horses, BARBADOES in upper and value in lower straight label. Perforated 14. Water-mark C A and Crown.

Adhesives—1892.

- ½d green.
- 1d carmine.
- 2½d blue.
- 5d gray.
- 6d mauve and red.
- 8d orange and blue.
- 10d green and red.
- 2sh 6d slate and olive.

Provisional issue—1892. Half Penny on 4d brown, *black surcharge*.

BR. BECHUANALAND.—The *Philatelic Record* chronicles the Cape of Good Hope ½d with anchor water-mark over-printed in green for this territory.

Adhesive.—1892. ½d black, *green surch.*

BRAZIL.—The present 100r blue and red exists with inverted centre.

Adhesive.—1892. 100r red and blue, *inverted centre.*

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Mr. J. Noble, Jr., sends us the new 2½d, the design is the same as the last issue, with the exception that in the right hand upper corner 2½d is in a large square.

Adhesive.—1892. 2½d pale green. Wmk. anchor. Perf. 14.

COLOMBIA.—Mr. A. Lehmann has a variety of the 1879 cubierta which has not been noted before. The letter A in the word Certificacion is shaped thus, *a*, instead of *α*, as in the common variety.

Cubiertas.—1879. 50c red yellow and blue, *variety*.

A new set has also appeared of the old design, but color changed.

Adhesives.—1892.

- 1d red on yellow.
- 2d green.
- 5d black on *buff*.
- 10d brown on *rose*.
- 20c brown on *blue*.
- 50c violet on *violet*.
- \$1—green on *green*.

Two late stamps.

2½c blue on *rose*.

ANTIOQUIA.—*The American Journal of Philately* claims that there must be an error in the present 5c sheets, as they have seen a pair of which the stamp to the left was 2½c and the one to the right was 5c. We don't doubt this, as it would be very strange if this error-producing country should issue a set of stamps without a few errors for the poor collectors.

1892. 2½ black (error) on gray.

ST. PIERRE MIQUELON.—More provisionals of this French colony. The speculators must have a good pull with the postal officials, other-

wise there would be no need for new surcharges every month.

Provisional issue—

1892 1c on 25c black on rose, *black sur.*
 " 2c " " " "
 " 4c " " " "

GIBRALTAR.—The current 50c is reported to have been divided in half diagonally, and each half doing duty as a 25c stamp.

MEXICO.—We found in our stock the 6c carmine of the 1888 issue with large pin perforation, we always wondered why this stamp did not come in this way, as all the other values do. This completes the set.

Adhesives.—1888. 6c carmine, pin perf. 7.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Briefmarken Journal* claims that they have seen an envelope bearing four 2d stamps of the 1882 issue with a lilac surcharge O. P. S. O. (On Public Service Only), the envelope contained the same inscription. We have seen the present ½d stamp with watermark Star and N. Z.

Adhesive.—1892. ½d rose. Watermark Star and N. Z.

PARAGUAY.—The last set has been surcharged 1892 and so far we have seen the following values:

Provisional issue—

1892. 1c green, *black surcharge.*
 2c carmine, "
 5c blue, "

SELANGOR.—The *London Philatelist* chronicles the 5c tiger type and a foreign paper the 8c.

Adhesive.—1892. 5c blue.
 8c orange.

SAN MARINO.—Mr. O. Bickel informs us that provisionals and stamps in new colors have been issued. We believe that Mr. Bickel is the originator of these stamps,

and it must be a gold mine to him to buy the stamps for 1c each and to sell them for 60c to \$1. We would advise collectors to leave them severely alone.

Provisional issue—

1892. 5c on 30c brown, *black sur*
 5c on 10c blue, " "

Adhesives.—1892. 5c green.
 30c orange.
 40c brown.
 45c light green.
 1 lire brown and yellow.

SARAWAK.—Mr. A. J. Reed has sent us a new provisional, the 3c stamp of the 1871 issue being surcharged ^{ONE CENT} and its original value obliterated. He also sends us the new 1c stamp. The latter is of the same design as last set.

Provisional issue—

1892. ONE CENT on 3c brown on yellow, *black sur.*

Adhesive.—1892. 1c violet and gray.

SWEDEN.—New stamps have appeared, the design consists of a colored oval containing the figure of value in white on blue ground. The stamp is surrounded by a colored frame, the space between the oval and frame being filled with blue groundwork. Perf. 13.

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RECAPITULATION. — Jack Howard is a man who has studied for the ministry, but has become a detective. He makes a success of his profession, is unmarried, and is an intermittent stamp collector, belonging to the Western Stamp League. Walter Benson is a wealthy, fascinating, handsome young fellow, who is an ardent Philatelist. He and Howard are firm friends. Both live in Omaha. Canfield, an aged railroad contractor, loses by theft a stamp worth \$2,000 during or before a party at his house. He engages Howard to recover his property. Howard resolves to investigate the servants of Canfield's household, and the guests who attended the party. He confides his resolves to Benson. Other persons know nothing of the loss.

CHAPTER III.

"Yes, Jack, it's a fact. I'm going to be married. You ask me how it has all come about. Well I hardly know myself; at least I don't believe I can give a detailed account of it. But I will make a

bargain with you. If you will inform me regarding the progress of that stamp case of yours, I'll guarantee to tell you as much as I can about *my* affairs. Do you agree?"

Walter bent forward and awaited Howard's answer. The two friends were sitting in the detective's apartments. On the table was a bottle of some sparkling beverage which purported to come from a famous wine-producing town of France. There was an indescribable appearance of coziness about the room, which made one feel exceedingly comfortable, and which was calculated to make him renounce forever all dreams of Hymenial bliss. Everything was scrupulously neat, and appeared to fit exactly into its place. From the motto above the grate, "Be moderate in all things," to the little covered footstool, it seemed that everything was expressly intended for the position it occupied, and that nothing could be removed without marring the effect of the whole. No wonder Howard had expressed surprise at Benson's intended venture into the realms of matrimony. With his own exceedingly pleasing experiences in single blessedness, and with his thorough knowledge of his friend's character, it was almost inconceivable to him that Walter could be contemplating such a move as he had just proposed.

For two weeks Howard had not seen Benson. He had not conversed with him since their chance meeting of a fortnight before, when he had described the strange theft he was now engaged upon. At last he had taken a brief respite from his labors, and had invited Walter to his room. The conversation had passed through various channels, until it had led up to the remark made at the beginning of the chapter, just as both friends had intended it should. The object of their visit had been to discuss the very topics upon which they were about to enter; and yet each of the men had deluded himself into the belief that he had deceived his companion, when in reality he had done nothing of the kind.

Jack stared hard at Walter, and Walter looked serenely across at Jack. At last the latter spoke. "Yes, I agree, and more than that, I will tell my story first, since it is probably the shorter." He poured out a small glass from the bottle and went on. "I have been engaged on a good many peculiar cases, but I think this one is the strangest piece of business I ever ran across. There seems to be absolutely no clew upon which I can work. The stamp has disappeared as effectually as though swallowed up by the earth, and that's all there is to it. I have followed out the plan outlined by me when I saw you last. I first investigated the servants. I am perfectly confident that they are innocent of the crime with possibly one exception. Perhaps the coachman may know something about the loss. I can't quite make him out. No one seems

to know exactly who he is, or who his former employers were. He claims to have come from Montreal, Canada, and brought letters of reference from a former employer there. I have written to the man who signed his documents, and have made inquiries of him regarding the coachman's character (Williams is his name). The individual who is given as reference is rated high by the commercial agencies, and so he must be all right. I will soon know, as I have asked the Montreal police department if there has ever been anything suspicious regarding him. I expect I am wrong in thus suspecting the coachman. He is no different from any servant coming into a strange place from a distance, and Cansfield tells me he is as faithful a man as could be desired. It is always well to probe matters to the bottom, however, and that is what I am doing. If the coachman is innocent, no harm can possibly be done his character.

"My other intention, when I saw you, was to investigate the guests. Well, I have done that, and I am sure that the Marquises, DeVeres, Bowlbys, Allens and their friends are free from any guilt. Among the guests, as among the servants, there is one comparatively unknown quantity. That is found in the person of Mrs. Beckley. I even had suspicions of her, and in order to see if they were well founded I have cultivated her acquaintance of late. In addition to this, I went to the Stephens, whose guest she is, and by the most adroit means in my power learned all I could concerning her. They swear by the woman, and think there is no one

on earth like her. In fact I have almost begun to think so myself. Mind you, Walter, I am not in love; but if ever I found it possible to centre my affections upon a woman, it would be some such person as Mrs. Beckley. If ever a woman was lovable she is. When she speaks of her dead husband tears gather in her eyes, and you feel like weeping with her, and when she lays her soft hand on your arm and asks you to do her a favor, you inwardly vow that you will accomplish her desires if you lose a lifetime of pleasure by so doing.

"Perhaps you remember Lady Waldemar, whom Mrs. Browning describes in her great poem, 'Aurora Leigh,' Mrs. Beckley reminds me of her as regards her beauty. She is younger than Mrs. Browning's creation, and God grant, not so wicked. I have found out, from conversing with her, that she knows nothing of Philately, and this should silence all my suspicions in her direction. Both she and the coachman are either densely ignorant concerning stamps, or else they are feigning unusually well. As these are the only two parties whom it seems possible to suspect of the robbery, I am left stranded high and dry. Allens tell me that Mrs. Beckley is from England, her husband having died in Liverpool. They found her at Saratoga, and a friendship was then formed which has ripened into intimacy. That is all I can discover concerning her.

"One thing I do know, however. I like her exceedingly well; and while I am investigating her character with a view to establishing her connection with a crime,

I am liable to fall in love with the woman herself. I am guarding against such an occurrence all I can, and whether or not I am successful in the struggle remains to be seen. You now know as much about the case as I do, since I have told you everything. I want you to inform me regarding your approaching marriage. How has it all happened? What ever induced you to leave your stamp collecting long enough to court a girl? Does she believe in Philately? When is the wedding going to occur, and will I be invited?"

"Perhaps," said Walter, "you will now draw a long breath and wait for me to reply."

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In compliance with the order of A. L. Drummond, chief of the secret service division, Washington, Mr. Gambs forwarded to the Sec-

retary of the Treasury all the American coin cuts used in illustrating his coin pamphlet.

There are at least a dozen coin-dealers throughout the United States, who are at present using similar cuts in their respective catalogues and price lists, but should any one be discovered using them in the future, Chief Drummond of the Treasury Department will be thankful for any information of any person who is violating the law, and assures the informant that if such information is received, steps will at once be taken to correct the evil.

The law preventing the illustrations of old American postage stamps is an old one, but on coins, even though old, the law has not hitherto been generally enforced.—San Francisco *Morning Call*.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

The Universal Postal Union 1874-92.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, NEW YORK.

In the year of 1874 the Universal Postal Union comprised an area of forty million quadrate kilometres (one kilometre is equal to 1,000 metres or five-eighths of an English mile), with a population (white and black and copper colored) of 350,000,000. At the time of the "Paris, France," Postal Congress 1878, it comprised an area of sixty-seven quadrate kilometres with 750,000,000 inhabitants. At the time of the Lisbon, Portugal, Postal Congress, 1885, it was increased to 83,000,000 quadrate kilometres, with a population of 848,000,000. According to the statistics of the 1891 Postal Congress at

Vienna, Austria, the Universal Postal Union comprises an area of ninety-six quadrate kilometres, equal to 36,000,000 English quadrate miles, with a population of 946,000,000 of all rainbow colors. Australia (South Australia), West Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, Victoria, Queensland, Fiji-Island and British New Guinea (Australia) also on July 1st, 1892, the South African Republic (Transvaal) Natal (Africa) have joined the Postal Union. Outside are the Cape Colony and Orange Free State (Africa) and Chinese Empire. But the ports in China open for foreign trade are conducted in postal affairs by European and American post offices, and have regular postal union rates, and Hong Kong and Shanghai, China, have also our postage stamps. Morocco is also outside as well as Madagascar, but the French government is boss there and the post-offices of France at Tanger (Morocco) and Anarogeivo (Madagascar) belongs to the Postal Union, and forward all foreign mail. Now the whole civilized earth belongs to the Universal Postal Union (those pocket States outside do not amount to much and must join sooner or later). I mention yet that since July 1st, 1892 "postal cards" can be mailed to Transvaal and Natal (Africa). There is further an important postal law came in effect 1891 at the Vienna Postal Congress. It relates to the forwarding of newspapers (including stamp and coin papers). The following countries have entered into an agreement that their post-offices accept "subscriptions for newspapers" at such rates as are in use in that country from which

the paper is mailed. Members are the States, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Columbian Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Liberia, Latenburg, Norway, Persia, Portugal and all Portugese Colonies, Rumania, Sweeden, Switzerland, Turkey and Uruguay.

The reader can see from this "resume" the importance and facilities rendered by the Universal Postal Union brought into existence 1873 by the, at that time, Imperial German Postmaster General Steffhan."

By the way, Uncle Sam could give our people also more facilities in international postal matters.

1. Reduce the registration fee from 10 cents (extortion) to the regular Universal Postal Union rate, 5 cents.

2. Sell the entire envelopes at face value according to rule in the Universal Postal Union.

3. Guarantee for registered mail as all other countries do. U. S. are a member of the Universal Postal Union, but do not live up to their rules.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

PHILATELIC JOURNALISM.

BY WILL PETERSON.

