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Guy W. Green,
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No. 1.

WHO IS IT?

By ROY F. GREENE.

Who is it that sits from day to day,
A writing in his "stampy" way
And seldom gets a cent of pay?
The philatelic writer.

Who is it that figures out what fame
And wealth, besides an honored name,
But always ends the same. The same?
The philatelic editor.

Who is it finds it glorious fun
To take his stamps when work is done
And stick in his album fast with gum?
The philatelic novice.

Who is it views with looks of fear
The prices of U. S. stamps last year
And the catalogues which now appear?
The philatelic world.

Who is it every place and hour
Appears, not sad, morose nor sour,
But enjoys the world with all his power?
The philatelic "crank".

And whether we get the sought for name,
Or climbing still the heights of fame,
We love the hobby all the same.
We philatelic "cranks".

FOR THE "STAMP ECHO."

BLANK ALBUMS VS. PRINTED ALBUMS.

By VACAROO.

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2. Each issue is blocked in sufficient room for all the stamps.
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"VACAROO."

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CLEVE SCOTT, Ed. and Pub.

A GENERAL REVIEW.

The "Postal Card" for July comes into our office in 16 page form, with a very large chronicle of new issues, reports of the Postal Card Society of America and interesting articles from the postal card collecting class. 25 cents a year. George H. Watson, 223 West Grand St., Elizabeth, N. J.

Our last receipt of the "Western Philatelist" is the June number, with opening chapters, by E. P. Newcomer, on "Detecting counterfeits," which is a page of interest to a true philatelist. Mr. Reimer, we believe, will shortly issue his venture from Chicago, as of old. C. D. Reimers, Iowa City, Iowa.

The July number of the "Detroit Philatelist" consists of the S. of P. convention, Grills and Surcharges and a little notelet by himself, acknowledging his receipt of a prize at a drill contest. We'll speak about you later on Bro. Crittenden. This undoubtedly is the best 20 cent paper out. A. H. Crittenden, 169-12th St., Detroit, Mich.

Chicago Stamp News comes as regular as any, and is sent free to all applicants. It undoubtedly is neat. S. B. Brodt, 132 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

June number of the L. I. Philatelist is here to stay, or die, so its editor informs us. A fight with Rice as of yore, and a continued stamp story, by its editor, results in a good number. We see it has failed in securing 2nd class rates as it contained a 1-cent stamp (wrapper). 25 cents a year. Ashcroft and Ogden, Box 314, Woodhaven, N. Y.

The July Stamp Collector, printed in old England, salutes us with as healthy an appearance as ever. The principal article of interest being "Stamp collecting ten years ago and now".

"The Philatelic Journal of America" has greatly enlarged and improved, also its subscription price, which hereafter will be an iron wheel, or a silver dollar. This is sad, as oh, my won't their subscriptions decrease! 50 cents is a big sum to pay for any philatelic paper and I'm sure they'll lose by this move. Their June number consists of a long descriptive article on the "Counterfeit stamps of Spain," by J. K. Tiffany. Published at \$1 per year by C. H. Mekeel Co., 1007-1011 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

The Golden Star, June number, consists of a very good repast suitable to the tastes of collectors, and only 10 cents a year. Golden Star Pub. Co., Taunton, Mass.

The June number of the "Eagle Philatelist" as usual is a DANDY. A poem entitled "The Baby" (written on the sixth birthday of Alfonso the XIII) is commendable and was very ably composed by "The Philatelic Shakespeare." Roy F. Greene. This is Roy's 3rd poem on rulers; the two preceding ones being in honor of Victoria and the "Netherland girl queen". Also a biography and photo of J. Henry Thomas, Stamps of Canada and New Issues which are all good. Roy F. Greene is now sole proprietor, he offers this magazine at 25 cents a year. Roy

F. Greene, Arkansas City, Kan. Box 102

The June Penn. Philatelist consists of a parody, by its editor, and several other good articles. 25 cents a year. Harry F. Kautner, 230 Penn St., Reading, Pa.

The July number of the Washington Philatelist at hand and is not worth the price asked, 25 cents a year. The cover is a beauty.

The July Missouri Philatelist is, as usual, up to its good standard. "A Chronicle", "On consolidation", "What one philatelist sees" and an able review make it a very good number. Its editor has sold his large stamp business and now devotes his whole time to his paper. Ph. Conrath, 1334 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo. 25 cents a year.

Where! oh where! is the N. Y. Stamp? We have not seen anything of it since June. We earnestly hope it is still on top to give its readers a large 25 cents worth. June number has several good articles; one by Guy W. Green. 25 cents a year. Grevning & Spooner, 37 West 32nd St., New York City.

July One Dime contains a poem by "personal pronoun I" and several good notes. It is worth twice its cost. Only 10 cents a year. C. W. Peugh, Kossuth, Ind.

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MY FRIEND'S HOBBY AND MINE.

By GUY W. GREEN.

I have a friend. You are fortunate if you are blessed with a similar commodity. I don't refer to those "affairs" which you meet in the street, bow to, and pass on; but rather to the companion who criticises you and your inclinations freely and for your good. That is the kind of a friend I have, and I rejoice in him. And am I not justified in so doing? My friend and I agree on many matters and differ on a few. One of the few is stamp collecting. He can see no good in the hobby, and exercises no reserve in expressing his opinions. Many are the heated arguments we have indulged in concerning the matter, but neither his opinions nor mine have been changed. Did I say NEITHER HIS nor mine? Perhaps I should after that statement, for I really think I produced some impression on him the other day, and this is how it happened.

He is a freemason of high standing, and has taken something like thirty-two degrees. He had but recently recently returned from a gathering of the lodge brethren, when he sauntered into my room. I was arranging stamps at the time. He watched me a few moments quietly, and said, "You are at your old foolishness again I see."

"Yes," I replied pleasantly, "I am dabbling in stamps again if that is what you call foolishness; but I guess I will put them up now just for your

benefit. I haven't seen you for several days and I should like to talk with you."

So saying, I shoved my album aside and spoke; "So you have been attending a distant Masonic gathering again have you? Had a good time I suppose?"

"Yes, very."

Saw a great many friends, and was the guest of one or two probably?"

"Yes I met a good many acquaintances, but I stayed at the hotel."

"So your brethren didn't invite you to their homes?"

"No. Why do you ask?"

"Oh, no reason in particular. Just wanted to know. You were a stranger in the city you visited. I doubt not there was some one at the depot to show you around?"

"No, there was not. Do you take me for some member of royalty?"

"Not especially. I simply desired to see how closely the bonds of your hobby bound you to the rest of its devotees."

"Hobby! I have no hobby. A hobby is the most undesirable thing under the sun, and the hardest to be endured."

"Not so fast please, Sam. Wait a minute for me to catch my breath, and we will see whether or not that last statement of yours can be borne out by truth. You say you have no hobby. Do you really believe that?"

"Certainly I do," replied my friend. "Pray tell me what my hobby is, if I have one."

"Well, I had supposed Masonry was a hobby with you, to tell you the plain truth.

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Jesse Wilson, a lively young philatelist of Merna, is at present visiting Cleve Scott. Mr. Wilson's collection was started in 1887, and at present is quite a nice collection. He says he can't take as much interest in stamps as he can in all round curiosities, of which he has a grand collection.

In the July No. of the Detroit Philatelist, Mr. Crittenden speaks of Guy W. Green as Gen. W. Green. I have not heard of Guy's appointment as a general, as yet, although he does hold a prominent position with the Stromsburg cadets.

E. W. Julian, secretary of the Neb. Philatelic Society, is sojourning at Lusk, Wyoming.

Mr. Roy F. Greene, that jolly stampite from Arkansas City, Kansas, says his Eagle Philatelist will be far in superior to its former good standard. Roy F's. collection of stamps and stamp literature are the finest in the west. He is a warm friend of Lew Brodstone, and says in the future, we Neb. collectors all can expect a visit from him. Come right along Roy, we'll meet you with wide open arms—one and all.

Edward C. Biggar, our nearest stamp man, says his overland trip, which has been spoken of in the philatelic press for some time, will occur in the fall or next spring. Mr. Biggar's 500 variety collection of U. S. stamps, containing many essays, proofs and oddities, is conceded to be the best in Nebraska. His foreign collection num-

bers over 3000 varieties and still he is as active at the present time as he ever was in twenty years of active stamp collecting.

So much has been said about Fremont's collections and collectors that it would interest all to know something about some of Fremont's best stamp collections. Mr. Frank H. Knowlton's collection numbers 5000 varieties, and his U. S. revenue collection lacks but 10 stamps of being complete. Miss Etta May, the lady stampite, has a good collection. Mr. John Schurman and Alfred Muller both possess excellent collections.

Mr. Frank Kremser, of York, a well known young man of that town, and interested in philately, is engaged in one of the principal groceries of the place.

Mr. E. H. Wilkinson, of Broken Bow and treasurer of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, is visiting Lincoln at this time.

In speaking to Ed. C. Biggar recently of the Nebraska Philatelic Society he said he didn't know anything about it. He is up as vice-president. Queer, isn't it?

Dan. D. Dolittle, an old Neb. stamp collector, has dissolved his interest in stamps and retired unmolested. Success in the future, Dan.

I recently had the pleasure to gaze into the hidden beauties of Lew Brodstone's 9th edition album. The following panorma presented itself to my view: Complete sets of the

War Interior and treasury departments of the U. S., also the following: 1868 embossing covering entire stamp, 3 cent, rose; 1869 brown and blue, 15 cent stamp; 1 reddish colored, used, 10 cent paid stamp of Buck's Richmond express, and an unused block of seven 90 cent P. O. Dep't. stamps.

Mr. Brodstone's album also contains several uncatalogued specimens. But one thing of which Lew sings praise is his stamped envelope collection, which is a large and beautiful one. Mr. Brodstone says he does not want his collection to go out of the state, if possible, as he is offering it to the public. He says he wants to get himself a new wheel.

Mr. E. R. Holmes, of Lincoln, Neb., in speaking about philately says, "now and then he can worm a little philatelic time in, quite often."

FIGS AND THISTLES.

E. P. NEWCOMER.

The first U. S. postal card was issued May 12, 1873. There are now 1,500,000 of them used every day.

They have enlarged the postal card,
And since the thing was done,
You find two post scrips written now,
Where once you saw but one.

—WASHINGTON STAR.

The Italian government, as far as it is represented by the Italian Postmaster-general, does not know that the late civil war is ended. At least, the

officials of the U. S. Post Office Department are of that opinion, based mainly on a letter addressed to Mr. Wanamaker by the Italian director of the ports. Inclosed in the letter was a \$50 Confederate note, which the Italian cabinet officer desired Mr. Wanamaker to cash and send the money to him by means of a money order. The note has been returned with a polite letter, in which Mr. Wanamaker explains that the note in question was issued by the government of the states in their insurrection of the states against the U. S., and that it had no value.

The Post office authorities are not permitted to divulge a matter of privacy. An address on any class of mail matter concerns only the sender and the recipient. It is put there merely to assist the postal service and cannot be considered its property. Section 507 of the postal laws forbids a postmaster and all others in the mail service to furnish information concerning mail matter, received or delivered, except to their authorized agents or postoffice inspectors. A disregard of this regulation renders the offender liable to removal. Postmasters may, however, when the same can be done without interfering with the regular business of the post office, furnish to officers of law, to aid them in discovering fugitives from justice, information concerning the postmarks and addresses of letters, but must not delay or refuse their delivery to the persons addressed. It is hinted, however, that in some offices this law is not strictly obeyed.

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"	3 cent red outer line,		.20	"	2 cent brown,		.03
"	3 cent red,	.05	.01	"	3 cent blue,		.01
"	5 cent brown,		1.50	1872	2 cent brown,	.08	"
"	10 cent green,		.18	"	3 cent green,	.08	"
1861	1 cent blue,		.03	"	6 cent pink,		"
"	3 cent pink,		.20	"	6 cent carmine,		.05
"	5 cent brown,		.22	"	7 cent vermilion,		.30
"	10 cent green,		.03	"	12 cent purple,		.12
"	12 cent black,		.20	"	15 cent orange,		.12
"	24 cent lilac,		.15	"	24 cent purple,		.40
"	30 cent orange,		.35	"	30 cent black,	.60	.05
1863	2 cent black,		.03	"	90 cent carmine,		.15
1866	15 cent black,		.25	1882	6 cent red,		.05
"	24 cent mauve,		.30	1883	4 cent green,		.02
1868	1 cent black unb.,		.20	1887	3 cent vermilion,		.04
"	2 cent black,		.08	1888	4 cent carmine,	.08	.03
"	3 cent rose,		.02	"	30 cent brown,	.55	.20
"	10 cent green,		.22	"	90 cent purple,	1.50	.40

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A PRACTICAL CARD-BOARD ALBUM.

BY VACAROO.

No doubt a good many of my fellow collectors have reached that stage in their collecting career where they want to experiment with albums. I know I have passed through it.

I mean to describe a practical card-board album, one that you can carry with you, and the leaves can be arranged to suit yourself; and it should not cost over \$2.00 at the most.

