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No. 1

Cubans Now Carry Mail.

To send a letter to Cuba it is no longer necessary to rely upon the United States Government's postal facilities. A five cent stamp of the Cuban Republic will take a letter to many parts of the island much more quickly.

For some months the Cuban Junta in this city have had their own service for the carrying of letters and orders between Gen. Palma and President Cisneros's government.

During the last fortnight the service has been extended and improved so that it is now open to the general letter-writing public. One room at the Junta's offices, No. 56 New street, is given over to the post-office. One of Gen. Palma's secretaries has charge of it. Although the operation of the Cuban post-office is necessarily secret, its usefulness has been appreciated by business houses in this city. More than two hundred letters per week travel from New York to the island under the protection of a five centavo Cuban stamp.

The workings of the new system, so far as they can be made public, were last week explained to a *World* reporter.

According to the Cuban constitution the entire post-office system is under the charge of the Secretary of the Interior, Savero Pina holds that office at the present time.

Regularly every ten days a messenger, who is one of the employes of department, leaves New York. Exactly how he goes is a mystery,

but he does not wait for an expedition or for the departure of any ship which has been specially chartered by the Cubans.

It is generally supposed that he is a passenger incognito on some tramp steamer bound for some of the smaller ports in Eastern Cuba. The inside of his coat is strangely and wonderfully made. In it there are perhaps a dozen pockets. In each of these he puts a wallet filled with mail.

When the steamer lands he makes his way to some suburb of the town. There one of the postal couriers is waiting for him.

So completely is the Eastern part of Cuba in the hands of the insurgents that in the majority of cases the couriers come up boldly to within three miles of the town. They make no attempt at concealment. On their wiry little Cuban ponies they wait the arrival of the messenger from New York without the slightest fear of molestation from the Spaniards, who in that section of the country never venture outside of the town.

The courier hands back to the messenger the United States mail and he slips quietly back to the steamer again. He either returns by that steamer or else is transferred to some other vessel just leaving Cuba for this country.

Meanwhile the New York mail has been safely stowed away in the saddle bags under the high pommel of the courier's saddle. He rides to the nearest prefectura, where he

delivers it to a relay, who carries it further on its way to its destination.

The prefecturas are the homes of the district governors appointed by President Cisneros. Here all the civil business of the Cuban Republic is transacted.

The prefecturas are also the post-offices of Cuba. All mail going from one place to the other or from Cuba to the United States is received and sorted there. The system of postmarks and private mail boxes is as perfect as in any well-regulated post-office in the United States. In many cases postage stamps are not purchased with money, as there is very little in circulation in the country. It is not at all unusual for some sugar planter in the interior to purchase several dollars' worth of stamps with cartridges or yams for the soldiers.

The Cubans say that by a complete chain of relays a letter can now be carried from one end of the island to the other in spite of trochas and fortines. The rate for domestic postage, that is from one Cuban town to another, is two cents an ounce, while between New York and the island it is the same as the Spanish rate prescribed by the Postal Union, five cents for each half ounce.

In order not to conflict with the United States postal laws, if you wish to send a letter to Cuba, address it and stamp it with Cuban postage stamps, at the rate of five cents for every half ounce. Then inclose letter and envelope in another envelope addressed to the Cuban Delegation, No. 56 New street. Put a five cent United States stamp on this letter, so that this Government will receive as much as if it went by the ordinary Spanish-American international system.

Current Items.

Copied From Various Journals.

BY KAISER.

