

# The PENNSYLVANIA STAMP.

VOL. I.

PATTERSON'S MILLS, PA., NOV. 1895.

NO. 1.

### TO OUR PHILATELIC FRIENDS :

Another stamp paper pounces upon you. We hope you will not resent it. I will now introduce to you the *Pennsylvania Stamp*. We have come into the philatelic field with great odds against us, but with your help we hope to overcome them all. Undoubtedly you would rather be reading something more interesting than an introduction, so to such we will proceed. Very Resp'y. The Publishers.

### Stamp Collector's Don'ts.

Don't put counterfeits in your collection. They are not stamps and are a disgrace to any collection.

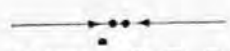
Don't subscribe to just one philatelic paper, but to four or five. The *Pa. Stamp*, for instance.

Don't write to a dealer for an approval sheet and then forget to return same. Some collectors are very forgetful this way.

Don't put torn or soiled stamps in your collection, unless very rare.

Don't expect to receive a sample copy of all stamp papers every month. If you wish them regularly, subscribe.

Don't collect stamps to simply have more than any one else, but study your stamps.



Notes by G. E. O.

The Young Peoples' Magazine of Bos-

ton, a fine 50 to 60 page monthly, which has a circulation of 200,000 copies, (can't say whether monthly or yearly) has a stamp department edited by Harry A. Kidder. The publication also carries a few stamp ads.; only 30c. a line. (?)

Mr. Kissinger, the new secretary of the American Philatelic Association, has gained a foothold in that organization, and now it wouldn't be surprising to hear of him asking Mr. Meekel if he wouldn't please consolidate the A. P. A. with the P. S. of A.

Speaking of P. S. of A. and A. P. A., here's a riddle: Why is it easier to get new members in P. S. of A. than in A. P. A.? Ans. because P. S. of A. costs only 25c. per year dues, while A. P. A. costs \$1. per year. The difference in dues is 75c. and the difference in benefits is not 75c. worth. It may be to some old members, but we fail to see where, and to prospective members it certainly is not. The A. P. A. seems to delight in having a large balance in their treasury.

The Lone Star State Philatelist says the smallest Post Office in the world, and which has no postal system, is located upon the uninhabited rocks of Terre del Fuego. The P. O. building is simply a cask on the end of a pole, and passing ships send a boat off to this cask to get letters going their way and leave letters which they may wish sent in opposite directions.



It is quite a noticeable fact that very many collectors attend college and school. They probably collect to kill time, but even dealers may be found among the college students. Some of the boys who desire to obtain a college education have hardly the means at hand to do so. We hear of some doing typewriting ect. to earn enough to take them through college, and we wonder if some of the boys who are stamp dealers are not such simply for the purpose of raising funds to help them along. It is certainly a pleasurable way of obtaining a college education.

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### Stray Notes From Our Canadian Bro.

IRVING E. PATTERSON.

Irving E. Patterson having resigned as Sec. of L. A. P., Chas. G. Hart, of Pipestone, Minn. has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

The handbook of the S. of P. has not yet appeared. The cause of the delay is the press of ads. (?)

Albrecht's 31st. auction sale is announced for Nov. 19 & 20. Lots consist chiefly of the fine collection of A. C. Grisholz of Phila., and a collection formerly owned by Jaques Harowitz of Frankford-on-the-Main.

Newfoundland stamps will take a large jump in the 56th. They are fast becoming unobtainable.

The Evergreen State Philatelist announces a 6000 copy holiday edition. In fact all the papers announce extras.

Many Toronto collections have changed hands during the past two weeks, and this seems to be a banner year for Toron-

to, as in fact it is for the whole phil. world.

Foo Chow has issued another set of locals. Next!

Wonder how much C. H. Mekeel will get out of that suit for \$25,000. against the Boston Stamp Book.

All philatelic writers and publishers should join the American Philatelic Press Association. H. C. Beardsley is Sec.

The Ladies' Home Journal has a philatelic dep't in charge of G. A. Loue of Toronto.

W. L. Moise has located in Savannah, Ga.

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### A Postage Stamp That Will Be Rare.

Upon the occasion of the seven hundredth anniversary of the birth of Antonius of Padua, which was celebrated last June in Portugal, a set of Jubilee postage stamps was issued bearing portraits of the Saint. There were four designs. Type one shows the Saint praying. Type two as he addresses a sermon to the fishes. Type three, his Ascension to Heaven. Type four, his portrait with the bible and stalk of lilies. Since these stamps were issued for two weeks only, and the balance was to be destroyed on July 2nd., sets of these stamps, particularly used ones, will become scarce, and collectors should try and obtain them at an early date before prices go up.—Phila. Record.

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The ornaments in the upper corners of the new 5c. U. S. stamp are somewhat smaller than in the others.

## The Pennsylvania Stamp.


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### EDITORIAL.

For some time past a project has been on foot to organize a state society in Pennsylvania, but until lately not much interest has been shown in same. But collectors are now beginning to realize that great benefits are to be derived from state societies. Therefore we have taken hold of this long-delayed project, and mean to push it right through to success. Just as soon as 30 or 35 members have been procured we will hold an election of officers. Initiation fee 10c.; dues 25c. per year. I will be pleased to furnish application blanks to any and all who may request same. Hoping this may meet with your approval, I remain,

Yours Very Resp'y,  
Cameron W. Lawton.

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### *Applications for Membership:*

1. C. W. Lawton, Patterson's Mills, Pa.
2. C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.
3. Geo. E. Cleaver, 1132 Perkinson Ave., Reading, Pa.
4. L. Harland King, 30 Thayer St., Washington, Pa.
5. Judson B. Faatz, Bethany, Wayne Co., Pa.
6. Robt Sterling, Patterson's Mills, Pa.

The above will be admitted into full membership on Dec. 1st., providing no objections are received before that time.

C. W. LAWTON, Sec. & Treas., *Pro tem.*

### WHOSE DOG ARE YOU ?

BY FRANK MARION.

THERE was a little female dog  
Oft seen upon the street;  
She was a tidy little dog,  
Looked always trim and neat.  
Whene'er her mistress whistled,  
Then away she always flew,  
Saying, "I'm the Widow Stewpan's dog,  
Whose dog are you?"

CHORUS.

*(Whistle three times.)*

"Bow, wow, wow;  
I'm the Widow Stewpan's dog;  
Whose dog are you?"

But to the doggy's mistress  
There came a sad, sad day,  
When doggy, wishing to be smart,  
From mistress ran away.  
She stayed away one whole long month,  
Then back again she flew,  
Saying, "I'm the Widow Stewpan's dog;  
Whose dog are you?" —Chorus.

The little dog will ne'er again  
From her dear mistress stray,  
For she was very miserable  
All the time she was away.  
And now her mistress has no fear,  
She knows her dog was true,  
She is the Widow Stewpan's dog;  
Whose dog are you? —Chorus.

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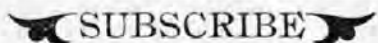
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I collect U. S. Revenues and phil. literature. I wish all collectors of either of these would correspond with me with view of making exchanges. GEO. E. CLEAVER, 1132 Perkinson Ave., Reading, Pa. (P. S. OF A. 434.)

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# THE PENNSYLVANIA STAMP.

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## Instead of Postage Stamps.

A New Scheme That is to be Tried by The German Postal Authorities.

NOVEL system of paying postage on letters, a so-called "postage adder," has been accepted by the German postal authorities. The new apparatus is intended to save labor and time to such firms or individuals as have a very large business correspondence. It will do away with their using postage stamps, and enable them to pay for their postage according to the figures registered by the apparatus. This apparatus, in the shape of a box, is not very large, and bears in the front several dials arranged like these of a gas-meter, showing units, tens, hundreds, thousands ect.; underneath the dials there are six push buttons, each of which bear a figure corresponding with the value of the German postage stamps principally in use, viz: 3, 10, 20, 5 and 50 pfennigs. A long, narrow slot is provided which will admit the letters to be stamped. Within the box and just over the slot there is a steel die, representing a characteristic symbol; in this case the arms of Germany, with the inscription "Duetsche Reichspost," as well as an unchangeable number, which is the registered number of the apparatus. Below this is a stamp giving the date and hour, and a wheel containing dies for the various values, fastened in such a way that the six push buttons control the wheel bearing the figure dies, while the clockwork regulating the day and time is accessible only to the postal clerk who comes to inspect the apparatus once a week. If a number of letters are to be postmarked, they are placed one by one into the slot and a pressure upon the knob on top of the ap-

paratus will stamp the necessary amount upon the envelope with indelible ink. The stamping of an envelope takes less than two seconds, so that, with some practice, it is possible to postmark about 2000 letters per hour with this little apparatus. Another advantage is the paying of postage once a month. Since the apparatus registers automatically the entire amount of postage used by the firm can be revised and counted up without much trouble by the postal clerk. The apparatus has been patented by a Munich engineer.—Die Post.

### Hints for the Younger Collector.

By "Knowledge Box."

A STAMP is said to be rouletted when a line of small slits is across the sheet between every two stamps without removing any of the paper, so that the stamps may be torn apart easily. These slits are sometimes mere dashes; then the stamp is simply said to be rouletted or PERCE EN LIGNE. Sometimes a colored line or a line of colored dashes is printed across the sheet where the line of slits is to be made; the stamp is then said to be "rouletted in colored lines," or "rouletted in color," or "PERCE EN COULEUR." Sometimes the slits are V shaped; the stamp is then said to have a saw toothed perforation, or to be "PERCE EN SCIE." Sometimes the slits are merely small holes pricked in the paper without removing any of it; the stamps are then said to be "pin perforated," and finally the stamps are separated by holes cut out of the paper, and are then said to be "perforated." The number of slits or holes in a distance of two millimetres is counted, and accordingly the stamp is said to be perforated eight, nine, ten, twelve ect.

To tell the difference between an engraved and a lithographed stamp, one requires a little experience. A



stamp is said to be engraved when the lines that appear in color in the impression are cut into the plate. Consequently the paper, when pressed on the plate, is slightly raised under the colored lines, but generally such stamps are afterward pressed so that the raised lines are flattened out. Stamps that are lithographed are printed on stones, on which the designs are only drawn or printed with a peculiar pencil or ink; an acid is then poured over the stone, which slightly eats away the part not covered by the colored lines of the design. Stamps so printed have a smooth, shiny appearance when new, and can easily be told after a little experience. Many stamps are now typographed, that is the colored lines are produced by lines raised in the plate just as in ordinary printers' type. When this work is fine, such stamps cannot always be told from engraved stamps, both being really engraved and differing only in that what are called engraved stamps are printed from plates on which the colored lines are depressed, as we have said, and typographed stamps are printed from plates on which the colored lines are raised.

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### QUEER THINGS SEEN AND HEARD IN ONES' TRAVELS.

BY W. C. MUSSELLMAN.

#### The Englishman and America.

WHILE on a train en route from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh several weeks ago I was seated in front of a middle-aged man whose English nationality was revealed almost at the first word he uttered. When yet more than a hundred miles from Pittsburgh he wanted to know if we were not in Ohio state, and was surprised when informed that several hours must elapse ere the borders of the Buckeye state would be reached. He could scarcely believe it. His next inquiry was if Ohio was not one of the far western states. He

was again informed that the commonwealth which claimed as citizens McKinley, Foraker, Sherman, Brice, Campbell, Thurman and a thousand others who have been and are yet willing to become martyrs in the matter of holding offices, might be properly termed as an eastern state, and that not until the Mississippi river, several hundred miles west of that state, was reached, would he be in what could be termed the West. "By the great Queen Victoria!" he exclaimed. "Why, how big is this H'america?" (The gentleman still clung to the "H" and dropped the same just when he should not). It was explained to him that the state of Pennsylvania was about as large as England, and that there 45 states in the Union, some larger and some smaller than Pennsylvania, but on an average covering about the same area. At this reply the Englishman opened his eyes. He was silent for several minutes, then in an earnest tone he said: "Well, h'its no wonder H'america beats the world in almost h'everything. Why, h'its a world h'itself." The comparison was an apt one, and I smiled over it. The subject reminds me that some of the older citizens of Pennsylvania can remember when a trip from here to Ohio was considered a very long journey, and that state was then called out west. "H'america," as the English gentleman termed it, is not only a world itself, but is passing through a period when time and distance are being annihilated by steam and electricity. If the Englishman could come back this way 100 years hence, how he would marvel as he noted the changes! And how all of us would stare and wonder under similar circumstances!

## Pennsylvania Philatelic Association.

### NEW MEMBERS.

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| Walter A. Smith, Franklin, Pa.                | " " F. B. Black.                       |
| B. G. McFall, Eldried, Pa.                    | " " J. B. Faatz.                       |
| J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Allegheny co., Pa. | " " C. W. Kissinger.                   |
| Jno. H. Rice, Winterburn, Pa.                 | " " J. M. Thompson.                    |
| Teofeel Demay, Penfield, Pa.                  | " " "                                  |
| Jas. H. Christy, Winterburn, Pa.              | " " "                                  |

The above applications will be admitted to full membership on Jan. 1st., provided no objections are filed prior to that date. All collectors in the state of Pa. are invited to join the P. P. A. For full particulars and application blanks address the secretary, C. W. Lawton, Pattersons Mills, Pa.

Nominations for officers is now next in line. We will want a President, V. President, Secretary, Treasurer, Exc. Supt., Auction M'g'r and

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## Editorial.

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Collectors.—We also must have a word with you. Why don't you subscribe? Only 15c. a year. When we mailed our first issue we just sat down and waited for the nickels and dimes to come pouring in by the hundred, but low and behold you we are still waiting. Subscribe, brother, subscribe.

A New Society.—The Pennsylvania Philatelic Association was organized strictly for Pennsylvania collectors, and all should show their appreciation by joining at once. Initiation fee 10c; dues 25c. per year. Come along, boys. Let us all join hands and see if old Pennsylvania cannot yet lead the country in the largest strictly state organization yet formed. It can be done with your help.

Unsolicited Approval Sheets.—Considerable is being written up in our stamp papers about this wonderful Society recently formed for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps, but in our opinion we think if a Society for the Suppression of Unsolicited Approval Sheets was formed it would be doing far more good for collectors in general. A good many dealers are in the habit of sending sheets to collectors with a 2c. stamp to pay return postage, and when stamps are returned claim they never received them, and then try to scare the collector into paying for them by claiming they will place the matter in the hands of the P. O. inspector and they will arrest you for using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Collectors, pay no attention to these threats, whether you return the stamps or not. How can you be accused of fraudulent use of the mail when you have not used it at all? My advice is to keep all unsolicited stamps until the P. O. inspector calls for them. Yours Resp'y.

CAMERON W. LAWTON.

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Librarian and 3 Trustees. One and all are invited to send in their choice for the respective offices. All nominations will be published in Jan. issue and votes called for. No membership cards will be sent out until permanent officers are elected. Each and all members whose dues are paid will receive their cards not later than Feb. 25th., 1896.

A \$1. Columbian stamp, which has now been out of issue about six months, sold the other day at auction for \$6. The \$5 state department stamp, which sold two years ago at auction for \$6.50, is now accounted a bargain at \$90, and some specimens have brought as high as \$150. The stamp fad becomes expensive.

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## COMPARISONS ARE DEPRESSING.

A ONE-PAGE advertisement in an issue of the CENTURY magazine costs \$500; in HARPER'S \$400 down to \$100. A column in the New York HERALD for a year, costs \$40.400. This is a pointer for some of our local advertisers who pay \$2 and \$3 for an ad. and think they are doing an extensive and liberal amount of advertising.—*Mt. Holy Dispatch.*

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## WESTERN NEB. NOTES.

