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Introduction to the Philatelic Public.

On account of the large number of philatelic journals now published, to us, the task of publishing a new journal seems very difficult. But here we are nevertheless. With this number we introduce to the philatelic world, a journal, in whose columns we will do our best to have reading matter which will entertain and instruct the average philatelist.

From the start we wish it understood that we do not promise an enlargement in a few months, neither do we set a standard. This depends entirely upon the support we receive. We will use our best efforts to make the reading matter interesting, and will always have a good quality even if the quantity is not very great. We will have contributions from some of the best philatelic writers as well as notes

from most of the leading cities. Our reading matter will be such that will interest both the beginner and the advanced collector.

At all times we are ready to receive any suggestions for the improvement of our paper. If you have any special subjects you wish discussed or any questions you wish to ask, we will gladly receive them and will try to satisfactorily discuss or answer them through our columns.

This is a fair sample of what our paper will be in the future and after looking over this issue you think it is worthy of your subscription or advertisement, send it in and it will be thankfully received.

We are here to stay and intend to make this journal a success, so to this end we invite your assistance.

THE PUBLISHER.

Thoughts of Woman-Kind.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

When arrives the new catalogue there will doubtless be many an exasperated gasp from its recipients as they study over its pages and note how many varieties of the re-engraved and minor variety class may have slipped through their fingers because of lack of knowledge that any such existed. Two of us women folks were discussing the 1896 issue of Rhodesia the other day when the chance remark of one led to the examination of an English catalogue, and the discovery that the aforesaid issue had been re-engraved for 1897. Just wherein the difference was to be discerned the catalogue was not kind enough to show, so now those two maidens are skirmishing around to find some one who can explain it. One of them feels pretty wrathful over the late discovery, for she has had a goodly number of that British South Africa type, and is now wondering whether she has not traded off some varieties that ought to have found a place in her album.

Cape of Good Hope is another country where lack of wisdom may result in a loss of varieties, but in this case the fault is in the catalogue of 1898 instead of the lack of a later one inasmuch as it fails to mention that some of the stamps differ from their fellows merely by the addition or omission of a slender outer line surrounding the entire design. The one shilling green with anchor watermark is a specimen of this. Then the $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d of the latest type each come in two distinct shades although only one is listed. These are trifling differences to be sure, but they are certain to be made much of some time,

and then woe betide the peace of the collector who was not posted in due season to get them cheaply.

Two things have happened which will cause the month of October, 1899, to be held in grateful remembrance by the general public as well as by collectors. One is the going into effect of a parcels post arrangement with Germany which will allow us to send packages of stamps and postal stationery at a much cheaper rate than the full letter postage we have so long been obliged to pay. In many countries such a post is no novelty, thus it happens that more than one American collector has received an exchange packet of such things which he may or may not have occasion to use, and found, when ready to send a return package, that the postage on it, being at full letter rates, would come to more than the entire lot was valued at catalogue, whereas he on the other side, thanks to the parcels post, had sent his lot at a purely nominal cost. One much tried collector once received an unsolicited packet from abroad on which about 25c only had been needed to bring it, but to return it even as it stood would have cost between three and four dollars. They came to an arrangement somehow, those two, but both of them had a few exasperated remarks to make concerning the unfairness of Uncle Sam's demands. This same collector has just paid almost two dollars to send abroad a package of stamps that would have gone for twenty-five cents where the parcels post existed. So no wonder we collectors rejoice at having one at last, albeit it is only one to Germany; we are hoping it is a sign of better days to come when the con-

venience will be a universal one.

The other item referred to as being worth remembrance is the putting of the Philippines upon the same postal footing as stand the states of our union. No longer will foreign rates be demanded on postal cards, letters, papers and packages sent to that country, no matter whether they are directed to our soldiers or to plain civilians. The Philippines are all United States now, says our postmaster general, and that being the case there is no more occasion to put a 5c stamp on letters going there than on letters going to any other state, Alaska for instance. This is both sociable and nice, isn't it, but what will be the result where the stamps are concerned? If we are all one country then there certainly should be no need for special stamps, surcharged or otherwise, for the land of Dewey, particularly since the announcement referred to adds that our plain undecorated stamps are to be as current for everything there as they are here, yet the "surcharged for Philippine use" are very much in evidence and seem to grow in numbers at every sweep of old Father Time's scythe.

Oh, well, patience will show what is to happen, meanwhile we shall scramble after each new surcharge lest it become famously rare before we can capture it. Such is human nature, philatelic human nature, that is.

Did you happen to read in one of our recent monthlies an article signed "Noname" wherein the writer told of meeting a young collector who didn't know Seebecks from Uruguays; who had banished his Spanish stamps from a mistaken feeling of patriotism and gathered a

good many of them under the heading of "Correos" under the impression that they belonged to a country the album makers had forgotten to put in; who mixed up his Austrian and Hungarian, Bavarian and Hamburg, and various other countries in a way to suit his own wild will instead of anything else? This isn't a review department, but we women folks had some thoughts over that article, and (naturally) some discussion too, and with one accord we agreed that "Noname," whoever he might be, for not one of us had the least idea, ought to have taken that ignorant young chap in hand and given him a little good and helpful advice instead of going off and making public fun of him. It would have shown far more of the brotherly spirit for which we collectors like to feel our hobby is noted, would have put the boy in an upward path, and won his gratitude when he came to realize how he had been assisted and advised. The time was when I was almost equally ignorant myself, but the better posted collector who came along at that time didn't look at my album and then go off and make fun of one who knew no better. Not he! Without being in the least egotistical he showed me how much I did not know, and put me in the way to learn some of it. Had "Noname" done the same with *his* heathen he would have been a far more worthy member of our great Philatelic Brotherhood than he has proved himself to be.

What do you think of our list of contributors? Isn't it first-class? We intend to give you a first-class paper, and any assistance will be thankfully received.

Perforations.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

The demolition of a Hartford church, built in 1851, disclosed the presence of 1847 issues in the cornerstone.

The "crimson" 2c U. S. has been quite extensively found in some localities, but seems to be a new thing in some quarters.

Mr. Henniker Heaton is assiduous in trying to secure a parcels-post service between Great Britain and this country.

A new republic being projected in South America, new stamps will be looked for in that direction.

Let us hope the day will soon come when philatelic publishers will bar their columns against the writer with a "nom."

The philatelic poet, as *Mekeels* recently remarked, has to write about something different of late than Holland's "little flaxen-haired girl."

Brother "Brody" should secure a wife who can write for him. A critic recently said: "For jerky English, let me mention the *Philatelic West*." The constant use of the word "as" is a fad with the smiling Nebraskan publisher.

According to one or more of my informants, the banquet given by the Richmond society to the visitors at the S. P. A. meet was a "trying one to nerves."

At last accounts, the printer still had the August issue of *The Stamp Exchange*, which was printed in the month of its date.

R. C. Bach departed for the Transvaal with the Canadian military company he belongs to, selling out his Dominion Stamp Co., and placing his paper in other hands. Watch for "finds" when he returns.

Huge gray whiskers are the predominant feature of the Zanzibar set, containing the likeness of the elderly Sultan.

One hundred pigeons were said to have been used by the Great Barrier Island postal service at one period of its existence.

A very popular set, in spite of the inferior paper used, is the Netherlands issue, with two or three exceptions being cheap.

A reviewer has risen to remark that the department assigned to notice of exchanges is not the place for wit, grammar nor rhetoric. Certainly not, if you do not possess any of these traits.

Collectors who do not consider the Great Barrier Island stamps the "genooine," kind still say, "We want one, all the same."

Brother Tansig, although he long ceased to be a chicken, is a member of the Junior Philatelic Society; but he has the consolation of knowing that some old enough to be his father are on the roll.

Circumstances are made the cause of many "nervy" attempts. The letters that come through from Manila with a two cent stamp are legion. I have received one with a two cent green as the sole postage; and another came along minus postage, two cents due covering the expense at this end.

