# THE
# Diamond Philatelist.

Vol. 1. Unionville, N.Y., Jan. 1895. No. 1.

## ADVICE TO YOUNG COLLECTORS.

BY PHILO.

Don't collect surcharged stamps.

Don't collect speculative issues such as Scebecks, Chinese Locals, etc.

Don't try to publish a stamp paper or start a new philatelic society.

Don't try to run all the large stamp firms out of business, for you can't do it.

Deal only with reputable dealers.

Keep your album neat and clean.

Subscribe to as many philatelic journals as you can afford to.

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E. L. SHOVE, — UNIONVILLE, N

# EDITORIAL.

This paper is sent free every month to of my customers and to such others as remit the necessary postage of 1¢ per mon

We will exchange with all philat papers.

The Lone Star State Philatelist is as ular as clock work.

The Philatelic Sun seems to be "get there Eli."

The Weekly Era is even more pop than it was as a semi-monthly.

The Post Office is as excellent as eve

"The Pennsy" is another good paper.

# HERE AND THERE.

BY REX.

l efforts to boom Columbians higher they are at present seems to result in re.

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ave you heard the new name for See-s? "Picture Cards" is what Crawford they are — and he ought to know.

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hinese Locals are all the rage. Look or them. They were issued for collec- "needs."

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ave you seen the 1894 two cent pink?
—PHILATELIC COMFORT.

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he multiplication of uninteresting var- of U.S. stamps such as "crowned" nu- ls and ribbed paper is to be deprecа- — PHILATELIC MONTHLY.

st so, and yet this same journal prints on after column of arguments in favor echecks and kindred stamps. Queer it.

# BARGAINS.

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| 25 Varieties Foreign Stamps. | $. |
| 50 ,, ,, ,, | . |
| 100 ,, ,, ,, | . |
| 100 Finely mixed Foreign stamps | . |
| 250 ,, ,, ,, ,, | . |
| 10 Var. stamps from Asia. | . |
| 10 ,, ,, from Africa & Australia. | . |
| 1,000 Cheap mixed stamps. | . |
| 1,000 Mixed U. S. stamps. | . |
| Set of 8 used Columbians, 1 to 10¢ inc. | . |
| Set of 4 unused ,, 1¢, 4¢, 8¢ & 10¢ | . |
| 15 Varities U. S. Postage. | . |
| 10 ,, ,, Envelopes. | . |

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Approval Sheets for those having less th
1,000 varieties at 50 per cent discount.

**E. L. Shove,**

Unionville, N. Y.

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**F YOU** want to get your money's worth—and a good deal more—try an ad. the "SYNDICATE." It is blished semi-monthly and ow (Oct. 1st, 1895) has a cir- ation of

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ich is increasing at the rate 500 per month. We reach cream of mail-order buy- all over the land.

**OUR Rates** are exceed- ingly low for so large a circulation and beat cir- ar advertising by a large jority. Look at them:

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ECIAL OFFER.—We will run a twenty- word plain notice six months (twelve bers) for twenty-five cents in silver.

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56th edition of "The Standard Pos
age Stamp Catalogue of the World
Send your order at once with
cents and you will receive a copy
soon as issued. Will be rea
about Jan. 1st. 1896.

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1000 Perfect Stamp Hinges (T
Originalones) only 10 cts. Cheap
rates in larger quantities.

Blank approval sheets upon a
plication. Printed ones with hea
ngs to order for 60 cents per 1
Send for sample.

All of Scott's publications for sa
Send for list.

Everything postpaid.

**EDW. BARCLAY,**

**L. Box 312, Fort Howard, P. O., W**

# The Diamond Philatelist.

VOL. I. UNIONVILLE, N. Y., FEB. 1895. NO 2.

## TRUTH, NOT POETRY.

The craze of Philatelias subjects and the manner in which such loyal subjects are bringing funds into her treasury, is a substantial proof that her dominion or entire sphere bids fair to more success than she herself has ever realized or anticipated. There are dozens of small sheets issued today as monthlies in the interest of postage stamp collecting and as we seldom hear of one turning its toes upwards, it is to be presumed that their respective publishers are making a complete success of these journals. Many of the so called advanced collectors are ignoring the small sized editions, giving them the name of "midget" looking sheets but such should not disturb the publishers of these small sheets. Such sheets may be all what they are styled, but may I ask the Question- How small were we when our birth took place?. Consquently it is not to be supposed that such sheets will continue to remain in their midget form. The more sheets published, the more Philatelia is advertised, and if such sheets were more extensively patronized by the dealers, there is no doubt that more and better business would be obtained

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THE DIAMOND PHILATELIST.

15 Cts. A Year.

Adv Rates:

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E L Shove Unionville N Y

## EDITORIAL

The Adv. & Sub.(Phi'atelic) is announced.

Begining with this issue we shall distribute 200 copies of every no of this paper, among collectors in foreign countries Advertisers please note.