BY A NEBRASKA CRANK.

**C**ALIFORNIA is getting a large number of new collectors from the different western states. In the two months application list of P. S. of A. after Denver meet there was over a hundred and fifty. Two thirds were from west of the Mississippi river. This shows that it pays to hold a meet in the West.

New stamp papers are on the go and also on new auction line. That is philatelic papers of auction and both from Pennsylvania, Joplin and Cleaver being first in the field. Next!!!

Minnesota is getting ready to make things hum for the meet next year, and every collector should go even if you have to ride a wheel there. It would be a good idea for the societies to meet there when G. A. R. meets at St. Paul, thus getting a cent a mile rate. This state has now 3 stamp papers going, and all good ones.

Iowa seems to be the only state along the Miss. river without a paper. A club paper is the only one that has much about stamps; it is partly devoted to them.

Think it would be a good idea for all stamp societies meeting next year to adopt a badge and password. Think it would take with collectors in general.

We see Pennsylvania has also stepped in the ring and organized a state society. We are pleased to note the interest thus taken in state societies. Great benefits are to be derived from state organizations, and each and every state should have its own organization. We also note that C. W. Lawton and King Kissinger is at the head of this society, which means its success is assured.

Those who have neglected to buy the specimens needed to complete their sets, the present year, will be "kicking" themselves as soon as they see Scott's 56th. catalogue, which will soon make its appearance.

If stamp dealing and collecting should suddenly cease, Uncle Sam would soon see a vast decrease in his postal revenues,

Plate numbers seem to be absorbing a great deal of collectors attention lately. What next?

Why does not some dealers issue a catalogue for the younger collectors? We are afraid that the multiplicity of varieties and the rapid rise in price of many stamps will have a tendency to bewilder and discourage a number of young beginners.

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## OUR PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

BY ED.

THE Evergreen State Philatelist was first to reach our sanctum, dated November, containing about 16 pages of adv. matter and about 8 of reading, nevertheless it contains a lot of good reading, and is not as green as its name would imply. They claim that this big edition came so near paying expenses that they are disposed to try another in the near future. Probably the next will over-run expenses a few cents.

The Stamp, published at Groveland, Mass., is next in line. With November's No. it issued its 6th No. It contains some good notes ect. Small but growing.

The Michigan Philatelist for Dec. comes along as usual strictly on time, and presents a very creditable number, containing some really good articles and notes. An article entitled "Dealers' Delinquencies," by I. E. Weldon, we think hits the mark just about square. The L. A. P. department shows that society to be in a flourishing condition; 21 new members with 15 applications for membership.

The Philatelic Californian, representing the Pacific coast, comes joggling along, containing a catalogue of speculative postal issues, which will be of a great benefit to all collectors not wishing to place these stamps in their collection.

The Lone Star State Philatelist still continues to shine as bright as ever.

Meekel's Weekly contains a note which may be of some interest to collectors, as follows: We have heard from New York recently that a set of Cuban Republic stamps has been prepared and sent out to Europe, but that the stamps are simply of a speculative character and that the Cuban revolutionists have not yet succeeded to that point where they might be called a Republic, and authorize anything of a postal character. We understand the committee on unnecessary stamps have investigated this series and have turned them down. These are something to keep hands off for the present.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp again takes the lead by trying first to mail papers in a large envelope. This is a very nice way and keeps papers in a good condition for binding. Would that more publishers would do the same.

All philatelists should have a copy of the Pennsy for Dec. as it is going to be immense. Always in the lead.

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## PHILATELIC MISSIONARY WORK.

By D. Harlam King.

THIS is a far more important subject than we are liable to suppose from first thought. I have read numerous articles on what their authors does or would do in case some one should become interested in their collection and begin to ask about it, but instead of waiting for some one to become interested in your collection, why would it not be a good idea to do a little Philatelic Missionary Work? There are a great number of philatelists who are employed in offices and stores where young folks are likely to drop in and spend a few minutes in conversation to pass away the time.

Now here is an opportunity for you to get in your work. Get the subject of stamps started up in some way, then get out your collection and show it to them and explain those things about it which the uninterested do not understand; then note if any seem to take any special interest in the collection and if you find such a one, offer him some of your duplicates to begin a collection with for himself. If he accepts them give him also a philatelic paper and it would be a good idea to let that paper be the official organ of the society to which you belong, if you are a member of any. He would then be more likely to join it when the time comes for him to join one. But this class of people are not the only ones who are in a position to do Philatelic Missionary Work.

Students have a grand chance to work amongst their class-mates and fellow students. Newspaper men might slip in little notes once in a while which would draw attention to Philately. Agents when canvassing might inquire now and then for old stamps and in that way get the young folks of the family interested and at the same time stand a chance of making some great finds. Teachers might use stamps in some of their classes to advantage and in that way get the pupils interested in Philately. There is not a Philatelist in whatever occupation he may be who does not at times have splendid opportunities to bring new recruits into our ranks. Then why not do it?

## THE PHILATELIC FRATERNITY.

By H. B. Briggs.

DID you ever think of the close connection which exists between the Philatelist of today? If not, it may be of interest to discuss the subject.

When a philatelist comes to our town, how quickly do we become acquainted, if by chance we happen to discover that he is a collector. How many topics in common we have, discussing the last election, or the coming ones, the plate-number fad, the study of minor varieties or any other of the numerous questions placed before the philatelist. If he happens to be a member of society which we also belong to, or is a well known dealer or collector, we take him home with us and give him the best the house affords. Perhaps we discover him from

some casual words he utters in the store, or as he gets off the train or perhaps by his society badge; perhaps he has written us or we have seen some notice of his intended visit in a philatelic paper.

However we discover him he is sure to have a royal welcome when we find him out. We'll enjoy his visit, and so will he and both of us will profit by it, especially if he brings his duplicate books with him, for two philatelist with a lot of duplicates were never known to miss a chance for trading. When he goes away kind words speed him and kind thoughts make the journey lighter for him, and afterwards there exists a friendship which lasts until we both depart this world. Thus are philatelic friendships formed and such friendship makes the "philatelic fraternity."

Perhaps however, we may become friends in other ways though we do not know what each other looks like. Mayhaps we are brother editors—a position yours truly would ponder in long and wisely before assuming—and become acquainted through the press. I'll admit that ye editors are quite as often at enmity as at peace, still these are very strong friendships formed in this way; and then again, how many of us who didn't often write our feelings through the press, have a kindly thought for some prominent man in the stamp world.

The philatelic world consists of one mass of friendships, every stamp collector naturally has a friendly feeling for every other stamp collector and appreciates his troubles and difficulties. Of course, there are political differences and sometimes some pretty hard hitting, but in the long run we are a very "fraternal" fraternity. Where else do you find such a feeling? Not in general politics; not in secret organizations to such an extent as in philatelic ranks. Nowhere do we find such close fraternal feeling between people of both sexes, so widely separated in geography, language and social customs as among the "philatelic fraternity."

O'h! I bless the day I became a philatelist if for no other reason than the comfort I get out of being one of a grand mass of people who think and act alike.

## CANADIAN NOTES.

By Irving E. Patterson.

**H**EREAFTER, Mr. Adams of the "Canadian Philatelic Magazine" will print the "Canadian Philatelic Magazine" himself and much better work is promised.

The "Western Stamp Co.," who recently opened an office at No. 8 E. King St., Toronto, say that this is the busiest year philatelically, that Toronto has seen.

According to the "Canadian Philatelic Magazine" general report the number of registered letters tampered with during the postal year of 1895 was 222, this shows up very well as the department has delivered 3,237,200 letters during the year.

Many of Scotts' 56th. quotations on Canadian stamps are far too low and dealers are ready to buy them at full catalogue value.

The "Ottawa and Toronto Philatelic Societies" have reorganized for the coming year.

Spain is to have a new set of stamps early in the Spring.



All advanced Canadian Collectors who have seen copies of the 5-cent registered unperforated, are of the opinion that the same are clipped.

Mr. T. S. Clark the well known Canadian dealer will hold an auction in the near future.

The Dues of the "Dominion Philatelic Association" have been reduced to 25c per year. And all collectors are invited to join.

There were only 833 12d of Canada issued.

Have you the ten cent of '61 variety.

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## PHILATELIC LITERATURE SALES.

By Edd.

FOR the benefit of literature collectors we will give the following rough outline of some papers sold recently at auction sale. C. W. Lawton's, Pattersons' Mills, Pa., when first sale took place Dec. 20th '95, brought some very fair prices:—Stamp Collectors Companion, 4 numbers complete, brought 25c; Phil. Hustler, 3 numbers complete, 10c; Rocky Mountain Philatelist, 2 numbers complete, 10c; Philatelic Mail & Express, 1 number complete, 5c; Vol. 5. Pennsylvania Philatelist, 25c; Columbian No. 9 Pennsy, 22c; Vol. 2. One Dime, 30c., Vol. 3, 25c; Philatelic Newsletter, first 4 numbers, 20c; Florida Philatelist, Vol. 1. complete, 25c; 5 copies of the Mo. Philatelist sold for 25c; 27 copies of Springfield Philatelist, sold for 40c; 10 copies of The Eagle Philatelist sold for 30c; 15 copies of The Golden Philatelist for 20c and Scott's 55th edition Catalogue for 20c.

At Judson N. Burton's 13th Sale which was held Dec. 25 & 26th., some very fair prices was also recorded as the following will show:—Phil. Herald, Vol. 4., 12 numbers complete, sold for 41c., same Vol. 5. 3 No. for 20c; Standard Philatelist, Vol. 1. 8 No.s complete 30c; One Dime, Vol. 1. complete 26c; Kissingers' Philatelic Postal Card, 4 No. sold for 35c; Volume 3 of Quaker City Philatelist, bound for \$1.06; Badger Philatelist, Vol. 1 No. 1. to Vol. 2. No. 9, fetched 63c; 49 copies of Philatelic Journal of America, Vol. 5 to 10 with Vol. 8 complete sold for \$5.65; 128 copies of Mekeel's Weekly sold for \$2.01 and 149 different philatelic papers a mixed lot sold for \$2.10. The above figures will show that "Philatelic Literature" is a good investment. A great many collectors are turning their attention to the formation of complete libraries. But to have a complete library means a vast lot of work let alone a full pocket-book. My advice to one and all is to buy while you can for in a few years more there will be a large rise in price of literature and a great many papers will be out of reach of the average collector.

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## PHILATELIC POINTERS.

By Ben L. Morris.

GREETINGS, little Pennsy. The more the Merrier.

The western "P. S. of A." members don't want much, only the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ex. Sup't., and Convention Seat for 1897.

The habit of electing one man to office in three or four societies should be discouraged. He can't do right by all of them.

A society for collectors of Philatelic Literature will soon be organized. This is a move in the right direction and will have the hearty co-operation of all collectors.

What is the matter with Maud Charlotte Bingham for next Vice-President of the "P. S. of A."

U. S. Revenues form a great field for the collectors of shades. Those catalogued as red are found in any shade from that to a deep brown.

If you intend to bind your stamp papers, don't take off the cover or advertisements. An exchange states that "Veritas" is about twelve years old. Puritan is evidently younger.

Bravo Mekeel! That "Daily Stamp Item" is the best thing you ever did for Philately. Every collector should have it.

Incorporation was a good move for "Philatelic Sons of America."

Are you going to vote the Springfield's "D. C." Ticket?

The "American Philatelic Magazine" is the Official Journal of the "Chicago Philatelic Society." We have not seen the December number yet.

All the December papers were late, even the Michigan was a day late. They were dreaming!

The name of the next President of the "Philatelic Sons of America" has not yet been mentioned.

When the next "Philatelic Sons of America" campaign opens, "remember the fate of the "Sons of Philatelia."

Has the new "Collector" left us?

## SOME SHORT STAMP ITEMS.

By De Revaele.

**W**E are pleased to note that the pictures of the Seebecks which have heretofore adorned the front-cover of our first cousin—The Pennsylvania Philatist,—have at last been replaced with cuts of foreign stamps, which are worth looking at. Its a great improvement.

A Boston collector says, that in a few years foreign stamps would be outcasts on this side of the Atlantic. He remarks that it would be nothing but U. S., U. S., and U. S. Collecting U. S. stamps is such a good investment and besides it alone takes all the spare cash (and sometimes more) out of everyones' pocket unless he is not far short of being a semi-millionaire, that foreign stamps seem to be already cast down by the majority of collectors on this side. This will of course tend to depress the value of foreign stamps hereabouts, while the prices of U. S. stamps will sail sky-high. Who can tell what will happen yet.

Some U. S. Stamps bring more at auction in England than in the U. S. A 5c black, N. Y., sells for from \$8.00 to \$8.25, against \$6.25 to \$7.25 in U. S. Why?

A Washington dealer advertises unserved pairs of a certain value of U. S. Revenues which have been perforated by sewing machine on the outside border of the pairs while between the two stamps there is no perforation whatever. I cannot see that these are official perforations, for they would be perforated between every stamp. Anybody can perforate with a sewing machine and these pairs were probably done by private parties, for convenience. Why charge a fancy price? Do you think they should be recognized at all?

\*A 12-c unused Agriculture Dep't, stamps brought \$9.60 at auction recently, which is \$1.60 above catalogue. It must have been an extra fine copy.

Why is Father Mathew, T. M. Co., 4c black, Medicine Stamps, catalogued at 50c when they can be purchased retail at 15c each.

The 90-c Justice stamp was advanced from \$25.00 to \$50.00 by catalogue in one year. Still, Scott puts \$10.00 extra on it. Why is a stamp catalogued at \$60.00 when it seldom brings over \$40.00 at auction? It seems that the catalogue makers place a high price on some stamps so it will help hold up their real value.

In U. S. Revenues 2nd. and 3rd. issue, also 1871 Proprieties, the vignettes were printed at a different time than the frame and they were not always printed exactly in centre of frame. Some collectors call these mis-strikes and price them higher therefore. There is no necessity for placing a price higher than market upon them for as many were printed "lopsided" as perfect. We should think the perfect evenly centered ones would be the more desirable.

Torn stamps are very hard to sell. When I see a torn stamp on a sheet, I overlook it as though there was no stamp there at all. It's a pity stamps tear so easy and it aids in making good stamps all the rarer. Collectors should always be very careful of their stamps. Sometimes when a collector is handling a stamp and a slight, very slight tear, which would be hardly be noticeable, is accidentally caused, in a fit of sudden rage the possessor destroys the entire stamp. Who is there who ever did this, that was not sorry the very next minute. Exercise all care and no trouble will occur.

It is delightful to see how the Seebecks, Reprints and Speculative issues go begging for buyers. On the Exchange Sheets of our societies, this is especially observable. By the time the circuits are completed there is very little left besides the above mentioned trash, and torn stamps (more trash.)

No one ought to exchange stamps unless he has the Standard Catalogue to base values upon. No one should be allowed to put stamps in an Exchange Department of any of the Societies, unless he has this same catalogue to go by. The young collectors usually price common stamps very high and it only takes up a lot of space and other peoples' time; still they wonder why the stamps don't sell. Then they say the exchange departments are no good. Well, we all had to learn.

Only one year ago imperforate Official Seals were held at \$10.00 net, and some sold at that price. A few days ago a fine unserved pair with an inch margin on two sides, was offered me at \$1.50. Just think of the poor fellow who paid \$10.00 for a single specimen last. But, why did the price drop so? Is somebody making a lot of them.

## THE DAILY.

By G. E. Cleaver.

YEARS ago, when Philately was more of a universal pleasure than a speculation, as it partially is today, everybody looked upon a monthly stamp paper as something rather wonderful. Stamp Collectors were contented to receive one, two or more monthlies regularly, and lo! when a weekly was issued, they were awed at the daring of the publisher and only pitied him for the expense he would incur.