Commas are important things sometimes. The placing of one in the wrong place by the much abused compositor, made me recently the author of something the reverse of what I wrote, and I *heard* from it.

The long and short haired stamps of Wilhelmina, Queen of Holland, have not received so much attention since the crowned head issue appeared.

One or two publishers instead of trying to get out good journals themselves, evidently think they are privileged to size up and run the business of the rest.

On paying my dues to a society recently, the secretary made a point of thanking me for promptness. Some philatelists evidently think dues are the last consideration to be taken into account, like newspaper subscribers who let their subscriptions run along indefinitely.

Before the war I received weekly letters from Georgia, but never in a less time than four days. Now sixty hours suffices to bring missives from remote parts of Florida. More than two days has been cut off from the time required to bring letters from California and abroad.

Father Scott says: "Duplicates are the bane of the young collector and lead to all sorts of speculations which is the death of the amateur, transforming him in a short time to a philatelic shark."

Apropos of the above, he is an advocate of buying stamps in packets as more economical and in better taste than trying to get things cheap by investing in mixtures.

A popular mixture seems to have been the one containing 1,000 from Nuremberg, Bavaria, and the name Zechmeyer is familiar to most of us. The originator of those continentals has recently died.

The anonymous writer who put forth the fable about one party obtaining fifty periodical sets at the Hartford postoffice, still sticks to the falsehood. He has been very careful not to use his own name in connection with the statement, which has no foundation.

Brother Severn, speaking of a death of a journal after one issue, due to straitened circumstances: "The candor of the young publisher in attributing the suspension to financial loss is refreshing.

"Made in Belgium for Nuzzurally Hebtolabeoy," is quite an extensive watermark, added to which is a man holding a bouquet, on the recent issue of Bundi (India) stamps.

Most stamp societies in this country use the word "philatelic" in some form in the title. A British journal is organ for fourteen societies, and the word "philatelic" is used but once, whereas the word "exchange" is in evidences thirteen times, nearly all being designated as clubs.

At the Southern Philatelic Association Convention, held at Richmond, Va., in September, but three members were present from abroad. Probably next year's meet at "Sixshooters Junction" will be principally confined to Texan members.

A. J. Bickel is the publisher of "The Directory of Indiana Philatelists." He is located at Goshen. His little phamlet gives the names of many in the Hoosier state.

Persia has stamps made in Holland, while India goes to Belgium, China to England, Canada to this country, etc, etc.

I hardly think our government will go to the trouble of surcharging its stamps with the name of the postoffice to which its issues are sent. Think how it would make a lunatic of the collector who tried to gather all.

Philatelic News Items.

At the request of Mr. Cline I have undertaken to furnish this paper with Philatelic Notes and an occasional article. I shall, beginning with No. 2, give the review department my attention.

My representative at Berlin writes me under date of Oct. 30th, that from Jauuary 1st on, Germany will put out a new set of stamps. The new stamps will bear a bust representing Germania in place of the present imperial eagle.

W. B. Hale, the stamp drummer favored us with a four days visit recently. He displayed an enormous stock. Mr. Hale carries twenty-six books with him.

The Cincinnati Philatelic Association was organized Oct 16th. The following officers were elected to serve for one year:

Thomas Scallan, Pres.; Mr. Wilhelm, Vice Pres.; P. M. Weiss, 811 Vine St., Sec'y; Martin Part, Treas.; Mr. Simon, Auct. Mgr.

I noticed an advertisement recently in a new stamp publication wherein a stamp company of Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia, offers \$15.00 worth of stamps for \$.95. I would warn collectors against this advertisement.

Scotts 59th is out. Comparing it with the German and English catalogues, we note that "Senf's" followed in the footsteps of Stanley Gibbon's English catalogue, especially in the decline of prices on British Colonies, which under the circumstances was inevitable, to protect themselves against criticism. But we note in many instances where Gibbons has made an advance considerable more than the German catalogues ventured to do.

The secret service officers have recently discovered, in the city of New York, a gang who contented themselves with cleaning off the cancellation on revenue stamps. It is claimed that this caused the loss of nearly \$5000.00 per day.

Cincinnati will soon have a new dealer. The person interested is well known to collectors buying the better grade of stamps. This person recently picked up a fine lot of three cornered Cape of Good Hope in mint condition.

ERWIN L. FISCHER.

This paper and *The Herald Exchange* one year for only 35c.

Henry A. Chapman's new journal, *The Adhesive*, ought to be able to *stick* with the procession.

So Bach has sold out and gone to the war. We suppose it was a good opening for him to get away without any trouble.

Looking at the Bright Side of Philately.

BY GERARD MORRISON.

In no other years of her career has Philately advanced as rapidly as she has in the last three years. There are many causes for this, among which are new issues, societies, philatelic journals, and the growing respect for the beginner.

As with everything else there are two sides to new issues. On account of their beauty they induce many persons to enter our ranks. They not produce many beginners but also cause, to re-commence collecting many of the older collectors who have lost interest and laid aside their stamps.

The societies do a great deal of good for Philately. They tend to keep up an interest in collecting by means of their different department, especially the sales and auction departments by which the collector is able to sell his duplicates with little or no risk. They also cause a brotherly feeling between those who attend the conventions.

There is nothing more beneficial to Philately than the journals. They do a great deal toward keeping up interest by furnishing reading matter which is as educating to the collector as a text book is to a student. Also through their advertising columns, collectors can secure almost any stamps wanted, at the very lowest prices.

Heretofore little or no respect was paid to the beginner, for, in fact, he was not considered worthy of it. But now all wide awake dealers pay special attention to the beginner and a large per cent of the advertising caters especially to his wants. A great deal of the reading matter in the philatelic

papers is for the education of the beginner.

In conclusion I would say, look at the bright side of the new issues, remembering that the new issue of today is the old issue of tomorrow and that they will never be cheaper than they are at the present day.

Also, if you are not already a member join a society or two and see how it awakens your interest in stamps and also tend to bring you closer to your fellow member.

Subscribe to several journals, say two monthlies and a weekly. They will not cost you much and you will surely get many times your money's worth.

Respect the young collector, by doing all you can to aid him. In a short time he will be an advanced collector and will do all he can toward the advancement of Philately for which purpose all should help.

Washington Items.

BY C. M.

The meeting of postmasters, which will occur here during this month, will probably give rise to some interesting innovations in postal methods. A system of postal currency to displace the use of postage stamps for small remittances is a scheme which will be hailed with joy, if adopted, by philatelists, both dealers and collectors. A proposition to print the names of first-class offices upon stamps to be issued to them, is an idea designed to assist in tracing robberies, and will probably be adopted. The issuing of one and two cent stamps in small books with waxed paper between the leaves for the use of the public, will be another trouble saving device.

The question of a distinctive stamp for the Buffalo Exposition has not yet been decided, but there will very probably be one.

The Paris Exposition will not be recognized philatelically by the United States, but nuismatists will seek for the souvenir dollar authorized by Congress, the coining of which will begin in January next. Orders are now being booked by the Director of the Mint here, and the prospect is that the whole issue will be taken before being coined.

Deceased Sensations.

Great Barrier, Pigeongram labels and F. S. Smith's (Obrapia 127, Havana) to order envelopes.

Garbage collectors and space writers please note.

There have been no issues for the United States or colonies during the past month. The new Cuban stamps are arriving freely on mail. The Guam surcharges are also here, (though not on sale by dealers) but \$1.50 for the set of three is an almost a prohibitive price.

Porto Rico has now been admitted to domestic rates of postage and the use of surcharged stamps will be discontinued.

Two errors have been found in stamps during the past few weeks, the 8 cent adhesive printed on the paper used for internal revenue stamps with the water-mark in double lines and the new Cuban special delivery, with the word "inmediata" mis-spelled "immediata."