We will x 2 copies with all philatelic papers.

If we dont hear from a certain party on Harrison Street Chicago before long, we shall give him some free advertising. He sails under at least 3 different names.

In our next we shall open a Dealers Directory.
Our rates will be 25 cts each insertion, for a 3 line card

The publishers of our small sheets do not hold back the pennies for circulation. No! to the contrary they are anxious to give out their last cent for postage so that their sheets may become well known throughout the entire world,and at the same time advertise our Goddess and her productive fields. Large monthlies are more sparing with their editions. It is true such are at a larger expense, but the writer in receiving a stray copy of a well known N.Y. stamp journal,sent him amongst a bunble of papers accidentaly,after looking through its various pages of advertisements,sent on his subscription and called upon different advertisers for approval sheets and single stamps which were mentioned for sale were bought for his collection.Such would never b en the case if the journal had not been sent him. Come now and help each other. Do not snub the small ones, as their money is equally as good as our millionaires. Exchange papers with each other,patronize the columns of our small sheets as well as the large ones. In doing so we can proclaim to the world that Philatelia is constant on the progressive walk daily striving to build up her greatest of domains,thereby reaping large harvest from her products.

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## EDITORIAL.

Arrangements have been made whereby The Tri-Cuspi published at Statesboro Ga becomes consolidated wit this journal. The Tri-Cuspid had the largest foreign cir ulation of any stamp journal and under the new manag ment we will have the same We expect to enlarge ou paper soon, also to raise our adv and sub. rates. Ou correspondence will be in English, French, Scandanavia German, Italian and Spanish; and we will circulate ou paper in every country where there are stamp collectors

Type and other printing material wanted in exchang for adv space in this paper.

## DEALERS DIRECTORY.

3 line card inserted once for 25 cts. or 3 times for 50 cts.

SHOVE, E. L., UNIONVILLE, N. Y.—Fine approval sheets, packets, sets etc 25 good varieties of U S stamps for ten cents Price list free.

## SOME OFFERS

Seven varieties of entire post cards and an unused one worth 5c — The 8 for ten cents.

15 varieties of U S envelope stamps, cut square, including one worth 5 cts. — 10 cents.

A stamp album and 49 varieties of stamps, 10 cts.

24 stamps, each from a different country, 10 cts.

Try our approval sheets Fifty per cent commission allowed. They will please you. Just try them and see!

E. L. SHOVE, Unionville, N. Y.

NAMES WANTED.

We want your name to insert in our Agents Director
If you send at once we will insert your name and send
you a roll of papers, etc, for a 2c stamp.

Our Advertiser Co., Alden, Mich

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FOR
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Gives name place of publication and number of issues
of nearly 600 U S. and Canada philatelic papers.
Price 25 cts. complete file of Weekly
Philatelist, 95 numbers, $1.10.
Thousands of papers for sale. Send want lists.

E. B Jones, Ruthven, Iowa.

When answering ads., please mention this paper.

# The Diamond Philatelist.

Vol 1. Unionville N.Y. April 189- No 4.


## NOTES FROM ALL OVER

alter Scherz,a schoolboy residing in Switzerland,recently t a letter to General Yamagata of the Japanese army gratulating him upon the victores achieved by his diers, and wound up with a request for a few rare Japan- stamis. Yamagata at once wrote the boy thanking him his kind words, and enclosing a complete collection of anese stamps

e Cotton States & International Exposition comes off at anta Ga in September and the southern philatelists are king of having an exhibit. We are informed that space be obtained, and as there are some fine collections in section, if the southern philatelic leaders take hold of matter with the zeal they ought, no doubt a creditable play will result.

similes of the U.S. Periodical and Department stamps being effered.

**Why don't YOU subscribe!**

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E. L. Shove, Unionville, N Y.

## EDITORIAL

A fellow in Kansas City, Kan. will get a free adv. if we don't hear from him soon

Notice the Phila Stamp Co's ad on last page. Give them a trial.

We have a lot of duplicate stamp papers that are too good to throw away, and will send a roll to any address for 2 two cent stamps.

Read last note on first page. Leave these stamps alone, as even their possession is a criminal offence.

Sub's to this paper may begin with No 1 if desired.

## Dealers Directory

**Rate for a three line card - 15 Cts. each insertion.**

SHOVE, E. L., Unionville, N Y — Fine dpproval sheets, packets, sets etc. 25 good varieties of U.S. stamps for ten cents. ☞ Price list free.

## Combination Offer No 1

Consisting of ——

5 var. JAPAN.

5 var. ENGLAND.

10 var. ENGLISH COLONIES.

3 var. AUSTRIA. for office in the Levant.

1 TURKEY & 2 unused SWITZERLAND.

The entire lot, cat. over 40 cts., postpaid for

12 Cents.

E L SHOVE, Unionville, N Y

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E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.