There were several weeklies published (each for a short time) before Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News appeared on Jan., 1st 1891. As this paper seemed to be a success, "The Weekly Philatelist, The Southern Weekly Philatelist, Canadian Philatelic Weekly, Lone Star State Philatelist and Weekly Philatelic Era," have all been in the field as weeklies. And today, besides "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News", the "Lone Star State Philatelist" and "Weekly Philatelic Era" are the only ones still being published. These three seem to be very healthy.

The weeklies seem to be quite popular, as the patronage will prove. The majority of the monthlies are uncertain about coming out on time, much to the detriment of both writers and advertisers, especially the latter. A few monthlies are published promptly and they deserve all the success that is to be had. But it seems that weeklies are just about a necessity. They are always filled with good up-to-date news and are seldom late.

Two or three years ago, Mr. E. W. Plummer of Denver, Colorado, advertised the publication of a daily stamp paper. This was a surprise to all and a great hue and cry was made about it; also not very encouraging predictions. However, Mr. Plummer was one of the wise men of that time and never carried out his ideas. Only a few months ago, Mr. C. W. Parker, of Meriden, Ct., startled the Philatelic World by announcing the publication of "The Daily Philatelist." Comments on this new venture were numerous, nearly every stamp paper having something to say about it. Many said it was altogether unnecessary to have a daily stamp paper and that it was uncalled for. It was really uncalled for, but no one ventured a reasonable excuse why it would be unnecessary. Some had nothing to say about it and very few favored it.

Well, we waited and waited for that "Daily Philatelist," with the \$3.00 subscription safe in our pocket-books, but it never showed up. When Mr. Parker later issued a small size weekly, which is hardly worth a place in a library, every one knew "The Daily" was "up the spout". We think its the best thing that could have happened for we do not think Mr. Parker could have issued more than 5 or 6 numbers—straight.

But on the 1st of January, 1896, the world both philatelic and otherwise, was certainly startled by the appearance (sure enough) of the "Daily Stamp Item", emanating from the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Pub. Co., of St. Louis. Although not publicly announced, it came nevertheless and rather timidly too, for the Editor comes forth under the queer non-de-plume of "Office Cat." This shows some fears, even by this large concern, but as they have passed the unlucky number 13 and everything seems bright, it is very probable the "Daily" will be a great success. There is cash to back it up, surely, and taking the large correspondence this firm has, together with telegrams, their ad's., and so forth, the Editor ought to be able to scrape up enough every day to fill in. There is much happening every day in Philately, and if it could all be brought out, 'twould fill a good sized stamp newspaper each day. It is certainly fine to come home at noon or evening and find "The Daily" always waiting for you with the "latest."

The Telegraphic items are timely and help to make Philately swifter. "The Daily" is not the place for statistical or solid articles, but news—news of the day—similar to our regular daily papers. The weeklies and monthlies can publish the solid articles and statistics and in fact there will not be much else left but such articles, as the every day visitor will consume nearly all the short notes, etc. I am very glad, and suppose all Americans are, that this important step was taken

in America. Some say that Philately in Europe is far ahead of that in America, but we are inclined to think that we are gaining so rapidly that the U. S. will soon be at the top of Philatelic sphere; and we are not wasting space to say that before long, America will be greater Philatelically than all the rest of the world together. This may seem a ridiculous prediction, but just wait and see. The Daily (or perhaps the dailies, for New York City would be a good place for another) will help to accomplish this and will aid Philately similar to the way our regular dailies help us on current topics in general.

Suppose Lewis Davis (everybody shiver) should be detected his at old tricks anywhere. The world would know all about it from one to three days afterwards and his plans would be quickly frustrated. He could be traced up better and probably captured. Same with all frauds; for instance—look how the news of the New York Check Swindler, Eastman, was spread abroad through "The Daily". It was reported next day and published, while the weeklies and monthlies must wait until their publication date arrives, before giving the news, unless there is a special edition sent out; but who's the fool that's going to do it?

Here's another thing favorable to a daily. Suppose a collector would need some money in a hurry with no way of procuring same unless he would sacrifice his collection or part of it. He could advertise his collection in from two to five days and all dealers would know of it, while if he were to write to even twenty-five dealers concerning it, look at the cost and labor. I have heard of three or four dealers telegraphing for collections which have been advertised cheap.

Although personally, I don't admire everything, the Mekeels do, yet I am more than delighted at their enterprise in setting forth this new era in Philately and Philatelic Journalism. It will be the talk of Philatelist for a long time, until we get used to it; it will occasion some talk among non-Philatelists; it will convert some non-Philatelists, we are sure and it will set a faster pace to Philately. I predict that, if "The Daily" is issued as regularly as our local dailies, it will place Philately on a standard of 50pc higher in a year than it would have been had we kept on in the same old rut. This is an age of advancement and nothing that is reasonable is too swift for us.

Long live "The Daily Stamp Item" and may it prosper, even though the "Office Cat" must put his face on the front page, as a space-filler sometimes when he is short of news. We say! Hur-ra!!

## Shall We Have A PHILATELIC LITERATURE SOCIETY?

**E**IGHTEEN hundred and sixty-four is supposed to be the year the first stamp paper appeared in America. From that time until the present there has been somewhere in the neighborhood of seven hundred and fifty different stamp periodicals published, of which only about 45 are now in existence. From 1880 to date there have been a very great many published and some very creditable ones, too. Now we must not suppose that all these papers and magazines contained nothing about stamps. In fact, they expounded Philately wonderfully. The Philatelist of the last decade, who has read with pleasure all the most important articles which appeared in the best papers, is constantly looking for something new—new issues, new stories, new notes, new ad's., new articles on stamps—in fact everything new.

Now suppose we take the Philatelist of the last year or two. He, if he has been much interested in our pet-hobby, has been reading all the most important stamp journals now in publication. He is very anxious to come across some good articles bearing on his specialty (for we all have one or two pet-countries as specialties), but his ideal is not forthcoming. Why? Why is there not a good descriptive article on such-and-such a country published? Well may he wait and probably in vain. The general reason that he cannot find in the stamp journal of today, some of the good things he'd like to see, is because there has been published in the stamp journal of the past, some excellent articles on all sorts of Philatelic topics, some of them being very exhaustive on the stamps of certain countries. Now the Philatelic publisher of today does not care to reprint all these articles. Occasionally they are reprinted, and if more than of ordinary merit, they are read and enjoyed by all. But the old time Philatelists will not have it. Very many of us are old Philatelists and what's the use of reading again something which we know by heart.

Now then, how will we later Philatelists get around this difficulty? Simply enough; collect the back-numbers of all the stamp papers which were ever published, especially those from 1880 to date. Many of them are very easy to secure while others are rather rare. Collectors of literature were few in the earlier days and so many papers were destroyed. Others are in bad condition especially the smaller uncovered ones. It is about impossible to get hold of only what you need without securing duplicates also. If you were to buy all the single numbers you need, it would require a large amount of cash and its altogether unnecessary. Stamp papers in lots of from 50 to 1000 can be purchased at from 50-c. to \$1.50 per hundred. Your single numbers will cost from 3-c to 25-c each and some times as high as 75-c each. The stamp papers of the 70's are very scarce and command high prices as well as some later ones. As an instance: I paid \$1.75 for Vol. 1. 500's American Philatelist (A. P. A.) and later found another volume in a lot of 2000 papers which cost me no more than 1-c each. Among this lot I also found a copy of P. J. of A., no. 1. which could hardly be purchased anywhere for \$1.50 or \$2.00. Now suppose you buy a lot of papers, say 1000; you find 200 or perhaps 20 of your "wants" you don't want to give the balance away. Oh no! Philatelic papers are not given away nowadays. Did you notice it? You can exchange them for other papers that you need.

In my career of collecting literature, I secured on an average 3 duplicates to one want. As I said above, the best way is to exchange; but some parties who have large lots of old Philatelic Literature, don't care to exchange for other papers, because they need none of the papers which you may have duplicates of. In such a case you must buy. There comes a time when your library becomes so large and nearly complete, that needed papers are sometimes very hard to secure. A lot of corresponding is necessary to secure all the papers you are in need of, together with exchanging, etc., and it seems that the Philatelic Literature Collectors are not linked close enough together for their common good. There are many unsatisfactory exchanges made, but usually their are unintentional and sometimes almost unavoidable. Our National Philatelic Societies are probably formed more for exchange purposes than anything else, unless it be friendship.

Now why cannot we Literature Collectors have a society of our own. Some of us collector all the papers we can secure while others collect some of the best files only. Probably they have not the space to keep a complete library, much as they'd like to have one. Our duplicates take up a lot of space and there's nothing like keeping things moving. The American Philatelic Association, have, I believe, a Literature Exchange Department. I do not know how the exchange is carried on or whether the department is moving at all. The P. S. of A. propose having a similar department, but they are very slow about composing it. There seems to be a feeling of unity and alliance among the Literature Collectors. Often I explained a probably way of conducting a Literature Exchange Department, to a dozen or more of my friend collectors; they seemed to jump right at it. Some wanted to start the ball rolling at once while others are impatient. There are probably 300 or 400 Literature Collectors in U. S. and Canada, at

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with this one and find that they all  
correspond & have the same error of  
pagination 25 in place of 21.

E. D. Bacon.





who are interested in a library. Why couldn't we 200 or 300 collectors form a Society least 200 of which are actively engaged with their library. There are also some foreigners for Exchange, Friendship, Encouragement, Progress, etc. A society of 200 would be so very easy to manage that it seems it will be a great success.

A President, Secretary-Treasurer and Exchange Superintendent, would be all the officers necessary for a beginning, I think. There would be little expense connected with the running of the Society. The officers would have postage bills to be paid, some application blanks printed, and few more minor expenses. We need not necessarily hold conventions, and by having 100 or 200 members in the Society, they could be kept in about as close touch as a local society which has corresponding members. Of course an official organ is necessary, and we could use a page or more in some philatelic paper or else publish a bulletin of our own. A 4-page bulletin can be published monthly for about \$2 50 for as many or more copies than we need, exclusive of postage.

Ten cents initiation and 25-c yearly dues would be plenty to run a society until we want luxuries of some kind. The President will have very little to attend to and the Sec'y., and Treasurer will not have much to attend to after about 50 members are gathered in. He will have less to see after, I think than the Secretary of a local society. The Exchange Sup't. will have the most to attend to, but not as much as you think. All we literature collectors have been Philatelists for several years before thinking of a library and therefore the majority of us are not youngsters. As a rule, most of us have cash on hand continually, for purpose of buying literature and this being the case, my place of exchange is on a "cash basis", similar to the stamp exchange dep'ts. of our societies. The papers are not circulated, but instead lists are. Each member that has duplicates to exchange will send to the Exchange Sup't; for blank sheets, and on those sheets he will write the Name, Volume, Number and his price on each single paper, or if he prefers he can put in volumes or groups of papers. Single numbers are the most advisable. These sheets can be made up size about 8x11 inches or thereabouts and at top have Society heading and directions for purchasers. This will take up two inches or a little more. Then below the sheet is divided for two rows of names and printed so that papers can be listed very quickly. We illustrate here on next page what we mean. This is reduced size but it will answer the purpose. It will be seen how easy it will be to list papers properly. Each member who owns the papers listed on his sheets can put his own price to each paper, catalogue or philatelic work, as the case may be and purchasers can buy or not at the sellers' price. Everybody who has anything to sell, ought to know what it is worth to him. After a while prices will gradually become more equal and as a result, the market value of back numbers of stamp papers and also of old catalogues and works, will become a feature in Philatelics. A good idea to save trouble would be for members to pay postage on the lists, therefore when sending to Ex. Sup't., for lists, enclose about 2-c for each two or three sheets. It will save expense of the Society and prevent a lot of bother and besides it will be a very small item.

Two advantages of the Ex. Dep't; are obvious. First—Sheets (or lists) can be sent direct to members as they want them and returned direct, thus forming no circuit and making rapid time. Accounts can be kept for each member this way. Second—Lists can be sent by mail, unregistered, thereby saving quite an item of expense. Care should be taken in addressing letters, but if lists are lost there will be no actual pecuniary loss. There will be lots of filled lists on hand as nearly every collector has duplicates and will want to dispose of them. A few collectors have no duplicates, or very few, and this is where the advantage of a Cash Ex. Dep't, comes handy. He can get what he needs for cash and gets a better show than any other way too. Probably we could arrange to hold auctions and then an Auction M'gr; can be chosen. Some of us subscribe for all the present publications and probably through the society we could subscribe for 10, 20 30 papers at once very cheap. We could get also Klep's binders, etc. cheaper, probably. I am not afraid to say this whole plan of exchange, etc., is my own idea (call it a one-man plan, if you choose) but if there is anything more practical, out with it. Let's have a hundred man plan; opinions are in order. We don't want to run a society for petty quarrels, scrappy elections, etc; but we want to organize for business and I think we can do more business than any other society on the face of the earth. We want no "big guns" to grab offices, just for fun, but as long as a competent and trustworthy person, who will attend to his duties, holds office, we are satisfied. I hope my efforts to arouse interest in a "Philatelic Literature Society" will not be in vain. I have 12 names on my list already, who will join anytime we start the ball rolling.

Mr. Ben L. Morris of Bellaire, Ohio and Mr. J. M. Thompson Big Run, Pa., can give other information, also the writer. Well, here's to the success of the "Philatelic Literature Society."—G. E. Cleaver.



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EDITORIAL.

**A New Society!** On another page will be found an article entitled "Shall We Have A Philatelic Literature Society" by G. E. Cleaver, which is worthy of the attention of all Literature Collectors. A society of this kind would be a great benefit to collectors in general and we hope collectors will see the great advantage to be derived there from and not be backward in sending their names to Mr. Cleaver, who is an all-round hustler, and if organized, will make the Society a huge success.

**Magical Words These.** Persons wishing their letters to go through the mails in a hurry should always write, "in haste" on the lower left hand corner of the envelope. Then everybody connected with the postal service jumps around lively. The stage driver whips his horses into a brisk trot, the postmaster dances a jig and the route agent rushes forward and tells the engineer to pull the throttle open and let her go. We received about 50 letters last month with these words on, chease it, we say.

**Our Proposition.** We take this means of announcing to all Philatelists, that twelve numbers of THE PENNSYLVANIA STAMP will constitute Volume 1; all will be issued without covers, and at the end of the volume we propose to present each and every subscriber whose name has been atleast six months on our books, with a handsome cover for Volume 1., Free of Charge. When the Volume is bound this way it will be a handsome book of not less than one hundred and fifty pages. Better send in your subscription at once.

**Unsolicited Approval Sheets.** In our last issue we said a few words about Unsolicited Approval Sheets, and it raised such a haliboo, that we are again dispersed to give our opinion in the matter. In my last, I advised all collectors to keep all Unsolicited Sheets until the P. O. Inspector called for them. Now I have received several communications on this. Mr. L. V. K. of New York wanted to know if the Inspector would ever call and several others asked the same questions. These parties perhaps thinks they can solicit sheets and hold them and all will be O. K., but this is not the case. If you order stamps from a dealer you are responsible for them until the dealer receives them back; but should the dealer send them un asked-for, the dealer is responsible for them and not the collector to whom they are sent. The dealer who works at this business is one of Philatelies pests. He is an expense to the United States Post Office Department and a draw back to Philately in general. Collectors should all join hands and help to exterminate him from our ranks.