PHILATELIC journalism as it is to-day is one of the most interesting features of Philately. Philatelic journals are the advance guard of Philately and the pride of the true philatelist, without them Philately could not exist. It is through them that we have recorded the doings of the Philatelic world in the past, and through them that we will record

its events in the future. Philatelic journals have more influence than is generally accorded them, as by their means many converts have been made to the cause of Philately and the interest of many revived who had wandered from the fold of "our hobby."

We have gleaned from the Philatelic press the history of all stamps and stamp-issuing countries of the world; we have been warned of the dangerous counterfeits put into circulation by fraudulent parties, and to beware of the "dead beat," who is seeking to defraud the Philatelic public under the disguise of a Philatelist.

Philatelic journals have been the means of keeping alive our interest in the pursuit, increased our philatelic knowledge and shown to the outside world that Philately is not a mere whim of youthful fancy, but a most instructive and fascinating pastime. Although Philately is still young in years Philatelic journalism is still younger, but nevertheless many stamp papers have completed volumes, which are very valuable and should be carefully preserved, not only for the information contained, but for their scarcity as well. The columns of the Philatelic press teem with articles written by the foremost Philatelic writers of the day discussing the more important questions regarding the welfare and pursuit of "our science."

It would be almost impossible to enumerate the many benefits we derive through the Philatelic papers and every collector should tender them their support and make the future brilliant for Philately and Philatelic journalism.

Our Portrait Gallery.

MR. AUGUST DeJONGE.

THE subject of our sketch, Mr. August DeJonge, of Staten Island, N. Y., was born August 8, 1833, at Offenbach, Germany. He came to the United States when three years of age, but returned to

Mr. DeJonge is an enthusiastic collector of stamps. Besides collecting postage stamps he has a very fine collection of revenues, making a specialty of Mexican revenues, which had such a rage some months ago.

His whole collection, including postage and revenue stamps, envelopes and postal cards, numbers about 2,300 varieties, and are mounted on loose sheets. He began collecting in 1857. Mr. DeJonge has been for a



Europe to complete his education, and remained there from 1847 to 1849. He went to Europe on pleasure, again in 1851, and after visiting all important European cities, he returned in 1853.

number of years the honorable president of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, which, although not the largest, is the most important society in New York.

He has also been a member of the

Board of Trustees of the A. P. A.

Mr. DeJonge may be safely termed the "Patriarchal Philatelist" of America.

GUY REYNOLDS.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

The Typical Philatelic Publisher.

BY A. H. M.

MOST truly he is a curious personage! Generally a personage of limited means, but one of great ambitions who believes the surest, quickest and most satisfactory manner of obtaining fame is through the publication of a Philatelic magazine. After a limited quantity of consideration in which there is generally little common sense used, he decides on the course of action which is to bring him both fame and wealth. He decides that a magazine he will publish—fearless and independent, but on examination of his treasury he probably finds that it contains only a sufficient amount to cover the cost of the first number—this settles the independent part. A fear comes upon him and he decides that in order to be on the safe side he will give a few dealers the privilege of inserting an advertisement in his first number, at regular rates. This number will have an extensive circulation of—a thousand copies, but for this no extra charge will be made, and of course the dealer will be quite anxious to secure a page or two of space. This would-be publisher is doubtless a school boy and under the searching eye of his teacher he is endeavoring to write letters to the leading dealers informing them that he has decided to grant them the privilege of inserting an ad. in the "____ Philatelist." This duty done he assumes his position in the editorial chair, truly a responsible position.

Many a day he looks in vain for the numerous advertisements, which he expected the dealers would be so eager to give him; but still he is not discouraged, there are brighter prospects before him; though disappointment meets him in one way, he expects success in another, for he reasons, my first number will bring me in scores of subscribers, and in this way future numbers will be a succession of successes. His first number is at last issued—but, alas, he has forgotten one thing, he has omitted to address wrappers to the numerous collectors whom he desires to subscribe. Morning, noon and evening, for two long weeks this youthful journalist is found busily engaged addressing and wrapping his papers, this done a still more serious difficulty presents itself—"second class rates" and prior to having the same granted him he is compelled to spend his surplus cash in mailing the papers at regular postage rates. At last his paper is mailed, hours, days, and weeks pass away, the young publisher is at last beginning to feel discouraged, for instead of the hundreds of subscriptions which he expected to receive he has received but a straggling one or two. His interest languishes in the same manner his cash has. The day of publication again draws near and a resolution enters the mind of the would-be editor and he announces his journal "discontinued for want of time."

MORAL:—Journalism is a troubled sea, many there are that sail thereon, but the majority become desolate and foundered wrecks.

—A letter addressed to "Charles Smith, K. Pan," did not bother the Boston postmaster. He sent it to its destination, Cape Anne.—Philatelic Tribune.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

A PLEA FOR SAMPLE COPIES.

BY A WESTERN CRANK.

WHY is it that some of our best stamp papers are so niggardly sparing of their sample copies? Are they afraid to trust their paper on its own merits, or do they expect one to subscribe for a paper he has never seen and one the publisher does not care enough about his subscription list or the welfare of his advertisers to place a sample copy in the hands of some collector? I sometimes think such publishers do not consider their paper worth its subscription price, and it is no wonder we see so many papers suspend publication after one or two numbers or even after struggling through a complete volume. Another great mistake is to expect a collector to promptly subscribe for a paper on the receipt of one sample copy. How is he to know that it is a fair sample? He may even think it is a special number gotten up for that very purpose. Some publishers have such a remarkable bump of self esteem and unexcusable conceit, that they think if a person does not subscribe at once on seeing *their* paper, he is greatly lacking of the slightest grain of common sense. I well remember when "The Collector's Companion," (published by J. H. Raymond of Chicago, and probably the most popular stamp publication ever issued,) was first started, of receiving complimentary the first four numbers, promptly on time each month. What a delicate hint to

subscribe, and how surely and completely it ingratiated itself in your favor till you could no more resist the temptation to send on your quarter of a dollar than you could refuse the gift of a "Brattleboro." Who after receiving a few numbers of any decent Philatelic paper, could resist the pleasure of having the rest of the volume complete? I once had a notice running in the "Dealers' Directory" of a prominent publication, for two years, that I would subscribe for every paper worth its subscription price, and even then did not catch a glimpse of half of the papers published. Although I have never yet seen the *stamp paper* that I did not consider worth more than the price asked for it, I am so radical on this subject that I will not ask for a sample copy, nor subscribe to a paper run by such a manager(?) If these few lines open the eyes of at least one Philatelic publisher, on how a collector feels on this subject and appreciates his sample copy ("with please subscribe" put where it does not disfigure it for any use but the waste basket), I shall consider myself well paid.

For the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

BOSTON NOTES.

F. B. Estabrook, publisher of the American Philatelist and collector, comes to Boston to see his Philatelic brethren quite often.

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John C. Schayer's stamp advertisement can be read in the Boston daily papers the whole year round.

He is the only Boston dealer who advertises in daily papers.

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There are over 400 stamp collectors in Boston at a close estimate, but Mekeel's Address Book is greatly deficient in them.

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The Boston Philatelic Society should do more advertising, as outside of its own members very few Philatelists in Boston know of it.

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Over sixty variety stores in this city now sell stamps from sheets or packets.

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Collectors visiting Boston should see the fine sets of stamps in case on the corner of Washington and Summers Streets.

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S. Allen Taylor is the oldest dealer and collector in Boston and the oldest stamp publisher in the world.

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It is expected that a Junior Boston Philatelic Society will soon be organized.

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Since the Philatelic Nonpariel was published several years ago Boston has not had the honor of publishing a stamp paper, but now F. Williams, Secretary of the Stamp Collectors' Union, has started the "Yankee Philatelist," which promises to be one of the best published.

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Philatelists here are thinking of organizing a New England Philatelic Society for New England Philatelists only.

BOSTON PHILATELIST.

Editorials.

SUBSCRIBE.

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ADVERTISE.

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HAVE you sent in your subscription?

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MR. ALBERT R. ROGERS held a private sale October 17th.

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WHEN answering advertisements in this issue please say you saw ad. in the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

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DEALERS! Why not try an advertisement in this paper? It has paid others and it will pay you.

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WE are always in need of original and interesting MSS. for which we will give cash or advertising space in the "F. P."

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RUMOR has it that each the A. P. A. and S. of P. are soon to have branch societies in the Southern States.

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CATALOGUES are out announcing the 35th auction sale of the Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, October 18th.

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MR. W. F. DISSOTELL, of Detroit, Mich., informs us that he will soon issue the "National Philatelist," a twelve page monthly.

Here's our ~~best~~; wish you success,
Walter.

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MR. S. B. BRADT will please accept our thanks for his kind invitation to attend an informal reception tendered Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J., October 18th.

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THERE occurred in our last issue a bad error in the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co's. advertisement. The name was spelled wrong. When it was inserted it read Meekel, and should have read Mekeel. This we trust will not again happen. The Mekeel Company is one of the largest and oldest companies in the business, and this may have done them harm instead of good.

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WE have received the Standard Stamp Co's. new price-list, consisting of sixty-four pages and cover, fully illustrated. It is very neatly printed and full of tempting offers. The publishers informed us that they printed 35,000 copies and that the list will cost them over \$1,500, including postage, etc., undoubtedly the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price-list. They will gladly send a free copy to every collector who will address them at 925 LaSalle St., St. Louis Mo.

If you want to be in it advertise in the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

Written for THE FLORIDA PHILATELIST.]

COMMENTS HERE AND THERE.

BY UNCLE PHIL.

This is the season of the "drifter." The "drifter" is the animal who begins to collect stamps in the fall of the year, induced by the special bargains offered by dealers at this time, and as spring approaches sells his stamps and album for a tithe of their value, and dismisses from his mind all Philatelic subjects. Here is the chance of a life time for some inventive collector to discover a plan whereby these "drifters" can be kept in the fold. They out-number by far the real collectors and Philatelists and although the majority of them are "kids," they would in the future be our most prominent Philatelic lights.

A few days ago I took a "run" over to Philadelphia and found that the little Quaker town was beginning to show signs of a general boom in the Philatelic line. Among others, I visited the retail store of the Bogert & Durbin Co., where I met Mr. Hanes' little son.

"Do you collect stamps?" he inquired.

"Yes," I affirmed.

"So do I, but I can get all I want for nothing!"

I left wishing that I, too, was a stamp dealer's little boy.

The pocket catalogue of U. S. and Confederate stamps which has recently been issued by R. F. Albrecht & Co., is certainly a beauty and reflects great credit on the publishers. Why wasn't it thought of before?

All doesn't seem to be very calm

at present among certain S. of P. members, notably the publishers of the "Pennsylvania Philatelist" and the Baltimore Contingent.

As usual that "fearless and independent" paper, the "Stamp," has forced itself into the midst of the fight, and now the war wages merrily on. Instead of advancing the interests of the S. of P. by their cards and editorials they are injuring both that society and themselves. Declare a truce.

The P. H. U. L. E. stood on the burning deck
When all but him had fled:
The flames jumped up upon his neck,
And blazed around his head.
Oh, why does he seek this terrible death?
The answer comes back too true—
He had a billion postage stamps,
But not a Sxxxxx Qxxx.

Our Society Column.

THE Stamp Collectors' Union, though but recently organized, has already nearly 100 members and is now one of the largest Philatelic Societies in America. The benefits are as large if not larger than most societies, viz: Exchange and Auction Departments, Collecting Bureau and fine Philatelic Library, all of which are conducted by experienced Philatelists and are in fine running order. All live stamp collectors will find it to their interest to join at once. Dues until January 1893 will be received at 20 cents. Members receive our twelve-page official organ every month free of charge. While offering special inducements to beginners, we will endeavor to make it profitable to any collector, however far advanced, to become a member.

If you decide to join, send your dues to the secretary and become a member and be entitled to all benefits. F. Williams, Sec., 17, Hancock Street, Boston, Mass.

GERMANIA IS THE ONLY PURE GERMAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

on the American Continent, has members in all countries of the globe and official organs in America and Europe. The library is well filled with Philatelic and curio papers in all languages and from all countries. The minutes of the meetings of Germania are regularly published in Philatelic papers in Europe and United States of America. Our members have much more advantages than those of any other stamp society. German speaking Philatelists wake up and join a German Philatelic Association. Deutsch sprechende Philatelisten seid einig und ierdet unser mitglied. Address with reply postage stamp (Retourporto) for details. Ph. Heinsberger (Germania), 9 First Avenue, New York (U. S. America).

LITERARY AND REVIEW.

FOR SEPTEMBER UNLESS OTHERWISE
STATED.

The Post Office was not up to its usual high standard, although the leading article, "The New York City Post Office," by Chas. Gregory, is of exceptional merit. Twenty-five cents a year, of the Post Office Publishing Co., 80 Nassau Street, New York City.

A Columbian Ramble, The Corwin Anniversary, Notes on the Surface Printed Stamps of Great Britain, and a continuation of the Stamps of Bergedorf, compose the main portion of the Metropolitan Philatelist. We would advise Mr. Scott to get another proof reader. Fifty cents a year, J. W. Scott Company, 163 Fulton Street, New York City.