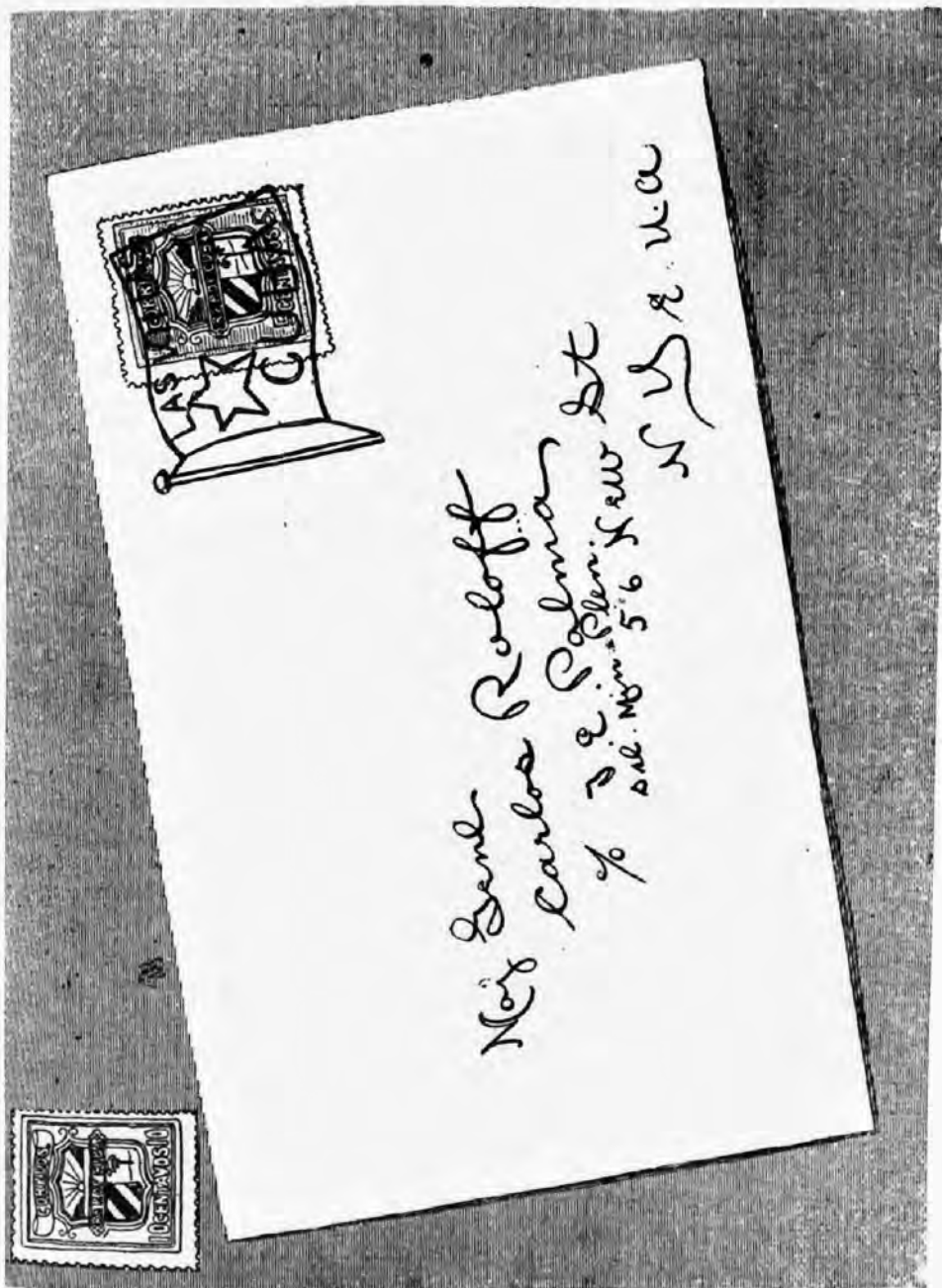
The 10c Paraguay according to A. J. P. without the punched hole exists in two shades, steel-blue and ultramarine.

Victoria is contemplating issuing two hospital stamps of one shilling and two shilling 6 pence, to pass as 1 pence and 2½ pence. We hope that the example of New South Wales will not be followed. Charity is a very good thing, but philatelists are not the only class that should be appealed to.

The Return Receipt stamps of Chili is said to have been changed. It is said to have in the centre the inscription AVIS DE PAIEMENT and to be printed in black. Why this inscription was chosen cannot be understood.

It is announced that a stock of obsolete telegraph stamps, are to be surcharged for official use, and new value, so we must look out for a regular deluge of surcharges. This is a pity as Chili has so far been not only one of the most respectable countries of South America, but of the whole World.

Peru it is stated that new stamps of the values of 1, 2 and 5c have appeared, but this is certainly an error as we have just received information from Lima, that their issue is to be delayed until the opening of the new Post Office. From this we shall judge that the issue is to be a speculative one, particularly as we have just received a new stamp of the value of 5 centavos, of the current type, but printed in green.



The above shows a 5c Cuban Republic Stamp with the cancellation recently adopted by the Cubans. Loaned by the "New York Philatelist."