**Thanks.** We have received "The Michigan Philatelist; The Mo. Phil; The Midland Phil; Michigan Stamp; Eastern Philatelist; Southern Phil., Dixie Phil., The Stamp; International Phil., Evergreen State Phil., American Phil Magazine and The Pennsy. Catalogue of C. L. Moreaus, 9th Auction Sale; Priced catalogue of Judson N. Burtons' Xmas sale for which the respective proprietors will please accept our thanks.

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I have stamps, phil. papers, tobacco tags, magazines, boys' papers, novels, etc; which I desire to trade. Would like to correspond with any one having any of the above. Send offers and receive mine. Frank T. Shepard, Nebraska City, Neb.

I have some Foreign Postal Cards and Philatelic papers to exchange for U. S. Stamps. D. H. King, 30 Thayer St; Washington, Pa. P. P. A. number 4.

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## A SUGGESTION FOR "COLLECTORS."

By Webb Donnell.

THE collectors of postage stamps are legion, and in so far as such collecting broadens one's knowledge of foreign governments and foreign people, the amusement is not only pleasant but also educating.

There are collectors of many other articles besides stamps, some of these collections having more or less of an educational element in them but in all the list of collectible articles I know of none more productive of interest, or having more educational possibilities, than the collection of national and foreign newspapers and periodicals. There are some young people throughout the country already engaged in this gathering of the product of thousands of printing presses, in scores of different languages and dialects, and hundreds and thousands of others will take up the idea when once its good points are realized. Very few realize how enormous is the number of papers and periodicals published in the United States alone, and how diversified are the interests to which these papers and magazines cater.

There are not only the newspapers and the literary papers and magazines, but a host of trade and professional papers as well. There would appear to be hardly a kind of work carried on north, east, south or west—unless perchance it be hod carrying!—that is not represented by from one to fifty publications whose sole aim and object is to furnish aid and information to the workers in each particular calling. Then there are the thousands of foreign publications that would have great interest for the collectors, outside the mere fact that each one adds to the size of the collection; for though the contents might be in an unknown tongue, the illustrations would tell their own foreign story—and often a very entertaining one.

Of course such a collection is more bulky than that of stamps, but if it is systematized, there will be little difficulty on this score. In case of our national periodicals, newspapers should form a class by themselves and be filed together in the alphabetical order of the states in which they are published. The trade, professional, religious and other class papers and magazines should be filed by themselves, and the publications of each foreign country by themselves. Folders for this purpose can readily be made at home. Two light narrow strips of wood may be hinged together, or simply tied together at one end. A couple of brads are driven through one strip a third of the way from each end, and sockets, or holes, to receive the points are made in the other strip. As fast as a paper is received, its back edge is placed between the strips, the brads pressed through it, and then the free ends of the strips are tied with a "bow" knot, so that the strips may readily be opened when a new paper is to be filed. Treated in this way the collection is always in a small space and is always orderly.

## WHY DON'T WE COLLECT FOREIGN STAMPS?

By George E. Cleaver.

**V**ARIOUS comments have already been made on this subject, pro and con, but we will discuss it again. Looking into the subject thoroughly, however, one can easily see why the majority of us collect United States Stamps only. There are some of us who are not as fortunate as others, as regards wealth, but who are just as patriotic; consequently the stamps of the United States are our pets, even though we are enabled to secure only a small portion of them.

Who is the collector who at one time or other did not collect foreign stamps? Who is the collector in these United States who collects foreign stamps, to the utter exclusion of the beloved country whose stamps he is daily using to mail his letters? Nearly all of us got our start with foreign stamps. I venture to say that if there were no foreign stamps, there would be less stamp collectors today than there are. Foreign stamps have a fascination for the young, but as they grow older and get a sight at the older issues of U. S., the fascination is still greater. They soon find that by buying a U. S. stamp when a little spare change was accessible, the purchasing of foreign also, was out of the question. The field in the collection of U. S. stamps is so large that no one unless possessed of more than ordinary wealth can include foreign of any sort. So long as there is a stamp or two missing from a set, there is intense interest in the direction of the vacancies. There is pleasure of collecting when we are ever trying to get something which we would like to have, yet have to wait so long to secure it. Its just like that wise man, Mr. C. E. Severn, said:—"A stamp doesn't seem so rare after we have it."

I can almost assert that the young collector with only enough cash to subscribe to half-dozen stamp papers, belong to two societies and have about a dollar or two per week to spare for stamps, has more genuine pleasure and fascination from his small lot, than the Bangor millionaire who, by buying everything in sight regardless of price, in three years formed a collection worth several hundred thousand dollars. Therefore if we desire even what might be termed a "good" collection of U. S. stamps, foreign ones must necessarily be excluded. We need not however, exclude foreign stamps altogether. They may not be contained in our albums, but our thoughts and partial interest should never be taken from them.

Just imagine that in Scott's 56th (1896) Catalogue, there are 3083 U. S. stamps listed. Of these the value of the unused is \$8,003.25; besides there are 187 unused ones unpriced. Of the used, the value as given is \$27,140.40, exclusive of the 388 which are unpriced. These figures include every stamp ever issued in the United States which Scott records.

Really a specialty can be picked from among the U. S. issues alone, and it may take years to complete that specialty if indeed that is possible.

I append the following table compiled from the 56th Standard Catalogue. Take your choice now, and if you are a patriotic American, don't ask again why we can not collect foreign, when we're after those U. S. space fillers. This table will also be useful to see how far, financially, one will have to go before completeness is secured in one line. Don't forget however that there are some stamps unpriced and these usually are so rare that no price can be satisfactorily estimated; in other words they are priceless. A few of the later issues which are unpriced are so probably because time was too short to estimate a price upon them. U. S. Revenues are not figured unused as it seems very few ever bothered about them in that condition.

## — THE TABLE. —

Showing the number of Varieties and Catalogue values of all the United States Stamps recorded in Scotts' 56th (1896) Catalogue.

Dates, Etc.	No. of Var. Issued	UNUSED Value	No. Un- priced	USED Value.	No. Un- Priced
Provisional.					
1845 to '47	17	\$ 88.50	12	\$5,578.00	3
Regulae Issues					
1847	2	25 00	—	4 85	—
1851 to '56	10	253 00	2	54 07	3
1855 to '60	14	138 95	—	78 87	—
1861	13	78 85	3	72 76	—
1862 to '66	5	80 25	—	4 55	—
1868	22	236 90	2	573 15	—
1875, Reissue of 1868	10	210 00	—	—	10
1869	15	93 35	4	836 81	3
1875 Reissue of 1869	10	131 50	—	—	10
1870 to '71 Nat'l print	14	302 00	—	157 26	—
1872	11	49 50	—	5 83	—
1873, Continental print	19	20 00	11	46 69	3
1875 Reissue of '73	4	67 65	—	—	4
1875 Continental print	2	.95	—	.08	—
1875 American print	9	9 60	—	1.25	—
1882	5	1.55	—	.14	—
1883	2	.21	—	.13	—
1887	3	.26	—	.14	—
1888	4	3 62	—	2 82	—
1890	12	4 06	—	1 36	—
1893 Columbian	16	31.82	—	29.38	—
1894	18	18.94	—	3 24	2
1895	15	11 71	—	.30	4
Carrier Stamps.					
1842 to '53	45	960 50	24	2 815 00	5
Special Delivery Stamps.					
1885 to '95	5	1.10	—	.31	—
Newspaper Stamps,					
1865 to '67	4	34 50	—	—	4
1875	24	219 20	—	51 72	6
1885	18	201 70	—	—	10
1895	12	—	12	—	12
Postage Due Stamps					
1879	12	8 64	—	3 21	—
1889	7	8.4	—	4 83	—
1891 to '93	7	3 91	—	3 3	—
1894	7	2 53	—	1 9	—
1895	5	.53	—	.15	—
Department Stamps					
1873, Agriculture	9	27 62	—	27 50	—
" Executive	3	50 00	—	50.00	—
" Interior	10	4 75	—	4 15	—
" Justice	10	109 25	—	109 10	—
" Navy	12	—	—	32 10	1
" Post Office	10	7 30	—	6 26	—
1872 Post Office Seal	1	.2	—	.25	—
1877-'79 P. O. off Seal	8	5 0	—	9 05	—
1873 State	15	287.00	—	227.00	1
" Treasury	11	14 43	—	.05	—
" War	11	6 37	—	6 10	—

## THE TABLE. — Continued

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Dates, Etc.	No. of Var. Issued	Unused Value	No. Un-priced	USED Value.	No. Un-Priced
Telegraph Stamps. 1879 to 1895	104	\$ 153.50		\$ 4 26	62
Local Stamps 1841 to 1894	580			9,001.23	30
Revenue Stamps					
Documentary, 1st Issue.					
Imperforate,	77			293 27	—
Part Perforate	38			64 50	—
Perforated,	102			111.63	—
Silk Paper.	33			32.65	—
2nd. Issue.					
Violet Paper,	41			451 77	—
Pink	41			451.77	—
3rd. Issue.					
Violet Paper,	21			82.93	—
Pink	21			82 93	—
4th. Issue.	2			5 01	—
5th. Issue.	3			77	—
6th. Issue.	2			25	—
Proprietary 1871 78					
Violet Paper.	13			234 32	1
Green	12			229.07	—
Proprietary, 1878 Silk Paper	8			3 51	—
Watermarked	9			9 56	—
Rouletted.	7			35 50	—
Match					
Old Paper,	90			493 60	—
Silk	105			225 67	—
Pink	33			69 80	—
Watermarked.	65			72 80	—
Canned Fruit.					
Old Paper	1			15 00	—
Medicine.					
Old Paper,	136			835 41	—
Silk	168			222 07	—
Pink	75			160 00	—
Water marked	169			131 68	—
Perfume					
Old	9			37 00	—
Silk	15			17 90	—
Pink	12			20 45	—
Watermarked	28			37 70	—
Paying Cards.					
Old	9			16 95	—
Silk	8			1 35	—
Pink	4			1 65	—
Watermarked	6			3 61	—
Postal Cards. 1873 to 1895	23	13.88	2	10.48	2
Envelopes.					
Department, 1873 78	66	647 40	3	15.06	42
Regular Issues. 1853-95	295	1479 35	18	1136.77	101
Wrappers. 1831 to 1895	32	107 85	3	137.83	10
Confederate States. Complete.	114	996 31	62	2510.08	50
<b>TOTALS.</b>	3083	\$8,008 25	137	\$2,143.42	388

## QUEER THINGS SEEN and HEARD.

By W. C. Musselman.

A friend asked me a few evenings ago what was the most amusing incident that I ever witnessed. The query came at a good time as the same evening I had visited the casino at the park (Pittsburg) and took in the splendid ice skating there. Between falls I had taken a seat and was watching the gliders go by. Presently along came a young man, swinging his arms and making some great twists of his body in his efforts to keep on his feet or rather his skates. It was his first trial on skates and his actions were alone worth the price of admission to the casino. The band struck up a lively air and a friend called to the new beginner to come on. He got away from the bench and started. At one end of the skating surface he managed to get turned around and then made a dash to the other side. He kept his equilibrium all right, but saw that he could not make the turn. He was steering directly for a crowd of young men who had their backs to him, and as he passed there was a wild look in his eyes as he exclaimed:—"Great Scot!" Where will I land? Won't some one stop me?

It was too late for stopping and the next instant the skater dasked into the crowd mentioned. The affect was like a well aimed ball in a ten-pin alley, for the first man struck went down, knocking the man nearest him off his feet and so on untill about ten persons had fallen in different directions. With some difficulty the fallen people got up; the cause of their fall being the last to do so. The others looked at him savagely and one of them made remarks which they had never learned at Sabbath School; not very naughty remarks, but not very elegant. As the cause of the catastrophe steadied himself, he pushed his hand to the back of his head and asked in a comical tone: "You ain't mad are you?" and as no one replied, he called out again: "Give me room," and struck out for the shore which here was the bench, landing face downward on the latter, after which he took off his skates and remarked in a tone which could be heard across the rink: "I've learned enough for the first time, guess I'll go and come back some other time." And he went.

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"**D**EREVACLE" made some remarks in the last number of the Pennsylvania Stamp about some pairs of the 50c Mortgage, part perforated, which I offered for sale recently, at what he thought a fancy price, and it occurs to me that a few words in regard to these stamps may be interesting to revenue collectors. The stamps were originally unperforated; they were used by a Government official whose business called for a one dollar tax, and to save himself trouble, he conceived the idea of perforating the sheets by machine needle, instead of cutting the stamps apart as he needed them. Having to use them in pairs, he of course did not perforate between them, thus making a very odd and interesting lot of stamps. They were interesting, as all U. S. oddities are and eagerly sought after, showing as they did the improvement by private individuals over Uncle Sam's methods.

In regard to the "fancy price" I would call De Revacie's attention to the fact that an unserved imperforate pair of the 50c Mortgage lists at \$2.50, while a part-perforate pair lists at \$1.00, so I hardly think the price would be considered fancy one.—A. C. TOWNSEND.

## OUR PHILATELIC LITERATURE

By Ed.

**T**HE December number of the "Pennsylvania Philatelist" comes to hand in a large envelope. Keep up the good work. This number contains a lot of reading, photo's of a large number of prominent philatelist, and in fact is a whole library in its-self. On page 49, is found the convention group of the largest and most grandest philatelic society in the world; the "P. S. of A." Our friend Kissinger and E. W. Plummer are we notice, very happy looking, but who can blame them, all could not occupy their seats.

The "Philatelic Californian", representing the Pacific coast, for Jan., has reached our sanctum in a bran new dress containing 11 pages of advertisements and 12 of reading.

With Vol. 2. No. 4, "Forest & Field" one of our most valued club papers ends its career by suspension; the cause of such—the death of the editor's mother.

The "Phil. West" for February is before us, generally improved over first issue. Success to you brother.

The "Midland Phil." though small presents a very creditable appearance and contains some interesting reading.

The "Stamp" published at Clarion, Mich., now comes enlarged and greatly improved in appearances. It contains some very good notes and etc.

The "Washington Philatelist" in hand and as usual strictly up to the standard.

The "Missouri Phil." is a new one published at St. Joseph and with No. 1, presents a very creditable appearance but a little original matter would not come amiss.

The "International Stamp", a semi-monthly published at St. Paul, Minn., is on hand and judging from the appearance of the copy before us, we are lead to think this paper has a bright future before it and we wish you every success brother in distress.

The "Michigan Philatelist" as usual strictly on time has reached our sanctum for February containing a History in Stamp Articles, taken from the Chicago Tribune. It is well worthy of space. The balance is mostly filled with "L. A. P." drawings, ad's., and etc.

The "International Philatelist" published at St. Joseph, Mo., surely ought to pay its publishers as out of 20 pages for "Dec.," 10 1-2 are ad's—it also gives a list of Auction prices which will be of great interest to advanced collectors.

The "Philatelic Era" must indeed be congratulated on the fine 'Mid Season No., it presented to the philatelic public. Filled to the brim with notes and philatelic articles as it was, it could not fail to be interesting to all it comes in contract with. Here's success to you Brother Jewett and long may you live to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

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## PHILATELIC JOKES.

By Phil. Puck.

Approval Sheet Agent—I have here, sir, some of the best class of stamps on the market at a cheap price and 50 p. c. discount.

Irate Dealer—Get out, you murdering son of a sea cook, I would'nt have the dod-notted stamps laying around on the office floot, much tess buy them for my album

Approval Sheet Agent—Why Mr. Dealer they are your own stamps you hired me to sell and I thought I would practice on you before I began.

Jones—I stopped at Browns on my way home from my work at the quarry and asked him for one of those stamps.

Jenks—What did he say?

Jones—He told me to take my pick and ——

Jenks (breaking in)Your a lucky man.