The American Philatelist for October contains fourteen pages of excel-

lent reading matter. The information to be obtained from its editorials alone is worth the subscription price. The A. P. A. appears to be a pretty lively corpse, having ten new members with thirty-three applications. The official journal is sure to increase in size and quality under its present management. Fifty cents a year, C. H. Mekeel & Co., 1007-9-11 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

The Southern Philatelist had the most entertaining A. P. A. report we had the pleasure of reading. The most amusing feature of the periodical was the editor's rambles through the North, especially his sojourn in New York. By pluck and enterprise Mr. Luhn has made his paper one of the best in the South. Twenty-five cents a year, Southern Stamp & Publishing Co., 25 Broad Street, Charleston, S. C.

We fear Ralph Spooner has been drinking too much South Beach beer. The Stamp for October contains sixteen pages of interesting matter, including two reviews of Philatelic publications, and the omission of pages 107-114. Twenty-five cents a year, Greoning & Spooner, Long Branch, New Jersey.

The Postal Card is unsurpassed by any domestic or foreign publications in regard to information for postal card collectors. Although one of the editors is taking his summer vacation, the September issue is equal to any of its predecessors.

"Lo and behold!" The Philatelic Era agreeably surprised us with its last issue. It now contains a *Philatelic Review of Reviews* (very similar to that of the Philatelic journal of Great Britain) conducted by Mr. C. W. Small. Twenty-five cents a year,

of W. W. Jewett, 502 Congress St., Portland, Maine.

Another surprise. The re-appearance of the Canadian Philatelist, which is the official organ of the Philatelic Society of Canada. This Society should expel one Thos. O. Pardoe, who has of late been defrauding collectors. If we are not mistaken Pardoe was one of its charter members.

Pinkham must be making a "pot" out of the advertising columns in his Eastern Philatelist. The last issue contained thirteen pages of advertisements, twelve pages of varied reading matter were also given. If any one deserves success it is Brother Pinkham. F. H. Pinkham, publisher, Newmarket, N. H.

The Philatelic Journal of America contains a fair report of the A. P. A. Convention, also a verbatim report on the official journal question. Other interesting matter is given, including the translation of the questions that appeared in "Le Questionneur Timbrophilique." One dollar a year, C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., 1007 9-11 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

The September Galaxy of Music contains some forty-four pages of the choicest vocal and instrumental selections. Ten cents per copy \$1 a year, F. Trifet 408 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

Albrecht's Vest Pocket Catalogue is the best and handiest price list that has been issued for some time. Every collector should have one. Twenty-five cents, R. F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau St., New York City.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News continues to come to hand every Satur-

day evening with its supply of latest news, notes, etc. We could not be without it. C. H. Mekeel Co., 1007-9-11 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

JOIN THE BEST.



The American Philatelic Association is composed of stamp collectors in all parts of the world. One of its departments is for exchange of stamps; another, for the purchase of new issues at a fraction over their face value; another, for detecting counterfeits; while its foreign exchange, literature exchange and library are privileges open to all members. The Association publishes a monthly magazine, the *American Philatelist*, which is sent to all members. The cost of membership is \$2.50 for the first year, this including \$1 for a share of stock, a reduced fac simile of the certificate being shown above. After the first year the cost is only \$1.50 a year. The Association has now over 500 members. It is the largest society of stamp collectors in the United States, and one of the largest in the world. All collectors are invited to join. Application blanks will be furnished by the publishers of this paper.

Do you want to be in it? If so, you should see that your advertisement is in the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

WRITTEN FOR THE PHILATELIST.

CANADIAN NOTES.

The Canadian Philatelic Association convention's at the "Falls" had another dance of about a dozen, and was more of a success than the previous year, when the attendance was but two.

The Philatelic Society is without an official organ, the Canadian Philatelist having resigned that position. It is expected that some American paper will secure the contract pro tem.

Mr. H. F. Mooers, of Kingston, is the new secretary of the Philatelic Society of Canada. The other officers with one or two exceptions, are the same as last year. It is rumored that the secretary has several resignations on hand. The convention was held at Ottawa on August 18th, 19th and 20th; the attendance was large, about thirty being present, including most of the officers being there.

P. S. of C. dues were raised to 50 cents per year at the convention.

The C. P. A. has abolished its exchange department.

The Toronto Journal of Philately has suspended publication.

The Canadian Philatelist is the pink of perfection, each number excels the previous one. Mr. Hatcher has resigned the official organship of P. S. of C. in order to have more room for reading matter. He promises many improvements in the near future. The paper is apparently a financial success.

The Dominion Philatelist is typographically perfect, but great improvements could be introduced by publishing better reading matter.

NEW ISSUES AND DISCOVERIES

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS:

I shall be glad to receive from collectors and dealers notices of new issues, etc., which can, if desired, be inserted with the sender's name. Communications as to these should be addressed to H. Gremmel, 80 Nassau street, New York.

BARBADOS.—Since last month I have received all the values of the new set. Watermark Crown C. A. Perforated 14.

Adhesives—1892.

- ½d green.
- 1d carmine.
- 2½d blue.
- 5d olive.
- 6d violet and red.
- 8d orange and blue.
- 10d sea green.
- 2sh 6d black and orange.

BOLIVIA.—We have not only the 1890 1c surcharged Timbre, but also the 1886 issue 1c with the same surcharge, used for postage.

Revenue used for postage—

- 18? 1c carmine, rouletted.

BR. BECHUANALAND—The Philatelic Record has information from the postmaster that the 4d Cape of Good Hope has never been overprinted vertically for use in this colony, and that they must be frauds.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—A provisional 4sh stamp has been manufactured by surcharging the current 5sh B. C. A. Four Shillings.

Provisional issue—1892.

4sh on 5sh yellow, black surcharge.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—Mr. R. F. Ribiero of Hong Kong has sent us a new provisional. The 5c gray has been surcharged in red ¹cent.

Provisional issue—1892.

- 1c on 5c gray, red surcharge.

BULGARIA.—Der Philatelist chronicles two errors of the 25 and 50s unpaid letter stamps in which the last letter of the word TAKCA is a Russian instead of a Latin letter. The same paper also mentions two varieties of perforations of the 25s unpaid letter stamps, and a variety of the provisional 3s on 10s rose, in which the thin outer line of the figure "3" is missing.

Adhesives, provisional issue—

- 1884. 3s on 10s rose (variety).

Unpaid letter stamps—

1886. 50s blue, error in TAKCA, unperforated. 1887: 25s crimson, error in TAKCA, perforated. 1887: 25s carmine perforated 12 vertically, large perforations horizontally. 1887: 25s carmine, perforated 12 horizontally, large perforations vertically.

CENTRAL AMERICAN S. S. CO.—The American Journal of Philately claims that this company issued stamps in 1886. The 1c was little used, and it is an error that this value appeared instead of the 5c. It was to obtain this last value that the 1c green was surcharged in red. The design consists of a steamship to the right in a shield formed of two labels, the upper one inscribed with the name of the company, the lower one broken in the centre by a shield bearing the figure of value, is inscribed on the left **NEWSPAPERS 1 OZ. 2 CTS.**, and on the right **LETTERS 1-2 OZ 5 CTS.** At the bottom of the stamp is a label also broken, inscribed on left **TWO CENTS** and on the right **DOS CENTAVOS.** At the top of the stamp, on the left of the upper label is "18" and on the right "86," the date of issue. Perforated 11. *Adhesives*—1886.

- 1c green.
- 2c carmine.
- 5c on 1c green and red.
- 10c blue.
- 50c brown.

CEYLON.---The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain chronicles another surcharge, this time the 28c has been surcharged "3 cents" and a line in black.

Provisional issue---1892. 3c on 28c slate and black.

COLOMBIA.---Mr. R. H. Gray has sent us the new set, the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 50c, are printed in different colors, the 20c and 1p are new designs.

Adhesives.---1886. 1c red on orange.
2c green.
5c black on buff.
10c brown on rose.
20c brown on blue.
50c violet on violet.
1 peso blue on green.

Too late stamp---1892.

2 1-2c blue on rose.

Registered stamp---1892.

10c brown on buff.

FRENCH COLONY, Tange-Fey. Mr. C. Witt sends us a new set of this colony: Tange-Fey below in straight label, with a large figure of value in centre similar to French stamps, but with palm trees surrounded.

Adhesives---1892.

5c green on greenish.
10c black on light rose.
15c blue on grayish.

HONDURAS.---Mr. N. F. Seebeck did not send us a set of the new issue for 1892-3, as we are opposed to these speculative products, but we have seen them, and as there are a great many collectors who still collect this rubbish we mention them here. The stamps are all of the same design, the principal representing a statue of two figures, one of Columbus evidently pointing toward the newly discovered world as it appears to him in the distance from the deck of his vessel; below this is the date, October 12, 1492.

Adhesives---1892. 1c gray.

2c dark blue.
5c light green.
10c dark green.
20c brown.
30c light blue.
40c orange.
75c carmine.
1 peso purple.

HONG KONG.---The London Philatelist chronicles a variety of the jubilee issue, consisting of an "J" which is distinctly shorter than that usually found, and the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain also chronicles the same stamp with the "K" much higher and narrower than on the common varieties, and states that they have the last \$1 in three varieties, without the Chinese character, with one character only, and with several (all of them appear on the same sheets).

Adhesives---

1889. 2c rose Jubilee (small J) *variety*
2c " " (large K) "
1889. \$1 on 96c brown on red.
\$1 on 96c " " one
Chinese character.
\$1 on 96c brown on red, several Chinese characters.

ITALY.---The 1 lire segnatasse comes now with the figure in carmine.

Unpaid letter stamps---

1892. 1 lire blue and red.

LABUAN.---We hear that the latest surcharge (6-cents) has been applied to the 16c at the request of an English collector. One or two sheets only were surcharged, and the envelopes were franked with certain of these stamps. The entire quantity was forwarded to the English collector. As none of these stamps, although they apparently franked letters, were ever issued to the public, we refrain from adding them to our list.

MEXICO.---We copy the follow-

ing from the *American Journal of Philately*:

"We have two Mexican varieties to chronicle this month that have been recently discovered on old correspondence that has been brought to light in Mexico.

"The first is a 2 reales, green, issue of 1857, printed in the regular color on very dark green wove paper, the color of the paper being so dark as to almost make the impression of the stamp illegible except in good light, the stamp is used on the original letter in company with other common stamps of the same issue, surcharged 'Pueble.'

"The other is a 1 reale, 1861, black on yellow paper, being the same paper as that used in the 4 reales stamps of that issue, the stamp has an early impression of the plate; good clear black impression, used copy, surcharged 'Vera Cruz.'

1856. 2 reales light green on dark green paper.

1861. 1 real black on yellow paper.

—*Philatelic Journal of America*.

We cannot, of course, deny that these varieties exist, but it is possible that they are merely changelings, and it is therefore well to accept them with a "grain of salt."

We have just received a small lot of 10 stamps of the 1884 issue printed in blue. The color is exactly like that of the one peso stamps, and cannot under any circumstances have been due to any chemical change. The stamps are perforated, and while they may never have been issued, there can be but little doubt that they were regularly printed and withdrawn as soon as the error was noticed. We cannot say whether any of these stamps ever went through the mails; at the same time, we had submitted to us some 1, 4 and 10c stamps in unperforated condition,

but these were proofs, as they were not on the same paper as the regular issue of stamps.

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	3 cent scarlet.	Same design as 1861.
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	15 cent black.	Lincoln, our sixteenth and martyred President.
	24 cent mauve.	Same design as 1861.

SIXTH SERIES.—Perforated and grilled

1867-8	1 cent blue.	} Same designs as previous 1861-6 issues.
	2 cent black.	
	3 cent rose.	
	5 cent brown.	
	10 cent green.	
	12 cent black.	
	15 cent black.	
	24 cent lilac.	
	30 cent orange.	
	90 cent blue.	

SEVENTH SERIES.—Perforated and grilled.

- 1869 1 cent buff. Franklin.
 2 cent brown. Horse and rider.
 3 cent blue. Locomotive.
 6 cent blue. Washington.
 10 cent yellow. Shield.
 12 cent green. Steamship.
 15 cent brown and blue. Landing of Columbus.
 24 cent green and purple. Signing Declaration of Independence.
 30 cent blue and carmine. Eagle.
 90 cent black and carmine. Lincoln.

EIGHTH SERIES.—Perforated and grilled.

- 1870-1 1 cent blue. Franklin.
 2 cent brown. Jackson.
 3 cent green. Washington.
 6 cent pink. Lincoln.
 7 cent vermilion. Stanton, Statesman and Secretary of War in Lincoln's Cabinet.
 10 cent brown. Jefferson.
 12 cent dark purple. Clay. Statesman.
 15 cent orange. Webster. Statesman
 24 cent purple. Scott. Leader of the American army in the Mexican War.
 30 cent black. Hamilton. Statesman and colleague of Washington. Killed in a duel with Aaron Burr.
 90 cent carmine. Perry. Commander in the U. S. Navy during the war of 1812, and who defeated the British on Lake Erie, September 1813.

NINTH SERIES.—Perforated.

Same as previous series but without grills.

TENTH SERIES.—Perforated.

- 1875 1 cent.
 2 cent.
 3 cent.
 6 cent.
 10 cent.
 12 cent.
 24 cent.
 30 cent.
 90 cent.

Reprint of 1869 series and same as seventh series with the exception that this series is not grilled.

ELEVENTH SERIES.—Perforated.

- 1875 2 cent vermilion. Same design as in 1872.
 5 cent blue. Taylor, Gen. Zachary, Distinguished in the Mexican War and our twentieth President.

TWELFTH SERIES.—Perforated.