When writing advertisers don't fail to mention this paper. Thanks.

Two somewhat doubtful surcharges have been chronicled for use in Porto Rico. I have seen no notice of them, merely a report to the effect that the two and five cent envelopes were surcharged in black as well as in red.

The postoffice department is now settled in its new building on Pennsylvania Avenue, much more commodious quarters than were its buildings before occupied.

Report of the money order division just issued, shows that the money orders during the past year amounted to \$224,958,363, a really tremendous amount.

The Porto Rico surcharged issue and the Cuban special delivery error should be worth saving as they will probably be well priced in a year or two. The Guam issue looks like a good thing, too, and a well executed counterfeit will probably be the way of meeting the demand in view of the genuine stamps not being obtainable.

A postal route has been established between Eagle and Dawson City, Canada. A letter with the postmarks would be a curiosity worth saving.

For Sale and Exchange Column.

Advertisements in this column inserted at 1/4 cent per word. Three insertions for the price of two, no change of copy. Subscribers are allowed one insertion of a thirty word exchange notice, free with each subscription.

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Oh, dear! will they never quit publishing new philatelic journals? We suppose not, for so long as philately lasts (which will be for several years) we will be almost constantly annoyed with No. 1's. However, there is always room for one more, especially a good one. It's dangerous to try to issue a new journal, but people will do it. We are not easily frightened, so do not try to scare us out. We are here to stay, so give us your assistance and we will publish a journal that no one need feel ashamed of.

The surcharges are almost unobtainable except at good figures.

The season for stamp collecting is now on. During the summer months one's mind is, to a certain extent, turned from stamps, but in the winter there is no more pleasant way to pass the evening than by arranging and studying your stamps.

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As *The Rival Philatelist* stated in its last number: "Now that the new catalogue is out what are you going to do about it?" Everyone seems to think that stamps are nearer their true value, the only objection being that this cut was not made a couple of years ago.

Received from W. W. McLaren a price list of packets, sets, supplies, etc. This is full of bargains and is well worth sending for.

The map stamps are still on sale at the Toronto postoffice, but are not given out unless especially asked for.

The Calamity Howler.

BY LEON V. CASS.

Everywhere one goes he is pretty sure to find the calamity howler, and therefore it is not to be wondered at that we find this gentleman in in the ranks of Philately.

The Calamity howler can see some evil in everything so he is continually harping about this or that, is bringing our pastime to an untimely ending.

The big discount system was ruinous in its effects and lost philately followers every day in the year, so says the calamity howler. The new catalogue comes out with prices reduced to something like their real value, and it is no longer possible to sell but a very few cheap ones at the former discounts.

The calamity howler now says that the reduction in catalogue price has knocked the bottom out of the market and it is a question of a short time only when our hobby (or science) will be a thing of the past, and so it goes.

Keep watch and you cannot help but see that the calamity howler is as bad as the above make him out to be.

He is inconsistent, too, and collectors should not pay any attention to his lamentations. I heartily wish that the calamity howler could be entirely done away with but he seems to be here to stay, so all we can do is to ignore him entirely and when his writings get into print (as they sometimes do) just pass them by, for philately is alright, and has more true followers than ever before.

Look on the bright side and never on the dark lest you gain the unenviable reputation as a calamity howler, who is indeed a baue to

philately and civilization as well. Don't get faint hearted as stamps are on a firmer basis than ever before and the market is much better today than it was a year ago.

One proof of the brightening prospects is the large number of new stamp magazines which are appearing of late. Don't neglect our literature for it is owing to that in a large measure, that philately is as widely and favorably known.

Several persons have written us concerning the re-organization of the Ohio Phil. Asso. Any one interested will please write the editor of this paper. Several other states have societies, why not Ohio?

Notes from the Land of the Maple.

Perhaps there are those who will argue from the failure of the Toronto stamp collectors to take interest in the Philatelic Club of Toronto as an indifference to their hobby. I know not what it is myself, but the interest in this club is not what it was last season.

W. A. Lydiatt, of Toronto, editor of the defunct Canadian Philatelic Weekly, and stamp dealer, is editing an insurance paper.

The D. P. A. Handbook promises to be a useful book to collectors.

Findlay I. Weaver, Librarian of the D. P. A., is publishing a fine amateur journal named "Energy," and reports very good success.

R. G. Widdicombe, a D.P.A. representative at St. Catherines, wishes to thank those who helped to bring the convention of the D. P. A. there in 1900.

JOHN H. LOWE.

Small discounts were expected for this season, but it will soon get back to the same old way, as many of the dealers are now offering 50 per cent. and some 60 and 75 per cent. discount.

Have you a friend who is interested in stamps? We would be pleased to have his name and address and will send him a sample copy.

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"	5	" blue " "	0.30	0.03	2.45
"	10	" orange " "	0.60	0.05	5.50
"	15	" crimson " "	0.90	0.20	8.00
"	20	" Prus. blue " "	1.25	0.25	11.75
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1884.	Head Type-50c.-1 peso-2 pesos	3	1.30	0.30	1.40	2.50
1886.	Numeral Type-3-4-6-10-12-20-25c., all lilacs,	7	4.41	1.75		
1886-94	Num. Type-1-2-3-4-5-6-10-12-20-25c. colors	10	0.98	0.25	1.15	2.00
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"	3 " sienna " "	0.20	0.06
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"	10 " orange " "	0.60	0.05
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Telegram Post Cards and Letter Sheets.

BY ERWIN L. FISCHER.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vienna has referred to the Secretary of Commerce, a suggestion of Prof. Dr. Emanuel Hermann, the inventor of the post card. It deals with the introduction of telegram post card and telegram letter sheets. Both of these should simplify communication by wire.

The telegram post card is proposed as follows: They should be special cards with the stamp imprinted or made for the supplication of an adhesive stamp, which shall, upon payment of 20 kr. allow the purchaser to send a ten word telegram for transmission through the mails to the nearest telegraph office.

The cards are dropped in the regular or pneumatic letter boxes, and when received at the postoffice they are first of all sorted out and without any further delay delivered to the nearest telegraph office. The telegraph office then transmits the contents of the card over the wire to its destination, and in return the receiving office repeats the message on one of the telegram post cards, which is then sent through the regular mails to the sender of the telegram. This is to assure

him that his telegram has been delivered. If it is more convenient and quicker the message is sent repeated over the telephone.

The telegram letter sheets are to used in the same manner, only they are sealed and more words can be sent.

This will be of great benefit to merchants not having a telegraph office within easy reach, and as the telegraph is also controlled by the government, the scheme will work in harmony.

This arrangement which presents itself as an ingenious combination between letters and telegrams would considerably diminish the course of the post on railroads and make possible the quickness of a telegram as is the nature these days—everybody in a hurry.

The price-list of The Atlas Stamp Co. is a fine one. They give names of several good societies and stamp papers, as well as some good advice for the beginner.

Would like a correspondent in several of the leading cities. Any one interested please write.

Look up J. V. Revelo's ad. Although he is very far away he is all right, and we feel sure he will treat you right.

Perforations.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMHN.

The majority of collectors, especially those of a studious turn of mind, are desirous of knowing the history of those persons whose faces are the subjects of many stamps.

The ideal collector gather for pleasure, and the thought as to the value of his collection is not the paramount idea, with a prospective sale in view.

Apropos of the above, the collector who gathers for speculation is whining: "The catalogue maker has ruined my collection."

If you must advertise "50 per cent. off," say from the 58th catalogue, and let it go at that, or else abolish the "off" and say "net," which is much the better way.

The "green" Christmas is not listed in the 59th catalogue, and the "water-marked in large letters" issue of Canada is missing, too.

Consistency: Sending the pay for a catalogue in ordinary U.S. stamps, with the request, "Please post with Omahas."