Jones—Naw, he told me to take my pick and shovel and get out.

Pat—Morning to ye sir Will you take stamps for a drink?

Barkeeper— Cert. What'll yer have?

Pat— Whiskey. (drinks)

Barkeeper—Where are your stamps?

Pat—Here (stamps on the floor.)

Colonel Brown—John are you still collecting stamps?

John—Yassir Marse Brown. Since I seed yaw, I've been kicked by a mnle knocked down by a man; hit by a tyclone and thrown down and stamped on by the postmaster.

Pa, said Johny, Was George Washington ever in Prison?

No Johny, replied his father. What put that into your head?

I saw a picture of him behind the bars.

Where, asked his father?

On a postage stamp, replied Johny with a grin.

Robison— I heard some of the most startling news just a while ago.

Philatelist—What?

Robinson—Reve (nues)

Saloon Keeper—Why was George Washington a pool player?

Jones—I don't know. Why?

Saloon Keeper— Because it shows on a postage stamp that he chalked his cue

## NOW PUSH.

I WOULD like the attention of all the collectors in Pennsylvania for just a few minutes. We have now a flourishing strictly state organization. The ball has been started so let every one give a big push and send it rolling along the road of prosperity at such a rate that it will never stop until it runs chuck up against the milestone of success. Quite a number of you have been howling for a Pennsylvania State Organization. Now you have one staring you in the eyes which, judging from present indications, is bound to be more than a success.

Have you joined? The fact of the matter is, fellow collectors, that we want to make this the largest, best and grandest state organization that has ever been formed for stamp collectors. There is no reason why this should not be, for Pennsylvania is one of the oldest, largest and most thickly populated states in the Union and is a regular hot bed of Philately.

Now people, this is "a good thing; push it along." Make the wheels, on which the "Pennsylvania Philatelic Association" is running, go so fast that you can't see the spokes.

I hear it rumored that the first convention will be held in Allegheny City next fall. Now let us see how near the one hundred mark our Membership Roll will be at that time and how many of that hundred will be at our first Convention.

This is no idle dream. It can actually be done if we all prove ourselves good loyal Members. It will only cost you ten cents to join and twenty-five cents per year to be a Member. Just think of it; you would never miss that amount and the benefits derived would far surpass anything a National Organization could possibly do for you. Try it and see. Hoping this may have the desired effect upon some of you, I wish to remain, Yours very truly,—D. HARLAN KING, Vice-President of the "Pennsylvania Philatelic Association."

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—EDITORIAL.—

A great many collectors who have written us for sample copies or when sending their subscription, have asked for our price list of stamp. Therefore we have taken this means to let one and all know that neither of us are dealers; Mr. Cleaver and myself are both simply collectors and we are publishing this paper for collectors. No dealer or firm has any connection with us whatever.

We have made arrangements whereby we can now furnish you this paper one year and Jones's Cheque List both for 25c. The price alone of the latter.

We have been compelled to skip March and date our paper April by an unavoidable occurrence—sickness. Subscribers will lose nothing by this as each subscription is for 12 numbers and you will notice we have skipped no numbers; nor will we skip a number, nor combine the numbers into one now or any other time. Please bear this in mind.

Candidates for the various offices in the "P. S. of A." are springing up on every side. If things continue as started we will be safe in predicting a hot campaign. But boys, don't forget the sad fate of the S. of P. There are three young men of our acquaintance who are up for the respective offices, viz: Ashcroft for Pres., Beamish for Sec'y and K. S. Finger for Treasurer, which we will be safe in saying will each get their respective office by a handsome majority.

On another page of this paper will be found a report from the Sec'y. of the newly organized society — "Philatelic Literature Society". It is unnecessary to give a long account of this so will only say turn to the report and read the list of names of Charter Members and then I know if you are a Literature Collector you will see the great advantage to be derived from being a member and I will join at once.

Geo. E. Cleaver of 1132 Perkiomen Ave; Reading, Pa., has taken full charge of the Advertising Department of this paper to which all communications pertaining to same should be addressed.

C. W. LAWTON.

The Philatelic Literature Society.

ORGANIZED, MARCH, 1st, 1896.

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During the last few years a number of different Philatelic Societies have been organized. Some were for friendship, stamps, etc., some for politicians, but few of them take within their scope, that necessity of the Philatelist-Philatelic Literature; besides the departments relating to it are generally sadly neglected.

For about a year or more the sentiment regarding the formation of a society to benefit Literature Collectors has been anything but mild. I myself had found much trouble to find my wants and also to find names of Literature Collectors with whom to exchange. If I'd secure all the wants one collector could supply, I'd have to turn to another, but would have to hunt him up first. I got about 100 names on my list (through correspondence and advertising) and was just thinking what vast benefits would occur from such an organization, when my eye struck Mr. Ben L. Morris' little tip in the "Holiday Eastern Philatelist". I wrote Mr. Morris immediately, as did several others. After a little correspondence we decided to prepare for organization. In every letter that I wrote to my correspondents, I broached the subject. Every one but one readily consented to help along. This one stated that he was breaking up his library. Between Mr. Morris and myself, we secured about 25 names of persons who promised to become members. Then temporary application blanks were printed and 150 mailed.

To say that expectations were realized would be putting it mildly. The applications began rolling in five to ten a day, together with 100 as a guarantee of good faith. Several came by Special Delivery, which shows the extreme interest to get in line.

The Society begins with a very large Charter Membership, probably larger than that of any other American Philatelic Society. We expect a good many more but only bona-fide, honest "Philatelic Literature Collectors."

It is proposed to receive nominations for Officers at the temporary Secretary's Office until 10 days after this number of PENNSYLVANIA STAMP is mailed. This will be time enough to hear from all and we wish every one would take an interest in this.

After nominations are closed, the nominees for the various offices will be notified, and their acceptance or declination will be in order. After the ticket can be properly composed, ballots will be printed and mailed to each of the members. Everyone should cast a vote and I believe all who have time to do so, will. The Ballots are to be fixed up and sent in to the Secretary by return mail.

They will be examined and counted, in the presence of several disinterested persons, whose signatures as witnesses will be affixed to details of the result. I can see no clearer or easier way than this one. Nominations are in order now for the following: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; Exchange Sup't; Auction Manager; Librarian; Subscription Manager; Trustees(3); Bureau of Information(2 or 3) and Official Organ. The Trustees should all be from same locality. A report will be made in the MAYS' PENN. STAMP when names of permanent officers will be published.

A Constitution and By-Laws will then be drawn up and published in the Official for adoption. There will be printed copies of the Constitution, etc., printed and kept on hand for Members and also prospective members. I think everyone before joining a society of any kind whatever should see a copy of Constitution and By-Laws first of all. Then they know what they are joining for.

The great interest manifested in the "P. L. S." seems to show that the Society is on deck, not to rake in a lot of members in a hurry and then die out, but to live and flourish (even if membership never exceeds 150) and be a benefit to its members—not the office's alone.

Permanent application blanks will be provided after the Constitution and By-Laws have been approved. The Society has not incurred one cent of expense yet, nor will it until permanent officers are elected.

The PENNSYLVANIA STAMP offers as Official Organ, subscriptions at 12c per member to the Society, besides enough space each month for reports of officers, etc., also a page for Auction Managers' use each month. Besides this every item relative to "Philatelic Literature" will be published and we think we can make it interesting for Literature Collectors. We do not want to force any particular paper upon the Society for they can decide for themselves which is best.

I suppose I have given all the information necessary for the advancement of the Philatelic Literature Society. The By-Laws will explain the Benefits in full and they will be benefits too.

If you care to nominate anyone, nominate only competent persons, for the future success of the "P. L. S." rests with the Officers. If anyone cares to make objections to the admittance of any of the Charter Members, it should be made at once.

Trusting that the will pan out to the satisfaction of all, I am yours for the success of the "Philatelic Literature Society."—Geo. E. Cleaver, Sec'y; Pro-tem.

# Pennsylvania Philatelic Association.

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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen and Fellow Members:—I desire to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me by selecting me to preside over your honorable Society. I have always tried to do my best and I shall continue to do so now. I know that with your aid we can accomplish much. There are many hundreds of collectors in this State that would gladly join our Society if they only knew of it. Let us one and all strive to secure the names of at least 3 collectors not members of the "P. P. A.", and forward names to the Secretary who in turn will forward them a copy of our Organ. Let us persuade our friends to join. We surely know a few collectors who are interested sufficiently to spend from 25 to 50c a year for the advancement of their hobby. Let us try this fellow Members and feel sure we will be elated with the results. Again thanking you for your kindness and again urging you to do your utmost for the Society, I am Very Sincerely, **Clifford W. Kissinger, President.**

### NEW MEMBERS

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The above Applicants will be admitted to full Membership on April, 30th provided no objections are filed prior to that date. Application Blanks and etc., can be had in any amount of the Secretary, C. W. LAWTON.

Dues of several of our Members are now payable. ☞ If this paragraph is marked its yours. So please remit.

**Auction Managers' Report.** Fellow Members:—Allow me to sincerely thank you for honoring me with the Office of Auction Manager of the "P. P. A." I am now prepared to receive lots for our first sale. Let me urge you to send good stamps and you will receive good prices. Do not place to high a reserve on your lots so that they may be within reach of all. Send good U. S. and foreign and I will try and make you a good profit and the Department a great success. Respectfully, J. B. FAATZ

**Librarian Report.**—Contributions to the Library are now in order. I have started Library with 50 Pennsylvania publications. Anything you may have to contribute especially any back numbers of Pennsylvania papers will be thankfully receive. I will acknowledge all contributions. Wishing the best of success to our Association, I am fraternally, J. M. THOMPSON, Librarian.

## EXCHANGE NOTICES.

This column is for the use of our subscribers. Notices are limited to 30 words, but extra words can be added at 3 for one cent.

Will give 35 good philatelic papers and copy of "Minor Varietors" past-board covers, pocket edition, for good specimen of 50c. Co union, unused L P Dodge, 71 High St; Newburyport, Mass.

Send me 6 good phil. papers and I will send you 100 good stamps for your collection. Phil collectors send me your want and duplicate lists Edwin Reynolds, Brockton, Mass.

Pittman's Manual of Shorthand for Scotts 56th cat. Good foreign stamps for rubber type, etc. F T Shepard, Nebraska City, Neb.

I have an electric gold plated watch valued at \$20. that I will exchange for the following: 5 \$1 unused Columbian stamps or 2 \$4 unused, or 1 \$5 unused Columbian stamp. All letters and postals answered. John Craus, 22 Miller St; Auburn, N. Y.

One no. 6 gold pen with holder to exchange for U. S. revenues and documents or Mexico stamps to the amount of \$2. G. E. Jacobson, Greeley, Colo.

One thousand U. S. stamps (a mixture of 1851 to 1894) for 40 covered stamp papers sent me. Have phil. literature to exchange for Andrew's Senteu Book, Graham's Dictionary, 1 and 2nd Readers and Phonographic literature als stamp papers. J M Thompson, Big Run, Pa.

Clement's History of U. S. revenues, Sc. J M Thompson, Big Run, Pa.

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I have stamps, phil. papers, tobacco tags magazines, boys' papers, novels, etc; which I desire to trade. Would like to correspond with anyone having any of the above. Send offers and receive mine. F. T. Shepard, Nebraska City, Neb.

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Post Office Vol 4, complete for best offer in U. S. Revenues. Revenues to exchange and philatelic papers. Would like correspondence with collectors as above. O. H. Williams, 35 East 17th St; N. Y.

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## “Ye Turncoats and Changelings.”

BY H. B. BRIGGS.

“And this is law that I'll maintain  
Upon my dying day, sir,  
That whatsoever King shall reign,  
Still I'll be vicar of Bray, sir.”

Once upon a time, in the reign of King Henry VIII, there lived, in the town of Bray, a vicar who was a Papist by religion. When the reformation came, he in common with the rest of the clergy, became a Protestant and still retained his position as vicar of Bray, and so under Edward VI, but in the reign of Mary he again became a Papist, and in the following reign of the good Queen Elizabeth he turned for the second time to the Protestant faith.

This excited no little comment, and on being called to account as a turncoat he answered: “No! he was not a turncoat, he was simply living up to his principle of remaining vicar of Bray.”

So the same story might be told of modern times, philatelic circles not excepted. In examining the files of old philatelic papers how often do we find “ye editors” rebuking the young and unknown philatelists and praising those in power, but when they rise above the opposition forced upon them how the turncoats praise and congratulate them!

And the same principle is true in more ways than one. We will find a half dozen or more prominent philatelists as friendly as can be for a while, then when some slight thing happens to upset their friendliness they divide up into factions and become bitter enemies, hurling denunciations at each other, which, if true, would crush the receiver, and yet they all survive. Then again in a year or two they are as friendly as ever. Quite often we find this the case and generally caused by some political break in a society.

Politics are entering altogether too much into society affairs. It is all well enough to have more than one candidate for the various offices, in fact things would be one-sided if we didn't, but when the candidates become fired with a desire to hurt and injure their opponents as much as possible things are in a bad state and yet the same scene is re-enacted every Summer for the benefit of no one and the serious detriment of our hobby.

I am not a pessimist and I only wish things were better, but who, in their right mind will not admit that a great improvement might be made?

“O wad power the giftie gie us  
To see ourselves as others see us!  
It wad frae monie a blunder free us  
And foolish notions.”

## AS YOU LIKE IT.

By Julian S. Dunn.

Auction sales seem to be more numerous this season than ever before. This seems to be the popular way of buying stamps, especially where the buyers proximity will allow him to examine the stamps.

Admitting that the auction sale is the most potent factor in establishing the value of a stamp it seems that someone blundered or was unduly influenced in pricing the \$1. Columbian; \$4.50 is a good price for this stamp, while it sometimes brings only about \$3.00

At the same rate I do not think that the \$1.00 unwatermarked is a better stamp than the \$1.00 Columbian as the latter is quite a popular stamp, however, it seems that their true values are nearer the same figure than are their catalogued values.

In discussing values of stamps it is not right to come down too hard on the compilers of the catalog. Three-fourths of the people who "chew the rag" so much over our standard catalogues do not once stop to think of the vast amount of work attached to the compiling of such a catalogue. The makers of a catalogue are human and unintentionally err, as the people who are always ready to criticize them should remember. While collectors as a whole are grasping the Columbian and unwatermarked series, those collectors who are scurrying around after old issues are "making hay while the sun shines." It is readily apparent that the collector who is buying old issues is making many times the better purchase than the one who buys recent issues at the price now prevailing. People who know nothing at all

hardly of the great world of philately, who think stamps will some day become valuable, although they know not for what cause, have invested heavily in recent issues, as well have nearly all stamp men, and when these people together with the large dealers put their supply to the market the value of recent issues is destined to fall. It is vain to suppose that these speculators will keep their money in stamps forever; they buy the stamps thinking to make heavy gains and when they see that they are not liable to obtain the earth for them they will be likely to take what they can get.

So don't be in a hurry to buy your recent issues.

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## THE EFFECT OF PHILATELY.

By D. Harlan King.

In this article I mean to treat only of the effect Philately has upon the individual.

Have you ever noticed that in nine cases out of every ten, when you see a young man, you can tell whether or not he is a philatelist, just as soon as you catch a sight of him? He shows it usually in his general appearance. Even though he may not be dressed extravagantly, yet you will always find him neat and clean. He has learned this through his experience in Philately.

If he has advanced very far into this delightful pursuit, on examining his album you will find the stamps neat and clean and arranged systematically with splendid taste. You see he has acquired this habit involuntarily by having been trained in Philately.