- 1882 5 brown. Garfield. Our twentieth President, assassinated July 2 by Guiteau.
 1 cent blue.
 3 cent green.
 6 cent pink.
 10 cent brown.

Re-engraved dies of the 1870 issue.

THIRTEENTH SERIES.—Perforated.

- 1883 2 cent maroon. Washington
 4 cent green. Jackson.

FOURTEENTH SERIES.—Perforated.

- 1887 1 cent blue. Franklin.
 2 cent green. } Same dies as previous
 3 cent vermilion } issue but change in color.

FIFTEENTH SERIES.—Perforated.

- 1888 4 cent carmine. } Same dies as
 5 cent blue. } previous issue
 30 cent pruce brown } but change in
 90 cent purple. } color.

SIXTEENTH SERIES.—Perforated.

- 1890 1 cent blue. Franklin.
 2 cent carmine. Washington.
 3 cent purple. Jackson.
 4 cent brown. Lincoln.
 5 cent brown. Grant. Commander-in-chief of the Union Army at the close of the rebellion and our eighteenth President.
 6 cent red-brown. Garfield.
 10 cent green. Webster.
 15 cent blue. Clay.
 30 cent black. Jefferson.
 90 cent orange. Perry.

From a study of the above list we find—

We have fourteen of our honored dead immortalized by the postoffice department Franklin, Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, Stanton, Clay, Webster, Scott, Hamilton, Perry, Taylor, Grant, Garfield.

Among them are seven Presidents, five statesmen, one General (Scott) and one Commodore.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co.'s price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle street, St. Louis, Mo.

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A DIFFERENT VIEW.

BY ANOTHER WESTERN CRANK.

I notice in the October number of this paper an article complaining of the niggardness of many prominent papers in regard to their sample copies. Although it may seem out of place for me, a mere high school student, to contradict the opinion of one who is probably an old collector, I must say that it seems to me that in this day when philatelic publications of all sorts abound, and so many collectors are objecting to the vast quantities of sample copies which they continually receive, the gentleman's case is peculiar, to say the least.

He says that the collector generally receives but one sample copy which is perhaps gotten up especially for that purpose. I think there must be something wrong with the postoffice at that gentleman's town. For my part I may truthfully state that of all the papers of which I have received sample copies there have been only three of which I have been favored with but one number. I have not seen the slightest evidence of that "bump of self esteem and inexcusable conceit" with which the gentleman apparently considers most philatelic publishers endowed. It has been my almost invariable experience that when I have sent for

a sample copy of any paper, the publishers have courteously continued to send me two or three numbers.

My friend declares that it is no wonder that so many infant papers suspend since they apparently do not consider themselves worth their subscription price, and so do not send out enough sample copies! It appears to me strange indeed that any reader of philatelic literature does not realize that the death of so many youthful publications is caused by sending out so many of those sample copies of which he thinks there is such a lack. This paper, in the very number in which his article appeared, contained a short sketch of the "typical philatelic publisher" in which the poor young journalist was represented as toiling day and night for a couple of weeks in simply addressing his sample copies! The philatelic press of to-day is full of jokes at the expense of the youthful editor and his gratuitously distributed papers, and as the whole or almost the whole of the first number of every philatelic paper must necessarily be sent out in sample copies, I cannot believe that the gentleman's statements are well grounded. If he can show me a single prominent stamp paper that is really stingy or mean in regard to its sample copies I should be exceedingly glad to hear from him.

I wish it to be clearly understood that I am no bum editor trying to defend a worthless sheet, but a well meaning collector who really believes there has been a mistake.

WILL. N. VAILE.

HOWARD'S STAMP CASE

GUY F. GREEN.

Author of "The Strange Story of the Blue Book;" "My Temptation;" "Andy's Rare Stamp Discovery;" "Voodoo Reed's Downfall," Etc.

RECAPITULATION. — Jack Howard is a man who has studied for the ministry, but has become a detective. He makes a success of his profession, is unmarried and is an intermittent stamp collector, belonging to the Western Stamp League. Walter Benson is a wealthy, fascinating, handsome young fellow who is an ardent Philatelist. He and Howard are firm friends. Both live in Omaha. Canfield, an aged railroad contractor, loses by theft a stamp worth \$2,000 during or before a party at his house. He engages Howard to recover his property. Howard resolves to investigate the servants of Canfield's household and the guests who attended the party. He confides his resolves to Benson. Other persons know nothing of the loss. Walter Benson visits Jack Howard's room and finds that Jack has no doubts concerning any servants except the coachman, a new man; and has no doubts concerning any guest except Mrs. Beckley, a beautiful widow, and a stranger. He has begun an investigation of both of these. Walter announces his intention of marrying.

CHAPTER IV.

"In the first place" began Walter, "this approaching marriage of mine is not a sudden 'catastrophe' as you would probably term it. I have been leading up to it for a

long time, as you can very well imagine. But none of my friends are aware of the affair or have even suspected my intention. So what I may say to you will of course be treated as private information."

"Just on the outskirts of the city lives a widow who moved here ten or twelve years ago from California. The lady is wealthy, her husband having been an extensive fruit grower. After the death of her husband she turned his property into ready cash, and together with her only daughter settled in Omaha. It is this daughter in whom I am interested. She is a perfect picture of loveliness and should captivate any man's heart."

"Spare your adjectives and go on with the story." Jack interrupted.

"Well, I will. The girl has been highly educated, and is smart as chain lightning. She is twenty-three or four years old and a thorough business woman. Perhaps had she not possessed this latter quality I should never have known her. You remember when the Agriculturalist's Bank failed about a year and a half ago. Mrs. Knox (that is my prospective mother-in-law's name) had been depositing in that institution, but on account of the suspicions of her daughter she withdrew her money about three weeks before the crash and came to us. The daughter, Nellie, did the depositing, and I was fortunate enough to be on duty when the money was

handed in and the bank book issued. Thus our acquaintance began, and I used every opportunity to extend it. You know how such things come about. Before long I was a welcome guest at the house, and a few months later I was an accepted suitor for Nellie's hand. We expect to be married in a couple of weeks, just a quiet wedding at the house, with perhaps a dozen guests, of which number I want you to be one. Here you have the whole story."

Jack had listened intently while Walter had been speaking, and now that his friend had concluded, he silently poured out a glass of wine and pushed it towards him, reserving another for himself. Then he spoke:

"Well, Walter, I congratulate you. You have evidently struck a piece of good luck. But now that you have two attractions, philately and a prospective wife, which do you intend to cleave to? I suppose of course Nellie knows of your collection and sympathizes with your efforts to amass the best album of specimens in Omaha. This will be necessary in order to assure you complete happiness."

Walter said nothing for a time, but a troubled look settled upon his face.

"There's my only anxiety, Jack. Nellie is one the queerest girls I ever saw in matters that refer to

the collection of stamps or anything else. She is of the opinion that such things are childish and looks upon them with the utmost disfavor. When she brings her sarcastic powers to play upon the hapless objects of her disfavor the people attacked are apt to feel very uncomfortable. And so I have refrained from mentioning philately in her presence, fearing that the subject would be a disagreeable one. After we are married she will necessarily have to know of my liking for stamps, and I shall endeavor to convert her to my way of thinking, although I may fail in my self imposed task. I shall not give up my collection, no matter what happens, and while we may have a clash, I am hoping for the best, as I always do."

Jack spoke.

"Walter, I'm afraid you've made a mistake in this matter, but of course you are your own judge. When a man marries a woman there should be nothing concealed. Each should be as well acquainted with the other as possible. The smallest misunderstandings have sometimes led to the most serious results, and who can tell how this will terminate. If I were in your position I should immediately speak of my stamp album to my *fiancee*. There need be nothing serious about it, a mere jesting allusion to the existence of the book

will suffice. That will clear matters up, and there need be no possible excuse for a misunderstanding. I don't expect a divorce or anything of the kind to result from a failure to do this; I am whimsical in such matters, however, and maybe that accounts for the advice I have given you."

"I tell you I am afraid to mention the matter, Nellie might even declare the wedding off," replied Walter. "She is independent enough to do as much, and I wouldn't have such a thing occur for a good deal of money. I will run my own risks and trust to providence for the results."

"You trust to providence entirely too much, old man and some of these times you will wish you had relied more upon yourself," was Jack's parting shot.

Walter said nothing more and by common consent the matter was dropped.

The two friends smoked a few more cigars, drank another glass of wine each, and Walter prepared to depart. He paused, as he was drawing on his gloves, and said, "Let me know of the progress you make in your detective work."

"I will, certainly," was the reply.

"And you will be on hand at the wedding if I shouldn't happen to see you again?"

"Of course, what is the exact time?"

"Two weeks from Wednesday. Eight o'clock in the evening."

"Well, good bye."

"Good bye."

And Walter was gone.

Jack sat down in his chair and thought. His musings were not all pleasant ones, especially when he recalled the words of Walter in regard to Nellie Knox's opinion of stamp collecting. To his calculating mind this presaged trouble, to how great an extent he could not imagine. Then Jack thought of his case of its strange developments, and, last of all, of the beautiful Mrs. Beckley, the widow. Evidently his thoughts of her were decidedly pleasant, for he smiled into his fire several times, and even hummed snatches from a few old love songs.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

COMMENTS HERE AND THERE.

BY UNCLE PHIL.

WHILE standing in the lobby of the postoffice reading a copy of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, I noticed a gentleman scanning the engraved heading of the paper very intently. He finally approached me and asked whether I collected old stamps. Upon my replying in the affirmative he stated that he had a twenty year old collection in his office (he was a coal and oil broker), which he desired to sell and invited me to accom-

pany him thither and make a bid on it. I did so, and found a collection of 1000 varieties, more or less, glued into an ancient order book. Some of the stamps were fairly desirable specimens, but the majority of them catalogued at an average two or three cents each. My bid was \$6 and it was only twenty-four dollars short of the reserve price. I cite this instance merely to illustrate how collectors of twenty or more years aback value their collections, which they have since abandoned. They are evidently under the impression that every stamp in the collection is taking a jump of 50 per cent. every year. But it isn't.

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It is not generally known, I think, that one of the candidates for trustee at the late U. P. A. convention was convicted of firing a school house in his native town. It happened two years since, and the institution of learning was completely destroyed. The lad was sent to a Reformatory, which deserves its name, for he seems to have reformed. No doubt he had been greatly depressed in spirits owing to having received a potion of hazel juice, and thirsted for revenge. If he is elected to the high position of trust for which he has been nominated, it is to be hoped that no wrath incurred will induce him to destroy that model association.

"What is your object in collecting these stamps?" Show your album to a non-collecting friend who has never seen a stamp collection and if this is not the invariable question, I will at once, upon notification, forfeit \$100,000,000 in elevated railroad stock. I have manufactured the following answer: "So that I may ever be an humble but devout worshiper at the shrine of our fair and white-armed goddess, Philatelia, to render her that homage to which she is so justly entitled." And my non-collecting friend will depart, satisfied that the beauties of stamp collecting are many.

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"In presenting this first number of our truly excellent journal to the critical Philatelic world, we beg leave to set forth the many advantages attained by being a subscriber thereto. In the first place we have an unequalled exchange department free to subscribers! Secondly. The journal is contributed to by the best writers. Thirdly. Although our size is now only 1x2, we hope with proper and well-merited encouragement, to number eight pages and cover in the course of a few months. We think that every true Philatelist should subscribe to at least two prominent magazines, and with this end in view, we solicit a subscription from every true Philatelist. Only a

quarter! Only a quarter!" How often will we suffering Philatelists be compelled to read the above during the coming year?

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The maiden sighed as oft she eyed
Her elegant album and stamps so fair;
There were Sydney Views of various hues
And priceless stamps in abundance were there.

Why then did she sigh and frequently cry,
And bewail her sad fate and luckless condition?—

The glue was a glue that could dare and do,
And the album was an eighth edition.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

GLEANINGS.

LEROY D. WALKER.

IN the Portland Oregonian recently appeared the following:

"The recent death of Miss Penelope Every, of Eggington Hall, Derby, England, at the age of 84 years, recalls one of the oddest mistakes that the press has ever been the means of circulating. About 1850 a paragraph went the rounds that a wealthy and eccentric individual had announced his determination to send his daughter to a nunnery unless she could in a given time, collect an almost impossible number of cancelled postage stamps. It happened that Miss Every was applied to by a friend who had interested himself in the case, and by some misunderstanding, a second paragraph was published, stating Miss Every would receive collections towards the ransom. Immediately Eggington

Hall was inundated with English and foreign stamps to upwards of 2,500,000, causing great annoyance to the family and much perplexity to Miss Every. The flood was finally stopped by the insertion of a notice, correcting the error. "Rather fishy," you say. Well I am of that impression myself, but say, what a scheme to get duplicates?

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The mail matter handled by the clerks on the Omaha-Chicago run weighs upwards of fifty tons to each trip. What a lot of stamps it must take. But of course the largest bulk is the newspaper mail, and then alas, they don't use newspaper stamps now-a-days.

The holiday^{* *} increase is being felt already in the postoffices. Beginning rather early.

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The postoffice department has thirteen offices and 6,000 miles of routes in Alaska, and will establish four new offices and double the mileage next year. The Alaska mail is made up and leaves from Seattle, and consists largely of fourth-class matter, as the express rates are so high from Sitka out.

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THE first sale of the Western Philatelic Union occurs at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, December 15th and 16th.

