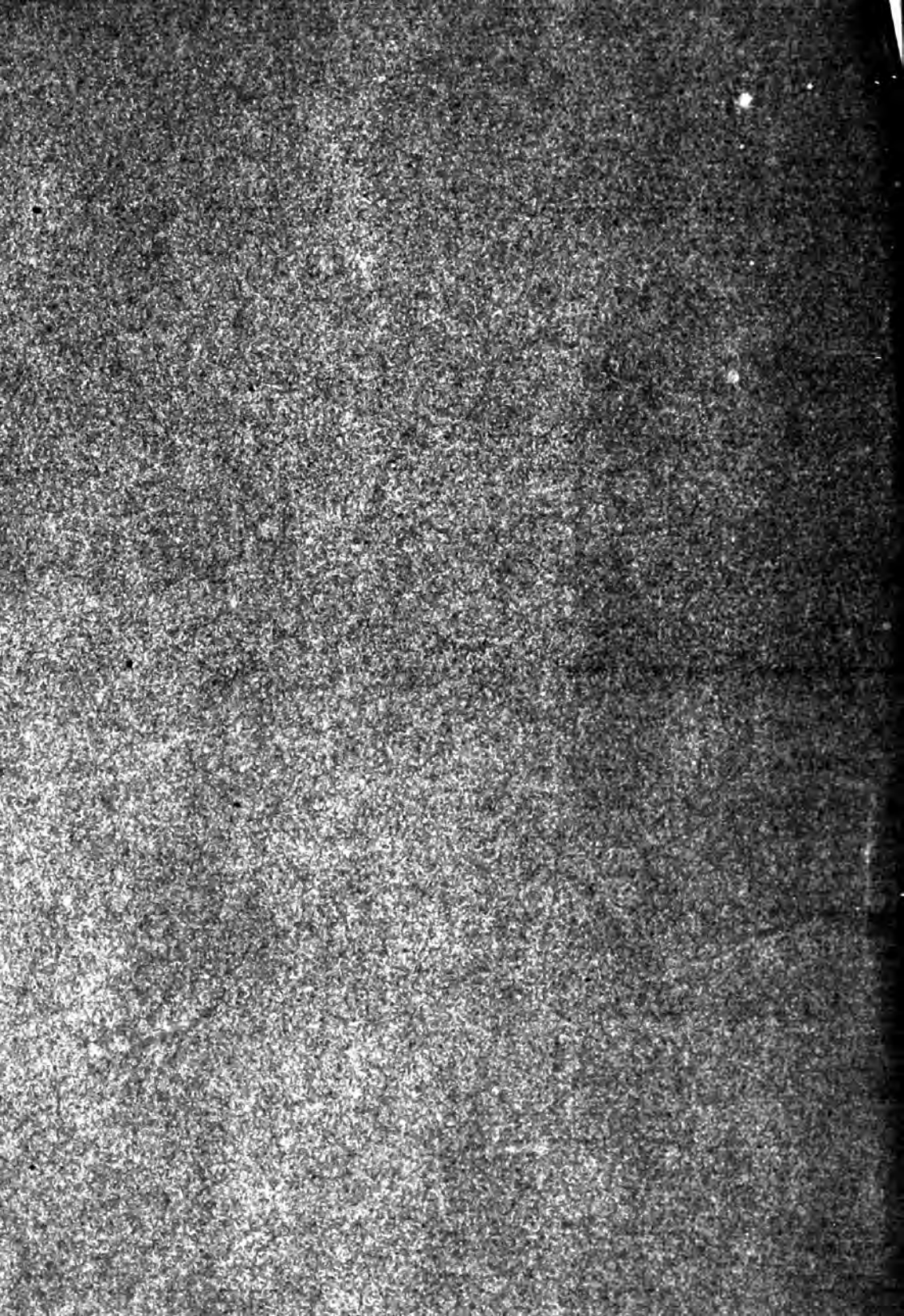


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# FIRESIDE FRIEND.

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## BURIED CITIES OF ARIZONA.

BY EUGENE ARTHUR BROWN.

**M**YSTERIES have great attractions for the general mass of mankind, perhaps because of their unsatisfied curiosity, a curiosity that begets enlightenment.