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WITH this our initial number we make our bow before the philatelic public. We are fully aware that this pursuit is now overstocked with papers of more or less value and importance. We feel that an apology is necessary for starting this paper, therefore we will in as few words as possible outline our excuse for existence.

Before going any further, we wish to state that we do not expect to make a fortune (a la Klondyke) out of this paper, nor do we publish it for "love," but we think there is room for a *regularly* issued philatelic paper on the Pacific Coast, and with this idea in view, we have started the publication of this magazine, and we hope by earnest efforts to make it a paying revenue.

The state of California has many thousands of collectors, and we can boast of some of the finest collections right here in San Francisco. There are many advanced collectors, in this state, and hundreds of average collectors and beginners, and it is to the latter interests we will cater. We can truthfully say, that there is not one philatelic paper published in this state, that is devoted to the interests of the average and young collector. We have engaged the services of several competent writers, who will endeavor to interest our readers each month.

We hope our readers will overlook any short comings that may appear as a first issue is always anything but perfect in every detail. Now that we have outlined our plans to some extent, we wish to say in conclusion, that this paper is edited and published by a collector, not a dealer, therefore this paper is no *house organ*.

Our readers may feel perfectly safe when answering an advertisement that may appear in our columns; we assure our readers that we will admit no "ads" in this paper, unless we are certain that the party is thoroughly reliable.

We wish to extend our thanks to all those who have given us their kind aid and support and we assure them that all favors are duly appreciated.

There are just two other philatelic papers published in California at present—*The Philatelic Facts & Fancies* and the *Philatelic Californian*. The latter is a very good monthly, but should be issued more promptly, the last number we believe appeared sometime in May. The other monthly the F. F. & F. is what is strictly termed a house organ. The CALIFORNIA STAMP, will neither be a house organ, nor will it appear in

regularly. It was the intention of the publisher to have the C. S. appear on October 15, but unforeseen circumstances occurred, causing us to delay the issuance of same; therefore we decided to date our first number November.

ADVERTISERS and subscribers should bear in mind that the CALIFORNIA STAMP will not follow the course of a "semi-occasionally, once or twice in a while, sometimes oftener," monthly. We will appear on time or not at all. The C. S. will contain as much up-to-date and original manuscript, as we can possibly secure. Articles on stamps are always in demand and same should be sent to our associate editor, for perusal.

THROUGH the courtesy of the publisher of the *New York Philatelist*, we are able this month to present to our readers a full page illustration of a 10c Cuban Republic postage stamp cancelled and on original envelope. On another page is an admirable article, on the uses these stamps are put too, giving a graphic account of the many perils the letter carrier must pass through before he reaches his destination. This article is well worth the time spent in reading same.

THROUGH arrangements with the publishers of the *Perforator* we can furnish the C. S. and the *Perforator* both papers one year for 30 cents. We are also booking subscriptions for the C. S. to all philatelists, who are members of either the P. S. of A., S. of P., N. P. A., C. P. S., or E. S. P. S., at the rate of 15c per year. When remitting mention name of society and membership number.

WE desire a few good articles on philatelic literature, as we believe this to be one of most important and interesting branches of philately.

THE Carion dispute is still the chief topic of conversation on the Pacific coast. We all believe Mr. Carion innocent, and evidence has been furnished to prove it.

BROTHER DODGE is not asking or begging for office, but still he manages to get there. Don't be hoggish Dodge, give some other member a show. We don't all partake of swine.

WE desire to state that our intentions are not to organize a state society, although we have had several requests from state philatelists asking us to do so. We decline with thanks, but if they wish to form a state society, go ahead and do it. When the society is thoroughly organized, then it is time to think of an official organ. Let the charter members decide that question. If the CALIFORNIA STAMP is accepted, we will do our utmost with the aid of the members to make it the foremost state organization.

HAVE you ordered your 58th catalogue yet? It costs 58c by mail. Add 2 cents to that (60c) and send that sum to us and we will mail a copy of the Catalogue (as soon as issued) and give you one year's subscription to the CALIFORNIA STAMP. As an extra inducement will allow a 30 word exchange notice.

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One Moment Please.

The "ad" of Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa, should not by any means be overlooked. Mr. Beard is offering some scarce British Colonies at exceptionally low prices. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Our friend from Bethlehem, Mr. E. T. Parker, has something to say in his "ad" elsewhere. He claims it pays to have a copy of his list. Our readers should investigate and send for a copy. It's free.