After looking through his collection, take a glance at his room, and I think you will find books, pictures, furniture and everything in perfect order.

What has caused this result?

You will also notice he has quite a collection of photographs of prominent philatelists, proving that the philatelist loves company, and let me notice right here that you will very seldom find a philatelist in bad company. Toughs and philately are not very good friends and cannot survive long together. Then last, but not by any means least, you will find that as a rule philatelists are very fond of the girls. Philately teaches us to have a great admiration for anything that is beautiful, and of course it is an established fact that most girls are beautiful in some one's opinion.

Now I have attempted to enumerate some of the effects philately has upon the individual and you have probably noticed that they are all good ones. If I should try to name the bad effects I think I would have a very short list, so, long may the banner of philately wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

### WANDERED BACK SALEY.

#### A LETTER MAKES A TWO YEARS' TOUR OF THE WORLD.

Miss Irene Bushfield, of West Middletown, has received a returned letter that after two years' wandering has circled the earth. The letter was addressed to Clifford Lane, Sidney, New South Wales, Australia, in care of the United States consul. Mr. Lane is a son of Thos. Lane, West Middletown, and has been in the distant island continent for 10 years. Once before he was there for three or four years and afterwards visited his Washington county home. The Lanes had not heard from him after his departure a decade ago until John Guinn returned from Australia in the spring of 1895 when they learned that Mr. Lane was, when Mr. Guinn met him, a reporter on the Melbourne Star.

On April 2, 1894, Miss Bushfield addressed a letter to her uncle as above stated. It was mailed at Buffalo, this county, on April 2. The next postmark was Washington, Pa., transit, 10 a. m. After leaving this town a railroad journey placed the missive in New York at 8:30 a. m. on April 3. The third postmark shows that it arrived in Sidney, New South Wales, on May 11, 1894. It is probable that there was no consulate at that point for the letter was forwarded to New Castle in the same province on May 14. From there it is likely it was sent to the Australian dead letter office for it bears two marks, a three cornered one saying "Dead letter, March 5, 1896," while on the front of the envelope is stamped "Return to the writer, D. L. O." Written in red lead pencil across the right hand side of the front of the envelope is "U. S. Consulate, New Castle, N. S. W., unclaimed, No. 6, in dispatch, date, 18 January, 1896." The last postmark is Vancouver, British Columbia, showing that it had crossed the Pacific. The envelope bore the letter head of a Pittsburg firm; to them it came several days since and in turn it was returned to Miss Bushfield, after a journey of over 25,000 miles.

### THE CATALOGUE QUESTION.

The catalogue lately issued by the J. W. Scott company seems to meet with general commendation from the philatelic press. All seem to recognize

the fact that a change must soon be made in our catalogues. The specialist and the collector classes are getting farther apart as the cycles of time revolve and new varieties are discovered. The every day philatelist desires to gather but one specimen of each stamp without regard to minor differences. This class is rapidly increasing, and as their numbers grow they demand increased recognition. The demand has caused the issuance of the catalogue under discussion. So far all right but it is not so much a list as an album that is wanted. Collectors will go on trying to fill the vacant album spaces irrespective of the catalogue. But an album that follows this catalogue in plan is what is desired. The specialist is a powerful factor in philately but not the only power. Then why should the catalogue give his varieties and let the rest select theirs?

## MR. LEVEL HEAD'S SAYINGS

A—Wonder who will be president of P. S. of A. in '97. Ashcroft or Carstarpent?

B—Why, Ashcroft, to be certain!

A—Explain your reason for so much certainty!

B—Well, you see, one candidate is having his good qualities blowing up so much that its like a rubber balloon, will get it blown up so high it'll bust and all go to wind. On the other hand the candidate is taking things as they come, feeling his way and taking his time, and is bound to get there. You see the P. S. of A. wants a solid head to guide it and not a head of natural gas.

A—I see, I see; right good logic; I'll go for Ashcroft, you may bet, with all my strength, and urge all my friends to do likewise. Ashcroft is the man we want and shall have.

There is one more candidate in the field for Auction Manager of P. S. of A. that I would urge the members to steer clear of and that is J. N. Burton, of Madison, N. Y. He is not the man for that place whatever. He has too many outstanding debts, and a great many would like to receive a remittance from him. Drop his name from your list if you have the society's interest at heart.

The Philatelic West has started off on its second volume, has reduced its size to 6x9 and added a handsome cover and has undergone a thorough cleaning up. Success to you, brother, you're on the right road.

The editor of The Eastern Philatelist says it takes quite a stick of ability and cash to run a philatelist paper successfully.

As to above will say that man has a level head; I'll bet his hat fits good.

The International Phil. for May comes to hand with a fable, entitled "Kissingerletts." No author's name is attached, but its plain to be seen by reading same that the chap's mother didn't know he was out or she would have given him the bottle at home, as undoubtedly he was very thirsty when he slipped away from his ma ma.

### FROM BAD TO WORSE.

A henpecked man who was, withal,

A little of a fool,

One day did trade his wife away

For a good working mule;

But happening near the mule's hind feet

While feeling very glad,

The mule with great dexterity

Kicked out what brains he had.

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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW MEMBERS:—

I am pleased to see that new names are being added to our membership roll. As soon as the membership will permit it a vice-president will be appointed in every county in the state, whose duty will be the securing of names of all persons interested in collecting in order that the secretary may communicate with them with a view of getting them as members. In this way I believe we could form one of the largest state societies in existence. Members will kindly look up the membership list and get at least one member in every county. If this can be done we can then appoint the resident vice-presidents. The next question of importance is the annual convention. I would suggest that it be held at Gettysburg, Pa., during the week of Aug. 3d to 8th. The Sons of Philately will meet at that time and place as will the Philatelic Literature Society. No greater advantage could be offered to make the meet a more successful one. We would be sure to have a large and interesting meeting and could secure many new members. Get your friends to join: we want them: we have room for many more new members: bring them in: they are all welcome.

Very Respectfully,

CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER, Pres.

### NEW MEMBERS.

No. 24 Geo. Taylor, Wyalusing, Pa

" 25 J. M. Smeltzer, Jr., Box 166, Myerstown, Pa

" 26 Stedman Bent, Overbrook, Pa

" 27 E. B. Grothrie, Washington, Pa

" 28 Geo. A. Joplin, 3d Pres. Church, Pittsburg, Pa

" 29 H. J. Lawall, Box 169, Bloomsburg, Pa

### APPLICATIONS.

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Wm. M. Beamish.  
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The above applicants will be admitted to full membership on July 1st, provided no objections are filed prior to that date, and upon receipt of dues amounting to 25c. membership cards will be forwarded.

Dues of members No. 10, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27 and 29 are now payable. Kindly remit same at once so as to enable you to vote at our coming election. Upon receipt of same I will forward you membership cards.

CAMERON W. LAWTON, Secretary.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

From January 31st, 1896, to May 31st, 1896.

	Cr.	Dr.
Balance on hand	\$1.05	
Received for dues and fees	\$4.25	
Printing 100 postal cards		\$1.30
Sec. expenses, postage, etc.		.80
Paid official organ		.52
	\$5.30	\$2.62
Balance on hand May 31, 1896,		\$2.68
		\$5.30

Respectfully submitted,

CAMERON W. LAWTON, Sec. and Treas.

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Since my last report I have received from W. S. Devlin, of New Castle, 87 philatelic papers, and from J. B. Faatz, of Bethany, the Pennsy from April, 1895, to April, 1896, bound. I extend my thanks in behalf of the members of the Association to the donors. Members can secure any papers in library by sending postage. I will catalogue the library just as soon as we have a reasonable number of papers in it. Have *you* any papers to spare? I also received 10 copies of Niagara Falls Phil. for library.

Respectfully,

J. M. THOMPSON, Librarian.

### NOMINATIONS FOR 1896-7.

Pres., C. W. Kissinger	Vice-Pres., D. H. King
" R. M. Miller	" Geo. E. Cleaver
" G. A. Joplin	" Chas. Zarwba
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" G. E. Cleaver	" J. D. McDormott
Ex. Supt. W. S. Devlin	" J. C. Miller
" R. M. Miller	Auc. Mgr., Emil Newffer
C't Detector, W. P. Brown	" C. W. Lawton
Librarian, J. M. Thompson	Trustees, Kissinger, Cleaver and McDormott

If you have any additions to place to above list send them at once so as to be published in July issue.

C. W. LAWTON, Sec. and Treas.

**The Philatelic Literature Society.****Organized March 1st, 1896.****SECRETARY'S (pro tem.) REPORT.****FELLOW MEMBERS:—**

The organization of P. L. S. was progressing smoothly until my spare time was checked on me and a delay was caused, which I don't hope, nor believe, will prove dangerous. Very nearly all the spare time that I used to devote to stamps and papers is taken up with various other things, and I am compelled, therefore, to drop stamps and literature for a time, not being able to be active whatever. The boys, however, will push things along, for it has a good start now and can uphold itself.

I note here the corrections and list of applications to P. L. S.; also list of nominations, which, according to plans are to be voted on at once. However, as there is no opposition to any of the candidates, they are as good as elected. Several others were nominated but declined.

**CORRECTIONS FROM CHARTER MEMBERSHIP.**

- No. 26 should be Fred M. Townley  
 .. 28 .. .. H. O. Bates, Webster Groves, Mo.  
 .. 42 .. .. Neville Wheat  
 .. 44 .. .. H. B. Briggs, Albion, Mich.  
 .. 46 .. .. R. M. Miller, Piney Creek, Md.  
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 .. 63 .. .. E. L. Brown, Cumb. Mills, Me.  
 .. 64 .. .. Chas. Zaruba  
 .. 68 .. .. Piqua, Ohio

**OMISSIONS.**

The following names were omitted from charter membership, through the shortsightedness of the printers:

- 32 O. H. Williams, 35 E. 17th St., N. Y. City.  
 33 L. H. Benton, Taunton, Mass.  
 65 W. Porter, Berwyn, Ill.

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- John B. Leach, Randolph, N. Y.  
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 E. S. Blackwell, Jr., 380 Northeast 9th St., Portland, Oregon.

All above applicants will become members 30 days from date in case no objection is filed against them.

Charter members are requested to forward their dues (25c.) and vote on the following offices which are just filled in with nominees, one to each place, and a representative lot:

- President } C. W. Lawton, Pa.  
 } Geo. N. Campbell, Ky.
- Vice-President, Maude Charlotte Bingham, N. Y.
- Secretary, Ben. L. Morris, Ohio.
- Treasurer, Moses B. Page, Iowa.
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- Auction Manager, } H. S. Adair, Ohio.  
 } C. W. Lawton, Pa.
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- Bureau of Information, (three) } E. B. Jones, Iowa.  
 } Geo. A. Joplin, Pa.  
 } F. M. Townley, N. J.
- Official Organ, Penna. Stamp.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot take active part in the society which was to be my pride but I hope to do so later.

All correspondence relative to the society should be addressed to Ben. L. Morris, Box 340, Bellaire, Ohio, who will cheerfully attend to all.

Membership cards will be printed and sent to members. Reports of officers will appear very shortly.

I trust my withdrawing from the society will cause no damage, and the boys may hear from me occasionally; only remember that my wish is that the P. L. S. may become great in power instead of number of members.

To the health of all,

I am, as ever,

GEO. E. CLEAVER.

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## MINOR VARIETIES IN CANADA ISSUES.

In handling the issues of Canada it will repay one to watch for varieties as in the long time most of the dies were in use, would in itself produce an odd variety here and there.

The current 8 cent Canada has been found with a double strike. Several of these copies are known to exist.

In the case of the current 5 cent slate a number have been noticed black in color.

The 2 cent green is now and again found in a very blue shade, not oxidized, but in the printing.



Among the 15 cent at least ten shades can be found.

A Canada 3p beaver was discovered recently in which the left outer line was not printed, and 400 more copies examined at the same time, failed to produce another copy.

From some of the Provinces the 1 cent blue envelope come printed in a chalky ultramarine.

Nova Scotia 5 cent blue can be found printed on bluish paper.

The difference in the 7p Canada is caused by wetting the paper or leaving it dry before feeding it into the press. By the wetting process a shrinkage is caused.

The error Canada post card has the Queen's head printed on the left side, instead of the right. More of the used halves can be had than the entire card, used or unused.

The 5 cent beaver double strike is a stamp eagerly searched for without any success. One party known to writer has gone through thousands of copies, without success. The variety can be found by looking at the left side of the stamp.

When it comes to revenues, we have a field but little searched, beyond the varieties of paper.

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In 1st issue of Bill stamps the only error known is the 7 cent, which is spelt SEVEN. Only three copies of this error are known to exist, although one collector claims he wrote every dealer and collector some time ago while trying to glean more knowledge.

Among the 2nd issue Bill stamps are found a 30 cent scarlet, instead of blue. The \$1 values are found with colors inverted.

In the 3d issue Bill stamps the 2 cent is printed in brown instead of red, and on some of the \$2 red and black, head in centre is inverted.

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## EDITORIAL.

The impression has gotten out that the P. P. A. is a state branch of the P. S. of A. and that to become a member of the former you must first be one of the latter. Now I wish to correct this and will here say that the P.P.A. is an independent organization of its own and has no connection with the P. S. A. whatever.

While on this subject it may be will to mention the fact that two convention places have been proposed, one is Allegheny City and the other Gettysburg, but in correspondence with members the latter place seems to meet with the most favor. On account of the S. of P. holding their convention at Gettysburg I am in favor of having the P. P. A. also hold their first convention there as we can have a much larger attendance and can enroll quite a list of members. Would be pleased to have the names of all members who would attend. Would also request that each member secure at least one new member by that time (can furnish you with blanks in any amount.) This will not take much work on your part and will mean a great increase in our society.

We have often wondered why it is that editors of philatelic magazines cannot agree. It appears as though some, when writing their editorials, are not satisfied unless they are giving some brother editor a hit. When the truth is not known an untruth seems next in order and therefore fills the desired space. Philatelists as a rule are not fond of this class of writings and it generally does the writer more harm than the subject. There used to be a certain editor in the eastern part of this state who used to follow this habit, but he has since seen the folly of such and has quit, much to the improvement of his magazine. There is now a certain editor in Missouri who is following the practice rather extensively. We often wrong our best friends by our hasty dealings. Better think twice before speaking once. Then there is another class of society cranks who are more like little children than any thing else. They will come up in a society for an office and if they get beat will seek revenge by leaving and organizing one of their own, like a lot of little children playing together and having a spat and are saying "if you won't let me be boss I'll go off by myself," cutting off their nose to spite their face, as the saying goes.

Received quite a surprise the other day in the shape of a copy of the Southern Philatelist. Brother Lum condensed at last to send us a copy for which he will please accept our thanks.

Wm. Lawton requests me to announce in my editorials the fact that he will present to the person sending in the largest number of applications to P. P. A. with 10c. fee before Aug. 30th, a U. S. postage stamp catalogued by Scott's 56th edition at \$2.00, also the one sending the second largest list a stamp catalogued at \$1.00, third largest list 10 stamps catalogued at 10c. each, fourth largest 5 catalogued at 10c. each. This offer is only good until Aug. 30th, at which date all applications must be in.

The many friends of Ben L. Morris of Bellaire, Ohio, have requested him to enter his paper in the race for official journal of L. A. P. I think it would be very difficult to find a journal that would give as much universal satisfaction to the members of the L. A. P. as *The Philatelic Free Lance*. When you fill out your L. A. P. ticket see that *The Free Lance* is on same for official organ.

We are in need of good manuscript and will give advertising space or cash for all articles that meet with our approval. We are also desirous of corresponding with some prominent philatelists of New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and other important philatelic centers in regard to furnishing us with monthly notes of interest. All correspondence of this subject should be addressed to the editor.