## Editorial

The Comprehensive Check List of Philatelic Literature should be in the hands of every collector Price 25 cts. E. B Jones, publisher, Ruthven Iowa.

All kinds of stamps wanted in exchange for advertising space. Write. Will accept common U. S. or foreign (well mixed) at 25c per 1000

We seldom praise other peoples goods but cannot refrain from saying that the approval sheets sent out by the Phila. Stamp Co are VERY NEAT.

We have given a party in San Antonio, Texas until the first of June to settle with us. In case he should fail to do so we shall make things rather warm for him.

# BARGAINS!

50 varieties of U.S. stamps (postage only, no revenues) cat. over $1.20 and containing a number of unused and other good stamps worth from 5c to 10c each, — 50 cts.

Set of 8 Columbians, 1c to 10c inclusive, —— 22 cts.

1874 3c green on white, unused entire envelopes, Die B 1, 7c - 10, 60c — 100. $5. [Catalogued ten cents each]

Same as above on Amber paper, one for 8c - ten for 70c 25 for $1.60

24 stamps each from a different country —— ten cts.

Unused orange specials. 16c each, 10 for 1.26

Unused 8c Columbians, 14c, ten for 98c

**ELSHOVE** UNIONVILLE, N.Y.

## Dealers Directory

Rate for a three line card - 15 Cts. each insertion.

PHILA. STAMP CO., 909 Pierce St., Phila., Penn. — Dealers in stamps for collections. Fine approval sheets. See our advertisement below!

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**ALL FOR 25 CTS!**

300 finely mixed foreign stamps, a fine stamp album, 1000 Perfect stamp hinges and 10 var. Japan stamps. Just think of it - $1. for 25c. Send reference for fine sheets at 50 per cent commission and receive 50 different foreign, free of charge.

N R LOWRY, 3306 King St, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

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**SEE!** A rare stamp free to every applicant for out approval sheets at 50 per cent com They will please you. Reference required. Send 2 one cent stamps for a big bundle of reading matter and 15 rare stamps.

**Phila Stamp Co,** 909 Pierce St.,
Philadelphia, **Pa**

# The Diamond Philatelist.

Vol. 1 Unionville N. Y. JUNE 1895. No. 6

## CLIPPINGS

Most collectors who were once rank and raging specialists ve either given up collecting or lived to see the folly of ir ways and taken to generalism — Am. Phil. & Coll.

Now is the time to save your cartwheels to attend the nver convention of the P. S. of A. Walking may be ght, but it is too uncertain, so make up your mind to e on wheels, bicycles or otherwise. — Rocky Mt. Stamp.

n't it about time that ordinary collectors call a halt on recognizing and trying to collect all the infinitesimal ieties that can be detected? Would it not be far more sonable and give less chance for outsiders to doubt our ity if we collect only such varieties as are authorized by government officials in the P. O. D.? — Phil. Era.

ess. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. of London have taken up the t against speculative issues. Good!

okout for Panama Errors.

e change of color is the latest speculative dodge. — ton Stamp Book .

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E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.

## Editorial

We have received a letter from Mr. N. R. Lowry of Austin, Texas for whom we inserted an inch advertisement in our last number, stating that he had had good results from it and enclosing another for this issue.

This should prove to any Doubting Thomas that our paper is a good one to advertise in.

At last something new in philatelic literature. We refer of course to the new magazine from the Hub of the Universe – The Boston Stamp Book. It is surely different from anything heretofore attempted in the way of a stamp journal, in name, style and contents.

Although but 32 pages were announced for No. 1, yet it contains 48, and 21 are devoted to advertising.

Watch for news regareing a couple of approval sheet frauds. Next month - perhaps.

# SPECIAL OFFERS.

25 varieties of U. S. stamps, postage only, — 6 cts.

50 varieties of U. S. stamps, postage and revenue. 20 cts.

50 varieties of U. S. stamps, postage only, a fine lot, including a number of unused and other good stamps cat. from 1c to 30c each. Total cat. value over $1.30. —— Price only Fifty Cents.

Set of 8 used Columbians, 1c - 10c, cat. 40c —— 22 cts.

Same set 1890-93 issue, catalogued 21c — 12 cts.

Set of 9 used Columbians, 1c — 15c, cat. 65c —— 40 cts.

Set of five unused Columbians, 1c, 2c 4c, 8c, & 10c, cat. 73c — 36 cts.

Have you tried our Approval Sheets?

If not we would be pleased to have you do so.

E. L. SHOVE,
Unionville, N. Y.

## 100 ALL DIFFERENT

Foreign stamps for only 10c. 300 finely mixed 10c. 1000 Perfect stamp hinges for 10c. All three lots postpaid 25c. Send reference for fine approval sheets at fifty per c commission and receive fine foreign stamps valued at 2 FREE of charge.

N. R. Lowry, 3306 King St., AUSTIN, Texas.

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## SEE HERE!