A South American friend sent me two denominations "on cover," of the new issues of Bolivia, i. e., the 10 and 20 centavo values, bearing the features of Don Antonia Jose de Sucre. Very handsomely engraved by the South American Bank Note Company of Buenos Aires.

The subject of the above mentioned stamps was a native of Venezuela, one of Bolivia's general, and the first president of Bolivia. He was assassinated in 1830.

The Philatelic Advocate will bring out, the same as last January, a big New Year's number in January, 1900.

The most extreme idea I have seen is that of a writer who says that no stamps are postage stamps till they have done duty.

A ludicrous error occurs in a contemporary. The writer, speaking of a sheet of stamps bearing the head of Queen Victoria, intended to say, "the sheet," but the "comp." put it; "she sheet; perhaps it was with a view to the "fitness of things."

When I published the *Perforator*, one of my best writers was "Philos" of Toronto. He has since gone back to his English home, and is furnishing notes to *The Philatelic Advocate* as "Angelicanus."

The new postal money orders looked queer to us at first, but they are a saving of time to the clerk who makes them out.

Unless signs fail, the International Philatelic Exhibition in Paris from August 25th to September 10th, 1900, will be an enjoyable affair to those who can afford to spend three weeks there.

According to statistics, last July, there were 735 cities of the United States enjoying free delivery of mail.

It is said that 5,000 letter boxes will have to be erected in New York City next year at a cost of \$8 to \$10 each.

Fourteen thousand uniformed carriers are employed by Uncle Sam delivering the mail to his subjects.

Argentine brings out some handsome new stamps, of two sizes, decidedly different from previous issues.

On the other hand, the Dominican Republic has some commemorative stamps of beautiful design, but Mr. Holmes in *The Metropolitan Philatelist*, says they are spoiled by poor lithographing.

"The goods (stamps) offered must be such as are in demand. Rubber shoes cannot be sold in paying quantities in July, nor mosquito netting in December.—*Father Scott*.

Great Britain has some new postal cards, the ½d brown on buff, the 1d carmine on buff.

Owing to the expected federation, the stamps of Australian colonies are now eagerly sought for.

Mr. Trifet was generally considered the oldest dealer in the stamp business in Boston, but E. A. Hol-

ton carries more years on his shoulders.

Mekeel's for January 4th will be a special having the front cover page illustrated with a large picture of the "Royal Philatelist," Duke of York, in a sitting posture.

A great many blunders occur in the postage on foreign letters. In this country it costs no more to send a letter weighing an ounce than it does a half ounce letter. Foreign letters are five cents for every half ounce or fraction thereof.

The present and prospective wars going on may make many changes in the stamp world, new issues being the result in the natural order of things.

Germany's new issue is eagerly awaited, and it is safe to say that the stamps will not be of the "cheap order."

A correspondent of Mekeel's tells of an office where a "kicking mule" is the cancellation. Many letters received hereabout look as though a mule had walked on the ink pad, and then got his work in on George Washington's head.

That article about the three largest collections seems to take well. It has been printed in almost half of the stamp papers.

Send for rates in February issue. Circulation will be 3,000. Special rates.

The Bad Effects of the Small Dealers.

GERARD MORRISON.

To me the opposition of the small dealers seems very strange. Of course there is always a certain amount of opposition to everything, but, as a general thing, it is not so much talked of as has been the subject of small dealers. However, there is an old proverb that "a certain amount of opposition is good for a man. Kites rise against and not with the wind."

While not a dealer myself I have never been able to see why the larger dealers as well as the majority of collectors are opposed to him. The large dealer says that the smaller one is doing philately a great deal of harm, as he starts of a sudden, advertises very extensively and then just as suddenly disappears. They say that the small dealers do not fulfill their advertisements; do not take care in making up their approval sheets, and as they do not know the difference between a genuine specimen and a counterfeit, they are just as liable to sell you a counterfeit.

In the face of all this, however, the large dealers are constantly encouraging the small ones. Notice the ads. of some of the largest dealers and you will find that they frequently offer "dealer's stock, \$10. for \$1., any wide-awake boy can make a very nice sum of money," or something like the above.

Of course almost all boys consider themselves wide-awake and capable of making money, so they send their dollar; receive the package, and then you have a new dealer. Then the large dealer offers sup-

plies of all all kinds at wholesale rates and advertises these offers in magazines which should be for the retail trade only. Still they are continually kicking about the large numbers of small dealers, when in a large measure the large dealers are at fault.

There is no way to get entirely rid of small dealers, but it is certain that if they did not receive the encouragement, which they now receive there would be fewer small dealers than there now are.

However as he is here to stay we might as well say nothing about it. You are not compelled to have any dealing with him. If some one else wants to support him it is not your fault, so if philately comes to an untimely end through the works of the small dealer you can proudly say that you have had no hand in her downfall!

Washington Items.

C. M.

Two new envelopes are issued for use in Cuba, the 1 cent and 2 cent on oriental buff, on special order.

\$11,000 worth of the following stamps have been surcharged for use in Guam and forwarded to Captain Leary: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 8, 10, 15c., and \$1 adhesive and 10 cent special delivery. These are for sale to collectors and not for postal purposes.

Assistant Postmaster Hubbard, of Chicago, summed up the question of a system of postal currency in a paper read before the National Association of Postmasters here.

Dwelling first on the evils of the present method of using stamps for small remittances, he said that the stamps must usually be discounted twice, first to the person purchasing them from the remittee, and secondly when sold to the actual user. This hurts first-class offices mainly, decreasing their sales and consequently causing their appeals for additional help to go unheeded. The amount of stamps found in the dead letters shows to what extent they are used. \$10,000 last year in stamps alone were taken from dead letters at the office here, and, of course, this is a very small proportion of the amount sent. He stated that the plan most frequently mentioned was the restoration of the fractional currency of 1876, but this, tending to throw out of circulation the smaller coins, he did not recommend. His solution of the problem, and the one which will probably be adopted, is the issuing of postal certificates, redeemable at their face value in stamps, or to be discounted 1 per cent. if payment in cash is required. The discount, he calculates, will pay the expense of the system! No one can object to the discount system, as stamps can be gotten at face for the certificates, and the discount of 1 per cent. is far less than the discounts required to dispose of accumulation of stamps.

The new money order seems to bother many postmasters, to judge from the many circulars of directions and orders on the subject published by the postoffice department.

The 2c. documentary revenue

now appears in a brighter shade, and with a smaller rouletting, about 7 instead of 5½.

During the fiscal year 1899, New York expended the largest amount per capita in use of the mails, viz: \$2.33. Ohio spends but \$1.17 per capita. The booby prize belongs to Mississippi, with 34 cents per capita.

There is like to be a surfeit of Spanish Philippine stamps shortly, as the U. S. military officer in charge at Manila is advertising an auction sale of remainders, many millions in number. Many of them are mouldy and stuck together. Some of our soldiers have speculated in these and they frequently get stuck.

By the way, the retiring Aguinaldo has issued stamps also, which, though speculative, are interesting. They are all adhesive, 2 cents postage, 2 cents telegraph, 1 milésima newspaper, and 8 c. de peso, registrati6n.

The philatelic public is easily taken in. There was Williams & Co., F. L. Ackley, and now it allows itself to be swindled by R. C. Bach. The worst of it is that they never made an investigation. Even if the stamps had been made by the Pigeon Post Co. they would have been speculative, as no company of the kind could have genuinely used so many stamps in so short a time. But let us have a rest until another swindler comes.

The Buckeye Philatelist.

Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

PAUL CLINE, - Editor and Publisher.

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TIPPECANOE CITY, OHIO.

Surprise No. 2.

No. 1 was a great surprise to many, as a great many stamp magazines are announced but never appear. Still many more issue No. 1 and not No. 2. But we have issued both Nos. 1 and 2., both very dangerous, in fact, the most dangerous to publishers. Now as there is a good chance of a No. 3 we would like to have your ad. or subscription or both.