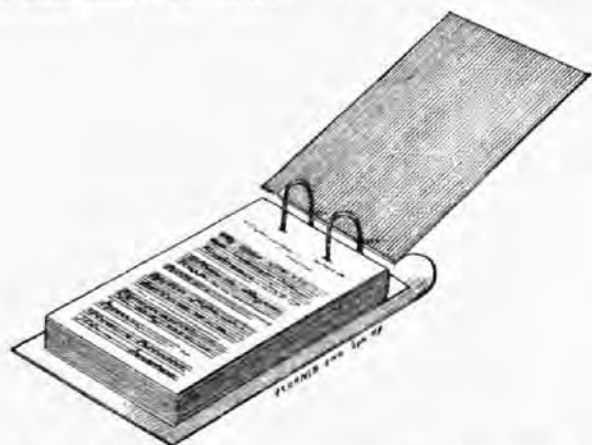
Procure of your dealer in office supplies a letter file, then go to your book-binder and have him make you sheets

cover of a book, which is to be laid on top of the sheets as a sort of weight to keep them down.

Now all that is required is the stamps and some hinges and your album is complete. The stamps should be on one side of the sheet only and any sheet can be removed almost instantly.

Pure white or cream colored board is the best, though some say black is good. I have tried both and like the white best. The black shows off the perforation good and if a stamp happens to be torn that is shown much plainer than it would if the paper was white.

Postal cards could be mounted



by 8 x 10 inches in size and to protect the holes made in the board by brass fasteners, also have him make a very heavy outer cover, something like the

very well this way by fastening a hinge on the edge of the card and punching the holes through the hinge.

IOWA PHILATELIC CONVENTION.

The first annual convention of the Iowa Philatelic Association met in the parlors of the Goldstone House, Aug. 30, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The following members were present: Whittemore, Jones, Cornell, Newsome, Stilson, Stanley, McNeil, Schramm, Ilgenfritz, Hervey, Smouse, Ankeny and Jackson.

In the absence of both Pres. and Vice Pres., Mr. Whittemore was elected to act as chairman of the convention. The roll was then called and following committees were appointed: on Order of Business, Jones, Stilson and Newsome; on Credentials, Cornell and Jackson. The reports of these committees being read and approved, Secretary Ilgenfritz gave a short history of the organization and beginning of the Association, and reported the number of members to be 54 with 5 applications. It was then voted that the five applicants be admitted at once, as they were excluded through the delay in the publication of the official organ. After the reports of the remaining officers, the subject of delinquent members was brought up, and it was agreed to give each one ten days further notice before dropping him from the list of members. The Constitution was then read by the secretary for the purpose of revision, and the following amendments were proposed by members:

Age of applicants to be at least 16. Not carried.

Charges against members to be referred to the governing Committee.

Carried.

Convention then adjourned until Aug. 31, at 1.30, P. M.

SECOND DAY.

When the convention re-assembled, letters from various philatelists, and a poem by Cleve Scott, addressed to the I. P. A. were read.

The reading of the Constitution was then continued, and the following amendments were proposed:

Fifth man of Governing Committee to be elected by members. Carried.

A resolution was then passed approving all officers to be over 21 years of age.

The question of bonds for Treasurer and Exchange Superintendent was brought up, but dropped.

All elections to be held at the annual conventions. Carried.

Place and time of meeting of next convention to be settled by members. Carried.

Term of office to be one year, beginning Sept. 1st. Carried.

Branch Societies to fix their own regulations (in accordance with I. P. A.). Carried.

Following resolutions were then passed:

Whereas, the Iowa Philatelic Association, in convention at Des Moines, Aug. 30 and 31, 1892, recognizing the value of amalgamation of all national societies, as promulgated by Alvah Davison and P. M. Wolsieffer, to the cause of Philately, be it Resolved that we heartily endorse any actions leading to its fulfilment.

Furthermore, be it Resolved that

every member of the Iowa Philatelic Association should become a member of the American Philatelic Association.

Muscatine was unanimously selected for the place of the next annual convention.

Some stamps were then exhibited by various members, among which was Mr. Ilgenfritz's collection of U. S. Departments complete, lacking four, and some entire envelopes by Mr. Jackson.

A motion to adjourn was then passed and the first convention of the I. P. A. was at an end.

SIDE ISSUES.

The convention was very orderly from beginning to end.

Mr. Cornell, of Marshalltown, brought his Kodak along, and took a snap shot at the boys with a "Northwestern" car for a back-ground.

Two good collections of stamps were exhibited at the Iowa State Fair. Mr. Jones' containing 4500 varieties and Mr. Chase's containing about 3000. The latter was mounted in a blank album which was very beautifully ornamented with colored inks.

The "Eagle Philatelic Club" (Branch No. 2. I. P. A.) has adopted a unique badge. It consists of "E. P. C." made in script letters from gold wire.

The following officers of I. P. A. take their places Sept. 1: Pres., W. J. McCullough; V. Pres., S. G. Stein; Sec., J. A. Dolle. The remainder are the same as before.

Will meet you all at Muscatine next year.

C. JACKSON.

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EXAMINE YOUR STAMPS.

This article, though instructive to both old and young collectors, is mainly intended for the younger class.

Persons who are just beginning to collect, and even some advance collectors, often fail to examine their stamps carefully, and by this means have let valuable stamps slip through their hands. I have been in this box

myself and can speak from experience. The very slightest difference in two stamps, which many collectors would pass over as worthless, makes one stamp worth one cent and the other \$10 or more. It may be a difference in watermarks, in perforation, in engraving or printing, sometimes, indeed, scarcely to be noticed without a microscope, yet it is there, and the lucky collector who obtains it will get a prize.

The same issue of stamps is printed sometimes from a lithographic stone, a wooden block or a steel engraved plate, and all these different modes of printing affect the prices of stamps. The paper, also, has much to do with the value of stamps. First, as regards to kind and quality. It may be wove or laid paper, of a good or poor quality. Second, the color of the paper affects the value. This is especially shown by comparing the prices of match, medicine, proprietary and other U. S. revenue stamps on white paper with the prices of same when on pink paper.

In unperforated stamps the collector should look to see whether a line was drawn between the stamps or not, for this may bring to light a fine prize. A collector of U. S. stamps should examine carefully to see if the stamps are embossed and if so, whether the embossing covers a large space or not. I might keep on indefinitely speaking of such marks, but I think I have given enough points to show that we should be very careful to examine our stamps as we go along, as we often will make an important find by it. I could cite instances where a discovery of a very slight difference has largely enriched the owner's collection, but it is not necessary in this article to do so.

Examine your stamps. KERR.

REVIEW.

Conducted by E. W. JULIAN, CHADRON, NEB. All Magazines wishing to be reviewed should send one to Cleve Scott, Central City, Neb. and E. W. Julian, Chadron, Neb.

One Dime appears regular now as it is the official organ of the Hoosier Philatelic Society. The Aug. No. contained two poems, and several minor articles, also the reports of the H.P.S. Sub. price, 15c per annum, published by Chas. W. Peugh, Kossuth, Ind.

No. 2 of the Florida Philatelist puts in its appearance which is very creditable for the 2nd edition of a paper. The Aug. No. contains "Philately as a Science", "Seek and you will Find" and several columns of notes, reviews, etc. Subscription price, 25c per year, published by D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa (whew!), Fla.

The other Southern paper is the Southern Philatelist, published by the Southern Stamp and Pub. Co., 25 Broad St., Charleston, S. C. The Aug. No. containing an account of the A. P. A. convention, editorials and another account of one of the editor's trips. Gussie seems to dwell a good deal on that beer. Southern philatelic journalism is well represented in S. P., which is only 25c per year.

The Post Office comes with an A. P. A. cover on for its August number. A very complete account of the A. P. A. convention together with many illustrations, notes, editorials, hints and helps to collectors, etc., etc. make a very readable number. This magazine is only 35c per year, published by

Henry Grammel, 89 Nassau St., New York, N. Y.

Mekeel's Weekly comes to hand every Wednesday. No comments are necessary on this excellent magazine as it is the stuff. \$1.00 per year, published by C. H. Mekeel & Co., 1007-9-11 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Another of Mekeel's excellent journals is the Philatelic Journal of America. The latest copy we have is the June No., but if the later numbers come up to it they are excellent. Put us on your exchange list Bro. Mekeel. Price per annum, \$1.00.

The Golden Star is published by the Golden Star Pub. Co., Taunton, Mass., at the low price of 20c per year. The August No. contains articles entitled, "The Stamp Doctor", "A Glimpse in the Future", "Philatelics", editorials, etc.

The American Philatelist and Collector, Marlborough, Mass., contains several short articles and crisp editorials. Sub. price 25c per year.

The Philatelic Tribune comes to our office every two weeks. The last No. is filled with personals which are very interesting. Published by F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y., at 30c per year.

The Eastern Philatelist is the paper. The Aug. No. contains "My Temptation", "Auld Lang Syne", and several short articles, together with Bro. Pinkham's crisp editorials which would make a readable magazine by themselves. Published by F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H. at 25c per year.

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We would like to exchange with all papers devoted to Stamp Collecting.

Chicago Stamp News is a paper published by S. B. Bradt Co., Chicago, Ill. and is sent free to all applicants. The Aug. No. contains a description of their business, also giving portraits of S. B. Bradt and P. M. Wolsieffer the leading members of the firm.

The Western Philatelist is published at Ilgenwood, Ill., at the sub. price of 15c per year. The Aug. No. contains "Consolidation—The Outlook", "The A. P. A.", Notes, Editorials, etc.

Every stamp collector and philatelist will miss something good unless they subscribe to THE NEBRASKA STAMP right away. You must read one of Roy F. Greene's most gifted articles. It will pay you and you can't feel good till you do.

Next month we will start "My Canada Cousin", by Roy F. which will continue for several months. This is one of Mr. Greene's best efforts and you should read it.

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We have some excellent Mss. and poems. Among the lot there are some composed by such writers as Roy F. Greene, E. P. Newcomer, Guy W. Green, Vacaroo, and J. P. Stetler, as well as other notables.

We have secured a regular Omaha correspondent to send us news every month and Mr. J. Percy Stetler will act as Altoona, Pa. correspondent. We will also soon have a regular N. Y. City correspondent.

We are here to stay, notwithstanding all conjectures of a speedy existence.

We will stay and wish your support.

MY FRIEND'S HOBBY AND MINE.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH.

All the time you can spare from your business you devote to it. It is your main expense as far as unnecessary expenditure is concerned, and generally speaking it affords you your main relaxation. Is it not true?"

Sam was silent for a moment and then he said: "Perhaps it is."

"Well, if that is true, then Masonry is your hobby, and I defy you to disprove my assertion. And now that we have discovered that you possess one of the articles you have affected to despise so much, and since we have even decided exactly what the article is, let me compare your hobby and mine as to general benefits derived. You go over the country and meet men who know you on account of your Masonic connections; but they do not invite you to their homes; they do not share with you their bed and board. There is the commonplace greeting of recognition, not the impulsive clasp of an awakened friendship. I go over the country and am received by friends, invited to their homes, and eat at their board. For my hobby holds its devotees fast with the never failing links of an unbroken sympathy."

Samuel was becoming more interested and I continued:

"And then there is the expense to be considered. None but the wealthy can afford the enjoyments of Masonry.

Philately is for all. A Blue Lodge man is a nonentity; the poorest philatelist receives recognition.

"I do not affirm that you are foolish for following your inclinations. It is your right to do as you please. I do not wish to be centured and derided of my peculiarities. It is my privilege to act as I desire. Every individual must have some recreation. You have chosen yours, I have picked mine. Let us argue the matter no farther."

All the while my friend had been intently listening. When I concluded he jumped up with the exclamation, "Well, you are a terror when you get started on that subject, aren't you? And I don't know but what you speak a good deal of the truth too."

With that he was gone. I believe I impressed him somewhat with the validity of my arguments, even if I did not convert him to my way of thinking. Don't you agree with me? I know you do.

NOTES.

The first country in Asia to use postage stamps was India.

It now is under penalty of law to forge stamps in Germany.

During the past year 974,539 letters and postal cards were sent to the Canadian dead letter office.

The authorities of Honduras and Ceylon have taken measures to stop the speculative surcharges of these countries.

OMAHA NOTES.

In the July number of the Detroit Philatelist we find the following:

"As the thermometer begins to rise in the 90's, Neb. collectors begin laying their stamp albums away and completely break themselves away from old philately."

Evidently Mr. Crittenden is not very well acquainted in this part of the country, for Nebraska collectors do not lay away their albums, but the greater part, being of the wealthiest class, go north for the summer and take their collections with them, and when they return in the winter a glance through their albums will show that they have not been idle during the summer. This paper seems to contain nothing but Nebraska news, and yet it is published in Michigan. How is this? Is there not enough enthusiasm in Michigan to publish a paper with Michigan news?

Omaha has one of the best stamp markets in the west. There being 20 odd collectors here, besides double the number of coin collectors.

Mr. William Hendricks is one of Omaha's most enthusiastic collectors. He has a very fine collection of Revenues, needing only three to make them complete, and is looking out for them.

It is almost impossible for any one to buy any U. S. stamps here. There is plenty but all are holding them.

Mr. J. G. Cortelyou is making a

specialty of entire envelopes, unused and used adhesives of the U. S.