50 varieties U. S. stamps — 30 cents.
75 varieties U. S. stamps — $1.00

Every fifth and tenth purchaser gets 90 varieties. Will give two lbs good reading matter or mail 100 circulars for a U S stamp catalogued at 25c. Will also exchange mailing 100 circulars.

Edgar Strong, Brighton, Tenn.

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## Do You

Like to read? — If you do send Fifteen cents for a ye subscription to the Semi Monthly Texan Philatelist. Advertising rates 25 cents per inch. Sample Copy Free.

Texan Philatelist, Abilene, Texas.

# The Diamond Philatelist.

Vol. 2 No 1 Unionville N. Y. JULY 1895. Whole NO. 7

## JOTTINGS

Queer, but most postmistresses have to read both sides of stal card before they can tell whose box to put it in.

Most young collectors wonder why the high values of zilian stamps are so cheap This is easily explained, as 0 Reis is but 55 cents in our money.

ides of U S were falling fast Forest
through the dealers list we passed.
A blue-green here, a purple brown there, &
At last we found in our despair,
A stamp that wasn't listed there. — Field.

Why do collectors continue to collect Reprints, Remain- and speculative issues, when their worthlessness is well own?

Some collectors are kicking about the great number of or varieties being discovered in the common U S stamps, we don't blame them. It's almost necessary to have a k-keeper to assist one in keeping up with the procession.

— — Southern Philatelist.

# Something New!

## Philatelic Literature Exchange

We want every person who reads this to send us 25 of th duplicate philatelic papers, their want list of the same, a ten cents. Beginning with September, on the first of ea month we propose to send to each one who complies wi these termp during the month previous a package of papers entirely different from those sent us and includi as many of their wants as we are able to obtain from t various lots and our own stock of over 350 duplicates.

We will keep your list on file and whenever we run acr a paper that is on it we will lay it aside and forward wi your next lot. If you haven't many duplicates or desire test the Exchage, send ten papers and five cents and s what we can do for you. Among the hundreds of pape we will receive and our own, there will surely be some th you desire.

## JUST TRY IT ONCE!

E. L. SHOVE, UNIONVILLE, ORANGE CO., N. Y.

# The Diamond Philatelist.

Vol. 2 No. 2 Unionville N. Y. August 1895. whole NO. 8

## How The Mail Is Carried

A two-wheeled wagon drawn by oxen, conveys the mail the mountainous regions of Brazil. In China, the placid elestials disdain to hurry, and are content with carriers on ot or paddling along in boats at a slow pace. Dog teams e used in parts of Canada, in winter. Messengers in sect- ns of Egypt are mounted on Camels. They travel about miles per day. In the Fiji Islands, pigeons are used. wift runners convey letters in the end of a cleft stick, in e Himalayas. In India the mail is carried in a bag ung over the shoulder of the carrier. He is armed with a aff, hung with little bells to defend himself from animals, d to give notice of his approach. Pigeons conveyed letters om beseiged Paris, during the Franco Prussian war. In tal a four horse cart is used. At an early date, pigeons re used in Egypt Most fortresess in France and Germany ve them in readiness to use in case of emergency.

**Proffessor B**

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E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.

## Editorial

We greatly feared that our friend the Washington Philatelist had gone over the divide, not having seen a copy since April, but the May number came around a few days since looking as much alive as ever.

Volume One of this paper mailed postpaid for ten cents. Better send now, before our stock becomes exhausted. They won't last forever.

Where is the Pet Philatelist? Gone? We hope not for it was a bright little sheet.

If you haven't tried our Philatelic Literature Exchange, you ought to at once. Full particulars were in our last months number. If you haven't a copy will send one for a 1c stamp.

If you buy stamps for less than our quotations, you do not get as good quality. If you pay more, you pay too much.

# STAMPS! - CHEAP!

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 00 Mixed U S stamps, | —— | Twenty two cents. |
| 00 Mixed foreign stamps, | —— | Twenty cents. |
| 0 Mixed U S & foreign stamps, | — | Twelve cents. |
| All different foreign stamps, | — | Five cents. |
| All different United States stamps, | — | Six cents. |
| All different United States stamps, | — | Twenty cents. |
| 0 Finely mixed foreign stamps, | — | Five cents. |
| 0 Finely mixed foreign stamps, | —— | Ten cents. |

## COLUMBIANS

1c cent, unused, 2c. Two cent, unused, 3c. Three cent, used, six cts. Four cent used, 3c; unused, 7c. Five cent, used, 3c. 6 cent, used, 10c. Eight cent, used, 8c. Ten cent, used, 4c. FIFTEEN CENT, used, 20c. 8 var., 1c to 10c inclusive (used) cat, 40c - 30c. Postage extra.

E. L. Shove, Unionville, N.Y.

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**MICHIGAN Stamp Clarion Mi**

## Golden Philatelist.

Subscription ten cents per year.

Advertisments 20c per inch each insertion · cash with c

Exchange desired with all philatelic papers.