Our July issue will be a patriotic number printed on three colors of paper, red, white and blue, will contain 24 or more pages and 2,000 copies will be issued. Advertisers will govern themselves accordingly. All copies must be in by Aug. 1. Our rates will remain the same for this number as usual. Advertisers, this is a chance for some of your summer advertising, and as this number will be carefully preserved by collectors it will—but you can see the point without telling.

W. H. Kessler, Jr., of Detroit, Mich., has kindly favored us with a copy of his *Stamp Collectors' Hand Book and Directory of Michigan*. It contains about 300 names of philatelists from Mich., also photos of some of Michigan's most prominent philatelists; in all it is a fine souvenir, and Mr. Kessler is to be congratulated on his work.

Edward Hensinger, of San Antonio, Texas, has also favored us with a copy of *The Texas Philatelic Directory* compiled by him. It contains about 48 pages and names of about 350 Texas collectors. It is very neatly arranged and wins great ability to its compiler. Price, 15c.

Vol. 3, No. 1, whole No. 9, of *The International Philatelist* for May, has been received. We read it through, then looked it through, and must say it was very difficult for us to decide as to whether it was a monthly gossip, a philatelic magazine, or whether some of Kissinger's enemies had just engaged it for a month to get to say something (to open their mouth and let nothing run out) about him. His name appears no less than 43 times. I must congratulate you my boy Kissinger getting popular—see!!!!

Cameron W. Lawton, Ed.

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1 Phil. Era. Vol. 6, No. 7, 10, Vol. 7, No. 5, Vol. 8, No. 12	4
2 Phil. Era. Vol. 10, No. 1 to 8, 11, 20, 22, 24, 28	13
3 Phil. Era. Vol. 9, No. 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 26, 34, 37 to 41, 45, 49 to 52	19
4 The Philatelist (Wash) Vol. 1, No. 1, 2, 3	3
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6 P. J. of A. No. 83, 94	2
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8 Amer. Phil. Mag., Vol. 4, No. 1, 2	2
9 Weekly Philatelist (Miller) No. 6, 10, 15, 17, 22, 25, 36, 38, 39, 40, 45, 47 50, 52, 53, 54, 59, 62, 65, 69, 72, 86, 91	23
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12 Stanley G. Mont Jour. No. 37, 41 to 48, 50, 55, 56	12
13 Southern Phil., Vol. 1, No. 8, Vol. 3, No. 9, 12	3
14 Southern Phil., Vol. 5, No. 1 to 8	8
15 Southern Phil., Vol. 6, No. 7, Vol. 7, No. 1 to 4	5
16 Pipestone Phil., Vol. 1, No. 7 to 12	6
17 South Phil. Weekly, Vol. 1, No. 1, 5, 9	3
18 Coll. Press, Vol. 1, No. 2, 3, 6, Detroit Phil., Vol. 2, No. 4, 7, 8	6
19 Northern Phil., Vol. 1, No. 1, 3, 5, 6	4
20 Collector (Mill), Vol. 4, No. 1, 2, 3, Phil. R. of Rev., Vol. 1, No. 2, 4, 6	6
21 Eastern Phil., Vol. 9, No. 1, 4, Vol. 10, No. 1, 3, Vol. 11, No. 1, 3	6
22 Eastern Phil., Vol. 13, No. 1 to 6	6
23 Eastern Phil., Vol. 14, No. 1 to 6	6
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25 Mekeels Weekly, No. 162, 165, 166, 167, 172, 209 to 252, 254, 270, 276	52
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27 Rhode Island Phil., Vol. 2, No. 1, 3, 11	3
28 The Ontario Phil., Vol. 1, No. 1, 2, 3	3
29 The Stamp, (Groveland) Vol. 1, No. 5 to 10	6
30 The Collector, (Minn.) Vol. 1, No. 1, 2, 3	3
31 Mich. Phil., (95) Vol. 1, No. 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, Vol. 2, No. 1, 2, 3	8
32 Int. Stamp, (St. Paul) Vol. 1, No. 1 to 9	9
33 Jones Comprehensive Check Lists	4
34 Pemsy, Vol. 6, No. 1 to 6	6
35 " " 7, No. 1 to 6	6
36 " " 8, No. 1 to 6	6
37 " " 9, No. 1 to 6	6
38 " " 6 and 7, bound under heavy board	12
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40 Philatelic, (Mass.) Vol. 1, No. 6, 8, 9, 10	-	-	4
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45 One Dime, Vol. 4, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12	-	-	7
46 One Dime, Vol. 5, No. 4 to 12	-	-	9
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## CHARLES BEAMISH.

Whose face we herewith present to our readers, was born in Philadelphia 25 years ago. In 1885 he first became interested in stamp collecting—100 or so common varieties having been given him by a cousin who was a collector. In 1887 he entered the ranks as a dealer, and in 1895 formed a partnership with his brother William W., under the name of Beamish Bros. Mr. Beamish is well known to most all the principle collectors but has never before been before the public as a candidate for office in any national organization. After careful consideration he allowed his name to be placed on the list of candidates for Secretary of the P. S. of A., and although he is a very busy man, yet with his system of office methods and ten years' business experience, we feel sure the members of the P. S. of A. will do well to cast their vote for Mr. Beamish for Secretary. He is identified with nearly all the prominent societies and can without doubt give our society a businesslike administration. If Mr. Beamish should be elected, those who vote for him, will not be disappointed. He will spare no effort to win the respect of all by faithful, honest, earnest and conscientious work.

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ROBERT M. MILLER.



GEORGES CARION.

Mr. Robert M. Miller is now twenty-four years of age, and has been a collector all his life. He is an ornithologist of some note, and quite an authority on the birds of the Keystone State. One of his special hobbies is philatelic papers, and he has published several since 1889. A very small paper called the *CURIOS* was his first venture, followed shortly by the *AMERICAN COLLECTOR*. In the fall of 1892 he, in connection with Ralph P. Spooner, brought fourth the *WEEKLY PHILATELIST*, which was continued until Sept. 12th, 1894, when for lack of time it was discontinued. Although small it was a paying venture. Bob, as he is familiarly called, was the founder and organizer of the *SONS OF PHILATELIA*, and has been its secretary since its organization and was the first president. Mr. Miller recently moved from New Chester, Pa., to Piney Creek, Md. He is there engaged in the mercantile business, having taken charge of a new store in above place. C. W. L.

Mr. Georges Carion, the subject of this sketch, is well known as a dealer and collector both in Europe and America, and through his long philatelic career has acquired an extensive knowledge of the stamps of the world, and especially of the stamps of the French Colonies of which he is admitted to be the best authority in the United States, having made a specialty of these stamps for the past ten years.

Mr. Carion's scientific contributions to the philatelic press have been welcomed by collectors, being subjects not hitherto touched upon by philatelic writers.

Mr. Carion is a prominent member of the Philatelic Sons of America, and a candidate for the office of Counterfeit Detector, a position he is well qualified to fill. He is also a member of the other prominent American Philatelic organizations. C. W. L.







GETTYSBURG is undoubtedly the most interesting point in the United States for the tourist, either soldier or citizen, to visit. In almost every portion of our great country the traveler can find grand scenery, majestic mountains, beautiful lakes, and beyond description the beautiful handiwork of our Creator, in mighty ocean sublime caverns and impressive landscape. There is but one Gettysburg. Here two hundred thousand men met to decide, in the words of the lamented Lincoln: "That this nation under God shall have a new berth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Here forty thousand men shed their blood or laid down their lives to make the scene of Appomattox possible. Here, as in a grand amphitheatre, met the great armies of the North and South, and the decisive battle of the war was fought.

The battlefield of Gettysburg covers an area of twenty-five square miles, which does not include the cavalry battlefield three miles East of cemetery hill, but simply the battlefield proper. There lay dead at one time on this field ten thousand soldiers and one lady (Miss Jennie Wade) interspread with five thousand dead horses and mules, while thousands more lay mangled and wounded.

In conclusion let us say the Sons of Philatelia will hold their fifth annual convention in the parlor of above illustrated hotel, on August 4th and 5th. Every member should make a strong effort to be on hand as the majestic scenery will more than double pay you for your small outlay. Furthermore the services of Capt. James T. Long has been engaged to take the members over the entire battlefield in coaches and will point out and explain all points of interest. Over four hundred monuments can be seen, costing from \$1000 to \$125,000 each.

Yea humble editor expects to be on hand and will be pleased to meet you one and all.

CAMERON W. LAWTON.

## LITTLE REMINDERS.

By D. Harlan King.

Of course we all claim to be patriotic the whole year through, but it is an undisputable fact that on the fourth of July we have this feeling a little stronger than on any other day of the year. It is right this it should be so but why is it that this patriotic feeling must come on that particular day? It is simply what the date recalls to the mind. If our great nation had been born on any other day than this one, the fourth of July would not have any significance to us more than the twenty-ninth day of February has. Then since a single date can generate such emotions in us, is it not reasonable to suppose that other things than days or dates can do the same thing? I find it so in my case at least. I find that when I take down my album and look over my United States stamps I have just such patriotic feelings as any fourth of July can bring to me. Let me illustrate how it is done. I happen to turn to the Columbian issue—how proud I am of them! Just to think this is the handsomest set of postage stamps that was ever issued in the world. I am a citizen of the great nation that issued it. Then I examine the 1c. value and see a picture of Columbus discovering America. He discovered it in 1492 and in a little over four hundred years we have reached that high mark of civilization which it took the European nations many, many centuries to reach. Yes! this very nation did all this, whose birthday we celebrate on the 4th of each July. Are you not proud to be a citizen of such a land? Now we pass on to the 2c.; Columbus taking possession of the land in the name of King Ferdinand and Christianity. Oh, yes! that strikes another chord that makes our patriotic hearts beat faster. You will have a long search if you start out to find a land where the people are more at liberty to have such religious beliefs as they choose. Religious liberty is one of the corner stones of the American nation. In the same way we might go on through the whole Columbian issue, but to show you that any issue of our country can awaken these feelings let us take the issue of 1894. The one cent is adorned with a likeness of Ben Franklin. Who was he? Why, he was not only a signer of the Declaration of Independence but was one of the committee of five men appointed to draft this wonderful document. The sight of the picture of a man with such connections with the birth of our nation ought certainly to arouse patriotism in our hearts. Next comes the two cent. The man, woman or child in the country who does not know who is the original of the picture on our 2-cent stamp was, has no business here, and the sooner the country is clear of such persons the better it will be for the public good. I might go on in this way and dispose of every stamp that has ever been issued by our government, but I have given enough to show you how it is done. Now since there is nothing that will arouse patriotism in the heart of the American youth quicker than our postage stamps, why should parents object to their children collecting them? There seems to be no answer to this question but I know of cases of this kind.

## The Philatelic Sons of America.

This association was organized on the 18th of August, 1893, at Chicago, during the time the Columbian Exposition was in progress, and from its very inception gave promise of eclipsing all the philatelic societies then in existence. So popular has it become that today nearly two-thousand collectors in all parts of the world have enlisted under its banner and are enjoying benefits which cannot be conferred on the membership of any similar organization. Its departments are popular features and have long been patronized by the members who seem to appreciate the many advantages derived from membership. The society has three exchange superintends, who, since the exchange department has been in operation, have handled nearly \$29,000 worth of stamps of which amount a very large percentage has been disposed of. Three purchasing agents attend to the supplying of the members with new issues as they appear, or in purchasing for them at any auction sales they may be instructed to attend in the principal cities in the country. Among the many other privileges enjoyed are the advice and service of an attorney in the collection of debts, the use of a library of several thousand magazines and books, the services of a counterfeit detector and of the auction department, in which such articles as a member desires to dispose of, are advertised in each issue of the official organ and sold to the highest bidder. The official organ, THE PENNSYLVANIA PHILATELIST, is mailed free to every member each month.

The Philatelic Sons of America was incorporated April 5th, 1896, and is therefore on a par with any other organization of its nature. Clifford W. Kissinger is its president at this writing and was also its first presiding officer. Its fourth annual convention will be held at Minneapolis, August 13th, and from present indications it will be largely attended. Application blanks and further information regarding the Philatelic Sons of America may be obtained on application to the publisher of this paper or of W. H. Barnum, Secretary, 47 Livingston St., Cleveland, Ohio.

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### HOW TO FORM A COLLECTION.

BY H. B. BRIGGS.

My subject: "thou art a chestnut," and yet perhaps the phrase is not so hacknied in the way I mean to use it.

When the word collection is used the philatelist naturally thinks of a stamp collection and collectors of old china, bric-abrac, and books tell me it is the same way with them, each thinking of his particular hobby whichever it may be.

Let us turn our eyes from the collection of stamps proper to that none the less interesting pursuit, the collection of philatelic literature. It is so closely allied to stamp collecting and so entirely dependent on it that a full

knowledge of the former is necessary to a lasting interest in the latter. A person must have the instinct for philately itself before philatelic literature will have any attraction, but when both instincts are developed, then the philatelist will really enjoy his hobby in its fullest extent. For various reasons the collector often pays little attention to his library. Some urge lack of time, others lack of space or cash, but if your interest is once aroused the reasons vanish like the morning dew and you come into the sunshine of the perfect day.

We will suppose that you have been collecting stamps for a half dozen of years or so and during this time have saved most of the stamp papers you have received. A few have got lost and a few others soiled and dirty but you have most of them and now are fired with a desire to add to them. How best shall we go about it? The first thing will be to get a "check list" and join the Philatelic Literature Society. You can do nothing without the "check list," and it will materially help you to join the society; the reasons are obvious. Now watch out for odd lots of philatelic papers which are advertised frequently at about fifty cents per hundred. Buy two or three thousand in this way, and after sorting out the duplicates commence to trade with other members of the P. L. S. for some that you want to complete the files you have started. As you obtain your wants add another paper to your "want list" and so on till you complete those. I always take the nicest looking and nicest reading papers to complete first and afterwards add the smaller, cheaper ones. Keep along on these lines and you will soon have a library to be proud of.

Now as to binding. As soon as you are completing volumes of some of your magazines the work of binding should commence. It is not necessary or desirable in a great many cases, however, to send them to a bindery for binding. If they are bound in that way they will look bad unless the covers are removed before binding, which is something not generally best to do for the reason that in looking over your papers you frequently find reference to the cover design or color of some other magazine or you wish to look at some advertisement which the editor has made some comment upon. For these and other reasons you do not want the covers removed and yet to leave them on in a book regularly bound would give it a decidedly variegated and dirty appearance. Therefore I say bind your philatelic magazines yourself, except in rare cases where everything is favorable to the other way. There are various kinds of binders on the market, good, bad and indifferent, but the best I have seen or used is the "klip" affair with which no doubt my readers are already familiar, they having been considerably advertised in philatelic publications. With these any number of magazines from one to the amount the binder will hold can be bound together, any one being removed and replaced at any time without injury to the paper. No punch is needed, no holes are made and no needle and thread are there to get in the way and prick the fingers as in some binders. In fact this is the best binder I know of for philatelic papers, and just as you want a good album for your stamps, just so you need good receptacles for your philatelic literature upon which much of your philatelic pleasure and comfort depends.







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## EDITORIAL.