A curiosity recently came to the hands of Mr. William Hopson. One morning while down town he happened to pick up an envelope on which was pasted the current two-cent stamp but instead of being red it was a deep brown. He also has in his collection a 1861-3 cent pink stamp with the postmark Omaha City, July 24, 1861. As there were not many stamps sold in Omaha then he holds it as a curiosity.

Mr. Duensing, of New York City, recently paid us a visit. He has a great number of revenues, some of which run up quite high in the catalogue. He also has a \$4 gold piece, which is an exceedingly fine copy. He holds it at \$100.

Collectors should beware of the fac-similes of the U. S. State stamps and Newspaper stamps, as they are photographic forgeries made in Germany, and if found in your possession you are liable to find yourself behind the bars. Quite a number of sets of the fac-simile newspaper stamps are in this city. One person having 10 to 20 sets of them.

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The next issue of United States stamps will probably contain a 12c, 25c, 50c and \$1 stamp. These would prove much more convenient than the values now in use and let us hope they will be more artistic than the cheap lot now inflicted upon us.—STAR.

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References: Elmer Hobben, Lincoln;
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The above member will be admitted Sept. 20th, if no objections are made.

I am ashamed to present in this report only one applicant, but as several blanks have been sent out I trust that I may present a much larger one next time. We cordially invite all collectors to join our society. Our dues are small, only 10c initiation and 25 cents yearly. I think that the yearly dues

will soon be raised. Our Exchange and Auction Dept's. are now running and both departments are presided over by competent men. The Library, too, I think, will soon be established, and with Bro. Green at the head will rapidly come to the front. Now let every collector who receives this paper send his initiation fee to the Sec'y and receive a blank. Would also like for collectors to be more prompt in filling them out and returning them. I wish to publicly thank Mr. C. A. Gordinier, Fairfield, Neb., for artistic job of printing he did on our membership cards. I would recommend Mr. Gordinier to any one who wishes first-class printing done. Mr. L. T. Brodstone and E. W. Julian, the founding members, are at work on the constitution and will probably be ready for print in next number. Let everybody join our society, especially Nebraska collectors. Support your own state society. Address, for application blanks, etc., the secretary,

E. W. JULIAN, Chadron, Neb.

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The Exchange Department of the N. P. S. is now in running order. Exchange books, holding 80 stamps, can be had of the department at 10 cents each, or 3 books for 25 cents. Members having duplicates will find it to their advantage to patronize the department. Members intending to use the department please act promptly and start the ball rolling.

FRANK M. TESSIER, Ex. Supt.,
 Sutton, Neb.

THE NEBRASKA STAMP.

ARKANAS CITY, KANS., Aug. 17, '92.

Dear Friend Cleve:

There came to my sanctum a messenger fair,
I siege it quite eagerly, read it with care;
I find it the best of the kind I have seen,
And of Northwestern journals its truly the Queen.
Relating the news in Philately's domain,
From Pacific to Atlantic and Oregon to Maine,
And filled with choice articles from all gifted pens,
And the careful attention the Editor lends;
Its make-up is perfect, and I know its no tramp,
Dejected and "bummy",—THE NEBRASKA STAMP.

I had my story all ready to send you
when I upset the bottle of ink and ruined
it. I shall copy it over to-night and
send it to-morrow or next day. I thank
you for neat "ad" you gave me in
"Stamp". I can say nothing more
about it but what I expressed in verse.

It's a dandy and no mistake.

My best hopes for success.

Roy F. Greene.

SOME TIPS

ON

ROY FARREL GREENE.

Arkansas City has a poetic genius. The following tribute to a man in sorrow is from the pen of Mr. Roy F. Greene, and it shows him to be a writer of no mean ability. We understand this young man has contributed several ditties to some of our noted journals and periodicals, among them a continued story. Striking Paying Dirt appeared in the last issue of the Great Divide, a paper published at Denver, Colo., in the interest of miners, from which we copied:

STRIKING PAYING DIRT.

The world is mighty apt to frown,
Put on a look of scorn
To a man when sorrow comes his,
When weeds are in his corn;
But don't forget that a pleasant smile
Never did man any hurt:
Lift him up, and ten to one
He'll soon strike "paying dirt."

This world has grown so selfish
In the race for fame and pelf,
Each man's life is now absorbed
In this one topic—self.
You know that many a second horse
Has won in the final spurt,
So when a man's encouraged
He'll soon strike "paying dirt."

Many a man has dropped his pick,
His shovel and his pan,
And left the diggings quickly,
A sadder, wiser man,
Because his creditor pushed him hard,
And talked quite rude and curt,
When, if he'd struck his pick once more
He'd revealed the "paying dirt."

The only moral I could give,
Would surely be unheeded.
But failures oft have come to light
When only hope was needed,
So, don't you curse the miner—
'Tis almost sure to hurt—
When, by a manly smile and word,
He'll soon strike "paying dirt."

Arkansas City, Kan.

Roy F. Greene has purchased the Eagle Philatelist, of Kansas City, Kansas, from M. A. Swanbeck, and will issue the first number under the new management the first of August. The journal will hereafter be published in Arkansas City.

The above was clipped from the Weekly Border Bulletin, of Arkansas City, Kansas.

FOR THE NEBRASKA STAMP.

A NEW ERA IN TRANS ATLANTIC POSTAGE.

BY J. HENRY THOMAS.

The "New Postal Subsidy Act", as narrated by me in the March number of "One Dime", has already borne undecipherable good fruits, as I will relate in this chapter.

Congressman Cockran recently introduced a bill to Congress by the urgent request of the International Steamship Co., asking for the registering of the two British sister ships, the City of New York and the City of Paris, to American registry. These vessels are two of the largest and finest steamships afloat; they are operated and owned by the Inman Line, a branch of the International Steamship Co., and ply between New York and Liverpool.

The "City of Paris" is the quickest steamship afloat, having recently wrested the laurels from the White Star steamship "Tentonic", in the remarkable fast run across the ocean, having completed the course in exactly 5 days, 15 hours, 58 minutes, or 33 minutes better than the "Tentonic's" fastest time; the "City of Paris" thereby being crowned the "Queen of the Ocean". Such an acquisition under the Stars and Stripes can only too easily be imagined.

The bill passed through Congress, after receiving the regular additions, without much hesitation, the Senate also passed it by a good vote in its favor and was closely followed by the Presi-

dent's signature.

The conditions with which American registry was obtained, was as follows: ninety per cent. of the stock of the Company must be owned by Americans, which is the case with the Inman Line, the steamers henceforth must be manned by American citizens, and that the Company must contract to build in American ship yards, within a specified time, two or more steamships of 7000 tons register, and be of the same dimensions, or larger, than those of the steamships admitted, and be of equal or greater speed. The Inman Line are drawing plans for four new steamships, of larger dimensions than either the "City of Paris" or "City of New York", to be built in American ship yards, and to have a greater speed than the "Cunard flyers", now building, which, by the way, are expected to eclipse all steamships now afloat.

Notwithstanding their receiving American register, the owners cannot bid for the Mail Subsidy for these two steamships, on account of not being American built.

The Inman Line gave up a "fat plum" allowing these steamships to become Uncle Sam's property, as the British Government paid them a snug sum yearly, for so called Mail Subsidy, but the company expect to make this up, by the loyalty of the American traveling people, preferring to sail to the other side under their own flag.

There is no doubt but that the Inman Line shall carry the bulk of the mail to the Continent in the future.

TO BE CONTINUED.

FOR THE NEBRASKA STAMP.

A WORD ON SPECIALISM.

Young collectors should not be fooled by the rapid advance in prices of U. S. Remember U. S. is our own country and we are watching it very close, but while we are watching this particular field of philately do not let some one else slip in some other corner and take all the good stamps from some other. If you will take the trouble to compare the prices of the past and present prices of stamps of Canada, Bremen, Hamburg, Saxony and others that seem to be so cheap. The writer remembers being offered a "Red Saxony" only few years ago at 30 cents; a Connell at \$5.50; New South Wales, Sydney Views at 20 to 50 cents.

Do not let specialism blind you and make you throw away the good things you already have. If you have a good collection of foreign it will not do any hurt to keep them, even if you do not care to add more to it.

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Edward C. Biggar, Fremont, Neb.

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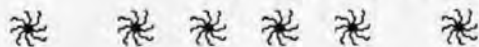
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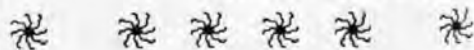
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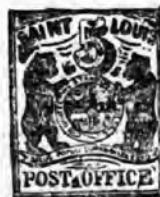
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A Cycling trip is never to be despised, for not considering its cheapness, it has rare charms for he who wishes to make "short stops at way stations" or enjoy the scenery of the route traversed. I am an ardent lover of the wheel and am never so contented as when in the saddle with feet on pedals, the handles in my grasp, speeding o'er country road or village street.

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For three years I have been the assistant cashier in a Detroit bank on a good salary, sufficient to meet the necessities of life and a goodly number of luxuries, as a little book I have will show. Now I've got you guessing! No it's not a check book, neither is it a portfolio filled with government bonds, it's but a stamp album in which I've arranged a modest collection, and o'er which I have spent my happiest hours.

Last fall, after having managed the affairs of my office for sixteen consecutive months, without a day off, my employers in a liberal way, and without

the asking, tendered me a three months outing and rest from duty. How should I improve it, came first in my mind after thanking them for courtesy extended. Of course the 'cycle came into my head first, and I resolved on a wheeling trip whatever the destination I might choose. Of course the next thought was my stamps and I resolved to have a little philatelic hunt as it were, thinking I might bag some varieties my album did not contain.

Now for my destination! Racking my brain with this thought I at last remembered a cousin of my father's, who with his family dwelt in a pleasant home on Canadian soil, and remembering my album was sadly deficient in some of Canada's early issues, it took but a minute to decide on my objective point, and the next morning, after all preparations had been completed I crossed the river and astride of my wheel I wended my way o'er Canadian soil, with full directions in my coat pocket, and an accompanying map, I readily outlined my route and with the usual stops at farm houses for meals and lodging enjoying rural scenery and the bracing country air I bounded on, and at the end of the fifth day reached the home of my distant relatives, the family of whom I had never seen, and my cousin George not for eighteen years. After alighting and making myself known to my

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Many thanks are due Mr. S. B. Bradt of 132 Wabash Ave., Chicago, for a kind invitation to be present at his large place of business Oct. 18, at 8:30 o'clock, at an informal reception to be tendered Mr. H. E. Deats of Flemington, N. J. A portion of Mr. Deats fine collection will be on exhibition and we are sure a fine time will result.

Many are the good things yet to be shown by *Nebraska Stamp*. After several months of steady brain work we will soon offer to our large army of readers one of the greatest of philatelic novelettes, which will be more definitely announced later on. We cannot say too much in regard to this work, but be patient and the reward is your own after you see and read it. Put together by a writer of years of experience, no dullness can be found in its contents.

Can we say any more to convince the philatelist that we can give him his money's worth? If so we will not permit it to be divulged, as we do not want the earth.

We acknowledge with thanks a photo

of Mr. C. W. Kissinger of Reading, Pa. also 6 nos. of the Worcester County Philatelist. Many thanks, gentlemen! We'll try and reciprocate.

Mr. C. H. Mead informs us that he commences his travels this month and will not return to his home till next June. He is at present employed by the United States geographical survey working up material for the Smithsonian Institute and is very busy, so stamps will have to be "out of it" until next summer. He gives his regards to the Nebraska S. of P. people and says he will see us all about World's Fair time. Now is this exactly right, Charles? If it is I'll give you a ~~50~~.

We will soon have a biography and portrait of Mr. John D. Bartlett the well known president of the "S. of P." We hear 3 or 4 other papers have his biography and photo. If this is the case we will withdraw in their favor, and procure another subject and sketch. Subscribers watch out for the name and photo.

NEW YORK CITY NOTES.

Having been appointed as New York correspondent out of a thousand applicants, I will endeavor to please the editor and attempt to keep all posted as to stamp movements in this city.

The Columbian celebration is being looked forward to with an idea that there will be many philatelists among the visitors. The Christian Endeavor

convention developed the fact that there were several "good" stamp collectors, and this time I hope to see many sight seeing collectors.

Apropos of the event the New York Branch Sons of Philatelia will hold a special meeting on Thursday, the 12th which will be entirely of a social nature, the entertainment committee are racking their noddles for an idea to spend the evening pleasantly. And the National Philatelic Society will hold a banquet on the 17th which serves the double duty of the anniversary of the organization of the society.

The fall meeting of the Sons of Philatelia opened on September 22nd with a good attendance. The evening passed rapidly in giving reminiscences of vacations, and discussing a good winter's meeting. The convention was gone over again. Messrs. Greyning and Spooner giving an excellent account, several previously did not understand the various charges and counter charges, newspaper talk, etc., and all was explained.

A rumor published in one or two papers respecting the marriage of a prominent philatelist to the daughter of a large dealer has turned out to be a canard; probably started by a person to procure "exclusive" news.

We all expect to meet a number of cranks next week, and if any of you fellows expect to be in the neighborhood, better stop over in New York a day or two.