C. W. LAWTON, Patterson's Mills, Pa.

LOOK — WE — WILL — SEND — YOU

10 Good philatelic papers for Ten Cents.

6 Good philatelic papers for Five Cents.

50 Foreign stamps for - Three Cents.

100 Foreign stamps for — Five cents.

P. E. A. Conrade & Bro., Mile Run, Penn.

When Answering Ads Please MENTION THIS Paper.

# Diamond Philatelist.

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## HELPS FOR BEGINNERS.

Grill is a series of minute indentations back of a stamp, to break the texture paper so that the ink used in cancell- ill be absorbed and thus prevent the ng and using again of the stamp.

ntinentals are the common stamps of e. A Surcharge is anything printed face of a stamp. An Albino is an ssion of the plate upon paper, but t color. A Reprint is a stamp prin- om the original plate after the issue ne out of use. An Error is a stamp ich some mistake has been made.

Bijox.

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E. L. SHOVE, Unionville, N.

# EDITORIAL.

Ye Editor being away, we are oblig
appear in reduced form this month.
resume our regular size (twice as lar
this number) with our next issue.

When ordering anything of us,
bear in mind that POSTAGE IS E
on orders under 25 cents.

When writing to our advertisers,
mention that you saw their adv. i
Diamond Philatelist.

We would call the attention of our
ers to the advertisement of Mr. E. F
on page 4.

Volume One of this paper, 6 nu
complete, only 10 cents.

# PACKETS!

MOUS DIME PACKET contains from
o 25 all different stamps guaranteed to
logue over 40 cents.

———Price 10 cents.———

R LEADER PACKET contains 25 all
rent U. S. stamps.

———Price 6 cents.———

VALUE PACKET contains 10 all di-
nt unused foreign stamps, no Scebecks,
catalogued at more than double what
harge.

———Price 10 cents.———

X PACKET contains 50 all different
. stamps. A Bargain.

———Price 20 cents.———

NT PACKET contains 500 finely mix-
J. S. stamps, many varieties, including
mps catalogued at more than we ask
he entire lot.

———Price 50 cents.———

**L. SHOVE,** UNIONVILLE, N. Y.

**Do you need the following**

1¢ War, unused, 5¢ — 3¢ War, unused
12¢ ,, ,, 20¢ — 15¢ ,, ,,
24¢ ,, ,, 45¢—3¢ Env. ,, ,,
The set for 85¢. All kinds of Columb
for sale. Send for list.

E. BARCLAY, Fort Howard,

When you have

**"That tired feelin**

Send for a copy of FACTS the only st
paper in California south of San Franc
Only 15¢ per year.

FACTS Pub. Co.,
997 Main St., Riverside,

HAVING PURCHASE
Of the publisher his stock of back num
of THE STAR PHILATELIST, we
prepared to furnish complete files of
same (4 numbers) at 8 cents.

E. L. SHOVE, Unionville, N

# The Diamond Philatelist.

Vol. 2 No 3 Unionville N. Y. OCTOBER 1895. whole NO. 9


## WE NOTICE THAT

used orange Special Delivery stamps are rapidly advanc- in price. The latest catalogue lists them at thirty cents.

e Chicago stamp dealer is offering a certain stamp at four s a thousand and another is offering the same stamp at cents a thousand. Only forty six cents difference.

ung collectors find difficulty in distinguishing the new cial Delivery stamps from the old. Look for scroll-like ks under the words "Ten Cents"

mans say "You cant most always sometimes tell" and e of the P. S. of A candidates now realize the truth of saying.

e market seems to be overstocked with Columbians, the and Two Dollar values excepted.

e watermark of the current two cent stamps is indistinct, hows quite plainly on the plate number strip.

P. matters are now running along very smoothly. X

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E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.

## Editorial

The Phila. Stamp Co write that they are no longer in the stamp business.

We learn that H. Beaumont, Jr. successor to the Dixie Stamp & Pub. Co. has failed.

The Sucker State Stamp is no more. Alas!

We contemplate holding an auction sale of stamps, etc in the near future and would be glad to hear from every one having any thing they wish to dispose of in this way. Send for free catalogue of the sale anyway. Our terms for selling will be very reasonable.

The subscription price of this paper is 20 cents a year. Our customers receive it free. Nuf ced.

Vol. 1 of this paper, 6 numbers, complete, only 10 cents.

When ordering anything of us always enclose return postage if the amount you send is under 25 cents.

# HOW ABOUT THESE?

Varieties of stamps from all over the world. Five cents.

Same, 10c 150 Same, 20c 200 Same, 35c

All different unused foreign stamps, only Ten cents.

tamps each from a different country, — Five cents.

es' Check List of Philatelic Literature and a U S stamp
alogued at ten cents. —— Twenty five cents.

arieties unused entire U S Envelopes cat. 45c 20 cents.

2c with caps over both 2s and over left 2 only, the pair
mmel's price 30c, only —— Twelve cents.