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Chapman's Perforations are going the rounds. Not because they are not of any value for there is not a paper that would not be glad to be able to publish them; This is the third or fourth magazine in which they have appeared. However, if Mr. Chapman is willing we think they will appear in this paper for some time.

Of all the unexplainable mistakes No. 2 of *The Philatelic Chronicle* had the worst one. This is not a review, merely a criticism. Under "The Bad Boys" it stated that Leon Leonard, of Tiffin, Ohio, sent the name of a person in Baltimore, Ind. It should have been Elden Leonard, of Tippecanoe City, Ohio, and Baltimore, Md. How such a mistake ever happened is a mystery.

We received several answers to our paragraph concerning the Ohio Phil. Asso. but not enough to attempt reorganization. Would be pleased to hear from any one who is willing to join. We Ohioans ought to be able to support a State society. Address all communications to the publisher of this paper.

It Pays Others, Why Not You?

"I am very well pleased with results from No. 1 of your paper. Enclosed please find copy for December number.

H. C. BUCKHOLZ,
Mgr. Sherman Stamp Co.

Don't forget that all ads. must be paid in advance.

Review.

Conducted by ERWIN L. FISCHER.

Having secured the services of Mr. Fischer, all publishers wishing their magazines reviewed will please send one to Erwin L. Fischer, Clifton, Cincinnati, Ohio, and one to the editor.—Ed.

The first paper to reach me this month is *The Perforator*. On opening the cover we are confronted with a fine plate, bearing the pictures of 12 officers of the P. S. of A. Further on, each individual whose face appears on the plate is given a little "write up" by the ever cordial C. W. K. Camille Coole, of Detroit, whom I met at the convention, is also represented by a half-tone. "Early Canada Stamps," by R. R. Rufidicus, is a very able article. Ray W. Stevens contributes about Uncle Sam's postal business. Mr. Wm. B. Hale's likeness in the same issue, recalls to the writer the time that gentleman was in Cincinnati and the pleasant time connected with the occasion.

Pennsy. Amateur Photographer is before us. Although the name does not indicate the fact, the paper, nevertheless, is quite "stampic," and contains some fair writings for the beginner especially.

The *Northwestern Philatelist* No. 2 comes in a blue cover. It is one of the few stamp papers whose editor likes to be poetic. Its notes are a little behind time. The articles are fair and appeal to the younger class.

The *Indiana Philatelist* No. 1 is

at hand. We try to do all we can to help a brother publisher along, but when it is impossible to do so we think the less said the better.

The *Philatelic Advocate* for November starts off getting "Pithy" on the first page. Usona holds the reader's attention for about ten minutes on "U. S. Minutes." Apemantes gives a little history on Argentine; this helps the younger collector. Notes regarding D. P. A. wind up the number.

The *Jubilee Philatelist* for December is quite an improvement over preceding numbers. Mr. Chapman conducts an excellent review. The remainder of the paper is filled with notes and a large number of advertisements.

No. 2 of the *Philatelic Chronicle* is hardly as interesting as No. 1. Nuisma in his discussion of minor varieties become very radical. "These minor varieties will bring on a series of ualadies, — plate numbers, cigarette pictures, spoon labels, and will likely terminate with a button string. Not quite so wild, please.

The *Philatelic Inter-Ocean* is an interesting little paper from Waterloo, Iowa. Its "Philatelic Newspaper Haps" after *Philatelic Literature* are very interesting.

Stampagraphlets.

A. LLOYD JONES.

New papers are quite epidemic.

Stamps of Holland are growing in popularity.

New Zealand is still manufacturing varieties.

The new *Collector* is quite "Dodghey."

Bach left for the Transvaal just in time.

The *Stamp Tribune* of late is getting late and thin.

The *International Philatelic Review* is quite a dainty paper.

The *Jubilee Philatelist* makes us jubilant by its promptness and appearance.

The time for boom holiday editions of stamp publications is at hand.

The book of the day is not "David Harum," but the "Stamp King."

Isn't it about time for Dietz's S. P. A. Convention Souvenir Handbook to appear?

There seems to be a revival of interest in State revenues.

Another new paper received from Berlin, Ont., Can. Berlin must be the Augusta, Me., of the stamp world.

At last the long expected boom in Australian stamp has commenced.

Many stamp magazines are raising their subscription price.

The last issue of *Energy* was not as energetic as usual.

The Philippine Islands now hold stamp auctions.

To be in the push we blame *The Rival Philatelist* on Robie. Are you guilty, Lewis?

The long predicted changes in the separation of our revenues are being made.

Do you like the new catalogue? If not, go make a better one and stop kicking.

Quite a number of philatelic magazines have begun charging for sample copies.

The *Northwestern Philatelist* is a rival of the *Philatelic West* in the poetic line.

The S. of P. are having trouble with their official organ. Who to blame?

What has become of R. S. Baker in philately? A year ago he was all the go; now we never hear from him.

Uncle Sam, suppose you use Columbian and Omahas the next time you surcharge stamps for some new piece of ground you get hold of.

If the *Alleghency Philatelist* would drop their new issue department and put on a cover, it would make an average philatelic publication.

Did George Carion's going to Paris have anything to do with all these proposed new issues for French colonies?

We wonder how many kegs Milwaukee promised before she was selected as the philatelic convention seat for 1900.

THE BUCKEYE PHILATELIST is able to "buck" against any other Ohio stamp paper, adopted or native.

No doubt the *Adhesive* will be a sticker, but is hoped Mr. Chapman will not be the person stuck.

Indiana now has a stamp paper after being quite a long time without one. However, we hope the first issue is not a representative of philately in Indiana.

Robie has persuaded the J. Elwood Lee Co. to issue some unique proprietary stamps. I wonder if he will not get the exclusive sale of them.

Some people are getting considerable cheap advertising in our stamp papers under the heading, correspondence.

We failed to receive the regular announcement last week of a new Canadian stamp. Mulock must be

going to issue a whole set of Xmas stamps this year.

* Every stamp paper received for several months past states that there is a great revival in the stamp business, so we suppose we will have to believe it before long.

The Great Barrier Island has taken up nearly as much space in the stamp papers as did the Williams & Co. fraud. While this subject makes an excellent space filler we would like a rest.

What is the matter with Chicago? It can't support a stamp paper and but one stamp collector attended the stamp conventions. Perhaps, though Col. Robie makes up what it lacks in other respects.

Hunting Stamps.

BY LEON V. CASS.

Now don't suppose that I am going to tell of some great find of varieties (?) for I am not. In the first place let me ask you for what you collect stamps. For their money value, the pleasure you derive from studying them, or as one writer puts it, simply "because you like it."

Whatever reason you may have for collecting, I am pretty sure that you can derive more solid enjoyment from looking over old files of letters or documents than you can from purchasing stamps from approval sheets for ten years.

No matter if you do not get anything of any great value, the enjoyment of looking them over will be well worth the trouble of searching out old files of letters or docu-

ments. My stamps are greatly increased in value in my eyes when I have saved them from the fire or garbage box, by asking permission to look over old letters or papers.

Every collector to become a successful stamp hunter must cultivate "cheek."

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The collector of twenty-five years from now can thank the energetic stamp hunter for many a specimen which will help to fill up the yawning blank in his space for old issues.

I have many old U. S. stamps in my collection today that have never cost me a cent, and you may secure them also if you will always be on the lookout for a chance to look over old correspondence.

Just Anything.

BY E. S. BRIGHTMAN.

Well, there is one thing we can be happy over in this holiday season, and that is that all the frauds in the world are not philatelic. We have had our Williams & Co., and our Rudolph C. Bach, while the outside world has had its Franklin Syndicate that promises one hundred and twenty per cent. interest on all investments and then, after taking in all it can, skips.