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CATALOGUES are out announcing the ninth sale of The S. B. Bradt Co., to be held at Cobbs' Library Chicago December 14th.

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MESSRS. W. Lellschopp & Co.'s fourth sale occurs Dec. 13th, 15th and 17 at 102 O'Farrell St., for catalogue, address them at 104 O'Farrell St., San Francisco.

ALL who subscribe this month will receive the paper until January 1st, 1894.

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MR. Chas. J. Lyren, of Minneapolis, Minn., has sold his stock of stamps to the Northern Consolidated Stamp Co., of this city.

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WE have made arrangements with parties living in Chicago, Boston, New York and Canada, to furnish us notes from their cities.

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THE cut for our Portrait Gallery, has not yet been received, therefore we are compelled to omit that department this month. But we will make up for that next month as we hope to have several instead of one.

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WE have received a copy of Mekeel's catalogue of American Stamps; 4th edition. It contains nearly 150 pages, fully illustrated, and should be in the hands of every collector of American stamps. Only 25 cents. Address C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Co., 1007, 1009 and 1011 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

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OUR Christmas number will be something above the average in that line.

It will consist of from 20 to 32 pages of the best reading matter relating to stamp collecting, cuts and

biographies of our leading Philatelists, etc., etc.

We will circulate from 2,000 to 3,000 copies of this issue, according to advertising matter received.

The advertising rates will remain the same. All copy for ads. must reach us by the 15th to insure insertion.

This will be one of the finest Christmas editions ever issued.

If Gus Luhn comes forth with any of his geniality remaining the storm of wrath his defense of "The Seebeck Speculations" is certain to provoke, his good nature goes beyond our conception.

We shall temper our censure with charity, and attribute his fall from grace rather to thoughtlessness than intent. His attitude in this matter is as surprising as shocking to every Philatelic instruct. We trust he will quickly realize the absurd and false position he has placed himself in; then weep, repent and do the manly thing by the interests whence he derives so much pleasure and profit. What would be thought of an art publication defending the practice of grinding out "Pot boilers"! and Seebeck's productions rank if anything, lower than these canvas "fakes." Philately's position is still undefined, but there is no question that its strength is derived no less from the artistic than from the scientific instructs to which it ap-

peals. But Brother Luhn caps the climax when he says that Philately "has always been used as a money-making venture and if it were not, it would have died many years ago." The reverse of this is so glaring a truth that any extended argument would be a mere waste. Who does not know that the greatest discouragements placed in the path of Philately have come from those who sought to profit unfairly from the votaries by practices only a shade removed from Seebeckism!

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NEW ISSUES ^{AND} DISCOVERIES

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS:

I shall be glad to receive from collectors and dealers notices of new issues, etc., which can, if desired, be inserted with the sender's name. Communications as to these should be addressed to H. Gremmel, 80 Nassau street, New York.

ARGENTINE—Our correspondent informs us that on October 12, the day of the discovery of America, a jubilee stamp will be issued, which will only be in use for a few days. Also a new set will be issued on October 1.

BRAZIL.—The current 100 reis is changed in colors.

Adhesives—

1892. 100 reis, deep ultramarine and red.

CEYLON—More surcharges. This time the 4c has been changed to 3c.

Provisional issue—

1892. 3c on 4c violet, mauve, black surcharge.

FRENCH COLONIES—*Tanger Fez* (Tangiers). To the three values mentioned in our last number, Mr. J. Noble has sent us the entire set perforated.

Adhesives—

1892. 5c green on greenish p.
10c black on light wove p.
15c blue on grayish p.
25c black on violet.
50c rose.
1fr grey.
5f violet.

New Caledonia—To increase the large list of surcharges, the following French Colony stamps have been surcharged in black, NLLB
CALEDONIA:

Adhesives—

1892. 5c green on greenish, perf.
10c black on lavender, perf.
15c blue, perf.
20c red on green, perf.
25c black on rose, perf.
30c brown on bistre, perf.
75c carmine on rose, perf.

1fr bronze green on straw, perf.

35c black on orange, unperf.

1fr br. green on straw, unperf.

GREAT BRITAIN—Mr. C. Watt has sent us the new 4½d, which is of similar design as the present 10c.

*Adhesive—*1892. 4½d carmine, centre green, perforated 14.

ICELAND—Two high values of the current type have been issued, perforated 14. •

Water mark, Crown.

Adhesives—

1892. 50 ore blue and carmine.

100 ore brown and lilac.

INDIA—The I. B. Z. chronicles the 4a and 8a present issue surcharged On H. S. M.

Official Stamps—

1892. 4a olive green.

8a purple.

LABUAN—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* chronicles the new series, which is of the same type as the previous issues. The 6c and 12c are in new colors, and the shades of some of the other values are slightly altered. The whole are now printed on unwatermarked paper perforated.

Adhesives—

1892. 2c carmine.

6c green.

8c purple.

10 brown.

12c blue.

16 grey.

40c amber.

LIBERIA—The entire current set

has been surcharged Official, in diamond type.

Official Stamps—

1892. 1c vermilion, black surcharge.

2c blue, black surcharge.

4c green and black, red surc.

6c green, black surcharge.

8c brown and black, red surc.

12c rose, black surcharge.

16c lilac, black surcharge.

24c olive gn. on yel. p.,
blk sur.

32c greenish blue, black surc.

1d blue and black, black surc.

2d brown on yel. p., blk. sur.

5d black and red, red surc.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co. should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by addressing above firm at 925 LaSalle street, St. Louis Mo.

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was the other way. As fast as the boys tired of their stamps, I was ready to swap for them. In this way I gradually became the possessor of about fifty varieties and several hundred duplicates.

Up to this time I had never seen a stamp advertisement, nor heard of a stamp paper, and the dealer was an unknown animal to me.

One day I ran across an "ad" of a stamp firm in Chicago, and I straightway invested in a packet, etc., etc. Well you know the way of such things yourself, how a fellow keeps progressing from one thing to another, learns this, that and the other, and, in short, becomes a Philatelist. Mine was the usual route in such cases, sidetracked a few times, got off the right road more times and all that, but "all's well that ends well" and I still live to tell the tale.

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Very sincerely,

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COMMENTS HERE AND THERE.

BY UNCLE PHIL.

Seebecks.--Those poor, despised Seebecks that everyone condemns as a universal pestilence to our common cause, are not much of a pestilence when you come down to facts. I happened along Stamp-town (Nassau Street) and observed as I passed the show-cases of the dealers located on that street that most of them contained Seebecks, and very prominently displayed, too. It proves that they are the stamps to attract the attention of the passer-by and to convince the passer-by, after his attention has been attracted, that Philately is a very beautiful and interesting pastime. As a further instance you will notice that the \$5,000 (?) advertisements of the Meekeel company had Seebeck borders, and very fine displays they made. And right here

I request all sensible Philatelists not to be calamity howlers. Philately will progress as much in time-to-come as it has in time-gone-by, Seebecks or no Seebecks. There are more young collectors who accord a space in their albums to the Seebecks than those who do not. Seebeck have brought as many recruits to the ranks during their short existence, proportionately, as other stamps. Seebecks are of as much value, historically and geographically, to the average collector than non-Seebecks. Then I repeat, don't be a calamity howler.

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The auction season is at its height, and scarcely a week passes now-a-days that we do not receive catalogues offering tempting Philatelic bits to those who have the spare cash to lavish on the beauties. While this is all very nice for the auction trade, I cannot help but notice on the cover page that "the stamps offered in this sale are the property of Mr., a prominent collector." And when I read this time and again, I cannot help thinking that "something is rotten in the State of Denmark." It either signifies that the collector has grown tired of his hobby, or that he is another recruit to the grand army of specialists. But when the stamps in the sale constitute a magnificent U. S. collection,

and this is very often the case, I am rather inclined to believe that the former is the true hypothesis, as there are not many collectors who are willing to sell a collection of U. S. stamps to make room for foreigners.

But be this as it may, Philately will not suffer in consequence. If a Prominent Collector has abandoned his hobby and desires to sell his stamps, it is probably for the best that he does so. We want no pessimistic old-fogies in our ranks. They must make room for the young blood that will be a benefit instead of a hindrance to our cause.

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Alvah, since the amalgamation boom has "slumped away", much to my regret, I would suggest that in order to have the "Post Office" present a respectable appearance hereafter that you stir up another "agitation". The "Post Office" is still boozy from the result of the "late unpleasantness," in fact so boozy that it is time to quit. How does (Is our hobby rightly named?) suit you? This might be used as a starter, and after we have voted for "Philately" or "Tim. brophily" it would be a fitting time to decide whether it is hobby, science, fancy, fad, pastime, pursuit, delight, or art. This is a good idea. I have other good ideas that I will disclose later on.

In the meantime I wish it to be

distinctly understood that

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"Uncle Phil" wishes a happy
Christmas and a prosperous New
Year to all.

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I think as I sit in my study to night
How awfully nice it would be
If we writers would only have something to
write

That would not be a chestnut. See?
For everything seems to be old and stale
And subjects are 'way above par,
That have not been rehashed o'er and o'er
again
As most subjects usually are.

Oh, give us a frand, or a newly found "find"
That thousands of dollars won't buy!

Oh, give us some greater "society food"—
The kind we ate last July!

Oh, show us a rank C. to comment upon,
A paper without its review!

For if subjects are missing, I really don't see
How I can "pound" subjects. Do you?

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Written for the FLOIDA PHILATELIST.

A Hundred Years Ago.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

A hundred years ago, my child,
The nations of the earth
Had never seen a stamp machine
Not even its land of birth;
The people of that ancient time
Wrote seldom, for they knew
That, as we're told, its weight in gold
Scarce took a letter through.

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A hundred years ago, my child,
Ere stamps and cards were known,
'Twas sad indeed to sit and read
By candle light alone
The message from a distant friend,
Remembering the while
Its costly trip by coach and ship
O'er many a weary mile.

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A hundred years ago, my child,
When Christmas came around,
And one and all the children small
With longing most profound

Awaited aged Santa Claus
And presents from his grist,
No Stamp, or sheet, nor sets complete
Were found upon the list.

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A hundred years ago, my child,
The boys, who grew to rule,
In youthful years inclined their ears
To teachings true at school;
But now that we have wiser grown
In this progressive age,
We learning take, our thirst to slake,
From printed album's page.

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A hundred years ago, my child,
The printer ope'd his hand
And scattered round with joy profound,
His wealth in ev'ry land;
But now he tears his matted hair
And dreams no more of bliss;
Instead, he tries to shield his eyes
From poetry like this.

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A hundred years ago, my child,
How soon the time has passed!
Yet some will sigh, as days go by,
For cycles like the last,
But speaking for myself, I'll say
That present times will do,
And if you please, I'll take my ease
In Eighteen Ninety-two.

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What Shall we do with Our Shades.

BY WESTERN CRANK.

Many collectors who use a
printed album do not know what
to do with their different shades
of stamps. A few words from one
who thinks he has nicely solved
this difficulty may not be amiss.
In the first place, let me say that
several shades of the same stamp
placed together always spoil the
appearance of the whole page, in
as much as it gives all stamps so
placed a dingy unpleasing look.
If you have never notice this,

glance over your set of War Department and if it consists of different shades I will venture to say it not only has a dull, dingy appearance but you have even thought in your own mind that this set makes the poorest appearance of any of the "Departments". Now, separate the different shades and collect the whole set in one color only and if your stamps are clean (you are indeed a queer Philatelist if they are not), you will be as pleased and as proud of this set as you are of any of the others of like value. But, I started out to tell what to do with the different shades and came near saying, not to collect them at all. My plan, and I think you will acknowledge it a good one, is to hinge all shades on the same space and under the stamp whose color is called for by the album. If after giving this matter careful thought, any one has a reasonable objection to this plan, write to this paper and let us know it, perhaps we may help you in some more satisfactory way.

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Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

NORTHWESTERN NOTES.

BY LITTLE PUCK.

Minneapolis Philatelic Society,
by the way a branch of the Sons of
Philatelia has become a State soci-

ety and I like to see every philatelist who lives in this State to join.

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The Minneapolis evening papers gave the collectors in this city a great send off, on the evenings of November 23 and 24, by publishing one and two-column articles on Stamp Collecting in the interest of collectors in this city, which made every collector happy. It is very seldom you see a daily paper print anything about stamps, but this time the reporters who inserted it were Philatelist. To them we owe our thanks.

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Mr. Geo. W. Achard, the attorney of the Sons of Philatelia, was in the windy city a short time ago to see some of the collectors, but I think it was different—it is said it was on account of a dam-sel.

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Mr. N. E. Carter, it is said, is going to do what we shall all do, if we have not done it yet, follow Mr. Endstin's example and get one of Minneapolis' fair damsels soon. The same might be said of Barnes and Archard. We hope the cigars will come around.

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Mr. Chas. J. Tyren, I see in the latest official paper of the United Philatelic Association, has been re-elected librarian. Charlie is a good man for this office and I hope

will do his duty. I wish him and the U. P. A. success.

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Mr. W. C. Whitall, the secretary of the Minneapolis Philatelic Association, is working hard now, as reported, in school and out. I think, especially in the latter, as he is in the company of the other sex a great deal. I hope he will follow M. Endstin soon.

Philatelic Fortnightly, a new paper of this city, is now in press and will be issued soon. It is to be published every 1st and 15th of each month. It will contain eight pages and be one of the best Philatelic papers out. I wish it success and may it live a long life.