The Johnstown Stamp and Publishing Co. of Johnstown, Pa., have a novel and original style of advertising. Their "ad" would be worth while a perusal, being composed of "two cent specials."

If you are looking for French Colonies rare or otherwise, write to Georges Carion (P. O. Box 2457 San Francisco, Cal). He can supply any of your wants.

The Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, have plenty of money they want to rid themselves of. If you want a share of it, see if you haven't some duplicates you don't want. "We buy stamps" they say.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. of N. Y. City is too well known to give a description of. The issuance of the 58th edition of the Standard Catalogue will occur within a few weeks. Price by mail 58c.

Our beloved Brother, T. L. Green, wants to see you on last page cover. His "Honest Abe" revenue packet is a "cinch." To get one will do you good. Costs only a dollar.

Have you any Great Britain plate numbers, if so write Chas. P. Galyon of Knoxville, Tenn. See "ad" on back page cover.

Chronicle.

Argentine Republic.—Adhesive, 25c carmine. Type of 5c-1890.

Austria.—Postal Card, 2ko, brown, instructions in German, Ruthenian and Polish.

Belgium.—Adhesive, 50c gray.

Brazil.—Adhesive, 100 Reis carmine and black, 1000 Reis green and violet.

British Buchuanaland.—Adhesive, 1p emerald green, black surcharge.

China.—Adhesives, provisionals, small numerals 1c on 3c orange, error, (very shady). Large numerals. 1c on 1c green, 2c on 3c red lilac, 5c on 5c greenish yellow (Fake) 10c on 6c brown, black surcharge.

Columbia.—Adhesive, 20c pale brown on green.

Dominican Republic.—Adhesive, 2c vermilion.

Ecuador.—Adhesives, 1c rose Jubilee 1c green, (New Issue) to 5c Sucre, lilac various colors.

Envelopes.—5c green on white surcharged 1897-98 in black, 10c carmine on amber, surcharged 1895-96 in black.

Fernando Po.—Adhesive, 5c on 2c rose, blue surcharge.

France.—Pneumatic Card, 50c black on blue.

Eritrea.—Adhesive, surcharged Colonia Eritrea, 5c green and black.

Liberia.—Adhesive, 3c red and green. Registration Envelope, 10c gray-green on white, size 130x80 mm.

Labuan.—Adhesive. The new 18c and 24c stamps are to be withdrawn. This also applies to Borneo.

Leeward Islands.—Adhesive. The Jubilee surcharge on these, consists of the V. R. I. monogram on a garter inscribed SEXAGENARY, 1897. Black surcharged

on present issue ½d. to 5 shilling.

Mexico.—Wrappers. Thin glazed manilla paper, size 250x85mm. 2c red, red inscription, for interior use, 2c red, green inscription for international use.

Mauritius.—Adhesive, 1 R. green and black, 2, 50c lilac and carmine, 5 R. green and blue.

Niger Coast.—Adhesives, Crown C. A. ½d. green, 2d. Lake, 2½d. blue, 5d. purple, 1 shilling black.

New South Wales.—Adhesives. Jubilee issue, 1a carmine, 2d. deep blue, 2½d. royal blue.

Philippine Islands.—Adhesives, 1c carmine, 40c violet, 80c carmine.

Porto Rica.—Adhesive, 80c black.

Seychelles Islands.—Adhesives, 2c yellow and green, 3c violet and orange, 4c pale green, 8c carmine and green, 10c blue and black, 12c brown and green, 16c red, brown and blue.

St. Vincent.—Adhesives, 2½p. milky blue, 5p. slate brown.

Sierra Leones.—Adhesive, ½p. lilac and green, 4p. lilac and carmine, 6p. lilac.

Switzerland.—Wrapper, 5c carmine on yellow.

Tasmania.—Adhesive, 5 sh. violet and red.

Tonga.—Adhesives, various designs from ½p. to 5 sh. two and three colors to a stamp.

Philatelic Cullings.

BY KLON.

The Canadian Jubilees have a good deal of attention yet, and anything said about them now is apt to have the flavor of a chestnut. But I get mad over them about twice a day. No matter how high an article is "we got to have it," whether it is peaches six for a cent, or ½c Canadian Jubilees at 50c each. I kept pretty good track of the "ads"

of dealers, and thought I would sail in and buy a set up to 50c at \$2.00. Later on I found to my sorrow that I could purchase the entire set for fifty cents less. These stamps are liken to a buzz saw. Let them alone.