Columbians from 1c to 10c inclusive, Thirty cents.

All different U S stamps, a nice lot, only Twenty cents.

894, per ten. Twenty five cts 2c '00, per 10, Ten cts.

Columbians, per hundred, 18 cts Two cent, seven cts.

ENTY FIVE all different U S stamps. —— 6 cents.

plete file, 4 numbers, Star Philatelist, — Eight cents.

Orders under twenty five cents, postage extra.

**L. L. Shove, Unionville, N.Y.**

## Here You Are!

10 different amateur papers, 300 fine stamp hinges, 100 fo
eign stamps, a fine stamp album and a large bundle of rea
ing matter, including novels, for 14c to pay postage.

N. R. LOWRY, 3306 KING ST., AUSTIN, TEX

The FIRESIDE PHILATELIST 6 months with free
of exchange column and a half inch adv. in same one ti
for 10 cents silver. P. E. A. CONRADE, Mile Run, Pa.

## Only A Dime

The Michigan Stamp a whole year.
Bright Newsy and Original.
Advertising rates on applicati

**MICHIGAN Stamp Clarion Mic**


Error : On page 3 the price of cancelled Columbians per
should be 25 instead of 20 cents.

Mr. E. S. Moyer, Berlin, Ontario is sole Canadian agent
this paper and is authorized to receive advs. and subs.

E ☆ DIAMOND ☆ PHILATELIST.

No. 5. UNIONVILLE, N. Y., Nov. 1895. Whole No. 11.

## ...TELY'S "BAD BOYS."

w don't imagine from the hat all boy collectors, dea- nd publishers are rascals, r from it, the most of them ood boys and do the square . I am a boy myself (i. e. ally feel 'like one) though on is 10 years old and a co- r, and I take considerable st in the boys and subscri- r and advertise in their pa-

A little experience with of them will prehaps amuse ll as instruct. Of course if re a dealer you have found oys who send a postal card pproval sheets, hold them a months till you have sent 5 or 6 cards, and then re- them with 2 or 3 stamps re- d to pay postage, but that thing to the boys of St. Thomas, Ont. who send for sheets, give reference and then return the report without the sheets and declare they enclosed them.

But let me tell you a little story about a boy out in Michigan.

He advertises to give 100 good mixed stamps for every Philatelic paper sent to him. Desiring a little amusement (I am always looking for a little fun when I have a leisure moment) I wrapped up 25 papers (several good ones) and mailed them to him.

In a few days I got a card all scrawled over calling the papers I sent him "trash" but condescending to keep 10 of them and saying that he would send the stamps in a few days, Thinking that his foreign (?) mail must be overdue. I dismissed the matter from my mind; but in a few

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## ERY'S "BAD BOYS."

nued from first page.]

papers came back with d ones missing. The il brought the stamps, e failed to register, Great ow careless! Taking the to my office, I secured dows and doors for I did t to be disturbed in my is treat or have any of anc Belgiums or Hawai- nerals to get away.

Mr. Editor here they h a copy of my reply. In remembrance I bequea- to you, and when you away at rest may some iend scatter their ashes grave, when surely, Pho- e, a rare Mauritius will nerefrom.— J. F. Dodge.

THE REPLY.

dsor, Conn., Nov. 11'95.

——, Mich.

Y DEAR SIR;

re to tender to you my sincere thanks for the valuable mixture of stamps received today from you, and humbly crave your pardon for daring to offer you such papers as the Evergreen State Phil., Mekeels News, Philatelic Californian, Philatelic Chronicle, etc. in exchange for same. You certainly must be wealthy and benevolent also to send me such stamps for the "trash" I sent you.

The engravings on the 1c. blue and 2c. red stamps are certainly works of art and at least 6 out of the 800 or more are entire, and I do not mind the loss of the perforations, figures or inscriptions on the others as long as the portraits of our beloved Franklin and Washington stand out in bold relief.

Many of the 2c. stamps I feel sure are capped but as the figures are missing from most of them, I could not make oath to it. The beautiful pictures of Jefferson on the cut postal cards are also quite acceptable (though your shears were dull) It seems incredible that you could be so reckless as to enclose such rareties as 5 centimines France and 10 pfening Germany; but I attribute this to your generosity. Again expressing (Adams express prepaid) my sincere thanks, allow me to subscribe myself (for 1 year, 12 numbers guaranteed) your obedient servant and benificiary.

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## HOOSIER LETTER.

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mond Phil.

I will endeavor to
few lines with philatelic
from this part of the coun-
So far as I am able to learn,
few Hoosier Philatelists
yet commenced a collect-
of plate numbers. Consid-
le interest is manifested in
nue stamp collecting.
ocal collectors are few, but
ave a great many in the sur-
ding country. While on a
o a neighboring town re-
y I made the acquaintance
young collector whose col-
on of U. S. was such as few
is section posess. He had
y all of the stamps issued
the Rebellion in unused
ition. His collection in-
s the dollar Columbians in unsevered pairs and the lower values in blocks of four.