More next month, I hope.
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“I wish, do you hear me? Now mind what I say,
A poem full worthy of lords;
I want it in style with a polonaise train
And laced up with shimmering chords.

“I wouldn’t much mind, if you thought it was best,
A stray bit of fancy or two;
A simile bright, say the length of a line,
Might help all the other thoughts through.

“I want in a stab at the counterfeit grill,
And a thrust at the bogus surcharge;
Of course, all these points you can manage yourself,
But don’t make your prices too large.

“Put in, if you please, a few words in regard
To Seebeck and all of his kind;
Just dish it all up and I’ll stand the expense,
But keep down your charges, you mind.

“Give praise to collectors, to papers and men
Who’ve helped all our great reforms through;
And ending it all write a few closing lines
That are witty, instructive and new.”

The poet man sat like a statue the while
All these lucid instructions were said;
But never a word issued forth from his lips,
The hard working writer was dead.



THE MAIL SERVICE IN ZULULAND.

By PH. HEINSBERGER.

The country of the darkies, Zululand, is situated between Natal and Transvaal, and has sea coast on the Indian Ocean. In 1836 England, "as usual," wanted more land, (It's English you know!) and went to war with poor uncivilized Zululand, and with cannon and powder became victor and "annexed" Zululand. After a while, a little trade came and benevolent "John Bull" gave her stepchild "Postage Stamps", but to save money—the Zulu caffirs are not worth much—some regular English stamps were surcharged "Zululand", and after a while some "Natal" stamps were good enough to be "surcharged Zululand," and now, Mr. collector, all the 'Zulus' are surcharged. Who knows it, perhaps this newly annexed English colony "brings money enough" to get regular Zulu stamps!

Dear readers of the STAMP, the stamps of Zululand are a bad lot, but native mail service is better, though not as convenient as Uncle Sam's mail service! The mail matter arriving at the border of Zululand is forwarded by railway (as far as they run) —but it is not far—in the interior, or by postal car or wagon, whatever is on hand, and brought to a certain point, more or less far from a city or village. Here the mail is delivered to a native carrier (Zulu caffir), negro or mullatto, who mostly can only speak "pigeon

English," of course in nude condition. As soon as the native has received the letters (there are only a very few each time) and the addresses have been explained to him as good as possible, he receives the letter with a "wood scissors," a long stick, at the point formed in a scissors. Picking up the letter with this stick (scissors) he starts on his way to the interior. No streets, no pavement, no gas or electric lights are here to find.

The native knows the way through the desert and forest, and they seldom or never take a rest. They are able to run all day long without getting tired, The natives have a good constitution and they manage so long to run, because they lay the weight of the body for a time on the right foot, and change after a while the bodys weight to the left foot. Though this kind of native mail delivery is primitive and in our eyes uncertain, so sure knows the native his way, and is reliable, that he seldom loses or misdelivers a letter.

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Next month we will print an article from the gifted pen of Lewis G. Quack-enbush. This writer is too well known to need further comment. It is his story of "Our Philatelic Poets," and should be read as it contains facts.

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The editor has been appointed Nebraska Vice-president for the S. of P. We appreciate the honor and all wishing to join can write me.

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The above applicants will be admitted Oct. 20th, if no objections are received.

I would like to present more applicants next month. Let every body who receives this paper send 10 cents initiation fee and receive application blanks and full particulars from the Sec'y.

I am very sorry to present the resignation of the vice-president this month. Mr. Biggar explains his resignation in the following official note:

To L. T. Brodstone and members of the Nebraska Philatelic Society:—On account of my removal from the state this fall I hereby tender my resignation as vice-president of that body, to take effect Oct. 30, 1892.

Yours truly,

Edward C. Biggar.

As the vice-president's chair is now empty it will be in order to nominate a new one. All nominations must be in by Nov. 1st. If a person is nominated as vice-president who does not belong to the N. P. S. he must join the society at once.

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## MY CANADA COUSIN.

By ROY F. GREENE.

### CHAPTER II.

"Is Mr. Brubaker at home?" questions Georgia as we are confronted by the servant at the door, "Yes, right this way into the study," and we enter, Georgia preceding me and meeting our literary friend. She introduces me and after greetings are extended and a long talk about things in general, Georgia tells him of my hobby he is deeply interested, for he remembers when he had a touch of stamp fever and accumulated a few of these "tiny bits of colored paper," and remarks that he thinks he has a remnant of his former collection lying about now. "Oh yes, it was years ago that I commenced to take an interest in stamps but it was slow work for me and I soon tired of it and do not take any interest in the pursuit now, so if I have anything that you care for, take it in welcome." So saying he left the room to search for his old album. Presently he returned and handed me a small ledger which had been ruled and made to do the work of a late International.

Upon opening it I found to my great delight that there were many very good old Continentals, while the issues of British North America were complete. He saw my delight and said, "Take it along probably you can use

all of the contents."

Surprised, gratified beyond measure at his munificent gift, I thanked him profusely, while Georgia stepped to my side, and laid her hand on my shoulder and gazed at the beauties that the little book contained. My heart beat wildly, though for my life I cannot tell whether it was caused by the thoughts of the rare gift or by that little hand lying on my sholder. I leave that for you dear reader to guess.

"By the way," said Mr. Brubaker, "I have a large lot of old letters, that will take at least half a day to inspect which if you are willing to spend that time in looking them over, I shall promise you all you can find. Surely you and Miss Barton can spend one night under my roof. She has been quite a stranger of late and my daughters will enjoy her company hugely, while if you fail in occupying yourself over those musty old letters, I shall try to amuse you in a game of chess or whist. What say you?"

His hospitality was certainly cordial and those musty old letters—oh, how I longed to look them over.

I looked to Georgia for reply and seeing by wistful look she answered that if Mr. Wheeler was willing she would be glad to stay and visit with Mr. Brubaker and the daughters.

Was I willing? I certainly was, so after Georgia had left the room and sought out one of the young ladies of

the Brubaker household, my literary friend and I entered into a conversation which terminated in a game of whist and then we lunched at 2 P. M. Seating ourselves around a table of delicacies, after introductions to the other members of the family, we were soon conversing and laughing gaily.

The meal over mine host led the way to a closet where he introduced me to shelf upon shelf of old musty letters, which to me were precious and rare. "Now my young friend, help yourself, enjoy it all you can. I shall return to my study, and after you have finished I will engage you in a game of chess."

You can imagine my feelings upon being permitted to ransack such a host of good things, there I spent the rest of that afternoon. Did I find anything? No, only about eight hundred of the early issues of Canada, British Columbia, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It would have made a stamp dealer turn green with envy, and I fully appreciated the great gift and kindness of my friend of a day."

After replacing the letters on the shelf, and placing my stamps in an envelope making a rather bulky package, I returned to the library where I met Miss Ora and her father and Georgia. I was greeted cordially and upon being asked as to my success, held up the package which spoke for itself.

"Well I am very glad you found the old correspondence of use to you" said Mr. Brubaker. "I have threatened to burn it many times but am really glad I kept it as it has found such a thankful receiver in you."

"Thankful, Mr. Brubaker? who would not be at getting together in a day what he had struggled years to acquire? Is it not a rare piece of good fortune? Surely my trip to Canadian Soil has been fruitful, for besides the treasures I have added to my album I feel that I have made several warm friends." To which I might have added My Canada Cousin.

Joining them in a social chat, and later several games we were oblivious to the darkening shadows of evening which settled o'er us, until the servant brought a lighted lamp and placed it on the table before us at the same time announcing dinner.

After dining we retreated to the library where we engaged in a debate as to the merits of certain well known authors. I for the first time found Georgia had a rare knowledge of these authors, which showed a careful study which mingled with originality and personal opinions proved interesting. The evening passed away all too quickly and at 11 P. M. we retired. I to dream of Newfoundland triangular, Canada pence and other beauties, so many of which I had accumulated that day, not forgetting to drop an occasional thought on "My Canada Cousin."

*To be Continued.*

As we go to press, Mr. Wm. Strobel, one of our subscribers of Philadelphia, Pa., informs us that, "We are going to have the registration reduced to 8 cents after Jan. 1st 1893." We are glad to hear this as no more bother will be created in buying 2ct. and 3ct. stamps as heretofore.



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The Editor sat in his battered chair,  
 And wildly clutched and tore his hair.  
 He thought of the printer he had to pay,  
 And wonders if money will come to-day.

The Finder rummaged an old trunk through,  
 Of rare ones he found—well—quite a few,  
 And now he grasps his pen so gay  
 And writes concerning his finds to-day.

The Reader sits and reads this rhyme,  
 That is, he does if he's got time,  
 And then he says, "Well he's a jay,  
 Why I could write much better to-day!"

—Luther W. Mott.

## A FAITHFUL STAMP'S REWARD.

Not By WILLIE SHAKESPHERE.

Some think the postage stamp lacks force,  
 Because it's always "licked"  
 But it escorts a letter on its course,  
 When in the corner sticked.

When by the clerk to slaughter led,  
 It heaves a pensive sigh,  
 The mallet descends upon its head,  
 And leaves a blackened eye.

But still it sticks through thick and thin,  
 Until its journey is ended,  
 When, burned to death, it would have been,  
 Unless by a boy befriended.

It is taken home and given a place  
 In the front of the collection,  
 Where it can show its martyred face,  
 In meakest of subjection.

It helps to beautify the page;  
 It has found a place, at last,  
 Where it may spend a good old age,  
 And review its useful past.

## A PHILATELIC MILLENNIUM.

By GUY W. GREEN.

I dreamed, as I watched the red sunshine  
Shed glory o'er mountain and plain,  
That somewhere beyond its broad pathway,  
Where sorrow and striving and pain  
Ne'er entered with presence unwelcome,  
Perhaps was a land of delight  
Where honesty only was justice,  
And duty, not power, was right.

I saw, in my fancy, collectors,  
Who, wealthy as Cræsus of old,  
Bought treasures from numberless dealers  
And paid for each credit with gold;  
And yet was the purchase as stated  
Nor forgery sought to deceive.  
A catalogue never was questioned;  
To read was to fully believe.

Rich sheets were sent broadcast, nor doubted  
The owner his stamps would return.  
The youthful collector was willing,  
Nay eagerly anxious to learn.  
Stamp papers, once started, continued  
And never were known to suspend.  
An offer, when made and accepted  
Was carried straight through to the end.

Philatelists banded together  
In harmony grand and sublime;  
Agreement held discord in bondage,  
And every season and time  
But showed the sweet fruits of a union  
Whose motto was, "Each for us all!"  
For brother had harkened to brother  
And answered fraternities' call.

I sometimes have thought that my fancies  
But presaged the coming of light  
Which, growing in brilliance and power,  
Shall banish the darkness of night;  
And so, as I look to the future,  
I catch the first flickering gleam  
Of coming millennial seasons,  
The age of my hope and my dream.

**YE GLAD THANKSGIVING DAY.**

By ROY F. GREENE.

The sumach's red has given way to winter's blast of snow  
Thanksgiving Day's approaching, and the cocks triumphant crow  
Likewise the turkey's gobble, had best be under breath,  
They are marching slowly, surely, to a horrifying death,  
The pumpkin pies are resting on the polished pantry shelves  
Far out of reach, though not of mind, of the households' prying elves,  
The relatives are invited and a crowd of grave and gay,  
Will gather 'round each festive board this glad Thanksgiving Day.

And when the joyous day has come with all its merry throng  
When care and trouble vanishes, and life seemed but a song,  
The happy merry-making, the games and mirthful glee—  
'Tis just the same the country o'er, from sea unto the sea:  
The monster table groans beneath the mighty, festive, load  
Each waistband's bound to break its bounds unless it's stoutly sewed  
Of eatables and relishes there's a startling array  
To gladden all the hungry eyes, this glad Thanksgiving Day.

And after dinner's over we offer thanks to Him  
For health and wealth and happiness, and faith that grows not dim,  
And love that brightens sorrow, and smoothes the brow of care,  
As well as peace and plenty and a heart that troubles share,  
And they pray for others 'round them whose lot is harder far;  
That sorrow's wound may quickly heal and leave no ugly scar,  
And then a silent prayer ascends for him that's far away,  
And wishes that they all may meet on Thanksgiving Day.

We all have blessings many for which we'd offer thanks,  
The blessings have been many in our Philatelic ranks,  
New issues without number we have added to our store,  
And of the apples of content we've eaten to the core,  
But few have heard Death's roll call, and responded to the sound,  
And none of us have traveled on God's forbidden ground,  
We count ourselves by thousands, and each of us should pray,  
And thank the guiding hand of God this glad Thanksgiving Day.





## OUR PHILATELIC POETS.

By LEWIS C. QUACKENBUSH.

The art or faculty of writing acceptable verse seems to be one of which only a favored few are possessed. There was an old English saying, current a century or so ago, that "many can make rhymes, but few are poets;" and it might be used with equal force to-day. The great mass of poetry appearing in the literary periodicals and the daily newspapers at the present time, indicates that there is no lack of writers who are hoping for distinction in that field of literature cultivated most successfully by Shakespere, Scott and Byron in England, and by Longfellow, Holmes, and Whittier in America.