Some of the "Official Organs" are conducted on queer plans. One does not send to members of the society except when there is society news in. The paper and the members can never tell "where he is at" for papers miscarry sometimes, and it is generally one that you desire most, that has "fallen by the wayside." If you are entitled to every issue, and one goes astray you can very easily replace it. I recently joined a society on the strength of the official organ (*Philatelic Era*), and naturally expected it regularly, as nothing was said about the peculiar conditions of the contract between the society and the *Era*. One condition is, if you are already a subscriber to the *Era*, you are not entitled to a copy from the society. There is consistency for you! I, however belong to three other societies all having the same official organ (*Columbian Philatelist*), and I receive three official copies, as I should in all justice, and I can have them sent from headquarters to whoever I please, if I don't require the surplus.

A society in the central portion of the United States, received bids for the official organship. One journal, which is issued promptly, made a reasonable offer, but another paper secured the contract. The successful bidders bringing out their May issue in August, and the members are doing some tall growling about these things.

I wish I could call your attention to one society, which stands out in pleasant relief against most of the

others. It has no elections; the officers hold their positions indefinitely. I have not yet heard of a charge of incompetency. It has a superb official journal. It is a rare thing for a member to resign. It is said that one did resign but gave no reason for doing so. The Exchange Department is conducted finely and if a person wants to buy stamps in good faith there is plenty of variety. I refer to the "Stamp Exchange," which may have equals but no superiors.

Society Gossip.

Sec'y Kissinger of the P. S. of A. is hustling for members. Small lists of applications have appeared lately; enough to give members of that grand society heart disease. Wake up, officers and members.

The cards of the E. S. P. S. are very pretty, printed in red and dark green, (the colors of the society). Sec'y McDonnell says the society is booming beyond expectations, one member this month (Oct.) applying from Holland. All the officers are working in unison. The 100th membership mark will surely be reached by January.

Dodge's pet society, C. P. S., is growing larger every month. It can now be classed with the best. Dodge's premium offer has awakened some members to do their duty and see the society grow.

National Phil. Assn. is not in it at 15c a year. Who will take the official organ? The publisher of the CALIFORNIA STAMP would be pleased to have that paper act as such in reasonable terms.

S. of P. under the guidance of Sec. Dodge is rapidly coming to the front again, as a live society; it has been on the retired list for nearly a year, but the members have got

back their old time enthusiasm and the society is on the road to—Klondyke.

The Southern Phil. Assn. is all right but what has become of all the members? Not as many as the I. S. P. S. There is just a little suspicion in regard to receiving free subscription to several other magazines, just when the dues were advanced 25c a year. Can it be possible that these publishers have a finger in that 25 cents extra for their own good? Think it over.

The U. S. P. S. would be better known if a monthly magazine was the official organ. I could name no better paper than the *Perforator* of Hartford, Conn.

The Stamp Exchange of St. Louis is a good society, and in the whole is a success. It seems that if some people see McKeel at the head of any scheme then there is some fraud about it. Although your correspondent is not a member, he has been informed by those who are, and they claim that it is a fair exchange worked on a fair basis and are very well satisfied with stamps they received in exchange for their duplicates.

Below is a membership summary of several societies:

P. S. of A.	1233,	but paid up about	450
S. of P.	1993,	" "	700
E. S. P. S.	89,	" "	89
C. P. S.	344,	" "	300
N. P. A.	32,	" "	32
S. P. A.	69,	" "	69
A. P. A.	881,	" "	881

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Respectfully,

CLEMENT S. HUBBARD.