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I see by reports that we have about 600 collectors in this city. Well, boys, how is this? We have only ten members of Sons of Philatelist in our branch now, but I hope all of you will work hard and get in by the 1st of February, 1893, 10 or 15 new members. If you all do your duty we will.

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The following is the collection of different collectors in this city:

N. E. Carter 8,000, W. H. Barnes 4,000, Geo. W. Achard about 3,000, American of N. S. and Central; W. C. Whitall 7,000, but lately sold foreign which leaves about 3,500 Americans. Chas. J. Tyren lately sold his collection, but has com-

menced on another of only United States, Mexican and Canadian and has 1,500 kinds; W. H. Levings 5,000 different, and Endstin's collection contains about 3,000 kinds.

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Mr. Philip Heinberger.



PHILIP HEINBERGER.

Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, Jr., New York, was born in the year 1854. He is the youngest son of Ph. Heinsberger, of Bochum, (Prussia Germany.) dealer in fancy goods, glassware, toys.

He visited in his native city, the college, and got the privileged diploma," with the right to serve as a soldier, at own expense, "one year" only.

During college time he began to collect stamps, and in 1865, he also started as a dealer.

Some years later he went to Belgium, and became a pupil at the Commercial School, at the city

of Liege. After graduating he went to Paris, (France) and entered a mercantile export house, as correspondent in foreign languages.

After traveling over France, Italy and Holland, Mr. Heinsberger left Europe in 1871, for the city of Wilmington, N. C., and entered Ph. Heinsberger's book and stationery store. From Wilmington he traveled on the American continent, and at last settled in New York, in which city he joined the firm of Ph. Heinsberger, established, 1850.

In New York he again took up the stamp business as collector. He is also a corresponding member of the Philatelic societies of Europe, Argentine Republic, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Uruguay and Asia and founder and active member of the German American Philatelic Association Germania New York.

Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, Jr., collection consists of 10,000 varieties of Postage Stamps and 2,500 varieties of Revenue stamps, of all countries. His Philatelic library comprises many hundred Philatelic publications of foreign countries and the United States in all languages.

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Mr. W. Sellschopp.

Mr. Sellschopp was born in Macklenburg, Germany, in 1862,

and started in collecting as a school boy about 1873; from that time he has never sold his collection nor ceased collecting. He spends very little for his accumulation, which consists at present of about 12,000 varieties, including a splendid assortment of entire postal



WILLIAM SELLSCHOPP.

cards and the finest display of old German stamps and entire envelopes in this part of the country.

Shortly after having served one year in old Emperor William's Army, he started for the United States with the intention of acquiring some knowledge of the ways and doings of the Americans, which he thought would be useful for his further career in Germany; but after he was once here he became so infatuated with America that he did not care to return to

the old country for good.

Since February 4, 1891, he has been engaged in the stamp business exclusively, and at present, together with his partner, E. Gesvret, does the largest business west of St. Louis.

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Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

Surcharging and Its Consequences.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

There is no other question incidental to Philately, which has been so thoroughly discussed by stamp collectors, as the question whether or not surcharged stamps should be collected. This question, which has been a leading one during the past half dozen years, or so, has occupied more or less the attention of every thinking Philatelist on the globe; and most of those, who have any pretension to literary ability have treated the subject in the leading magazines of the day. In common with other Philatelic writers, I have given the subject some attention. Indeed, the first Philatelic article that I ever wrote, published when the mania for collecting surcharges was at its height, was a vigorous tirade against it, and in the many other articles which I have written since that time, I have always, in considering the subject, tried to emphasize the fact that I consider the collect-

ing of surcharges injudicious and unwise.

Just what the standing of the surcharged stamp is to-day, it would be rather difficult to say. The dealers, with more unanimity than they display, concerning some other matters (probably because they are most of them caught with a large stock of surcharges on hand) are doing their utmost to sustain surcharge collecting. A surcharge stamp is regarded with suspicion by most collectors and a great many will not admit any surcharges at all to their collections.

While collectors are practically unanimous in believing surcharge collecting is injurious to Philatelic interests, there is a difference of opinion on the question whether a surcharged stamp is really a legitimate object of collection, i. e.—whether it comes within the province of Philately any more than the cancellation or postmark.

Before answering this question, it is unnecessary that we should determine for what end the surcharge was created and what its uses really are. A surcharge is a word, figure, or symbol printed or written upon the face of an adhesive stamp, for the purpose of altering its value, or for making it available for some other use than that for which it was originally intended. The altering of a stamp

from one value to another, by means of a surcharge is sometimes rendered necessary in the smaller countries and in various colonies and islands by the shortage of some one denomination. In cases of emergency, the surcharge has its legitimate use, and the postoffice officials of small countries find it very convenient and economical to occasionally change the denomination of some little-used stamp by a surcharge, to some value which is largely used by the people.

If the use of the surcharge had stopped here the question of its legitimacy would never have arisen. But since there are men everywhere eager to earn an honest penny in any way which presents itself, it is but little to be wondered that certain bright lights among the postoffice officials, in various countries where the surcharge was used, should have devised means of filling their own pockets at the expense of the stamp collector. The various ways in which they did this are too well known to need any detailed description. Suffice it to say that he who attempts to collect surcharged stamps, will have to cope with the greatest accumulation of speculative errors, freaks, and counterfeits that was ever beheld by the eye of man.

I believe that the surcharge, in its present state, is not a proper

candidate for a place in our albums. No Philatelist can afford to fill his space with these doubtful specimens, and they should be strictly boycotted by all. For my part I never could see why a surcharge should add any value to a stamp as it merely defaces and mars its beauty.

After all, the lesson which we are to deduct from all this is the same old story, it is only an illustration of the same truth that I have believed in ever since I began to collect; that the true and best way of enjoying Philately to the utmost is by collecting *only one specimen* stamp and by disregarding altogether all kinds of minute varieties, whether they be surcharges or varieties of perforation, or shades of color, or difference of watermark. Perhaps this method is too simple and straightforward for the use of the Grand Moguls of Philately, but for the average Philatelist, whose time and money are both limited, it is the only right and satisfactory method of collecting.

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The Old Hair Trunk.

BY L. H. BENTON.

The Jagtown Philatelic Society was holding a meeting at the residence of the president, Joe Wett-dorg.

It was during a lull in the exchanging, buying and selling just previous to the opening of the proceedings of the meeting when Joe said:

"Boys, did I ever tell you about the old hair trunk full of rare stamps I met with out at my uncle's in Peabrush Hollow?"

"No; never heard it," said they all;" but we would like very much to."

"All right, here goes," and he gave an "ahem!" which caused the three-cent rose stamp to turn pink with confusion,

"You see, it was this way. Last winter Uncle Hezekiah came out to visit, that is he and Aunt Jerusha.

"One evening I had my stamp album out and was hinging in some newly-acquired beauties when Uncle Hezzy noticed what I was doing and asked:

"'What's them! Joey—stamps?'"

"'Yes, my collection of stamps from everywhere,' replied I.

"'Why,' said he, 'I've got dead loads of them things,—an ol' hair trunk chock full of 'em up in th' attic. You can have 'em' if they're enny good ter ye.'

"'You don't mean it, uncle!"

"'Yas I do tew, Joey. Some come from my brother up in Vermont, up in Brattlebory.'

"'Do you remember what kind of stamps were on those letters from Brattleboro?'" I interrupted,

smothering my rising excitement.

"'Yes; little oblong brown ones. Some chaps initials in the middle,—the post-master's I guess. An' then there was a lot of ten-cent envelopes from my cousin in Californy.'

"I had hard work to keep down my excitement.

"Uncle went home of a Saturday about a week later. The next Tuesday I went to his place in Peabrush Hollow. How impatient I was from the time he told me about the stamps till I arrived at my uncle's!

"That afternoon we went up into the attic. On the way uncle said:

"'I havent been to it fer nigh on ter ten years!"

"'The trunk was opened' and what lay before my eyes went far ahead of my expectations, for the contents were all chewed as fine as chaff by the rats!"

Joe's listeners gave a groan, and the business of the meeting was opened.

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For the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

Some Modest Requests.

BY ROY F. GREEN.

I've a correspondence very large.
From Oregon to Maine,
Some friends (?) live on the river Nile,
And others on the Seine,
Some write quite coarse and heavy
And some write small and fine,
They make a medley when they meet
In Lock Box No. 59.

My correspondence breathes of stamps,
And often I receive
Consignments large—assortment small,
Which makes me fret and grieve,
He sends a bill for \$60,
When they're not worth even nine,
You can't imagine the queer requests
In Lock Box No. 59.

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The other day I got my mail,
Of letters full a dozen,
Some from Greece and some from Spain,
And some from English cousins.
One wanted a list of American frauds
(It'd be so kind),
And wants, requests, suggestions meet
In Lock Box No. 59.

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And papers large and papers small,
Hale, hearty, young and old,
With covers black and green and red
And inks of black and gold (?)
French, Spanish papers oft' drop in
Though I cannot read a line,
I draw them out and shut the door
Of Lock Box No. 59.

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We stamp fiends have some tough requests
From collectors far and near,
They've written asking me for
"Executives"!!! Oh, Dear!!
I'm looking now most any day
For a letter, very kind,
"Please send the earth by parcel post"—
In Lock Box No. 59.

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HOWARD'S STAMP CASE

BY GUY W. GREEN.

Author of "The Strange Story of the Blue Book," "My Temptation," "Andy's Rare Stamp Discovery," "Voodoo Reed's Downfall," Etc.

RECAPITULATION.—Jack Howard, a detective, and Walter Benson, a handsome young banker, are firm friends residing in Omaha. Both are stamp collectors, particularly Walter Canfield, a wealthy alderman. One day, during a party at his house, a stamp worth \$2,000, and he engages Howard to recover the property. Howard's first efforts are a failure. Meanwhile Walter prepares to get married and engages Jack as his best man.

CHAPTER V.

Jack Howard had received a letter. He sat in his room, with his feet propped up on the fender before the grate, and proceeded to read the epistle. It was from the police department of Montreal and referred to Jas. S. Galway, the individual for whom Cansfield's coachman had worked in the Canadian city.

This is what Jack read:

"MONTREAL, CANADA, Aug. 28, '91.
JACK HOWARD, OMAHA, NEB.,

Sir:—Referring to your communication of recent date, we would say that Jas. S. Galway is a wealthy and highly respected citizen of this province, against whom there has never been the slightest breath of suspicion. We unhesitatingly declare him honest and straight forward in every respect,
(Signed) [POLICE DEPARTMENT.]

Jack slowly went over the letter aloud.

Then he knitted his brows and frowned at the handwriting as though it had committed some crime for which no punishment could be too condign. Howard punched the fire viciously and softly said to himself: "Galway is certainly all right" and what he says concerning the coachman may be relied upon. I will await his letter and see what he says concerning Williams."

At that moment there was a

knock at his door, and the postman dropped a letter within. It was from Montreal as the other had been, and Howard opened it with a sigh of satisfaction. Evidently he was anxious to see what Mr. Galway would say for his coachman. This is what was said:

“MONTREAL, CANADA, Aug. 29, 91.
JACK HOWARD, OMAHA, NEB.

Sir:—Replying to your letter of the 23 inst. I would answer your question as follows:

B. K. Williams was my coachman for a period of three months, and during that time he served me faithfully. I have no complaint to make against him. If he is dishonest, he certainly showed no evidence of that quality while in my employ. He spent very little money, and as his salary was good his wages must have gone to some outside party, as I am convinced that he took but a small amount of cash from this city. This is the only thing that is at all mysterious regarding Mr. Williams, and I always considered him an efficient servant. I remain

Yours to command,

JAMES S. GALWAY.

There was but one statement in the letter that troubled Jack. “He spent very little money, and as his salary was good his wages must have gone to some outside party, “as I am convinced that he took

but a small amount of cash from this city.”

What could that mean? No matter how Galway discovered the fact he must have been certain of it, or he would not have stated it in so positive a manner. But on whom could Williams spend money? Was there a woman connected with him somewhere? Such a thing was not impossible. But what woman could be connected with Williams? Almost involuntarily, Howard thought of Mrs. Beckley. He smiled at his own suspicions, but nevertheless they came back to him again and again.

Now that Jack's thoughts had been turned to Mrs. Beckley, he rapidly turned over in his mind her personality and mode of living. She lived as economically as possible. This was only natural, since she had repeatedly explained that her husband had left her but a small amount of property at his death, and that she was forced to conserve this carefully, in order to support herself during life. She spent much of her time visiting with friends, and, of course, this reduced her cost of living still further.

Supposing that Mrs. Beckley was connected with Williams and they had stolen the stamp between them; what use could they have for it? They could not sell it. Howard had taken every step nec-

essary to prevent that. The treasure would simply be a white elephant on their hands.

Jack thought all this out, and after he had considered the case again in all its bearings, he was about ready to give up the entire thing as a bad job. He would have done so, had it not been for one consideration. That consideration owed its existence to Mrs. Beckley. If he should dismiss this task Canfield had assigned him, he would have no possible excuse for seeing that beautiful creature who had been so largely in his thoughts of late.

Now, if a man can visit a woman in whom he is interested, it makes no difference to him whether his excuse for so doing is valid or not. He recognizes it. And so Howard decided to continue his efforts toward unravelling this strange stamp case of his. He resolved to see whether or not there was any understanding existing between Mrs. Beckley and Williams. That would be largely a bootless task, because, even if they were brother and sister, the mere fact would establish nothing against them.