It is but natural that certain of these young aspirants have drifted into the philatelic army, and that their "prentice" efforts at rhyming are now appearing in the leading philatelic journals. The poem which draws its inspiration from philately is a comparatively new feature to philatelic journalism. The demand made by the younger class of collectors for less scientific and more readable matter in their stamp journals, has caused the editors of the most popular magazines to devote less of their space to the dull and long-winded articles on the surcharges, or the reprints, or the perforations, of this or that issue of stamps; and to fill a great portion of their pages with essays of a lighter tone, as well as philatelic stories and poetry.

It is not very long since a poem in a philatelic journal was regarded as a startling novelty, and was looked upon by many as a mere waste of valuable space. However, the early poems of Mr. Guy W. Green, the pioneer of philatelic poets, were so excellent as, in a great measure, to disarm criticism. Mr. Green did not have a monopoly in the writing of philatelic poetry for very long. Other young men who were ambitious to see their name in print came out with poetical productions of varying merit and, to judge from the character of some of the so-called poetry inflicted upon us, the editors have been willing to print almost anything which bears the slightest resemblance to poetry.

I have noticed that a great many of these poems are signed only by a *nom de plume*, and after reading some of them it has seemed to me that the author was wise in concealing his identity. In my opinion if a man writes an article to which he is ashamed to sign his own name he had better put it in the fire than have it published under the veil of some fictitious signature. There have also appeared a great many pleasant and musical poems which make very interesting reading; true, the rhyme is not always smooth, and few of them could be scanned, but nevertheless they have something of the charm which a story in rhyme always possesses.

When, instead of treating of philatelic poetry in general, we advance to the consideration of the individual rhyesters, we find that a great art

of the best philatelic poetry has been written by two men; who, by a singular coincidence, bear the same surname, although I believe they are not relatives; and whose styles of writing are so very similar that their names are often confounded. There are other philatelic writers who have composed one or two creditable poems, who with practice would undoubtedly rank high in this line; but it is undeniable that at the present time Guy W. Green, and Roy F. Greene are head and shoulders above all their rivals. There are only a few others who deserve mention. Mr. L. S. Morton of New York has from time to time contributed good poems to Mekeel's publications. In a recent number of *The Collector* I noticed a poem entitled "Q. E. D." written by Wallace Everett Brown, which was of considerable merit; and A. F. Kautner has written one or two notable proodies for his paper, *The Pennsylvania Philatelist*,—one of which in particular, a parody on Hamlet's Soliloquy, entitled "The Philatelic Publisher's Soliloquy," and beginning, "To publish or not to publish,—that is the question," was a remarkably clever production. There are undoubtedly others which have not come under my notice, (although I subscribe to all the leading American and foreign periodicals and intend to keep pretty well posted) but it is safe to say that none of them will compare with those of the two Green's, Guy W. and Roy F.

The writings of these two gentlemen are so well known that I shall not at-

tempt any general criticism of their poems. I have just received two journals containing specimens of their work and in reading over the two poems printed therein, I am impressed anew by the facile talent which both writers possess. The two poems which I have before me are probably as good examples of the best type of philatelic poetry, as any which could be selected. They are, "A Philatelic Tale" in the September number of *The Philatelic Era*, and "My Reason," in the same number of *The Post Office*; and if any one has an idea that Philately has no poets, just let him read those two little sonnets and he will be undeceived.

These two writers are so nearly equal in ability that there is a great rivalry between them, but in my opinion, Mr. Guy W. Green is just a trifle the finer and truer poet. He has, however, been writing much longer than his rival, whose rapid rise to fame (philatelic) has been wonderful. A year ago the name of Roy F. Greene was known only to a few, to-day his writings are probably more sought after by philatelic editors than those of any other author in America. The poems of Guy W. Green, for which I confess I have always had a great admiration, will not however suffer by comparison with those of his alert and vigorous competitor.

It will be surprising to me if these two writers, who are not alone poets, but also among the best prose writers of whom Philately can boast, do not make their mark as authors in other than philatelic circles. But even if they do not, they and all other philatelic poets, worthy of the name, will always find an appreciative audience among the adherents of Philately. Long may our philatelic poets live to sing of Philatelia's glory and renown!

## REVIEW.

The *Southern Philatelist* for October as usual stands on its own solid merits. The travels of a letter gives the insight to the mail service of our railways and contains solid facts. Gussie's excellent Review stands on a solid basis. Canadian Stamps is an excellent article on these well known stamps. The editorials and "A few rarities" seen in a 2700 variety collection gives variety collectors some new specimens. It ends thus: "I am persuaded that there are many such minor varieties awaiting your search for them." Gus surely deserves a slice of patronage. 25 cents of Southern Stamp Pub. Co., 25 Broad St., Charleston, S. C.

The *Philatelic Era* as usual commands attention. That "excellent of par-excellence Reviews" is deserving of success. "Will postal card collecting be the specialism of the future?" is a scientific article by Lewis G. Quackenbush. "Is philately a science?" is another good one. "New Issues" comes out as usual. New York Notes are good as the best. Canadian Notes and The London Letter complete one of Jewett's good numbers. 25 cents. W. W. Jewett, 502 Congres St., Portland, Maine. The subscription is small but you can't Jewett.

The *Eastern Philatelist*. (New Market, N. H., 25 cents a year) for October contains a story which is claimed truthful, but much we doubt and the article is headed "A few words to beginners," which is ably composed by Lieut. Chandler. It contains facts

to the brim, excepting the writer fails to mention in his society column the "S. of P." which is the greatest of philatelic societies. Specialism is a "bad rock" and the writer resounds my sentiments exactly. The watermark and issues of the Civil war are well written. Chicago Notes and Pinkham's shining editorials constitute a good number.

The *Long Island Philatelist*, Woodhaven, N. Y., for September is a "dandy." Ralph Ashcroft's editorials are hard to beat. A good Review and a "feature column" entitled "Don't you know" contains some facts that are put together just right. "Phresh phood pho Philatelists" completes one of Bro. Ashcroft's meritorious numbers. Only 25 cents a year and worth twice its cost.

The *Philatelic Journal of Canada*, P. O. Box 235, London, Canada, is a new one in the field and is deserving of a success. "What we shall collect" is a good article. N. Y. Notes, by Ralph W. Ashcroft are the best. Ottawa notes are good. Detroit notes and good editorials complete a good initial number. 25 cents a year.

The *International Philatelist* (13 Peter St., Toronto, Canada) is a new paper from Canada. A slim review, Births and Deaths and some other good matter constitute the number for October. 25 cents a year.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, P. O. Box 368, Reading, Pa., 25 cents a year for October contains a well composed poem by "Tudor" which shows the

writer's able ability. "Philatelic Cholera." which is catching so fast, is one of Ralph W. Ashcroft's brilliant articles. It ends thus: "When your paper is listed among the departed, get one of those patent 'kick-yourself' machines they are selling to our Boston dudes." Advice to editors, by C. E. Range, is a commendable article, Suggestions for the S. of P., by Geo. W. Achard, contains some points to be followed by this great society. Harry Kautner the very efficient editor lays the "Monumental city trio" low by a few pointed facts and ends thus: "Silence is heroic confession" and thus it is. Personals are very noteworthy. Specialism and Specialists is good also. Some letters by R. W. Ashcroft, our esteemed friend, show the "concentrated gall" displayed by the "pen-ny fiends." "Pokes" by the well known Frederick S. Fox, are always read with a vim and pleasure. F. S. ends up by a poem which we publish below:

"Oh, I am Charley Greving,

And I am a trustee,

From the top o' me dice to the sole o'  
me boots,

There are no flies on me! on me!

There are no flies on me! (?)

The *Florida Philatelist*, Thonotosassa, Fla., 25 cents a year; for October contains the continuation of Howard's Stamp Case which grows more interesting each successive chapter. Philatelic Journalism, a photo and biography of the well known August De Jange and a plea for the sample copies can be heard from a western philatelist. Boston Notes, Canadian Notes and

New Issues. Give us a "puff" D. E. and we'll appreciate it.

*Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*, 104 O'Farrel St., San Francisco, Cal., is one of the new births in the philatelic paper line. Reprints—an article on Hong Kong Surcharges—is a good article. Persian Counterfeits is a good pointed article. On the whole this is a good initial number. Success to you W. Sellschopp.

The *Washington Philatelist*, 935 F. Street, N. W. Washington, D. C., for October contains the continuation of "A Postage Stamp's Adventures" which grows more interesting with each number, "An Interesting Sight" is a good descriptive article, an able Review and some points on "philatelic poetry" which is great. 25 cents a year and worth it.

The *Detroit Philatelist*, (159-12th St., Detroit, Mich.) for October consists of "How to become a successful philatelist" which contains some good hints that would be servicable to the junior. The philatelic magazine of to-day by Sabel is well written; My Phantasy by Guy W. Green reveals the fact that Guy drank too much late wine. It is witty and fine. California Topics and a Review by Theo. S. Pardee constitute an able number. 25 cents a year.

The *Monthly Visitor*, Haverhill, Mass. 25 cents a year for October contains some able notes from Canada, the Reports of the Stamp Collectors' Union, "Department Stamps" and other good news. It is a good paper.

The *Missouri Philatelist*, (1334 La Salle St., St. Louis Mo. 25 cents a year) for October consists of "Pertinent to U. S. Specialists" which on the whole is an article containing just facts, a serial by Knickerbocker entitled "In search of stamps, or a great piece of detective work" starts out in a good vein and interests the reader greatly but what tops the climax of Conrath's prosperity is the "Department of Reviews" which is ably conducted by the model philatelist C. E. Severn. This idea of reviews is spreading like the "philatelic cholera" which was so ably expounded by Ralph W. Ashcroft in the *Pennsylvania Philatelist*. A good editorial completes a good number.

The *New Jersey Philatelist*, Califon, N. J. 25 cents a year, starts on the stormy sea of journalism. "The Holton Stamp Club" is the starting of a serial, outside of this it contains nothing worth reviewing.

In speaking of the *American Philatelic Magazine* it contains nothing worthy of review. We notice that in speaking of Nebraska's magazines he says, "It is quite a feat to keep track of Nebraska's many stamp papers. They remind one strongly of field produce—a new crop each year." Brothers, this little crop must relate to your paper,—a poor crop like your own (???)

The *Electric Philatelist*, 1623 Sanderson Ave., Scranton, Pa., 25 cents a year, for October contains a good review and the by-laws and rules of the new U. S. Stamp Society. Put me down as an active member. Personals and other good notes. You're getting there brothers.

The *Stamp Collector*, 86 Leadenhall Street, London, E. C. 36 cents a year, consists of the continuation of "The adhesive stamps of Labnan," "Collecting Foreign Stamps as a business speculation" is an able article and contains some facts. "What the little bird tells us" constitutes an outlay of good notes; a good Review and "What is a postage stamp?" On the whole we think this is one of our best exchanges.

We have received the *Yankee Philatelist*, *The Philatelic Argosy*, *The Philatelic Tribune*, and E. T. Parker's large price-list. Sorry I can't review brothers but space does not permit.

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We were compelled to issue a combination number owing to our limited time, and also many other facts will show the necessity of our combining our Nov. and Dec. No's. into this one grand number. Our printer was compelled to discontinue his publishing business owing to his acceptance as an agent for some large company so this threw us off about 2 weeks, which was valuable time to us, as we well knew our readers' anxieties. Our printer was Harold Van Trump, who has announced *The Spy* for some time. All ad and sub. contracts and accumulated subscriptions of *The Spy* will be filled by the NEBRASKA STAMP. We hope to begin the new year with the same success, contributed to by all my philatelic brothers which have helped me along to this high state of affairs.

A party in Middlebury, Conn., is trying very hard to get a good deal of free advertising. He does not live up to his promises, and would advise collectors to watch out for him. We intend to

"kick a hole through" him if he comes monkeying around our sanctum. Our readers doubtless can guess his name sake, that is not necessary. "A word is sufficient."

Next month we will have a cabinet-size photograph and biography of the great philatelist

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It is needless to say anything to our readers in regard to Mr. Kissinger, a candidate for the presidency of the S. of P. His actual ability is unbounded, a thorough philatelist of long standing and a dealer of years' experience, all eyes are turned towards him, all hearts(?) are with him. A better subject is unattainable. You can't miss this rich treat.

Some philatelic delicacies from the crude and able pen of Roy F. Greene will be seen next month. Something more from the well-centered pen of Guy W. Green. An able article (one of Mr. Newcomer's best articles) entitled "State Philatelic Associations," which is worthy of perusal. On the whole, *Don't miss our next number.*

Geo. W. Achard attorney for the S. of P. informs me that he has over 400 bills on file for collection, at this writing. George is a hustler and with his success as of yore, he will hitch his two records together and show us fellows how to edit a paper. Success, George!

We are grieved to hear that Roy F. Greene has been sick, but as he says his and C. D. Reimer's "Western

Eagle" will appear soon, our grief is turned into joy, as to miss Roy's venture like missing your supper is an actual necessity we cannot overlook. Success Roy F. and C. D. R.!

F. S. Fox, one of Reading's most enthusiastic philatelists, is visiting in Philadelphia. Wish you a good time Frederick!

In speaking of noted "philatelic subscribers," we have on our books the name of H. E. Deats, who has subscribed and paid in advance for a two year's subscription to THE NEBRASKA STAMP.