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Ins. Dept., 1/2 or 2/4
- Mexico**
20 or 25c scarlet
- Hawaii**
1881, 1 or 2c
*1882, 1c green, "1907"
1894, 1 or 2c
- Costa Rica**
*1880, 20c set green
1892, 2c yellow
Official, 1 or 5c
- Canada**
1883, 5c heaver
Register, 2 or 5c
Jubilee, card, 1c
- British Guiana**
1882, 1 or 2c
- San Marino**
*1894, 2c red
- Straits Settlements**
1 or 2c green
- Newfoundland**
1c green
- Obock**
*2c brown and green
- Western Australia**
1882-85, 1 or 2d
- Peru**
*Envelope, 5c green
- Bulgaria**
*1 or 2c green
- Perak**
*1c blue and green
- Portuguese Indies**
1886, 1 1/2 or 4 1/2 reis
- Puttialla**
Official, 1887, 1/2c
Official, 1887, 1/4c
Official, 1892, 1/2c
- Turkey**
1892, 2p pale brown
- Wuhu**
*1/2 cent
- Cape of Good Hope**
1d, 6d, or 1 shilling
- Cuba**
*1871, 50c green
- Shanghai**
*1c brown and blue
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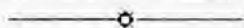
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Monaco and Its Stamps.

BY WEBSTER.

Monaco is a principality in north-western Italy. This principality is the smallest independent country in the world, having an area of only about six square miles. Its population is 12000. The principal cities are Monaco, the capital, Condamine and Monte Carlo, the latter famous for its gambling hall. The climate is fine, and in the summer the cities are thronged with travelers and sightseers.

The stamps of Monaco have been much neglected by the general collector, and for no reason.

There are no surcharges, varieties of paper or perforation and no counterfeits or reprints, in fact there are none of the complications with which many collectors contend, in the stamps of this country.

Monaco issued its first set of stamps in 1885. This set consists of ten varieties of adhesives on paper of various colors, the perforation is 14x13½.

In 1886 two envelopes and two wrappers of the same type as the adhesives made their appearance.

These stamps were in use until 1891, when a set of eleven adhesives four envelopes and two wrappers were issued, all these stamps have the same design with the exception

of an envelope stamp—the 15c rose on green paper, this being of the first type. This stamp is probably an error, for it had a very small circulation as the catalogue price will indicate. As to their value: The first issue is becoming scarce, as a decided advance in the prices each year shows. The second issue being the current one, the prices of this remain as they should—about stationary.

An almost complete collection of the stamps of this country can be made for a small sum, for there are only five stamps, four adhesives and an envelope that are catalogued above one dollar. At present so many countries are issuing new stamps that it would not be at all unlikely that Monaco should follow their example. So my advice is to fill the empty spaces before a new issue sends the prices of the current one skyward.

Our Canadian Letter.

BY F. J. G.

The current issue of postal-cards are now being printed in darker colors and are on much coarser paper.

The 1c Jubilee stamp is found in two shades, yellow and orange.

The first sheets of the new issue of postage stamps for the Domin-

ion of Canada were struck off at Ottawa, the denomination being one-half cent.

The new stamp is neat in design and is not spoiled by any unnecessary workmanship. The design will be the same for all denominations.

The centre consists of a representation of the head of the Empress Queen, wearing the crown and veil. This is taken from an autograph photograph of Her Majesty. Around this on a narrow band is the legend "Canada Postage" and the denomination, whilst the corners contain representations of the maple leaf, on a plain machine turned ground.

As a rule the colors of the stamps will be the same as in the old issue. The chief changes in this respect will be in the one cent and five cent stamps, which will be printed in green and deep blue, respectively, in accordance with the regulations of the Universal Postal Union, which requires uniformity of color in regard to stamps of these denominations. The new issue will not take place all at once but will be made as the existing supplies of the various denominations run out.—The first issued are the half-cent stamp as there is, at the present time, no reserve of this denomination in the hands of Mr. Stanton, the head of the stamp branch of the P. O. Dept. at Ottawa.

The $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, 15 and 50c. current issue are now very scarce, they can't be obtained at the Post offices and are now being sold at a slight advance above face value.

Mr. W. R. Adams has re-issued the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, it was, and still is the best paper published in Canada. Vol. IV. No. 1. is dated Oct. 1897.

Collectors of Canadian Revenue stamps will be glad to know that an entirely new issue of these stamps are now in the process of printing.

Press Review.

The first magazine to enter our sanctum was, *The Perforator* for November. The number lying before us presents a very creditable appearance; from cover to cover, is filled with numerous articles, notes etc. We also notice the illustrations of Bro. Chapman and family, Miss Amy Swift on her silent steed and one of our friend Stowell. Taking all in all Bro. Chapman can be complimented on the grand success he has achieved with the *Perforator*.