Why, I wonder, are Greek stamps so little collected? They are very interesting and not high

priced. I do not say this for the benefit of any stamp dealer, but strange to say, in the interest of philately.

When, O, when, will the beginner learn that fac-simile means counterfeit? Some, though few, unscrupulous dealers advertise in non-philatelic papers, fac-similes, guaranteed to be worth fifty dollars, for fifty cents, and a vast amount of cash do they rake in. Young collector, beware of the fac-simile man.

In today's mail I received my copy of the *Stamp Tribune* in which I note an article by "R. R. Rufidicus," a misprint I suppose for Rufidicus, on the subject, Used or Unused. While I agree with the writer on most points, it appears to me that he is going too far when he says "A stamp is not a stamp unless it has done actual duty, actually and legitimately." One might say a coin in mint state is not a coin until it has been in circulation, or that a check is not a check until it is cashed and the money used. The reason that I have, and I suspect that way down deep in his heart Rufidicus shares it with me, for not collecting unused stamps more, is that they are too expensive. Of course, if in addition to that, you can persuade yourself that they are not legitimate, it is all very philosophical and nice, but think it over and see if you do not really agree with me on the subject.

Another thing about this issue of the *Tribune*. M. A. Bell, under "Scratchings" is startled about the growth of foreign mails. It is all very well to be startled once, but if

you turn to the preceding number of the paper on page 184 you will find the same person startled about the same thing in the same words.

I wonder if the general sentiment of philately has recently changed concerning the Canadian Jubilees. I hold that they are wickedly speculative because I paid seventy-five cents each for my ½c. and 6c. stamps. It all depends upon the point of view.

There are rumors of the discontinuation of Liberia as an independent republic. That would probably raise the price of its stamps a little, unless we are flooded with remainders.

It is just as well to have the revenues perforated instead of rouletted, since it gives us something to get and the dealers something to sell.

Condition! condition! Fellow collectors, I beg of you, one and all, to become condition cranks. for if you don't the time will come, if it is not already here, that you will regret it. Every day this is more apparent.

There is in my collection an uncatalogued variety of Guatemala. It is number forty-two with the date inverted so that reads, Provisional—1—6881—Un Centavo.

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Penny Postage.

BY ERWIN L. FISHER.

Like Sir Rowland Hill during his time stood up for penny postage in England, Mr. Henniker Heaton has now undertaken the task to fight for "Penny Postage" throughout the whole Postal Union.

Since 1886, Mr. Heaton has been agitating his object and it is impossible to say how long he will continue in this direction, as every innovation of whatever nature it may be, causes a setback on the part of the pertaining officials. There are no worse enemies to this course than the officials themselves.

The same battle that Mr. Heaton is undertaking today, Sir Rowland Hill had to contend with in order to accomplish that which the world enjoys today—the postal service of the world.

How was it seventy-five years ago? That we must recall or figure out to rightly appreciate the workings of Hill's idea. At that time a letter from Danzig to Frankfort cost 40 cents and a letter from London to Belfast cost 16 pence.

When during these years Mr. Hill made public his "Penny Postage" idea, naturally the appertaining officials were thoroughly confused and startled; Lord Litchfield, at that time Postmaster General, declared Hill's project as follows: "Of all fantastic and overated project of which I have heard, this is the most fantastic and overated." The prominent journalist, Sydney

Smith called the idea "simply senseless". A prominent English postal official, Maberly, declared: "We all know that this project will fail when put into practice". In short all arguments which today are put up on the part of railroad companies against the reduction of rates we will find in the case against carrying out Hill's project.

Although the population increased thirty percent during the years 1815 to 1834, the postal service did not increase and not until the installation of Hill's Penny Postage and the postage stamp, was the interest apparent.

In the year 1839 the number of letters delivered in England was 82,000,000 and by 1880 the 1,200,000,000 mark was reached, which proved the immense advantage for correspondence and culture Hill's idea had wrought, and especially when the introduction of the postage stamp was added.

The idea of "Penny Postage" for the Universal Postal Union has as yet not won a decisive victory. One adoption by England the last year is due to this agitation and a cheaper postal rate has been established between England and her colonies. One step further will probably be that different countries will come to a mutual understanding along these lines, after the plan of the Australian-German Postal Association, which is dirivident from the much fought against idea of Heaton.

Who knows if the time is not near when will laugh over the idea

of Mr. Heaton as Sir Rowland Hill was laughed at. A letter from London to China or the Philippines according to Mr. Heaton's project is not to cost more than a letter to be delivered from the London postoffice to the next square. That this will be some day achieved there is no doubt.

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Thoughts of Womankind.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

Uncle Sam is a crusty, old bachelor who objects to seeing certain folks enjoy happiness in a way he is debarred from imitating, at least such is the impression left upon the minds of those who must suffer through the carrying out of his recent decree to the effect that married women need no longer expect to be trusted with the handling of his mail bags. What reason does he give? Oh, says that the wife's position ought to go to some lone maiden who hasn't any broad-shouldered means of support. He has done his best to hunt up a fairly good excuse, you see, but it certainly seems rather of a late day to inaugurate such a law. The madames now in office under their married title will not be disturbed, but in future she who becomes amadame must say good-bye to the pleasure of sorting mail. Now this strikes us as a bit unfair. If it is proper to oust a female clerk because she marries some one who is already drawing a salary for some kind of duty performed then why should not a male clerk be condemned to the same penalty under similar circumstances, provided his chosen partner continues to assist the family finances? It is dreadfully unequal, but then Uncle is a man and so he's naturally partial to his own sex, men generally are, aren't they?

He is partial to stamp collectors also, but probably that is because they are almost entirely of the masculine gender as far as he is aware. What he has already done for us in

the way of the Omaha issue and newspaper and periodical stamps affair, all the all the philatelic world is well aware, and now it is fast being informed of the fact that very soon still another set will be presented for us to purchase in the so-called "Pan-American" issue. This is to commemorate or advertise, I really don't know which it is called, the Pan-American exhibition at Buffalo, N. Y. in 1901. It is said that the stamps will be of the same size as those now in use and that there will be only six values, viz. 1c., 2c., 4c., 5c., 8c. and 10c. Well, matters might be worse; every cloud has its silver lining and the lining to this one is that we are spared the 50c., \$1 and \$2 values that disgraced—excuse me; of course I should have left off the "dis"—the Omaha issue. It is all bad enough, but a set of 30c. face value isn't quite as unforgivable (if there isn't such a word there ought to be) as one of \$2.95. There will doubtless be some who will claim that all these new things are turned out merely to accommodate a crying need, or as a matter of necessary business good will, and that such a great and mighty government as ours hasn't given a thought to the money getting side of the transaction, but that claim is really a bit mirth provoking in view of the latest news regarding the Guam surcharges, universally conceded to have been prepared for philatelic demands instead of Guam necessities. Why it has been estimated that the United States will clear in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000,000 through selling surcharged stamps of the four colonies, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Philippines and Guam, to stamp collectors, and do you think even a wealthy government wouldn't feel both willing and anxious to get still more in the same easy, inexpensive way? It costs comparatively little to prepare a set of

stamps, scarce anything in fact, when the set is formed by a surcharge only, and with such an immense percentage of interest on the outlay it is not only wonderful that governments all over the world insist on keeping us well supplied with new issues. The only remedy I see is to buy used only, postally used, not cancelled to order, letting the unused strictly alone. But alas, the remedy is one that all endorse and few are willing to apply, so the evil goes merrily on.