Jack arose from his feet and put his letters away with other important documents. Then he prepared to go down town.

Once out on the street, he turned his steps toward the Stevens' where he felt he should find Mrs. Beckley.

It was late that afternoon before Howard appeared again. He then went over and saw Canfield, and described to him the progress of the case. Canfield philosophically accepted the inevitable, and bade Jack continue. Evidently the old man was not yet prepared to give up the gem of his collection without at least a struggle to regain it.

When Jack left the Canfield residence he felt decidedly cheered in spirit. Yet he said to himself, as he walked away, "I'd give up the infernal thing in a minute if it wasn't for —, well no matter if it wasn't for her I would; I swear I would."

When Jack reached his room again he found a note from Walter reminding him of his friend's approaching wedding. The event was only two days off. Jack was to be best man, and nothing had yet been done by him in way of preparation. He resolved to bestir himself immediately. In the meantime, his stamp case, and everything else but Walter's nuptials passed out of his mind.

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FROM OHIO.

Ohio is one of the leading States, when Philately is taken into consideration.

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Three new stamp firms recently

organized in the Queen City, and Cleveland. They all have a large cash capital.

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A new one! Yes Ohio is to have a new society to be known as the "Ohio Philatelic Club." It will be a great benefit to all Ohio's stamp collectors and dealers, and everyone highly appreciate the work that has been done towards the organization. The society is going to be pushed rapidly, and we have the necessary support to make it one of the leading State organizations of to-day. Ohio now has upwards of one thousand stamp collectors, and for her to be without a State organization is almost a disgrace, but we are not going to allow that! Quite a number of us have been working hard to secure this much-needed society, (not a single collector in the State should oppose it) and at last we feel that it is almost accomplished. It is to have an official organ of high standing, and one that is willing to work for the good of the organization. We will also have all the departments in it that are found in the National societies. Let everyone take hold, and if you have any suggestion to offer write to O. E. Keapp, St. Paris, Ohio, who is acting as Secretary pro-tem, and it will gladly be accepted.

OHIOAN.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

GLEANINGS.

LEROY D. WALKER.

P. M. G. Wanamaker issued an order Dec, 8th reducing the fee for registering mail matter to eight cents. Good news for Philatelist, as it amounts to quite a little sum with a collector who is an active worshipper at the shrine of "fair Philatelia."

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This is probably the reason why a 12 cent value was not included in the Columbian issue, as it done away with the necessity of such a value.

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Suppose you have heard about the new values. It will take a "tidy wee bit" to purchase the new set. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50 cents, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and perhaps \$10 are the new values.

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If your Philatelic library lacks a complete file of the Worcester Philatelist, you had better complete at once. Nos. 2 and 4 have been out of print for sometime and are very hard to obtain, even now. The paper is published by Mr. Walter L. Brown, and sent gratis, being a hobby (and a good one) of his.

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Are you collecting the shades of the current issue? You should do

so by all means, as they are easy to obtain and if you do not want them yourself, perhaps some of your friends would like them.

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We Philatelist, of the far Northwest, were pleased to learn that our genial Southern comrade, Gus Luhn, had purchased his partner's interest in the Southern S. and P. Co., and would henceforth "go it alone." With Gus Luhn at the helm as pilot, captain and crew, we doubt not that the bark "S. S. & P. Co." will meet with success on her voyage and be in the future, as in the past, a leader and not a follower, and as such he will ever keep a place in our thoughts and good wishes.

Perhaps I owe my readers an apology for the foregoing effervescence.

It is not the result of a seidlitz powder, but of reading the current Southern Philatelist.

Thanks, I knew you would forgive me.

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Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

Two Postage Stamps.

BY F. F. C.

Here is the strange history of two postage stamps, which I have in my collection: they are the 3-cent pink, of 1861, and on the reverse side of each stamp is the

numbers, 13, 20, 54, 32. The history is as follows:

A lady and her daughter were nurses in the late civil war, on the Union side, and while attending the wounded soldiers came across one that had died during the night, and in his hand he held two letters, one proved to be from his wife and was signed, "Your affectionate wife, Mary." The other one was from his little daughter. One of the stamps he had torn off and had laid it on his breast. The other one was in the child's letter with the numbers on the back—for what reason we shall never know. The nurse's daughter took both stamps for no reason other than a token or relic. After the war was over the young lady took to traveling and went to fair New South Wales, and while there attended a social gathering at which she lost her pocketbook containing the stamps. After vain efforts, in trying to recover it, she gave it up for lost. Five years later, while on a vessel bound for France, she was listening to a story told by a sailor, in which he stated that he had a queer bottle with a queer load in its interior, which he had picked up, two years before, while on a bark in the Indian Ocean. On her request to be shown this bottle and its contents, he brought out a bottle, shaped like a cup and saucer, with a small round opening in the

top of the cup. Now judge of her surprise, when she found one of the stamps inside, and on her telling her story to the sailor, he thought he would make sure, so taking the other stamp from his pocket, he asked her what was written on the back, and on being told was satisfied. He would not give her the bottle as he wanted it to remember her and the queer incidents of the stamps by. This was her last voyage. She then settled down in Cleveland, Ohio, near my uncle's place, and they became good old friends, so much so that she gave him quite a number curios, collected while she was traveling from place to place—among them being the stamps and their strange history, and he left them and his other curios and stamps to me at his death.

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Government Reprints.

Collectors, and especially those who have just entered the ranks of Philately, are very liable to confound reprints with counterfeits, which is a very grave mistake.

While, as a matter of course, there are stamps, the reprints of which are very little short of counterfeits, being issued by dealers, who have bought the plates from the respective governments. From these plates the dealers print stamps to sell to young Philatelists,

the dealers always keeping up to the demand, which on account of low prices is sometimes very large.

These stamps are known as original reprints, which is a name far too good for them to be designated by.

Then again there are re-issues, which are known as government reprints, being reprinted by the governments for postal uses, and not to fill a philatelic want. There are numerous cases of such stamps being worth more than the original issue.

Taking for example the United States issue of 1875. This series consists of the reprinted stamps of the issue of 1869, and is as a rule higher priced than the original (1869). The difference between the two sets is as follows: The issue of 1869 is accompanied by an embossment or grille, of which the series of 1875 is devoid.

As for the speculation reprints or those that are reprinted by dealers who are in possession of the original plates. We can take as a few examples, to-wit: some of the United States locals, a few issues of Mexico, also the Roman States.

Philatelist will have another series of United States government reprints to add to their collection in 1894, being a reissue of the present series, which is to be recalled on January 1, 1893, to give way to the Columbus series which in

their turn are to be discontinued and the plates destroyed, and are to be followed on January 1, 1894, by the aforesaid reprints.

A few words as to the Columbus series are not, I think, much out of place.

It is prognosticated by some of our prominent collectors, that this will be the finest series ever issued by the United States, if not by any country in the world. The two-cent stamp will probably have for its center the head of Christopher Columbus. The chief figure in one of the set, will be undoubtedly the convent of LaRabida where Columbus resided just before his departure from Spain on his voyage of discovery. Another scene which will contribute its part towards illustrating this artistic series (for artistic it will be without doubt) will be the landing of Columbus.

The shape of the stamps will, I believe, be in the form of a square, so as to give space for artistic effect. The plates are now in preparation by the American Bank Note Co., of New York, who have the contract for the printing of this handsome series, which I think is a sufficient guaranty for artistic merit and the best of workmanship.

J. F. COURTNEY.

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Subscribe for the FLORIDA if you want reliable Philatelic reading.

Editorials.

As our printers were late in printing our November number, and as they would be unable to print the December number, before this time this month, we decided that it would be best to combine the December and January numbers in this one grand number. Our February number will be out on time, with a goodly amount of choice reading matter, etc., including a portrait and biography of the well-known dealer, Mr. HENRY GRIMMEL, of 80 Nassau St., N. Y.

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M. S. H. ZAHM, an ex-Philatelist, of Lancaster, Pa., is spending the winter at Thonotosassa. Mr. Zahm is the owner of a large grove at this place.

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WE have received O. E. Klapp's coin price list, showing the prices he pays for "Rare U. S. Coins." Price only 5 cents each. See his "ad." elsewhere in this issue.

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DEALERS, an advertisement in this paper will surely pay you. Why not try it?

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WE are in receipt of Mr. Ph. Heinsberger's wholesale price list of stamps, printed in English, German, French and Spanish.

COLLECTORS, watch for the new advertisements in our next issue.

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COLLECTORS, notice that we are now allowing you a year's subscription to the "STAMP" and FLORIDA for only 30 cents.

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Sons of Philatelia, Notice.

Some of the Southern members of the Sons of Philatelia having decided to form a branch of that society, would be pleased to receive the co-operation of all Southern members. Any further information, or application blanks, will be cheerfully furnished by any one of the committee:

D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.;
R. L. Henstis, 52 N. Commerce St., Mobile, Ala.; G. M. Scheller, Hamburg, S. C.

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FOR JANUARY FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

COMMENTS HERE AND THERE.

BY UNCLE PHIL.

Friends, Romans, Countrymen, What is a Popinjay? No answer! Well, if you haven't reached that chapter in the Philatelic book of nature, describing the Popinjay, I suppose that I must explain it to you in advance. The Popinjay, kind friends, is descended from the ass. It is the dealer who inserts the following notice after a list of

parties have defrauded him:

"There are several others who owe us, and you may be one of them. We advise you to pay us promptly, or you may receive a free ad. next month. We are determined to put a stop to fraudulent practices, even if we have to resort to severe measures."

What a pleasant sensation it gives you to read words similar to the above. How you wish that you had that dealer near you, so that you could pummel him to your heart's content, for taking it for granted that you are a fraud. How many of such cases have you read? Yes, he is a full-fledged Popinjay.

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It is doubtful whether there will be a full crop of new papers this year. The youths, who are generally the publishers of these Vol. I, No. 1 journals, are content to leave their spare cash remain in their saving-banks, so that they may have a good time at the World's Fair. Speaking of stamp journals, reminds me that I have always adhered to the following policy: "Never subscribe to a Philatelic publication until it has secured second-class rates. It is an excellent policy, too. In nine cases out of ten, you will find that if papers collapse before obtaining rates, the subscription will never be filled, while if a well-established journal should cease publication,

the subscription list is filled by another journal. It is not often that your "uncle" is out a subscription upon the demise of a paper.

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It is amusing to read the brilliant articles of some of our brilliant authors in which they compare a stamp collector with a youth of different persuasions. The former (in their minds) is a quiet sallow-faced youth, whose time (when he is not praying) is spent in poring over his album, or in other words, "studying his stamps," while the latter is generally a wild sort of a fellow, leading a life of sin. It is my opinion that a stamp collector is as robust and healthy a youth as the next one. If he is not, he had better sell his stamps and try to become one. Health, then stamps.

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Of all measly postal barbarities, the measliest is the new reply card. That's what I say.

The snow was falling fast

At through the stampic realms there passed
A youth. He bore with steps so nice

(Attend, as I won't say this twice)

A banner with strange device—

"Don't buy sets of unused Columbians with the hope of making a fortune on them when the issue is called in. This is sound advice.

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See our offer to subscribers in this issue.

Written for the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

SPECIALISM.

"A subject never tires", so the advanced writer tells us. "Specialism never tires", as its adherents can write on this never-tiring subject, and try and convince the model Philatelist that specialism is the root of enrichment to his collection.

The next thing asked is, "What shall we specialize?" After a careful study and long thought on the subject, both in regards to a safe financial investment and completeness, embracing the smallest number of varieties, I have come to the conclusion that the stamps of the United States of America and British North America are what the specialist is looking for as a safe investment.

It is a well-known fact, by those who have possessed Scott's catalogue, year after year, can notice with ease the rapid advance in price every year of the stamps of the U. S. A. and British North America. The Philatelic writers speak of the rise with vim; the Philatelic papers take up the cry as never before; good authorities advise us. Then, why not comply while it is early, and you can do so advantageously, both regarding your pocketbook and your album.

Is not the action of old and wiser heads convincement enough to tell

you that to specialize is to be the future of your albums.

The smaller the limit of your specialism, the larger the variety. Stick to it and a good collection will be your present.

Another thing in specialism is, "Shall we collect everything within our limit?" I would advise you, after you had selected your specialty, to go to collecting adhesives of the general issue (used or unused), then, after completing this set start on stamped envelopes, then postal cards and end up with locals and revenues.

After you have collected your specialism from adhesives to the locals and revenues, reform your collection, and then watch out for your vacant spaces. In time, your speciality will show itself to you in a complete set of the stamps of the U. S. A. and British North America.

CLEVE SCOTT.

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REVIEW.

The American Philatelist publishes a translation by Dr. Le Grand, of the "Philatelic Manuel" of L'Union Postal. This is a well written article. The writer defines stamps and the different uses to which they are put, and also gives his views on "specialism" and the different kind of stamps to be collected. "What is it?" remains to be solved. A very full chronicle,

A. P. A. notes, Editorials and Review complete the last number of the 6th Volume.

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Under the heading "Prominent Stamp Collectors" the portraits of Chas. Broadwell Corwin and Henry Clotz, two of New York's prominent collectors occupy a conspicuous place in the Philatelic Journal of America. It is their intention to print in each successive number the portraits of other leading Philatelists, a practice which we note with much satisfaction is becoming common among our leading papers. Crawford contributes a very interesting article on "Errors and Proofs" in which he mentions the mistake made by so many collectors in trying to discriminate between the two—a distinction without a difference. "The Stamps of Spain" and their counterfeits make profitable reading. Considerable information relating to counterfeits, reprints, etc., may be gleaned from "Notes and Clippings." We look forward with great pleasure to the coming of this magazine, which is one of our best.