The November *Virginia Philatelist* continues to be as handsome as ever and a marked improvement of the contents is noted. No 3, contains many new features some of which are highly commendable "Chats on Counterfeits" and Coup de Etat, are very interesting, and should be read by all ardent collectors looking for information and history. *V. P.* can well claim the distinction of being the handsomest magazine published.

New York Philatelist for November, appeared on time as usual; the contents are varied, but interesting. "Gleanings" composed of items, is one of the features. The "ads" rather overcrowd the reading pages, spoiling the appearance of the contents.

The Philatelic Bulletin, under the editor-ship of E. B. Horn, is much improved in contents. If this is a sample of Bro. Horn's ability, the *P. B.* is bound to be a successful venture.

We see Bro. Dodge's publications nearly every ten days. *The Columbian Philatelist* manages to keep a

bulky appearance. A scientific article by J. B. T. in the stamps of India is the most important, of this month's contents.

The November *American Collector*, is as good as its predecessors. How Bro. Dodge manages to issue such a fine magazine, and continue the publications of his other papers, is beyond our comprehension.

Current Items.

The S. S. S. S. has woken up from a long mid-summer sleep, and with much ado, has black-listed the following series as objectionable emissions:

- 1—Canadian Jubilee Issue.
- 2—Newfoundland: Cabot Issue.
- 3—New South Wales: Hospital Stamps.
- 4—Victoria: Hospital Stamps.
- 5—Leeward Islands: Jubilee Surcharge.

It may interest our readers to know that at the time of the recent destruction of rolls and plates of United States stamps of the issues of 1847 to 1893 inclusive, a portion of the melted metal was cast into paper weights. These paper weights are in the shape of a profile bust of Christopher Columbus. They were presented to prominent officials in the different Departments at Washington.

Some time ago, we chronicled the 2 bolivianos of the current issue of Bolivia as appearing in black. We find this an error; that the stamp is printed in four colors on white paper. The design is printed in black, and the border which surrounds it, in red, green and yellow; the red ex-

tending as far as the upper bandral, containing the inscription "CORREOS DE BOLIVIA;" the yellow extending as far as the lower bandral, containing the inscription "DOS BOLIVIANOS," and the green from that to the bottom. It is said that the stamp does not present a very beautiful appearance.

One Moment Please.

Scott's 58th Catalogue appeared on Nov. 24. Same can be had from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. See "ad." elsewhere. Price 58c post paid.

Joe F. Beard's "ad." contains this month some "rare" bargains of very desirable stamps. Look his "ad." up, it will surely repay your trouble.

The Columbia Stamp Co., of Washington, D. C. "ad." which appears on third page cover is overflowing with "good things." The British African Colonies are decided "snaps," and any readers who lack any of the stamps advertised, should send for them while they can be bought cheap.

On back page cover appears the full page "ad." of Johnstown Stamp Co., of Johnstown, Pa. The "ad." contains a list of packets, the prices of which are extraordinary cheap. Think well before passing this "ad." It may not appear again.

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WITH this our second number, we have made a few changes in general appearances and contents. We are doing our utmost to place the C. S. on a firm basis. Our reading matter is more solid this month, and we will do our utmost to continue it so in future numbers.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to those who have lent their kind aid and support, and we trust that our future efforts will deserve a continuance of same. In order to improve this magazine we need your support, and we respectfully solicit a share of your esteemed patronage.

If you are a collector we would be pleased to be favored with your subscription, which is very low—25 cents per year (12 numbers.) This magazine is fully worth the sum and it is impossible for us to become millionaires; but every subscription we receive assists us in improving the paper, and giving our readers a larger return for their money. Now we will address a few parting words to our other friends, the dealers. If you are a dealer, you are in nine cases out of ten an advertiser. If you happen to be the tenth 'one and don't advertise it's a good time to begin *now*. A dealer who doesn't advertise is likened unto a cranky mule. He is always kicking that business is dull. Now then Mr. Dealer, we wish to call your attention to this paper as an "ad" medium. Although we don't claim to be the only "grape on the bush," still there are *very* few "grapes" in this state that offer the same advantages as this paper. It is published by and for the collector; but we'll cut it short. Perhaps you are busy, and we don't want to take up so much of your valuable time. In conclusion we wish to thank our friends and the public in general for the many kind words of encouragement which are greatly appreciated by
THE PUBLISHER.