We recently received a letter from Alvah Davison from Hartford, Conn. Mr. Davison is well known as "head man" of the amalgamation move and is a model philatelist. Our readers may expect an article from his able pen soon.

Cleveland will be our next president! Benjamin Harrison will rise from the "high chair" he has been occupying the majority of his time for four long years. Hazen, our active 3rd assistant postmaster general will also vacate his chair, new philatelic papers will sprout into view, old ones and new ones will suspend, philatelists will look over and over their albums till he grows tired and still longs for a "Mulberry," philatelic editors will drop their heads in despair when another month finds its way before him, a suffering subscriber will curse the hungry editor, the advertiser grows weary, the dealer more active—I wish you one and all a happy and most prosperous Christmas and New Year.

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Now this answer may be considered a bold one, but since my choice was between "no" and "yes", I selected the former. In the first place the surcharge has often been called into use when it was really needed for legitimate purposes and in these cases we are tempted to pronounce them legitimate stamps. However the majority of cases has been for pecuniary gain and selfish purposes and I think the collectors of the world should up in their might and declare it illegitimate and unworthy of notice. Now as there is a heavy fine imposed by our government for acts of counterfeiting the stamps or coins of other countries, young collectors buying from sheets run little risk of being swindled by purchasing clean, regular issues of foreign governments, but the law as enacted by the government does not provide against the surcharge business and consequently many genuine

stamps, honest themselves, are placed upon the printing presses in our own country and are being surcharged every day in the year. These honest, legitimate governmental issues laid upon the platen of the press, cease to be legitimate as soon as the line or lines of type strike their engraved surface. So I believe in declaring them illegitimate offsprings of respectable parents. Yours Stampically,

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Many of the western collectors will be pleased to learn that the Omaha Post Office has on sale now the 5-cent envelopes.

Mr. W. B. Hopson returned from Chicago the 12th. He attended the Bradt auction sale and is very enthusiastic over the way it was run. He says we had better start one here. Surely it would be a good thing.

W. L. Hendricks is in a quandry, his collection of revenues being very near complete and at present is lacking only the \$1.60 blue 2nd and 3rd issue, \$20 orange Probate of will, 6c. orange Proprietary 1st issue. Anyone having the above we wish they would kindly help Will out of his dilemma.

We notice by the "Lasso" that Omaha is not very well represented and of those whose names are on the list the following have left the ranks: O. W. Dun, W. K. Mackey, E. L. Fried, H. C. Meyers, R. E. Hoffman, E. Bradley, W. H. Riggs and J. W. Ellis. Although this list seems very large there is more than twice the number that have joined the ranks since.

It is rumored about Omaha that Mr. James G. Cortelyou has been tendered (and accepted) the office of vice-pres-

ident of the N. P. S. Mr. Ed. C. Biggar who was the vice-president having resigned. We are glad to hear this for Mr. Cortelyou is one of Omaha's best Philatelists.

In various papers we notice a great many articles about Philately as a science. The question has been answered by one of the best scientific scholars of the world as follows: "Taking a collection of stamps, examine every one, study every one and analyze every one. Go in for collecting only, and not for money, and it is a science otherwise it is not."

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*E. L. P.*

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GEO. A. MILLER, Auction Supt.,  
Cambridge, Neb.

## SOME PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

One day last week I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Mr. Frederick S. Fox, of Reading, Pa. He was on a visit to Phila.

Carl Young the enterprising young dealer of this city intends to hold Saturday Evening Sales, (not auction) and will soon hold an auction sale. Carl has been elected vice-president of the United Philatelic Association.

Another prominent Philadelphia collector is Mr. Wm. E. Strobel, who collects U. S. unused only. His collection mounted in a Mekeel U. S. album makes a very good showing. William is a salesman in a large clothing firm, and is a very pleasant young man.

Another collector who's acquaintance I made quite recently, is Ralph W. Ashcroft, of Long Island Philatelist fame. Every collector who has the good fortune to be acquainted with Mr. Ashcroft will agree with me when I say that he is the most pleasant, as well as the handsomest collector we have yet met. He has a very extensive acquaintance among collectors as he travels a good deal.

The Bogert & Durbin Co., will remove from 128 South Seventh to 722 Chestnut, on December 1st. As this is the business thoroughfare, it will boom stamps. They will occupy nearly seven times the space of the former office.

There are now 6 or 7 Sons of Philatelia members in Philadelphia. I sup-

pose a branch society will soon be started. It would boom philately in this city.

Robert Helm is a rising young druggist of this city, but I believe he is losing his interest in stamps.

E. H. Friedlander, deals in coins and stamps, carries on a general steamship business, international money exchange, etc. He has a very fine collection.

"The Foreign Stamp Depot," is I believe Mr. Wilson, who does a cigar and newspaper business.

A new paper will soon appear from here. No pretensions are made about it. It will be a small one and no subscription will be charged. Carl Young is at the helm.

*Emil Neuffer.*

We intended publishing a photograph and biography of J. D. Bartlett in this number but hearing of others doing the same we withdrew. We were to publish the photo. and biography of C. W. Kissinger, but having failed to receive his biography we will leave it over till next month when his likeness will appear in our January number. M. Steffan is our choice, so here goes, and we are sure his short but newsy biography will please all of our readers.

Our genial representative, H. P. Boyle, of advertising and subscription fame, was visiting Brown's Mills, N. J. recently.

## CHICAGO SNAP-SHOTS.

Philately is on the boom here if ever it was, and strange to say, even the dealers agree about that. New dealers are continually cropping up and most of the notion stores display badly arranged approval sheets.

By the way, there is a small novelty store down town that seems to make their stamp sales a specialty. But the sheets, O, my! It is a common thing to see the commonest Continentals priced at 5 cents and upwards. They seem to do a good trade but that sort of thing must hurt Philately.

The C. A. Hill Company seem to do quite a bit of business for so young a firm, as their sheets are displayed in quite a number of stores.

Verily, the way of the collector is hard. They realize that fact especially when they come to dispose of their collections. The other day while in the office of one of the largest dealers a young man brought in his collection, which he wished to dispose, as he had quit collecting. It was a very good collection and contained some fine stamps. He was offered for the stamps and a roll of Confederate bills \$12. He told me afterwards that the stamps alone cost him in Europe over \$200.

Chicago has her share of stamp dealers and they all keep their eyes open for business. But I doubt if one could find a more agreeable dealer than Mr. Fletcher. He is fast winning his way among the younger collectors of this city by his affable manners.

We have at last seen the Western Philatelist. It certainly does credit to Chicago, by its neat appearance and breezy notes. Here's luck, Bro. Reimers.

Messrs. S. B. Bradt seems always busy and one is safe to find a noted collector in there at any time. By the way they gave a pretty Philatelic Exhibit on Dedication. It was a shield of the Chicago colors (terra cotta) composed entirely of the Victoria 1d 1890 issue, with white lettering.

We don't hear much about the stamp exhibit at the World's Fair next year. It seems to have dropped out of notice.

Friend Stevens, of Stevens & Co., is always buried in stamps every time we visit him. He says he intends to make the collectors ache this winter. He has an immense stock on hand. He always reminds one to bring their pocket-books the next time they visit him and between you and me I think they need them.

I visited all the large stamp stores to see if I could get some lower values Falkland Islands the other day and was unsuccessful. One of the largest dealers in town had not one left in his stock. Evidently British Colonials are on the boom.

*Harold W. Garrard.*

## CHARLEY'S FIND.

### A TALE FOR PHILATELISTS.

By EDGAR D. MELVILLE.

#### CHAPTER I.

It was a beautiful day in September, and Charley Davis and his chum, Lew

Spaulding, were on a gunning trip.

It was nearly noon and the boys sat down at the base of a large walnut tree, preparatory to eating their lunch.

"We had pretty good luck to-day, didn't we?" said Charley to Lew, beginning to eat a sandwich.

"You bet we did," answered Lew.

A few moment's silence reigned when suddenly their attention was attracted to a paper bag, blown by a gust of wind from a neighboring thicket.

To be sure it was not an unusual occurrence, but, queer as it may seem Charley was prompted to capture it, as it moved through the air.

He found the bag to contain a few specimens of foreign stamps, and at first was going to throw them away as he did the bag, but on second thought he concluded to keep them.

He showed them to Lew, and asked him what countries they represented, but as Lew's knowledge of stamps was very dim, Charley's query remained unanswered at that particular time.

Later on, however, being prompted by an earnest desire to form a collection of stamps, they visited a prominent philatelist residing in Philadelphia, who fully explained to them the history of the stamps Charley had found (which, by the way, proved to be very common specimens), and told them many other things concerning the collecting of stamps.

When Charley and Lew left for their homes it was with a firm resolve to

jointly establish a first-class collection of stamps and become thorough philatelists, in every sense of the the word.

#### CHAPTER II.

Full of enthusiasm they began, and so zealously did they labor in the interests of their hobby, that it was only a matter of six month's time, ere they could boast of a very good assortment. They became known as the greatest cranks in the neighborhood in which they resided. Nothing daunted by such slanderous remarks they kept their interest in their favorite pursuit. What cared they what the people called them. They were gaining a vast amount of knowledge concerning all corners of the earth, and more particularly the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

After the first year of their career as philatelists they decided to thoroughly go over their collection and fix it up in general. The experience they had thus far gained had taught them many things concerning the proper method of collecting. They found that many mistakes had been made in mounting the stamps in the album.

Two years passed. Charley and Lew now young men, finally concluded to become dealers in stamps, and as such proved a decided success. There is one thing, however, that Charley and Lew will never forget, and that is the difficulty they encountered in learning the whereabouts of a stamp collector, when they wanted to find out what kind of stamps Charley had found, in such a curious manner, on that eventful September day.

## A TRIP TO CHICAGO.

On the afternoon of Oct. 18th I bid good-bye to Omaha and was soon flying along towards Chicago, the wonderful city of which I had heard and read so much. On the following evening I found myself listening to the first big stamp auction I had ever had ever had the pleasure of attending, and a pleasure it was too. I was surprised to see so many at the sale and also at the stamps bringing such fancy prices. At this sale I met Mr. W. R. King, of Grand Island, Neb., Mr. Wolsseifer and many other prominent collectors.

The stamp business is very brisk and the prospects are that the trade will be still better as the winter advances.

While wandering about the city I came across a store whose windows were filled with stamps and coins. Surprised by the number of choice stamps thus displayed, I went into the store, which proved to be that of W. A. Fletcher & Co., stamp and coin dealers. On entering this place I saw on each side long show cases in which were arranged sheets of stamps, packets coins and various publications. Their business is mostly a local one, but they say they propose to start the approval sheet system the first of the year. I being curious to know how these big firms arranged their stocks, one day stopped in at Bradt's (the largest stamp concern in the city). I found these gentlemen kept their stock of stamps in albums, sheets and

on original envelopes.

There was one place in Chicago I wanted to visit, and that was Libby Prison, and thither I went a number of times. In one room I found a quantity of old Confederate stamps for sale, of which I obtained a number as mementoes of my visit.

Everybody is busy arranging stocks in anticipation of doing a rushing business during the World's Fair next year.

Leaving Chicago I went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa., where I found things dull. I did not meet many collectors there, but those I did expect the boys to look up their collections which have been laid aside during the summer and go to work with renewed vigor.

From here I returned home, after enjoying nearly a month's vacation, with more knowledge of stamps, stamp collecting and collections than before starting.

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The above applicants will be admitted Nov., 25, if no objections are received.

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15. Wm. B. Shattuc, Denver, Colo.

We all welcome the above new members to our ranks and hope that their stay with the Nebraska Philatelic Society will ever be a pleasant one. Next month we hope to swell the list of applicants. Every Nebraska collector should join our society. Initiation fee is but 10 cents and yearly dues but 25 cents. For application blanks and

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Every member should vote for one of these men. All votes must be in by December 10th.

It is with deep regret that I again have to present the resignation of an officer; this time it is our exchange superintendent. Bro. Tessier had just got the department in good running order when he had to resign. He goes to St. Paul, Minn., to work with a large firm there. His removal from the state was his cause for resigning.

It is now in order to make nominations for a new superintendent. Have all nominations in by the 10th of December. If anybody is nominated who does not belong to the society said nominee must join immediately. Let every member of our society try to get at least one of your collecting friends to join our society. Every Nebraska collector should join our own state organization. Stand up for your colors by sending 5 cents to the secretary for application blanks and full particulars about society.

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## NEW YORK NOTES.

Charles W. Grevning has charge of the approval sheet department of Henry Gremmel, having left his old employers, R. F. Albrecht & Co.

The J. W. Scott Co., will sell the collection of F. de Coppett, vice-president of the Philatelic Society of New York, at auction next spring. The collection is probably the finest one in this country and contains some of the rarest United States and North and South American stamps.

A certain youth, in a one horse Pennsylvania city is evidently trying to show what his real character is in sending insulting letters and using profane language to several collectors in this city and elsewhere. Some of these people may suddenly call upon this kid and spank him, which necessity is probably overlooked by his parents.