The famous "Seven Cities of Cibola" had almost been forgotten as a dim fable, when the world was recently startled by the late curious discoveries in Arizona. Expeditions under various leaders were hurriedly equipped and discoveries followed close on the heels of each other, and Arizona found itself before the world in a new role, with every eye watching for results.

Near Hos Muertos, the first discovery was made. Excavations in that region brought to light signs of a great extinct civilization which the world at large is not cognizant of. Months of hard labor were spent in the section, and work is still going on.

It is now conclusively demonstrated that the laborers are on the site of seven grouped cities. Six minor cities are tributary to a larger or central Metropolis; all of which

were supplied with abundance of water from canals. Indeed the whole of the Territory is covered with a network of these Canals, and doubtless these vast deserts once were heavy with shade and verdure. But to the subject:

Careful investigation surmounting great difficulties, has led to the establishment of the fact that these mysterious people worshipped six deities who together was supposed to form the essence of one supreme being. In view of this they must have six temples in six respective cities, and a seventh and great temple in the Central City where the supreme deity could receive his share of devotion.

The ruins are buried under heavy stratas of volcanic scoriae; which must have resulted from some sudden eruption; for bodies are found in all conceivable positions, as in life. No signs of preparation have been found, and the present inhabitants have no record of such race, so that the overthrow must have been sudden and effective.

The records show no trace of earthquake and no tradition goes back to such a distance. The late

Earthquake here was such a new and novel incident that some almost died of fright. It is strange that immediately on discovery of a lost race who were over thrown by such natural revolution, and following the incredulous scoffs of the oldest inhabitants who believed Arizona never did nor never would have an eruption, this late earthquake shook the ground and toppled rocks from the mountains like playthings.

(Florence, Arizona, Sept 7. 1888)


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### A Letter From Louisiana.

To the public generally and the readers of this paper particularly, I come greeting, and would say, that my object in writing these letters is to impart to you a knowledge of the country and locality in which I am living; its production, resources etc., etc,

Morehouse Parish is bounded on the West by Washita river, on the East by Beuff river, on the North by the line of Arkansas, on the South by Washita and Richland Parishes, and embraces an area of about thirty miles square

Within the bounds of this Parish there is to be found, lands of various vegetating properties and almost as many colors.

In my immediate neighborhood here around Tipton, we have a high dry and pine woods country with a light-colored soil, easy to cultivate and produces very fair crops for a pine-woods country.

Wending his way a few miles to the East from this place, the traveler will find himself standing upon the fertile banks of Bayou Bartholomew, a beautiful little river, which is navigable for small boats during the boating season.

Here is another light-colored soil, but somewhat darker than that about Tipton, and more prolific, being a richer loam. For, from one-

half a mile to two miles back, on each side of this Bayou is to be seen some very pretty farms in a high state of cultivation.

These farms, for the greater part, are around the white capitalist and worked by black tenants on the ruinous share system of employing labor which has been practised, more or less, all over the Southern States, ever since the war, and now, since the controlling political power has been firmly propagated, the laws of this state have been so conformed to this system as to make it a precedent that will not be eclipsed in a day and night.

As I have no time to waste discussing politics and State acts, I will discard, for the present, their further consideration, and tell you something about a terrible rain which visited this locality the 20th ultimo.

This rain fell in the morning; and it not only rained all over every thing, but it rained all in everything. It raised the Bayou higher than it has been for several years. I am told that it drowned several horses, and destroyed young hogs astonishingly.

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Beware of the man with two faces.  
Persevere against discouragement.  
Take a cheerful view of everything.

Trust in God and mind your own business.

Pray for a short memory as to all unkindness.

Do not talk of your private, personal or family matters.

Give your tongue more holidays than your hands or your eyes.

Cultivate forbearance until your heart yields a fine crop of it

Examine into your own shortcomings rather than those of others.

Act as if you expected to live 100 years but might die to-morrow.

Be content to do things you can and fret not because you cannot do everything.

Make the best of what you have and do not make yourself miserable by wishing for what you have not.

—P. Clipper.

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## POINTS ON SOUTH AMERICA.

BY WILLIAM B. HALE.

You see the communications from a collector in stamps to his dealer, he says, "please send me South American Stamps." He knows they are scarce, but little does he know how scarce.