It is to be hoped that 'ere long there will be a philatelic badge adopted. Such a thing would be of untold value to collectors and would help bring in new members. I had some hope of organizing a local society for the benefit of collectors, but owing to several reasons I have given it up for the present.

Philatelically Yours.

H. I. WATTS.

## SIFTINGS.

Everything points to a winter of activity in stamp matters. So let it be.

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enues are catalogued per- imperforated and part ed, why not list those uble perforations?

papers are springing up y hand. As Uncle Asa ub would put it: "The

our hobby degenerating ig speculation?

E. S. Moyer of Berlin, anada left home on the r Naperville, Ill. where attend the Northwestern

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ba, the land of the poor downtrodden just now, to be putting her best foot rd as a beligerent power, f the Press, the barometer blic opinion is correct, she to be meeting with success, e are continually hearing of victories and Spanish de- and if the news is called uestion the rebels are al- allowed the advantage of . The rebellion has al- assumed larger proportions he rebellion of '76 and we oon hear of her indepen- and consquently a new is- stamps, for what Cuban use a hated Spanish stamp? e general opinion seems to t Cuba has a fair fighting chance and she will either be an independent country or a dependency of Uncle Sam's, if she succeeds, requiring in either case a new set of stamps and then the required space will have to be found in our albums, but I doubt not that it will be made with good spirit for every one is heartily interested in the "little one's" struggle. I cannot do better than advise all my readers to complete their Cuban sets, for obeying the law of supply and demand they will advance in price, but beware and get no reprints or counterfeits for the genuine article.

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3. No. 3. Unionville, N. Y., March 1896. Whole No. 15.

## JOTTINGS.

y is it that some of our
s continue to insert items to
ffect that the S. of P. is dead
such is not the case? The
y to our mind, was never in
r shape. All the departments
fine order, applications for
ership coming in rapidly
fine Official Organ published
monthly. The sooner a few
rs and publishers stop anta-
ing this society, the sooner
their publications grow in
favor.

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notice that there are three
dates for the office of Lib-
of the Southern Philatelic
iation, all of the fair sex.

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ew! what a lot of new papers
Can they all survive?——
nswered question.

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ued, cat. 25c 18c.
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ed, cat. 15c 10c.
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3. No. 4. Unionville, N. Y., April 1896. Whole No. 16.

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A stamp collector — the door step. — Puck.

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. No. 5. Unionville, N. Y., May 1896. Whole No. 17.

## TRAY THOUGHTS.

BY PHILO.

eral shades can some times nd in a sheet of 1894 dues.

rn about is fair play" they , if so, who can complain if is a split in the P. S. of A ?

n Philatelist has been dis- ued.

G. Wilson, St. Joseph, Mo. is out of the stamp business ill devote his time to boom- s paper, the Missouri Phil.

ligan Philatelist has been idated with Beardsley's national"

lers prices on unsevered showing 2 var. of the cur- (from plate no. 170) vary They run from 50 cts. to 20c.

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. '0. 6. Unionville, N. Y. June 1896. Whole No. 18.

## ID. ITEMS.

BY . 'LO.

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rdsley's "International" l look better with a cover. ase pardon these unsought s of advice, brother, they ou nothing.

are pleased- more than ed- with the fearlessness which the Editor of "Phil-" speaks out on all subjects. uld that others would do ise and adopt the motto— h without fear, concealment mpromise" or as Dodge of olumbian Phil. puts it— rless and Independent."

await in suspense the con- on of the P. S. of A.

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ol. 4. No. 1 Unionville, N. Y., July 1896. Whole No. 19.

## NOTES AT RANDOM.

BY PHILO.

s is usual at this season of year, stamp matters are dull, wide awake collectors are ng advantage of the low es at which stamps can be ured instead of waiting un- nter and paying more.

ealers are also on the look- or bargains, as they find it profitable to buy in summer ell in winter.

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ill someone please let us the name and location of nternational philatelic socie- the U. S. in a more flor- condition than the S. of P.? d yet, but a few month ago, l papers claimed it was

Why doesn't someone issue a directory of all collector of philatelic literature? It was rumored that we were to have one, but it must have fell through as nothing has been heard of it lately.

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We hear that Mr. L. G. Quackenbush the philatelic writer is now advertising manager of the Monarch Cycle Mfg. Co., of Chicago and is trying to convince the American people that they should "Ride a Monarch and keep in front."

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. No. 2. Unionville, N. Y. Aug. 1896. Whole No. 20.

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e Stamp business is dull but is expected to boom as it always does with the n of cooler weather.

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ne Star State Philatelist is on deck again and will hereafter be issued as a monthly.

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4. No. 3. Unionville, N. Y. Sept. 1896. Whole No. 21.