WE wish all to distinctly understand that our columns are not open for petty quarrels and disputes of a personal nature among our fellow collectors, would-be politicians and

the like. It is our desire to present a neat, clean and interesting magazine each month, and we will tolerate no bickering of any sort under any circumstances, and all such manuscripts will be rejected without ceremony.

MR. BRODSTONE who was a delegate at the stamp conventions held recently in the east, has requested us to make mention of the fact that several western members of our large national societies are dissatisfied with the result obtained at the late elections, claiming that the eastern members showed no respect for those residing in the west. The whole dispute is centered on the convention seat. New York City was elected fairly and there is no room for doubt, or suspicion of any wrong doing.

Omaha made a brave fight and in one instance lost by a small margin. But the odds were against Omaha, and as New York received the largest vote that city was duly selected. We believe the actions of Mr. Brodstone, Mr. Shepard and their unknown supporters are very nonsensical and undoubtedly spiteful.

Bringing strife between the east and the west is small business and liable to act as a boomerang on the originator of this proposed disturbance. Every collector, whether a society man or not, should make it his business for personal reasons and the welfare of philately that the objects and intentions of those *sore heads* are unaccomplished. It is

only necessary to refuse to co-operate with such a class of agitators, secessionists, alarmists, etc.

THE CALIFORNIA STAMP, as every reader knows, is published in the far west; but we have no complaint to offer and are very much pleased with the result of late elections. We congratulate the members of the A. P. A., P. S. of A., and the S. of P., in electing New York City the 1898 convention seat.

We are certain that all fair minded members hold the same views as we do.

We would advise Brodstone, Shepard & Co. to quit their nonsensical ideas and act like gentlemen should. These proceedings will only damage your own reputation and the west's prospects of late conventions (after 1898). We say again, act and be like gentlemen. Have you never heard the following rule:

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

MR. F. J. GARRATY, our Canadian correspondent, has favored us with copies of the new ½c black Canada stamps. The size is a little larger than the old ½c stamps (1888 issue). The head of Queen Victoria is rather large for so small a stamp, and the crown the Queen wears is a diminutive looking affair.

THIS month we go to press a little later than usually but we hope to appear on time, December 10 probably.

WE still have a few 58th Catalogues on hand and if you desire one the price is 58c but add two cents to that sum when remitting and we will include a years subscription to this magazine, and allow a 30 word exchange notice. Send Money Order (60c) payable to the publisher.

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THERE is some talk of reviving the old Philatelic Society of San Francisco. This is a very good idea and should be acted upon at once. If our brethren in cities smaller than ours can support an active society, there is absolutely no reason why we can't do the same.

"A WORD to the wise is sufficient." An "ad." in the CALIFORNIA STAMP is sufficient, either to sell, buy or exchange your stamps, etc.

COMMENCING with February number (No. 4) our rate will be advanced. It is utterly impossible to furnish a good readable paper if the income derived from same is somewhat smaller than the expenses. We print 1500 copies each issue of which is circulated 1400 copies to active STAMP COLLECTORS.

If you wish to contract for space at present low rates we would advise you to do so NOW.

BROTHER DODGE has the responsibility of three different publications on his shoulders at present. One is enough for us thank you.

AT the very last moment we received a half page "ad" from the Standard Stamp Co. of St. Louis, Mo. We were compelled to hold over a column or more of "Gleanings;" same will appear in our January number. We also received too late for this number an article on Canadian Revenue Stamps. We have reserved same for our January number also.

Firsts.

The first price-list of postage stamps was published in England in 1861.

The first stamp paper in England the following year, and the first stamp album in Paris, the year later.

The first postal card was issued by Austria in 1869. A used copy may be bought today at three cents.

A Correction.

In the initial number of THE CALIFORNIA STAMP an article appeared, which, when originally written, praised the American Stamp Exchange. The "American" was left out by some oversight. In consequence the writer is credited with speaking highly of the Mekeel affair by their "man Friday." Although the writer is a subscriber to *Mekeel's* he thinks the Stamp Exchange of no use to him. KLOA.

It was a source of regret to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Thompson L. Green of Mt. Olivet, Ky., on the 6th of November. Mr. Green was so well known that it is not necessary for us to speak of him at length. He was lately elected exchange superintendent of the P. S. of A., and his death follows closely that of Mr. H. Gremmel, also an officer of the society.

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