For the coming winter we are promised at least one auction a week, and the boys will have to hustle to be at them all, so be on the lookout for any lot that may happen to sell very low and pick it up. A shrewd buyer, who notes the catalogue price of every lot offered for sale can easily see if any of these go very cheap, and buy it and make a good profit thereby.

I notice that several of our philatelist have joined a newly organized journalist's association, which hails The Metropolitan Press Club. Messrs. Grevning, Spooner, Ashcroft and Ogden were among the organizers. Do they intend to give us the shake and go into professional journalism?

Henry G. Strong, the Rochester stamp dealer who has been abroad for the summer, arrived in New York on November 5th, and left for his home a few days later. He is to take an extended Western tour and may possibly visit the editor of the Nebraska Stamp. He says that the Paris Philatelic Exhibition was a case of "grab all" on the part of the Parisians.

Of course the wise heads will now predict a new issue for this country in 1894 because of the new administration, and will commence to lay aside all the present issue of stamps they can lay hold of. Look out that too many are not stored away and there by flooding the market at a future date.

*Iceland.*

## REMINISCENCE.

BY VACAROO.

I don't believe I get one-half as much fun out of stamp collecting now as I did fifteen years ago, and I often wonder if the collector of to-day knows just what it is to collect stamps without a catalogue or printed album.

I often wonder if the collector of to-day, with all his advantages, (for money will buy anything he may fancy in the stamp line), if he really enjoys his collection as I did long ago when I gathered my stamps one by one, often through toil and labor; when each stamp had a history of its own, that brought it into closer sympathy with me. If it is true, as is often asserted, that the pleasures of the world are in the seeking and finding rather than the possession, it is very much to be

doubted.

To begin with, my first sight of a stamp collection was one some high school boys had away back in Canada, from them I begged a few stamps which I mounted in an old copy-book. Soon after this my father moved to this land of the free, and of course my collection and myself came also. I started to school here and let the collection rest a little while. A colony of Welch people lived about two miles from my home so I went to call on them one Saturday afternoon and begged some "Welch stamps." I got a few and all I knew for the next week or two was Welch, in fact, I was authority on the stamps of Wales. Mike McManon, a neighbor's boy, promised me some Irish stamps which I received in due time. They were just like my "Welch stamps." I wouldn't believe they came from Ireland and before we got through I think I had a black eye, but I kept the "Irish stamps," and it was several weeks before I found out the why and wherefore of the affair. My friends in British America sent me stamps. In fact I was beginning to feel myself again. I obtained some "Dentsche Reichs" from off some of my father's correspondence, and a few days later a German friend of mine gave me some stamps from "Shermany," here I was in a pickle again.

Shortly after this I saw an advertisement of Stamps in the Youth's Companion and of course as I wanted some I wrote the party, a Mr. Butterick I think, some where in Mass. The price-list came to hand and I must

say I read and reread it 100 times. I never have been interested in a catalogue so much since as I was in that one. From here I began to get addresses of stamp dealers and collectors and bought a good many, principally of H. W. Butterick, J. A. Pierce of Chicago and H. W. Meham of St. Louis. I bought a good many stamps of S. Allen Taylor, he had lots of stamps and offered such good bargains, but they gradually gave way to their betters as the years passed by. The devil is not so black as he is painted; neither is Taylor worse than those who are throwing stones at him.

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For The Nebraska Stamp,

## MY CANADA COUSIN.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

### CHAPTER III.

In the morning after the Good Byes were spoken we stepped into the carriage and with Georgia's gloved hands grasping the reins were soon driving quietly along the road on our return home. For the first time my thoughts flew to the return to my own home which must surely come within a few days. The desk at the up town bank in Detroit, seemed to me then, almost a prison for I had roamed o'er fields, wheeled o'er country roads, all the while breathing God's pure air, and even the thought of Detroit made me gloomy.

Georgia seeing my dejected look, gaily said, "A penny for your thoughts." I fear Georgia, that if I should express them, they would weary the listener although they greatly relieve me to share them with another."

"Now, Mr. Wheeler, you have aroused a woman's curiosity and I beseech you to open your lips and tell the secrets thoughts are like bales unopened to the sun; they need air lest they spoil," so says the philosopher. Now if you know anything of a woman's curiosity you will surely tell your secrets."

"Yes, but Georgia, if you will permit me to be so frank, our thoughts are wont to wander o'er forbidden ground and I feel that I may be fool-

ish in permitting my thoughts to stray where my heart would have them. Since you have been so kind as to quote a philosopher's wisdom, you no doubt will allow me same privilege. I find this to be as apt as the one you quoted."

"Certainly Fred," and laughing she added, "now you see we are old friends for I am as frank in addressing you by your given name as you are to me and you know we are warm friends so should have no secrets from each other. But to your philosophic quotation, I am ready to listen."

"Well, Georgia, in line with the wandering thoughts of mine which I am reluctant to express I might add that brief but true saying, 'Fools often carelessly wander in paths that heroes fear to tread,' so with my thoughts, and as they are foolish beyond narration to me, I fear you would not care to listen to them."

"Faint heart never won fair lady," to fling back at you, one of the quotations of which you are so fond," replied Georgia, "and if your thoughts are such transgressors perhaps I might be able to give you advise which would safely lead them o'er the forbidden ground."

"That is what I fear, Georgia. Now you will wonder what sort of a creature I am, to wish to remain on what I fear to be forbidden ground, but you are aware that there is truth in that other saying, 'stolen fruits are sweetest,' and there is delight in even hoping that these thoughts may bear fruits."

By this time we were nearing home, but Georgia had guessed the secret of my thoughts and sought to lead me on.

"Now Fred, ere we reach our destination be good enough to drop your maxims so freely quoted and tell me your secret. 'Take care of the pennies and the pounds will care for themselves,' was Franklin's maxim, so when you have a chance to make a 'penny' you stoutly refuse. Is that wisdom?"

"Well, as you insist Georgia, I shall tell you and perhaps you may help me to reach conclusions which now trouble me. My thoughts for the past few days have been on returning home. My vacation will soon draw to a close and the thoughts of leaving all these that have endeared themselves to me causes me to grow gloomy and sentimental. Life in the city, even though profitable is a gloomy outlook to one who has seen such home-like people as I have met on Canadian soil. If I could be endowed with a power to sway thrones, create empires, crown royal heads and conquer worlds, I should return to Detroit, build up one powerful empire having for its foundation love, fidelity and virtue which would be the essence of strength itself, I would call it—HOME. And at the head of this empire I should place one whose rulings would be love exemplified and that—YOURSELF."

"I fear you have worried yourself over a trivial subject, dear Fred."

"How can you say that Georgia? A man's after life hanging in the balance and you pronounce it a trivial thing? My trip was ostensibly for the purpose of recruiting strength and at the same time add a few treasures to my

stamp album. I feel that my object has been accomplished, but I find that my greatest treasure is still unobtained. I regret to depart without another strong effort."

"Well now, Fred, I must say you are novel in your quest. But ever since you have been on Canadian soil, you have been pampered too much. True, you have secured a host of treasures from Mr. Brubaker without the asking, but you cannot expect to get all the good things of life without asking for them, and you might find one of your maxims quite appropriate here, for instance, 'That which is not worth the asking for is not worth———'" But I waited for no more; she did not finish. Its of no use telling the rest—suffice it to say that in my home in Detroit, the two or three thousand stamps secured from my literary friend, Mr. Brubaker, is accorded second place in my heart, for the first has long been given to my Canada Cousin.

THE END.

## U. S. 1847 ISSUES.

BY LEROY D. WALKER.

**O**N July 1st, 1847, the first postage stamps authorized by law, were issued to the American people. The issue consisted of two values, and designs which may be briefly noted as follows:

5 cent.

Portrait of Benjamin Franklin, three quarter face to left, on shaded disk. Inscription in curved lines, "Post Office" above, "Five" below, in upper corners "U. S." and in lower "5-5."

The color is nominally called brown, but it varies greatly. A prominent collector in New York has no less than twenty-five color varieties.

10 cent.

Portrait of George Washington to the right on shaded disk. Inscription in curved lines "Post Office" above "Ten" below. In the upper corners "U. S."; in the lower "X-X." Color, black. This color does not admit of so many variations, but varieties exist in several shades, probably caused by the amount of ink used in printing. These stamps were issued unperforated and Mr. Sterling has in his collection, blocks of four of each unused.

These stamps were imitated by the P. O. Dep't. in 1875. When the issue went out of use, the plates and all stamps on hand were destroyed, and when the P. O. Dep't wished to make an exhibit of its issues at the Centennial they had plates engraved in imitation. The difference between the two plates is as follows:

Between the lines of the outer border appear the initials of the engravers R. St. H. & E. In the original these initials appear clear cut. In the imitation dim, and as if the engraver did not know just what he wanted, whether an R or an N, an M or a W etc. In the Five cents the hair on the right of the face is heavy and dark; in the imitation it is light and airy. The expression of the face is different and especially the eyes, which in the imitation are weak and wavering.

In the Ten cents, imitation appears a small white circle with a dot in the center, in the hair on the right side of the face. This does not appear in the original. The expression and forma-

tion of the lower part of the face also differs.

There are proofs of this issue which are printed upon thin India paper, and thick or thin cardboard. Some were printed upon India paper and pasted upon cardboard, and some directly on the cardboard.

The originals were printed upon slightly tinted bluish paper and never upon white. Mr. Scott and Mr. Tiffany agree upon this point and that the specimens existing upon so-called white paper have been chemically changed, either intentionally, or by the influence of ink, air or surroundings.

This issue is becoming rarer every day and I earnestly advise you to fill the spaces in your album *at once*, if not already filled. The market price of the 5 cent is 40 cents, used, and \$1.50, unused; the 10 cent stamp \$2, used, and \$5, unused. Unsevered pairs, 5 cent, used \$1, unused \$3, same of 10 cent, used \$4, unused \$12. You will notice these prices are all above catalogue, but they bring them in auction.

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## EDITORIALS.

We are pleased to once more appear before the philatelic world, and start the new year with a more renewed determination. We have secured 2nd class rates, and will stay forever, to see philately grow into larger dimensions than ever. We are glad to greet our many friends who so kindly helped us procure the coveted 2nd class rates. We will endeavor to give our subscribers the best news and reading procurable.

In reply to Mr. C. W. Small's editorial in the Era, we would respectfully inform him that we "will stay in the ring" as long or longer than the "Era."

After a good deal of trying and urging, and at a heavy expense we have secured for our readers the personal benefits and enjoyments of the greatest work of its kind, namely:

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AND

WHAT CAME OF IT,

By Roy F. Greene; author of  
"My Canada Cousin."

This work is similar to, but much better than "Ten Days with a Modern Stamp Dealer." It will run for about a year in the Nebraska Stamp and when finished will be a story philatelists cannot be without. Mr. Roy F. Greene will finish this story in January, in time for our February number. Be sure and read it!

Our engraver is late this month, hence we cannot produce the likeness of C. W. Kissinger, but it will appear in our February number, sure You may all look out for J. C. Miller and R. W. Ashcroft soon.

We have some fine mss. on hand, and best of all John K. Tiffany, one of our subscribers and the most skilled of writers will give us a fine article.

We discontinue our review column this month as our space does not permit just such a review as we would like. However, we are always glad to receive auction catalogues, books, papers, etc., for which we will enumerate receipt of same.

The Standard Stamp Co's. catalogue should be in the hands of all philatelists who are true to their trust, as this one presents many bargains.

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I hope you one and all enjoyed yourselves Christmas and New Year.

—CLEVE SCOTT.

**DO YOU KNOW THIS?**

By PHIL. A. TELIC.

W. S. Kinzer is an enthusiastic horseman. He attends all the races within a radius of 200 miles of Wooster, Ohio and seldom gets beat on the track.

M. A. Swanbeck is book-keeper in a large pork packing establishment in Kansas City, Kansas.

W. H. Bruce of Hartford, Conn. is well known in literary circles and contributes regularly to several magazines of note.

Wallace Smith is a clerk or book-keeper in R. G. Dun & Co's. Mercantile Agency in Galveston, Texas.

Chas. W. Pugh, who lives at a little town in Indiana—Kossuth—oft goes into the harvest field, and in his work forgets for a time philately's charms.

E. L. French the big Ohio dealer, who calls Wellington his home, has a large lumber yard and carries on his stamp business as a side issue.

A. Drovot, Jr. is a surveyor, and is away from his home in Galveston nearly all the time.

Ralph P. Spooner is book-keeper in a large establishment at 53 Cedar St., New York.

Geo. W. Achard is one of the legal lights of Minneapolis. His office is in Room 242, Boston Block.

Guy. W. Green is one of Nebraska's leading athletes. He holds several rare prizes won in hard fought contests. He is a graduate of good standing and will stump the state for Democracy this fall.

C. D. Reimers of Iowa City, Iowa,

is a noted base ball man and is attending the University there.

J. R. Hooper is connected with the Post Office Department of Canada and lives at Ottawa.

F. N. Massoth, Jr. is book-keeper in a large watch company's establishment in Chicago.

F. Trifet is a music dealer and publisher in Boston, Mass.

John K. Tiffany is one of the leading lawyers in St. Louis.