## RRENT COMMENT.

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e past season it has been d U. S. and B. N. A.

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ne persons assert that Au- prices should be a factor in king of prices of stamps. claim they should not. one who has attended an n of stamps or anything nd who has not?) knows that there sometimes (and not unfrequently) exists a rivalry between different parties, for the posession of certain goods.

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E DIAMOND PHILATELIST.

. No. 4. Unionville, N. Y. Oct. 1896. Whole No. 22.

## IRE ENVELOPES.

BY PROFESSOR B.

a word to those collectors re thinking of taking up bove named branch of our ce, especially those of ord- means. DON'T! Con- yourself with cut square nens. Don't get scared at ik that in a few years they e as valuable as cut round re now, for it is untrue. n you beleive for an inst- at the thousands of collec- f cut square envelopes are to burn their stamps just se a few dealers who are s to increase their profits ing you 5 or so envelopes amps all alike, only a slight nce in the size or gum of the envelope, say they are worthless? And which would you prefer; 5 entire envelopes with stamps alike, the only difference being that mentioned, or 5 cut square ones all different?

I do not think entires should be collected by any except those with "money to burn," but if you think you must in order to be up to date, then I would say: never mind the difference in the envelope, just collect the different stamps.

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## EDITORIAL.

An apology is due our readers in regard our last months number. The papers were printed and shipped Sep. 25th and arrived while the proprietor was away on his annual vacation, consequently were not mailed until after his return. This was about the 10th. inst. making it appear that we were late, while in reality we were not. We will guard against it occuring again, however. Our paper is small, but we think it is loo neverless, owing to the i received.

## Important Not

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# The Diamond Philatelist.

Vol. 4, No. 5. Unionville, N. Y., Nov., 1896. Whole No. 23.

## BRANCH SOCIETIES.

WE HAVE several large philatelic societies but none of them are of great strength. Why is this? Because the foundation is not strong enough. Now, taking the P. S. of A. for example, there are over twenty-five towns and cities having six or more members. How many of these cities have active P. S. of A. branches? Not half a dozen. The proper thing to do would be to systematically organize the philatelists of each place having six or more members into branch societies. Each society could have meetings once every two weeks to transact all necessary business. The benefit of these branch societies would be apparent to all, and few would refuse to join. Each society would elect its own officers, and in most respects be perfectly independant. They could receive selections of stamps from the Ex. Supt. and keep them longer than individual members could. They would also be saved the cost of postage, registration etc., that they would have to pay if purchasing as an individual member. They could also make up club books to be sent in for circulation. This would be a great advantage, as members not having enough good duplicates could put them in club books to be sent in. Bids for auction lots could be sent in by one individual of the club, and by consulting each other they could bid to better advantage. By purchasing their new issues together postage would be saved and the cost diminished. Ads. and subs. if sent in clubs would cost less and nearly all branches would be able to send subs. to quite a number of papers. Their auction sales could be advertised in the official organ, in which the minutes of their meetings could be published. A branch library could be formed and many stray papers would find their way into it. All bad debts could be lumped and sent in to the attorney and in this way unnecessary postage could be saved. In the same way the members could save money by sending their stamps together to the counterfeit detector. There would also other advantages too numerous to mention here. But I think we have named enough to convince all that these branch societies would be a success. And now, of what benefit would they be to the society? Suppose there were twenty-five branches, the Exchange Supt. could make quicker sales, and quicker sales would mean a far larger business. State Vice Presidents could be done away with. The branches could be constantly competing for the conventions and this would strenghten the society. The collecting of dues would be easier, as more advantages would be given. The offices would be more evenly distributed, as if every section of the country was organized bossism would be done away with. The branches in promoting their own welfare would of necessity promote that of the society. There would also be other advantages apparent to all. The only trouble experienced would be in the organization of the societies, and the advantages reaped would amply repay this. We hope to see one of our large societies try this plan, and we think they would find it a success.

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## EDITORIAL.

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—Just five years ago this very month, if our memory serves us aright, we became a worshipper at the shrine of the Goddess Philatelia. Therefore it is indeed fitting that this, the first number of the "New D. P.," should be dated "November 1896."

—Persons writing us on any subject should enclose stamp for reply.

—While we are glad to send exchange copies of our paper each month to these who likewise favor us, still we do not propose to furnish it free of charge to those who send us only an occassional "Sample copy." Therefore from date we shall make a record of all papers received during each month, and they are the only ones to whom we shall send exchange copies of that months issue of our paper. Mr. Publisher, put that in your pipe and smoke it.

## Questions and Answers.

Conducted by Professor B.

(Our subrcribers are invited to use this department.—Editor).

R. E. E. asks: "Would you advise an average collector of moderate means to take up plate numbers?" Mr. E., do you know the advise given by "Punch" to the young couple about to be married? The advise I would give you is the same,—DON'T! They would be far more costly than beneficial to you. And besides, your collection of *stamps* isn't complete yet, is it?

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