Now take Ecuador: This is a small country, you know, but did you ever think that it ONLY has 47 postoffices? The United States has about 57 thousand, more than 1000 for Ecuador's 1. The United States has nearly 10,000 regular publications, Ecuador 6. This contrast will show the vast difference; can you wonder then that South American Stamps are scarce:

United States of Columbia handles 650,000 letters per year, the United States of America 100 times, or more, than that many of letters.

Uruguay, a vastly larger number of mailed letters, over one-and-a-half millions of them carried annually, yet the stamps of this country are more seldom seen than the Columbian ones.

Brazil the largest South American country, and fifth largest in the World, has 500 newspapers, yet how small is the number compared with the United States, France, England, Germany, or Austria!

In Philatelic Literature South America has the following:

"O'Brazil Philatelico" San Paulo Brazil; "O'Philatelistas" San Paulo, Brazil; "Guia del Coleccionista,"

Valpariso, Chili; "El Filotilista," Bogota, U. S. Columbia; "Anunciador, Filotilico," Bogota, U. S. Columbia; the West Indies has one, at San Domingo, the "El Filotilico." Compare with this over 500 different stamp Journals, the U. S. has produced, and more than as many from Europe, a few from Asia and Australia.

Even the South American Philatelic Association is now disbanded.

Any wonder South American stamps are scarce? The ruling beauty of them also suggests: is it a wonder they are in demand? No, it isn't; and "The American Bank Note Company," of New York City, is to be praised for that, although the mighty dollar, is, of course, at its foundation.

South American people are in no wise behind the times because of this. Argentine has just issued a reply letter card, a unique curiosity in itself and its use. There are two cards, one, 127 x 80 min., the other, 119 x 74 min., they are fast end by a small wire, designed same as the 4c., and is

1½ x 1½, red on white.

The use is, to secure an answer to your communication, and is quite as good and less expensive as sending a letter and enclosing a stamp for return postage. Yet South America is comprised of an immense area.

### PHILATELIC NOTES.

The American Philatelic Association now have 629 members, and about 30 more will doubtless qualify by the time this reaches the reader.

These include 30 Foreign and all others U. S. and Canadian. New York having 119, Illinois, 58, Pennsylvania, 52, Massachusetts, 42. In the East there are over 300, Central 20, West, 85, South. 20, Canada, 5.

However, members have, at various times, been expelled or dropped for the nonpayment of dues. A few have died, and several have not qualified before their nomination.

The American Philatelist will publish a series of valuable articles this season, which will be of undoubted value and interest.

Mr. H. B. Hamaford of New York, the old dealer and publisher is a very jolly man indeed.

S. B. Bradt, of Chicago, had the largest number of proxies at the convention, only 58.

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Western World,	35
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(Continued from page 2.)

societies, Levick, Hubbard and Richmond; constitution, Coleman, McKeel, Ross and Stone, with president, ex-officio, chairman. The result of the election was then announced, Messrs. Tiffany, Van Derlip, Bradford, Rechert and Seagrave being the successful candidates. The reports of the various officers being submitted, the convention adjourned until 10 a. m. Tuesday.

The convention was called to order at 10:40 by Vice President Bogert, after which President Tiffany delivered his address. Upon motion of Mr Corwin a vote of thanks was tendered him. Messrs. Ane, Stone and Scott were appointed a committee to consider the question of compiling a catalogue of philatelic literature. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$304 84 in the treasury. The secretary reported the actual membership to be 544. The library was ordered insured, also \$50 allowed the librarian to bear expenses of the same. Recess was then taken until 3:30 p. m.

Convention assembled at 3:30 p. m. Several resolutions were brought up and passed. A secret session resulted in the expulsion of Mr. Jay. The vote for next convention seat resulted in favor of St. Louis by a vote of 208 to 132 for Niagara Falls, after which the convention adjourned until the next day.

At 11:15 a. m. Wednesday the convention assembled. A number of amendments to the constitution were adopted. On motion of Mr. Calman a salary of \$150 a year and a vote of thanks were tendered Secretary Bradt. On motion of Mr. King the convention adjourned SINE DIE.

—Ohio Philatelist

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