Geo. F. Heath who used to be one of Philately's best writers is practicing medicine at his home in Monroe, Mich. A few years ago he was elected mayor of his city and served his term creditably.

Clarence Jackson is Assistant Postmaster at Harper, Iowa. R. M. Spencer holds the same position at Nordhoff, Cal. and F. C. Sawyer, Beauclere, Fla.

J. C. Jay of La Hoyt, Iowa is a lover of fine horses, and owns some fine racing stock.

C. A. Burger is proprietor of the Ottiwell Pharmacy at 243 Broome St., New York City.

A. M. Kirtland is a real estate hustler in New York City.

H. E. Deats carries on a business in Trenton, N. J.

W. C. Stone is assistant librarian in the public library at Springfield, Mass.

H. C. Beardsley is a professional athlete, a member of the Missouri National Guard and an amateur actor.

F. H. Pinkham is a professional printer and has a large office in the Masonic Block at New Market.

W. N. Wood is a railroad employe at Jackson, Tenn.

J. B. Wailey works at the Cotton Exchange, Galveston, Texas.

While Capt. Gruger, Lieut. Macomb, Lieut. Partello and Major Dutton wear chevrons in the United States army.

## TAKEN DOWN AND WRITTEN UP.

BY BARK N. TINE.

Many collectors are ignorant of the fact that Revenue stamps may often be found on the backs of old photographs. I have found a number of varieties including quite a number of the Playing Cards. As the cheapest of these, the two cent, is worth ten cents it will pay you to hunt up the old albums.

Rare stamps seem to crop out in the most unexpected places. A collector of my acquaintance found a pair of the 3c. Playing Card on an old cribbage board. In sorting over a lot of stamps which I purchased of a lady who had set out for a million, (and got discouraged when she had obtained thirty five thousand), I found amongst other stamps, a beautiful pair of the five cent yellow 1861. I paid \$3.50 for the entire lot.

Mr. Raymond Tarr when on a visit away from home last winter, found in an old dictionary, a large pasteboard nearly covered with the issues of from 1851 to 1861. There were about fifty of them and the lot included the issues named, complete except the five cent yellow and the five cent red brown. There were also duplicates of the 90c. '57, and other high values. The stamps were all pasted down flat, and it required great care to remove them.

A boy came into my office the other day with a 6d. New Brunswick on the original letter. He was a "copy book" collector, but was perfectly willing to

part with the gem for a quarter. One more snap for me.

This same boy looked on with disdain while another youngster bought some gummed hinges. "I wouldn't buy hinges," he remarked. "What do you do?" asked the other. "I make 'em." "But common mucilage will turn the stamps yellow," I ventured to remark.

"Don't you suppose I know that?" was the retort. "I don't use mucilage, I use glue!"

I have no rare Guianas  
Nor yet a Sydney view,  
And the scarce U. S. Departments  
Are mostly missing too  
But, of the wicked surcharge,  
I must own several score,  
And full my share of counterfeits,  
(I sometimes think 'tis more.)  
I can't tell which is "pine apple",  
And which is meant for "crown",  
And what is worse than all the rest,  
My cash is running down.

Don't shoot! I won't do it again.

BARK N. TINE.

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—*Ill. American.*



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### *Report of Secretary for December, 1892:*

#### Applicants for admission:

Ernest R. Holms, Lincoln, Neb. Ref's.

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L. Brodstone, C. Padden.

O. A. Abbott, Jr., Grand Island, Neb.

Ref's. L. Brodstone, C. J. Scott.

The above applicants will be admitted 5 days after the appearance of this paper if no objections are received. The above is the size of the list that I would like to present each month; let us all work with might and main for our society.

We wish to publicly thank our president, L. T. Brodstone, for his noble efforts in behalf of our society. He

has been the means by which about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of our present membership have joined. Bro. Brodstone is also acting as Ex. Supt. until our election, which comes off as soon after April as possible.

Nominations for officers will be received until Feb. 25. In making nominations please use an impartial judgment of our best men and nominate the best men for the place which you think they can best fill. Let every member take a firm hold of this election and elect a corps of officers which cannot be surpassed by any state organization. Bro. Miller has got the auction department in running order. All members wishing to dispose of stamps or stamp papers should correspond with Bro. Miller of Cambridge. Let every Nebraska collector join our society. Each member receives this paper, which is the official organ, free of charge. The initiation fee is but 10 cents, and the yearly dues 25 cents. Send 5 cents for application blanks and particulars. Address the secretary, E. W. JULIAN,

Chadron, Nebr.

### *Additional Report:*

The officers to be elected are President, Vice-President, Sec'y-Treasurer (same person), Exchange Supt., Auct. Manager, Librarian, Official Collector or Attorney, and three Trustees. The trustees shall be of the same place.

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## THERE'S A VACANT SPACE IN MY ALBUM.



There's a vacant space in my album—  
 A space which I cannot fill,  
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 On yon bleak December hill.  
 I think of the stamps around it—  
 How quickly I hinged them in!  
 But never will that one vacant space see  
 The stamp that I long to win.

It may be but a bit of paper,  
 It may be both old and worn,  
 And yet 'tis causing these heart-aches,  
 And my wishing I'd n'er been born.  
 The skaters are on the ice-bound flood,  
 The snow of winter's here.  
 But never will pleasures come to me,  
 Or any joy be near.

Oh, why should anguish pursue me?  
 Oh, why can I not procure  
 The stamp of this longing and sorrow,  
 This pain that I cannot endure.  
 The zephyrs outside my window  
 Record my suppliant cry,  
 But nevermore can I hope to own  
 This stamp which I cannot buy.

L'Envoi.

And why?  
 Because the price is too blamed high.

## STATE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATIONS.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

Years ago such a thing as a state philatelic association would be impossible, but in this day and age when every hamlet and village has its share of stamp collectors, state associations are possible and have become a necessity.

The advantages of a stamp association are innumerable and every advantage a national association can offer can also be offered by a state association. Take for instance the exchange department. In national organizations where members reside in all parts of the Union the working of the exchange department is usually too slow for the average philatelist. Collectors do not care to place valuable stamps on exchange and never hear anything about them for six months or more. Nothing of this kind can occur in a state society where members reside in one state, and promptness in the exchange department is one of the greatest benefits a state society can offer.

Then take the conventions. What collector is there who does not recall with pleasure the happy hours spent in conventions with brother philatelists? But a large majority are not permitted to attend the conventions of the national organizations and these conventions are nearly always held in the East, so the only way a majority of collectors can have the advantages of a convention is to have a well organized state association. Hold a convention in one of the larger cities at least once a year and by having it at the same time and place as the State

Fair or some other attractions are in progress members can obtain reduced rates on railroads and this will secure a large attendance. Exhibitions of rare stamps, philatelic literature and a banquet can be some of the attractions at such conventions. Indeed, the philatelist who cannot travel in any direction in his own state without encountering fellow members of his own association can be envied.

"Philatelic friendships," are to stamp collectors better than any other kind and collectors seldom meet fellow members of national societies, while take it where membership is confined to one state members often meet. Space for official matter of the association can be obtained at nominal rates from some philatelic paper.

One of the greatest mistakes some of these state associations are making is in allowing philatelists residing outside of the state to join. If you organize a state association let it be confined to your state only. The excuse sometimes given that there are not enough collectors in one state ridiculous. Organize a strictly state association, write to all the collectors in your state you know of and urge them to join.

The following are the only strictly state associations we know of. Nebraska Stamp Society, Ohio Philatelic Association and the Iowa Philatelic Association. The following are state organizations which allow outsiders to join: Michigan Philatelic Association, Indiana Philatelic Society and the N. Y. State Philatelic Association. We also hear that state associations are being organized in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kansas. Let other states follow in the good work.

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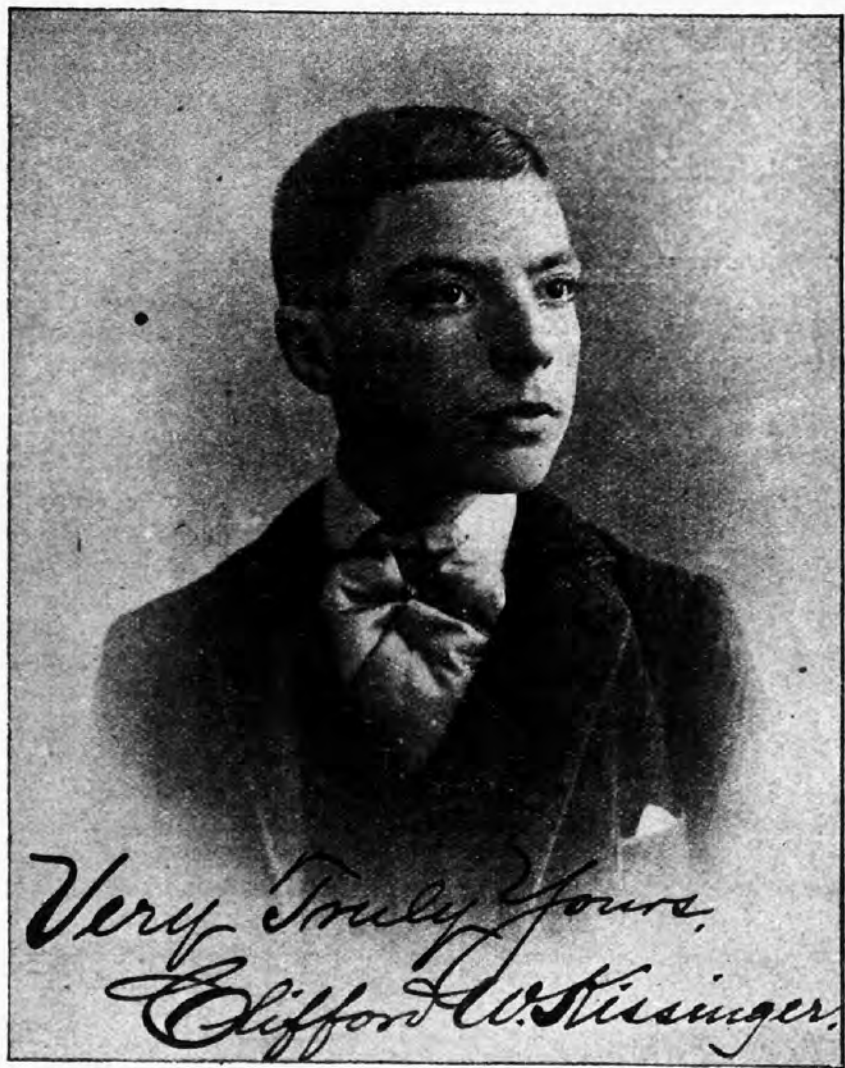
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## CLIFFORD WASHINGTON KISSINGER.

Comparatively a recent addition to the ranks of philatelists, Mr. Clifford Washington Kissinger, whose photograph we reproduce, stands, as a dealer, as a publisher and as a collector, in an enviable position.

He was born and bred in the city of Reading, Pennsylvania, where he will have lived for nineteen long years on the 6th day of February, 1893.

A brief sketch of Mr. Kissinger's philatelic career, spirited as it has been, will, I doubt not, be of interest to those who have heard so much about him.

In the spring of 1890, Reading, as a philatelic center, was a dream of the future. However, after the hot summer months were over, the seed, which had been sown there, grew forth, and now we have Reading, the stamp-town where stamps, and their collectors, abound.

Mr. Kissinger is the most prominent of Reading philatelists, although the "goddess" cannot claim him as her own more than for two seasons.

In 1890, Mr. Kissinger was a collector, known only as such to his fellow-philatelists in Reading, and vicinity.

In 1891, we found in him a dealer, and a representative one of Pennsylvania.

The season of 1892 is now in its height. What do we see in his person now?

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Mr. Kissinger is a member of all societies that are worth the name of "societies." He belongs, first and foremost, to the Sons of Philatelia; next in order, comes the American Philatelic Association; then the United Philatelic Association. He is also a member of the Postal Card Society of America, and of the Penn Philatelic Society, Reading local club. The Western Philatelic Union will soon have his name on their roll.

The collectors of the United States, and, more especially, the members of the Sons of Philatelia, have already shown their confidence in Mr. Kissinger's tact, enterprise and perseverance. He was the candidate of a majority, for President, at the first convention of the Sons of Philatelia, and, had not proxies been vilely abused, he would

have been elected.

He will enter the list again this year, like a gladiator of old, prepared to meet his enemies, and to welcome his friends.

At Chicago, you will see him, all ye philatelists who have grit enough to get there in 1893. Come then, I say, and witness that grand and vast conclave of your brethren, from every part of the universe.

Mr. Kissinger's future is something that I, or anyone else, am not competent to unfold. Judging it from the past, I can say that it will be bright. In, comparatively a day, he has risen to the height of popularity, while older men than he, have taken weeks.

Another word: Vote for Kissinger, if you are a member of the Sons of Philatelia, for President, at the next convention, and, I warrant you, your conscience will be peaceful.

RALPH W. ASHCROFT.

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BY J. BERNSTEIN JR.

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And we cherish with redoubled pleasure  
The stamps you don't meet every day.

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And o'erlook those stamps which they ought,  
The rare old U. S. Inter revenues  
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