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The Philatelic public is tired of dreaming and yet another story on that order appears on the initial page of one of our leading journals—the Philatelic Era. "How I Won and Lost a Bratteboro,"

although above the average is nevertheless rather monotonous, and would have been more in season several months ago. In a few words "Eunoniam" demonstrates the advantages of "Stamp Collecting" and estimates the number of Philatelists in the United States at 800,000. This estimate we think rather excessive. 500,000 would be nearer the mark. "Opportunities" by W. J. Calder shows the writer's faith in the future of Canadian stamps in general and of the Connell in particular. On the other hand, if we would believe Mr Small that stamp is "a most fishy, common rarity and not worthy of a place in a collection." By the way, Mr Small seems to have averaged all past praises by his severe criticisms this month. New York, Canadian and London notes complete this number which is not up to its usual standard.

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Filatellic Facts and Fallacies presents us with a very accurate description of the "Stamps of Corea" that will prevent any further discussion on that subject. A newsy and original department entitled "Philatellic Flakes" supplies some useful and agreeable hints culled from the different magazines. Under "Philatellic Literature" mention is made of a few of the many errors in Scotts' 53rd. We do not underestimate the

amount of study which was necessary to produce this catalogue, but think that 40 cents would have been ample price. Two and a half pages are creditably filled by "Our Contemporaries."

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So far as reading matter is concerned the "Post Office" seems to be steadily on the decline, owing doubtless to the defeat of the editor's pet scheme of amalgamation. "The Boston Post Office," A praise Chorus" by Guy W. Green, the chronicle and a description of the Columbian stamps with a few notes concerning them complete this issue.

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The Pentucket Philatelist consists of seven pages of entertaining information and we are sorry to note its demise and consolidation with the Collectors' Press.

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Without a doubt the American Philatelist and Collector is the most inferior paper we have received. "A rush in our printing department" accounts for its poor appearance.

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McKeel's Weekly Stamp News contributes three pages of excellent reading matter, noticeable among which is a short study of Dr. Frederick N. Palmer, the originator of the famous Brattleboro.

There is no decrease in the merit of the Nebraska Stamp and if it continues to provide the public with such agreeable reading it will undoubtedly acquire the prosperity it so richly merits. "My Canada Cousin" by Roy F. Green improves with each successive chapter and promises to be one of the best serials yet published in any of our contemporaries. An interesting article on "Our Philatelic Poets" is furnished by Lewis G. Quackenbush, while Roy F. Green supplies some very instructive reading under the title "Is the Surcharge a Legitimate Stamp?"

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The Yankee Philatelist consists of various short stories, but devotes most of its space to the nominations and notes of the S. C. U.

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The International Philatelist, a new one from Toronto, Canada, gives quite a flourishing account of the Toronto Philatelic Club, a short review, "Wise and Otherwise," Births, Marriages, etc.

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A very interesting article on "Uncle Sam's Postage Stamps" by W. H. Barnes is the leading article in the Pennsylvania Philatelist which also contains a clever reminiscence by Lewis G. Quackenbush, while Philately—its uses, its attractions, its effects—is

neatly handled by J. Bernstein, jr. "Philatelic Aphorism," rather bitter "Pokes", Canadian and Western Notes complete a very good number.

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A fit subject for second-class rates is the "New Jersey Philatelist." It consists of four pages, three and a half of which are advertisements. Uncle Sam must be very negligent to allow this thing to continue, and we sincerely hope his attention will be called to it at an early date.

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"The Chicago Stamp News" presents its readers with a portrait and brief biography of A. P. Hosmer, Secretary of the W. P. U. and one of Chicago's leading Philatelists. Some useful information may be had from the hints to beginners.

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Taking into consideration the limited character of its contents "The Postal Card" ranks among our foremost publications. The opinions of the P. C. S. members on the new domestic reply card are published in the last number.

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"The Philatelic Argosy" gives a description of the "Stamp of Thrift" in connection with the charity organization of Buffalo, an institution very similar to one in

Philadelphia, which has met with marked success. "Wanted" is a good hit at the Philatelists of the period. "Uncle Sam" might have been advantageously omitted. Choice material occupied seven other pages. This paper has changed hands and we are inclined to think the change one for the better.

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"One Dime," which presents a very poor typographical appearance, would also be benefited by a change. "A Rare Philatelic Find" by Cleve Scott starts off well. The rest is occupied by notes of interest to the "Hoosiers," "Philatelic Pen Pushing" and a very poor poem, by Nixon, the absence of which would have improved the sheet greatly. R. L. H.

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special to the FLORIDA PHILATELIST.

German-American Philatelic Association.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION AT NEW YORK CITY, JANUARY 15, 1893.

Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, the honorary president and founder of "Germania", said:

"BROTHER PHILATELISTS:—I am much pleased to see before me, members from Canada and Mexico, members of our own country, from the Atlantic and from the Pacific coast. In the name of 'Germania' whose fourth birthday we celebrate to-day, I welcome you in this hall

and tender the outside members the hospitality of the association."

Then came the following address of President Frank Heinsberger:

"MR. CHAIRMAN AND BROTHER PHILATELISTS:—In reviewing the record of "Germania" from January, 1892, to January, 1893, I am glad to announce to you that our association has gained considerably, in regard to active members, in all countries on earth, as with acquaintances with U. S. and foreign Philatelic societies. We have now 552 active members in this and foreign countries, and thirty corresponding members (foreign only). We have received donations from the city of Luxemburg, Europe, and from the firm of Ph. Heinsberger, N. Y. The list of official journals has increased to ten (America and Europe), and most of them have regularly published the minutes of our meetings. Honorably, I mention the "Philatelic Weekly News, of St. Louis, Mo.; "The Monthly Visitor", Haverhill, Mass.; "The Golden Star", Taunton, Mass.; the New York Zeitung, New York Recorder, New York Daily News, New York Tribune, and, in Europe, Philatelisten Zeitung, Internationales Briefmarken Journal, Schweidnitz, Germany; Fortuna, Odenburg, Hungary; Philatelistischer, Boersen Courier, Hein, Austria, L. Collectionneur du Timbre Poste, Luxemburg.

"Notices about 'Germania' doings have appeared in Philatelic Era, Boston, Mass.; in the Philatelic Fraud Reporter, Stramsburg, Neb. Special thanks is due to the editor of the FLORIDA PHILATELIST, whose paper has published on the

title page the name of 'Germania' as official organ. I thank our foreign members for their activity in sending us newly issued postage and revenue stamps of their countries. I also thank our New York members for their zeal and kindness in making our meetings sociable, and especially those gentlemen who enlightened our younger members on Philatelic matters by their lectures.

"In the month of October, 1892, 'Germania', at the request of many American and European members, has opened a Numismatic and Curio Annex, and the membership of this department has increased to forty-five (America and Europe). The doings of this department has been published in numismatical, mineralogical, naturalists, entomologists, oologist and ornithologist papers, in the United States and Europe. Honorably, I mention "Dos Naturalien Cabinet, of Gruenberg, Germany, and Miscellanea Entomological, Montelimar, France; the American Magazine of Natural Science, the California Traveler and Naturalist, and further our curio official organs.

"The financial state of our association is a good one, according to the report of our treasurer, Mr. H. Hermann. The annual dues have been reduced to \$1, or 5s., or 6f., for all active members of 'Germania'. In conclusion, I may say yet a few words to the officers of this association.

"Gentlemen, you have done much more than your official duty, during your term (1892) of office, you have added much to the welfare and prosperity of our associatoin, and in the name of all its members

I thank you for your good work."

Hereupon, the librarian, Mr. Frank Phillips, read his report, which shows that the library of Germania has considerably increased during 1892, in Philatelic papers and books and different curio publications.

A committee of five members was appointed by the chair to get up a slate for the 1893 officers, and the polls were open from 11 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. The convention adjourned to afternoon session at 12 noon.

REOPENING AT 2 P. M.

Recording Secretary M. A. Schumacher announced the result of the polling, and the following officers were elected.

President—Mr. Frank Heinsberger, re-elected.

Recording Secretary — M. A. Schumacher, re-elected.

Treasurer—M. H. Hermann, re-elected.

Librarian and International Secretary—Mr. Frank Phillips, re-elected.

The following members were elected Trustees (Mitglied der executive committee) upon recommendation of the chairman, by acclamation: D. E. Hazen, Thonotassassa, Fla.; Emil J. Rall, Savannah, Ga.; Cleve Scott, Central City, Neb. All officers to serve for the full year 1893.

The newly elected officers, all of

whom were present, except the trustees, accepted their offices and thanked the members for their confidence. Later, some Philatelic treasurers were shown and social speeches made by the members (Gemuehliche Plauderia). At the close of the convention, the chairman and honorary president, Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, jr., invited all members present to a supper, and at 4 p. m., the Fourth Annual Convention of the German-American Philatelic Association of New York City adjourned sine die, until January, 1894. In the evening, at 8 o'clock, the gentlemen, attending the convention, sat down to a supper, and some pleasant hours were spent in wining, dinning and merry-making, according to German custom.

On January 16th, the outside members were shown through the city—most of them seeing the metropolis for the first time. They also drank German lager beer and tested frankfurts (not bologna) sausages and German sauerkraut, and last, but not least, these strangers did see the "elephant".

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Moderation in Specializing.

Moderation is a good thing however applied. In stamp collecting moderation was lacking when stamp collectors collected everything in sight, in fact, there seemed

to be no limit to their desires. They collected postage, U. S. and foreign revenue, beer and tobacco licenses and almost every label that had any resemblance to a stamp. But the reaction came and as a consequence a number of collectors stopped collecting revenues and narrowed their sphere until they had but one country or one limited class, so limited, in fact, that the time soon came when they could no longer get specimens for their particular branch, and as it is the acquisition, or the prospects of acquisition, of stamps that keeps up the interest, therefore collectors take warning and do not make the confines of your specialty too small.

The postage stamp of the United States alone ceases to be interesting after a certain point is reached although they are interesting enough in a general collection in connection with their foreign neighbors. If you would be a specialist do not be narrow but make a specialty of a field large enough to be interesting for all time.

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Philatelists I Have Met.

BY TUDOR.

NO. I.—MR. WM. H. EMMERT

Mr. Wm. H. Emmert is, as you all know, the exchange superintendent of the Sons of Philatelia. He is also a native of New Oxford,

Pa. It has been said by those who wish to be cruel that the remainder of the population of that borough consists of Mr. Emmert's moustache and a red cow, but this is incorrect, as I have it from Mr. Emmert, himself, that he does not possess a red cow. They also say Mr Emmert's good looks and prepossessing appearance create a most favorable impression on all who are so fortunate as to pass him on the street at night when the electricity, in the power station, has run aground, and the lights do not shed their accustomed brilliancy, but we can also vouch for the inaccuracy of that statement, as we have met Mr. Emmert and, besides that, there are no electric lights in New Oxford. The gentleman, who is commanding our attention, makes frequent pilgrimages to Gettysburg, a town composed of hotels, bootblacks and a battlefield, where he is well and favorably known to all classes. The well-to-do hotel proprietor and the fifteen-cents-a-shine bootblack, those monarchs of all they survey, do not refuse a smile in return for that given by the whole-souled Emmert, and, indeed, it is for this reason that Mr. Emmert was so unanimously re-elected to his office in the S. of P. exchange department is a "soft snap," but I think differently. Mr. Emmert's department keeps him hus'lin', and the

only pay he receives is a "Thank you." As long as Mr. Emmert is in the land of the living, so long will there be a magnificent exchange department in the Sons of Philatelia.

Long live Mr. Emmert!

P. S. Wouldn't I like to have the first "go" at those exchange sheets?

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The Stamp Collectors' Union is now one of the largest Philatelic societies in America, and if its present growth continues will soon be the largest in the world. It has among its members some of the best known Philatelist in America. The initiation fee and dues for one year are only 35 cents.

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My collection of 450 large cents, catalogued at \$60, to exchange for collection of fine stamps (U. S.). Want 3c, 6c, 30c and 90c of present issue; will pay \$1.25 per hundred. John P. Cooper, Red Bank, N. J. Box 622.

I have a telegraph instrument with complete outfit, valued at \$6. Will exchange for N. Y. 5c black or other good U. S. O. E. KLAPP, Box 259, St. Paris, Ohio.

Collectors having Philatelic papers to exchange, send want and duplicate list. Will give a stamp catalogued at 4c for every stamp paper sent me. C. T. METCALF, S. of P. No. 85, Greenfield, Mass.

Have bound books, worth from \$1 to \$5 each, to exchange for U. S. stamps, or Philatelic papers. D. E. HAZEN, Box 40, Thonotosassa, Florida.

Wanted, to exchange old, large copper cents, from 1817 to 1856, for fractional currency or Confederate bills of large denomination. Have you any old silver dollars, etc.? JOHN B. COOPER, Box 622, Red Bank, N. J.

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1:30p	6:45p	Ar. Lecochee, Fla	6:45a	12:30p	
1:30a	6:55p	Ar. Lecochee, Ar	6:45a	11:30p	
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