To return to the Pan-American issue. Do you think the authorities have forgotten the ruling of the past postal congress which decided that after the dawn of 1900 commemorative stamps should not be accepted for postage in international mails? Surely this Pan-American set ought to come under the ban if any, and just think what a bother it will be to the postoffice people. There will be plenty of folks who will not be able to understand why one stamp isn't as good as another to put on their foreign letters, and there will be plenty more who will be possessed to have those identical stamps used for foreign postage on the original covers just because it is against all law and reason that they should. Witness all the attempts that have been made to use revenue stamps for postage. The latter class will deserve to have their letters returned for proper stamps, deserve also to lose their money, but it will be decidedly hard limes for the poor people, poor in both senses of the word, who used the stamps in good faith. I presume, however, that the decision above mentioned will not be allowed to interfere with us, it will be easy enough to find some reason why the issue doesn't come under the law, more shame to it. Shame to the issue I mean, not to the law: that will be a fine institution to us philatelists if the countries will all live up to it without

trying to dodge its provisions and purposes.

Another thing. What actual good outside of stamp sales do all these commemorative issues accomplish? Anyone who was educated enough to know anything knew that Columbus discovered America in 1492 before the appearance of all the issues commemorating the fact. Those who did not know it are not likely to have been of a class to use postage stamps or to inquire concerning the pictures they bore. There was more excuse for the Columbus commemoratives than for those of later days, however, for Mr. C. was made a sort of a big international advertisement for a big international exhibition, and besides, he suffered so woefully in life that even post mortem recognition of the benefits he conferred was better than none at all, but his history would have been just as much studied and himself just as much appreciated without our 1893 issue as with. The Omaha and Buffalo expositions are in no way so important, and to issue special stamps for them seems both unnecessary and comic.

Overlooked Varieties.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

As there are some things in stamps known to only a few collectors, it may interest others to learn of these things. These things refer to minor, uncatalogued varieties, although minor varieties are declared by many advanced philatelists to be a serious hinderance to the further progress of our hobby. I cannot agree with them, and have the satisfaction of knowing that many of our most ardent and prominent philatelists are with me on this point. Minor varieties have been written about a great deal, and Scott manages to list and price a multitude of them; but to have all of these catalogued would be un-

wise; collectors would object to having the list of minor varieties doubled, as many collectors exclude all these from their albums. But there are other philatelists who are always on the lookout for minor differences in stamps, and it is for the benefit of these that this little article is written.

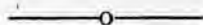
I have in my collection three types of 1883-84—10 ore Norway; the difference lies in the small numerals "10" between the words "Postfrim" and "Ore" at bottom of stamp. In first type the numerals are large and in thick figures; in second type they are smaller and farther apart; in the third type they are smaller yet and placed near together. I have seen the first and third types described by Miss Swift in one of her recent articles, but she failed to mention the second type, which is so far different from the other two that it deserves to be listed also.

I recently received from one of my correspondents a lot of Canadian stamps, and for lack of anything else to do, I began to tear off the covers from the backs of them, and incidentally held up several of the 1869-99—3c. red toward the light. I was much surprised to find one copy which was on horizontally laid paper, the lines showed very distinctly. Now I have searched a good many of the 3c. stamps in the hope of finding some more on laid paper, but the search was fruitless. I myself do not believe that many exist on laid paper, and all lucky enough to secure one or two copies on this variety of paper will, no doubt, do good to keep them.

There are no regular sets of stamps for official use only, in Western Australia, but the postage stamps with punched holes were used for this purpose. They may be collected by anyone who wishes to have official stamps of this country in his album, but they are not catalogued.

I have a copy of the 1882—14k. blue and rose of Russia, in which the figure "4" of the whole number "14" in upper left hand corner has sustained a break in the engraving. The horizontal line of the "4" is broken on left side, which gives it the appearance of an enlarged figure "1." I have only seen one of these stamps with the break in the numerals, and they may prove to be quite scarce.

Minor variety hunters should pay some attention to these and similar little differences in stamps, even though Scott does not list them—at present. If the fashion towards minor varieties continues the day is not far distant when these varieties will be honored by a place in Scott's catalogue, and he who collects them now will have cause to congratulate himself in the near future.



Washington Notes.

As usual, things are rather quiet here in matters philatelic. Stamp albums were a frequent gift for Christmas, but the small boy has not yet sufficiently recovered from the financial stress to purchase additions to his collection.

I occasionally see in "Answers to Correspondents" columns, queries regarding books of waxed paper for keeping o. g. specimens in, and the statement that no dealer has as yet put on the market such a book. This may be true, but a newspaper in this city has for some time past been issuing for use by post masters, about 80 leaves of waxed paper strongly bound in boards, and it holds about 20,000 stamps. I have one of them and find it very useful. The paper, "The Fourth-class Postmaster," is one issued in order to secure legislation to properly reimburse this overworked and in many instances, underpaid serv[ant]

of Uncle Sam's employes, and gave this book as a premium with a year's subscription.

Within a few weeks there will probably be printed some higher value stamps for Cuba. Many complaints have been made that a "ten cent limit" is not enough for all purposes, and 16 and 50 values, at least, will be added.

The latest centennial to be advertised by the cancelling stamp is the Louisiana Purchase World's Fair, to be held at St. Louis in 1903.

Three of the bills introduced in the present session of congress are of interest to philatelists. One to make the rate of postage for fourth class matter one cent for each four ounces; a second to make first-class rates one cent for each half ounce, and another to compel all postmasters to keep for sale revenue stamps.

Puerto Rico is now the official way of spelling one of our new possessions; luckily the use of surcharged stamps for that island has been discontinued.

The Buffalo Exposition stamps will be of the denominations 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10 cents, the size is not yet settled upon.

The postoffice department has issued a circular stating that the exchange of mails between Seattle and Bennett and Dawson has been discontinued until the opening of the Yukon.

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A Hoosier Chap has several nice hits in Dodge's *Collector*. His "nom" completely hides (?) his identity.

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The London special of *Mekeel's Weekly* has been received. This is surely a great number, and the publishers deserve great praise for their work.

Good Results.

In the exchange column of last month's issue the publisher asked for names of collectors in exchange for ad. space. The result completely surprised us. We could have had almost any number of names and could have exchanged the space in the next three or four numbers.

Meaningless Motto.

Will the publisher of the *Ohio Philatelist* please explain the meaning of his motto: "Imperium in Imperio?" We don't understand.

The Trojan Stamp Co.'s Packet.

The Trojan Stamp Co. has kindly favored us with one of their "Atlas Packets" which they advertise in this number. It is everything as represented—certainly the best packet for the money we ever saw, and you will not miss it by ordering one.

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There are several stamp magazines who do not seem anxious to exchange with us. We wish to exchange with every stamp paper, large or small.

The Stamp Tribune is announced to appear as a weekly. We wish it success, as in our opinion, that paper has been the best and cleanest of monthlies.

Review.

ERWIN L. FISCHER.

Philatelic West comes to us with a picture of the Detroit convention troop. The issue we received starts off with page 20, and page 1 is near the center. This makes it difficult to consult the contents readily. "The Stamps of the Argentine Republic" is ably commented upon by A. Millard. "Notes on Canadian Revenues," by R. R. Rufidicus, is excellent. Many other articles and comments speak well for this issue, and we hope to soon be in receipt of the December issue that Brody may catch up with Father Time.

Philatelic Bulletin. "The event of the New Year," by Aug. Deitz, treats on the new German stamps, which is very well written. Lacus Viridis continues his talks on the stamps of "Schleswig Holstein." The paper is first-class in every particular, and we hope to receive it regularly. But for the lack of space we would reprint a few good things mentioned therein.

Perforator. Bro. C. W. K. is certainly improving the contents of the official organ of the P. S. of A. A very good article on "Bill Stamps" draws the reader's special attention in this issue. From the P. S. of A. reports it look as if the present administration is the best the society has ever had. Comments by correspondents, the editor and associate editor wind up a very fair number.

Mekeel's London Edition. This issue is a great accomplishment. A veritable biography and history of prominent English dealers is more interesting, being illustrated by cuts of their establishments and some of their rare holdings, as the 1d Post Office Mauritius. There also appear several half-tones of

prominent dealers and collectors, the cover being graced by the likeness of the Duke of York.

Philatelic Spectator, Vol. 1, No. 3 is a small 3x4 affair with a few notes pertaining to stamps of various countries, but nothing of note.

Ohio Philatelist. We have before us the December number and are pleased to note an improvement along its lines. A half-tone of S. E. Moisant and a biographical sketch is one of the features. We also note the formation of a new Canadian Society. Why this society was formed no reasons are given and we think it is a piece of folly. The present Canadian Society is in good standing and the new venture is probably only a case of office holding.

Philately.

H. P. WOODSTOCK.

Any person with an eye for the beautiful cannot but acknowledge that philately is at once the most fascinating and interesting of hobbies (excuse me) sciences, if you please. Of course there are drawbacks as numerous as those of twenty years ago, but of a different nature. Twenty or thirty years ago when a collector went to purchase stamps he took his scrap book with him and bought whatever he did not have. He was not bothered with perforations, surcharges, water-marks, etc. As the majority of stamps were imperforated, the edges were neatly trimmed from the perforated ones to make them all look alike. Finance was not dragged into philately in those days, collectors getting returns for their money in pure enjoyment. Now a collector has to keep his eyes open or he will buy reprints fac similes and counterfeits, believing them to be good stamps.

Modern philately claims that there is a large number of perforations in the last issue of a certain variety of stamps, hence a new variety. For instance, notice the Canada Xmas stamps. There has been several issues each of a different shade. There you have three distinct varieties. Then someone discovers that the word Xmas has no period following it in one issue and has in another, or that the red ink that marks the British Colonies is not in the same position on one stamp as on another, and then informs the philatelic press that they have discovered several new varieties of the Imperial stamps. This is certainly confusing to the collector, if not harmful to philately itself. How many collectors are there who are going to look for a dozen different varieties of every new issue of stamps that appear merely through a printer's error scarcely noticeable or a speck of ink that has accidentally pressed into the stamp.

Regarding Small Dealers.

A DEALER.

Mr. Morrison in the December number of this paper writes an article on "The Bad Effects of the Small Dealers." Now "Small Dealers" and "Junior Collectors" have always been a favorite headline for me to write under, and it is with pleasure that I take up my pen to take up their part.

In all the years of philately the "small dealer" (or as we shall call him S. Dealer) has been a thorn in the side of the general collector, a profitable crop of wheat in the large dealer's business field, and a favorite page or lackey, by the side of philately, when she holds open court.

As Mr. M. says with the collector he plays havoc, as he is so inexperienced as to sell you a counterfeit rather than a genuine stamp.

I agree with Mr. M. in this. Regarding the approval sheets Mr. S. Dealer rarely has the money, pains or trade to make up sheets, and by the time he does, he is a full-fledged dealer.

Regarding \$10. stock for \$1.00 I would say Mr. Morrison being a collector does not fully understand that point, I, as a dealer will explain it to him. A \$10.00 for \$1.00 stock is a selection of odds and ends and the unsold cheap part of a large dealer's stock. He usually puts in it one stamp catalogued about 10c., two at 5c., three at 4c., four at 3c., 20 to 25 at 2c., and the remaining two or three hundred are common continentals.

Mr. S. Dealer buys the lot, trade or sells the common to his profit, and sells the rest, making some 20 per cent. gain. Now does this hurt anybody? No, it rather helps philately, for the common stamps that he gets are usually sold to a new collector who afterwards becomes an ardent philatelist.

Every stamp magazine contains advertisements from both the retail and wholesale dealers. To change this would mean the failure of a good many firms who publish them. No, there is no way to get rid of the small dealers, no reason for doing so. There is one thing sure, however, and that is that Mr. S. Dealer "brings recruits into the ranks of philately, brings money into large dealers' coffers, supports the numerous stamp magazines."

From the "Hoosier" State.

There recently has been organized in the Capitol City, Indianapolis, a society called The Indiana Philatelic Society with Geo. E. Fiscus, Pres.; B. F. Egan, Sec'y., and Chas. E. Babcock, Treas.; also, exchange and auction managers. The society meets every Thursday night, with a good attendance, at rooms 309-310 Lemeke Building.

At a recent meeting of the above society Mr. Fiscus gave a very interesting lecture on the islands of Hawaii and their stamps, of which he makes a specialty. He gave some good points on the different issues and their origin, viz: "the five cent blue-bluish 1865 issue is often mistaken for the five cent ultramarine of 1888 and visa-versa, which is true with many an advanced collector as well as with beginners."

It may be interesting to know that all plates of obsolete New South Wales postage stamps from 1838 to 1891 have been destroyed by order of the Treasury Department, in order to prevent the striking off of re-issues.

To help make 1900 a banner year for new issues the officials of the Postoffice Dept. are working for a new set of stamps for the Buffalo exposition, to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., this year; but let us hope that this will not meet with any encouragement.

At the next meeting of all the societies in Milwaukee this year, western collectors are going to pull for Indianapolis for the convention seat in 1901. Of course the collectors of this city wish the support of all westerners.

The stamp trade was not what was expected, but with the coming of the new year dealers can only look for the best, and the expected boom will be sure to come in time.

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Oddities.

EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

It is of oddities that your humble servant will discourse this month; not straight minor varieties, but little differences and peculiarities which, while they may not be recognized by the ever vigilant catalogue maker or the advanced philatelist, are nevertheless very interesting and are always saved by the studious collector.

The three cent United States, 1861-66, exhibits a quite large number of varieties. Of course, there are the catalogue issues, both of August and September, and the different styles of embossing. Right here. I would like to say, that, in spite of what some well-meaning writers say, the various kind of embossing are worthy of collection and afford an excellent training to the mind and eye. I have the privilege of being acquainted with a gentleman who is noted all over the country as a geologist. When he looked my collection through, he saw, unmoved, stamps from the uttermost parts of the earth. But when I began to explain some of the minor varieties of embossing and perforation and watermark,—then it was that he praised philately and admitted that it was worthy a place among the other sciences, for science, you know, has been aptly defined as being the knowledge of small things.

But I have wandered from my subject. I was speaking of the three cent 1861-66. Perhaps the best known freak, you might call it, of this stamp, is the one wherein "three" reads "threb." Now don't commence a learned dissertation on the way the ink ran together in the two parts of the "e," because I know all about it. But still it is an interesting variety and is worthy of preservation. This stamp was printed on several different kinds of paper, ranging from yellowish grayish, reddish, to a perfect

white. The latter is a reprint made in 1875, and catalogued at \$12.00.

There are many oddities in the three cent United States, 1881 et seq., which are by no means common. In my collection I have a very strange specimen of this stamp. About one-third of my copy is very distinctly laid vertically, while the remaining two-thirds are ordinary paper. No amount of soaking or coaxing can take those obstinate lines out of that stamp.

Speaking about hair-lines: on our common two-cent stamp there is a minute variety. In the inner right-hand triangle on the upper side you will notice a dot. There is always a line just below the dot and generally another passing through it. I have found one copy on which the latter is wanting.

The "cancelled-to-order" stamps, used by firms having an exceptionally large mail, such as the Youth's Companion, sometimes have the cancellation inverted. It looks so much like a surcharge that it is almost a pity not to save it.

The United States 1884 two-cent brown envelope, once in a while has diagonal lines crossing the "2" which are ascribed by some to the same cause as the "threb" on the 1861 stamps, but I do not see why the ink should always spread in regular straight lines at equal distances apart. But I was not there when they were made, so I cannot tell, as Bro. Bartels probably could.

For a moment, let us turn our attention to foreign climes. I have the one anna India 1881, surcharged in violet with the mystic letters O. W. S. and a diminutive Maltese cross, all surrounded by a double-lined oval. There are several things about the stamp that tend to show that it had the surcharge on before it was mailed. If so, then it is official; and if it is official, what, pray, is it?

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