We here present to you our PATRIOTIC number of the STAMP. No need, I suppose, to tell you we are late as that you can see for yourself, but I will here say that we should liked to have placed this issue in your hands on July 4th, when our patriotic feelings were fully aroused, then you would have been better able to appreciate our work. For only those who have had experience have any idea of the vast amount of labor attached to the getting out of a special issue of this or any other kind. Advertisers were very dilligent about responding to our calls for ads, and this is one cause of our lateness. Nevertheless we are out at last, and here present you with something out of the usual order of philatelic magazines and hope you all will show your appreciation of our work by subscribing at once. We have added a cover to our magazine after repeated calls from collectors to do so; many going so far as to say they would like to subscribe but they only took papers with covers. So now, my friends, here's your cover. Where's your subscription? Go back and look at our first number of the STAMP, and then compare it with the present edition and then see if you can truthfully say we are not entitled to your support. We think we are.

Clifford W. Kissinger has at last, we are pleased to note, made a resentment against the vile and slanderous statements hurled at him through the INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIST, that little paper with the big name. It has always been a mystery to us why some editors will allow their magazines to be filled with such worthless stuff. We are sure it is doing philately far more harm than good.

In the next issue of the STAMP we will start a Collectors Directory. Your name and address will be inserted one time for 5c. or six insertions for 25 cts., twelve for 40 cts., and cash must accompany copy. Your name in here will fetch you in more sample copies of philatelic magazines than will double your small investment. A trial is solicited.

On another page of this issue will be found a list of philatelic magazines we received during July. This table hereafter will be one of our regular monthly features and will be of great value to literature collectors. But I think it nothing more than just that I should state here that the PHILATELIC FREE LANCE put us in the notion of adopting this table, hence I suppose one might say this is one of Mr. Morris's copyrights.

We would like to place about 500 new names on our subscription books before October 1st, and in order to do same will between now and that time accept subscriptions at 12c. for 12 numbers. Send 10c. silver and a 2c. stamp and take advantage of this offer while its hot. As we grow and improve our subscription price is likely to do the same. So my friends better accept the cake while its warm.

George B. Klebes, whose features we present to our readers this month, is in the race for Vice-President of the P. S. of A. as you will all notice by reading his write-up in this issue. And we think it only necessary to add that we have known and had dealings with Mr. Klebes for several years and in all that time we have always found him an honest and upright young man. We think Mr. Klebes is well qualified for the office to which he aspires and should be elected by a large majority.

We noticed in the initial number of the American Collector where Mr. Miller states that this will be our last issue until Dec. 1. when we would print our own paper. Now I have received a number of letters regarding above and think an explanation is in order: so will say this had been our intention, but as our difficulty has been entirely removed and we have got on a better foundation than ever, we will now be prepared to place our publication in your hands regularly each month.

Talk about Columbian stamps going down in value, will you? I was recently offered \$2.00 Columbian unused original gum at 10c. below face value. Think of that, ye hustlers who paid \$3.00 and upward for these stamps.

H. D. Ruehlman, the popular candidate for exchange sup't of P. S. of A., announces the publication of the Wisconsin Philatelic Blue Book on Sept. 1. We feel safe in saying it will be a success and every-collector should secure a copy. Mr. Ruehlman has also engaged in the publication of a magazine and in company with Hart, of Pipestone, Minn., will soon issue No. 1 of the MINNESOTA STAMP.

All magazines desirous of exchanging with us will please remember hereafter and mail one copy to Geo. E. Cleaver, 1132 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, Pa. and one to the editor. All such will be reciprocated by ye humble writer.

CAMERON W. LAWTON.





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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of the P. P. A.

The sentiment of our members seems to be that a convention this year would be undesirable. I will be in attendance at the convention of the Sons of Philatelia of Gettysburg, Pa., and will do all in my power to interest the members of that society in our own association and I have no doubt but that we will receive a large number of applications in the next few months. If there are a sufficient number of P. P. A. members present at the convention I will call a meeting at which we can discuss matters of interest and plans for the upbuilding of our state association.

Fraternally Yours,

CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER, Pres.

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The above will be admitted on Sept. 1st if no objections are filed prior to that date, and upon receipt of dues to Sept. 1st membership cards will be forwarded.

Dues of members No. 10, 18, 20, 21, 22, 27, 29, 30, 33, 34 and 35 are now payable. All unpaid by Oct. 1st will be dropped from membership and will also be debarred from voting at our coming election.

C. W. LAWTON, Secretary.

Ballots will be mailed on Sept. 1st, and all votes must be in by Sept. 12th, at which date votes will be counted and result made known.

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## GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW MEMBERS:—

I notice in June's number of the Pa. Stamp that I have been nominated for Treasurer of the P. P. A. Gentlemen, I thank you very much for this honor and while I shall not seek the office, if elected I shall fulfil the duties of this office to the best of my ability. Again thanking you, I am, sir,

Yours respectfully,

J. C. MILLER.

C. W. Lawton, Secy.

## The Philatelic Literature Society.

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 { F. M. Townley, Sayreville, N. J.

## FELLOW MEMBERS:—

My report this month is not as I should have liked. We had no application blanks printed until a few days ago and this accounts for the lack of applications. The majority of the charter members have paid up and those who have not done so will please remit at once. I am glad to report that all the officers have gone actively to work, and their departments will soon be in working order. Mr. Doughty says he intends to make his department a benefit to all and one of the best in the society.

The trustees will draw up a constitution and if you have any suggestions to make as to how the different departments should be conducted, drop a card to them and they will be glad to act upon it.

We hope to have every member in the society paid up by next month.

In the next number of this paper we expect a full report from every officer. Send your reports as soon as possible to the Secretary.



## NEW MEMBERS.

- No. 70 John B. Leach, Randolph, N. Y.  
 " 71 T. L. W. Porte, 391 4th Ave., Detroit, Mich.  
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 " 73 Geo. B. Klebes, Waterbury, Conn.  
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## APPLICATIONS.

H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

The above will kindly forward their dues, 25c., for fiscal year, beginning Aug. 1st, 1896, to the Secretary. BEN L. MORRIS, BELLAIRE, OHIO.

In behalf of the P. L. S. I wish to return a vote of thanks to Mr. Cleaver for his loyal work in building up the society, and we hope to have him with us soon again. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

BEN L. MORRIS, Box 340, Bellaire, Ohio.

## THE SONS OF PHILATELIA CONVENTION.

While there was not quite as many of the boys at the convention of the S. of P., held at Gettysburg, August 4th and 5th, as was expected, still there were a dozen or so who evidently enjoyed themselves immensely.

The questions of official organ and library were important discussions. Mr. Kissinger wanted the "Pennsy" as organ for the society, but after a lengthy discussion it was decided to let it remain as it is at present.

Mr. Roy F. Greene, the former Librarian, must account for 4000 papers belonging to the library, or forfeit their value.

The election resulted as follows:

President,	B. P. Thomas,	234;	C. W. Kissinger,	65;
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	L. G. Young,	56;	E. C. Biggar,	48;
Secretary,	R. M. Miller,	246;	John Holt,	5;
Treasurer,	P. L. Messer,	256;	W. B. Hopson,	41;
Inter. Sec.,	R. J. Russell,	139;	E. S. Martin,	79;
	Herb. Clarke,	51;	Allan Little,	26;
Librarian,	F. M. Townsley,	184;	H. C. Beardsley,	110;
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Purch'g Agt.,	L. G. Lambert,	175;	J. F. Dodge,	119;
Det. Detector,	F. Noyes,	150;	G. Carlon,	142;
Attorney,	J. A. Wainwright,	185;	C. F. Bridge,	103;
Trustees,	H. A. Parks,	186;	W. F. Ward,	159;
	H. F. Dunkhorst,	181;	J. M. Bartels,	106;
	R. S. Appleton,	91;	T. W. L. Porte,	88;
	T. O. McCarthy,	82.		

A photo of those who were present was taken on the battlefield and a half-tone of same will soon be seen.

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J. M. Smeltzer, Box 166, Myerstown, Pa., has a 3c. red brown postage due stamp, cat. at \$4.00, unused, w.e. o.g., to exchange for best offer in philatelic papers.

I have to exchange for U. S. stamps and Revs, one Gray's Anatomy colored plates, almost new; one bamboo fishing rod, new, cost \$2.00; Mekeels Mexican album with \$4.00 worth of stamps. Make offer. J. B. Faatz, Bethany, Pa.

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4	Monthly Observer	J M Smeltzer	Myerstown, Pa	1 6	"	4	9x11	N C	
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H. D. RUEHLMAN.

Vice-President for Wisconsin P. S. of A.

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*C. W. L.*

# GEO. A. KATZENBERGER,

CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS ATTORNEY OF P. S. of A.



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The propriety of my running for the position of Attorney of this honorable organization having been suggested to me. I take this means of announcing myself a candidate for that office. My connections with various legal and other organizations, as well as my professional experience, causes me to believe that, if elected, I could be of service to our cause. If you think likewise, and have as yet given no adverse instructions to your proxy, I would appreciate your active aid in the form of vote or proxy instructions.

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GEO. A. KATZENBERGER, P. S. of A. No. 98.

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## EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

We have been engaged to act as associate editor on this magazine with Messrs. Lawton and Cleaver, and whether it will be an "editor's easy chair" as Bro. Miller puts it, or cane-seated; i. e., the cane coming in contact with our seat, remains to be seen. We will do our best to write something readable each month, and it will generally be a batch of notes but occasionally an article may slip in instead, "Further deponent sayeth not."

We shall greatly appreciate it if publishers will place us on their exchange list, as it will facilitate very much the writing of acceptable editorial work. This is our name and address:

H. B. BRIGGS,

428 Woodward Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Now we will drop the "Ego" and talk of the proposed catalogues and albums for young collectors. The Scott & Mekeel corporations have combined to issue the international series of albums on this plan, leaving out all minor varieties that are of interest to the advanced collector or specialist only. Such albums are just what the "young collector" needs, for it is a recognized fact that many collectors have not the time or inclination to study stamps as some of us desire to do, and therefore they can have but little use for varieties which require such study. But the catalogue to correspond with these

albums, which they also contemplate, is another matter and appears to us as of little or no use. A more complete catalogue will of course cost a trifle more and contain numerous stamps which the "coming collector" desires not to collect. But can you think of a single one who would not be willing to sell a stamp, which he supposed was worth only a few cents, for as many dollars to some specialist when he finds it is a rare watermark? He does not care to place it in his own collection, perhaps along side of another of which it appears only a duplicate; but he will be not at all averse to humoring the specialist who wishes to buy. Therefore the spaces in the album will be all he needs to arrange his collection by, and he should have a catalogue which will tell him when he has something worth selling.

It was announced some months ago that the Canadian Philatelic Magazine would be printed in better shape than it formerly had been, as its publishers had taken charge of the typographical work, but "Alack and alas," they seem to have again fallen from the path of glory, for the last number is poorly printed and on common newspaper. The contents make up somewhat for poor work in this direction, however, and its pages are very readable.

New foreign advertising sheets put in an appearance every little while, almost as often as common stamp papers on this side of the water, which is saying a good deal, and it seems a pity

with all our active dealers and collectors that America cannot have something like "Der Briefmarkenhandler Offertenblatt"(Ger.) or "The Advertiser" (Eng.) Several attempts have been made but as far as we know nothing has as yet succeeded in this country.

As philately is intended merely as an amusing and highly instructive field for the development of political skill and trickery in the coming statesmen of the nation it seems too bad that we cannot have some society elections on all the time. What a pity it is that we have to drop the interesting pursuit of office and content ourselves with discussions on the reality of the secret marks on U. S. stamps, or some other kindred subject. In truth, 'tis a shame.

We admit, on looking it over, that our first attempt is rather feeble, but we hope that critics will deal gently with us and that our readers will be on the watch next month for more "Editorial Jottings" signed by

H. B. BRIGGS.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

BY KERAS

The \$1.00 Passage Ticket Revenue bids fair to make a great jump in value in Scott's 57th edition catalogue.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News has been reduced from \$1.00 to 50 cents per year, and the Daily Item from \$3.00 to \$1.00. At this rate the publishers should meet with success.

What has become of Philatelic Facts of the Missouri Philatelist, and of the Michigan Stamp? We have received neither for a long time. Brace up, brother, and let us see you again.

The International Philatelist is now the official organ of the League of American Philatelists. It will help the society immensely to have such an efficient organ.

It seems queer that England should always portray, both on her own stamps and on those of her colonies, the features of Queen Victoria, not as she looks at her present age, but as she looked when she was a very young lady.

A witty collector recently asked us if we had seen this week's Mekeel's Weekly Price List, substituting Price List for Stamp News, on account of there being so many of Mekeel's own advertisements in their weekly.

The Philatelic Exchange announced to appear in April last has not yet made its appearance, at least we have not seen it.

Philatelist, of Ottawa, Canada, predict a new issue of stamps when Laurier's government has organized. A new issue is badly needed, and if it proves more than a rumor we hope the time-honored bust of her majesty will be given a rest and some prominent Canadian statesman substituted.

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BY SAM SNORTS.

#### HOW THEY'LL COME SHORT.

The girls now wear suspenders,  
And will soon wear pants, 'tis feared,  
But as men they'll be a failure,  
Since they cannot raise a beard.

#### DIDN'T STAND THE TEST.

"I'd suffer any pain for thee."  
He said, "my own Lenore."  
"Get ready, then," the maid replied;  
"For father's at the door."  
But when her father entered in  
And quickly raised his boot,  
Then Geo. did through the window fly,  
And for his home did scoot.

#### A SEEDY ANSWER.

"What shall I do," said a plowed-up  
field,  
"The time away to pass?"  
Then its thrifty owner scattered seed,  
And said, "Now go to grass."

#### A "PECK" AT A TIME.

A sweet robin red-breast sat in a tree,  
When the evening bells did chime;  
He was eating cherries quite rapidly,  
too.  
At the rate of a "peck" at a time.

#### NOT THEY.

The British lion may roar and tear,  
The Russian bear may growl,  
But when the Yankee eagle screams  
They dare not touch the fowl.

#### HER REPLY.

"We'll live on love," the lover said;  
But the maiden fair did mutter;  
"Suppose you try it then alone,  
I must have bread and butter."

#### A SAD SIGHT.

A sight that makes me weep,  
As this broad earth we scan,  
Is a hundred-dollar suit of clothes  
On a twenty-five-cent man.

#### OH, FOR A GROT!

Oh, for a grot in some fair spot,  
Where men would never go on benders  
And where no girl could e'er be found  
A-wearing shirts and red suspenders.

#### THE MINER.

The miner is a hustler,  
On him there are no warts;  
He buys his beer by gallons,  
And digs up gold in quartz.

#### THE BOY STOOD ON THE BURNING DECK.

The boy stood on the burning "deck,"  
Around him were his pards,  
Who smiled to see him stamp out fire  
From a burning "deck" of cards.

#### HIS VOCATION.

He lifted up his good left leg,  
And waved his arms on high,  
Spat on his hands, took a firm hold,  
And made the sawdust fly,  
Quite soon the perspiration flowed,  
He wiped it best he could,  
Then once again he humped his back,  
For he was sawing wood.

#### HOW SHE LANDED.

Sweet Mercy Brown sat on a rail fence,  
Talking to a lover and looking immense  
Then something happened to Mercy,  
For when she had ceased a-speaking  
her "spoke."  
The rail where she sat gave a snap  
and broke,  
And landed poor Merc visy versy.

#### MUST PRACTICE ECONOMY.

A man must save his money now,  
And never go on benders,  
For it will take all he can earn  
To buy his wife's suspenders.

## Stamp Collectors Dictionary and Guide.

BY J. H. LYONS.

**ADVANCED COLLECTOR**—A stamp collector who is intelligently interested in philately.

**ALBINO**—A stamp without color and which is only an impression of the plate upon the paper.

**ARBESQUE**—A kind of delicate tracery or ornaments consisting of intricate lines, fruits, flowers, etc. Named from the Oriental countries in which it originated.

**BATONNE**—In England is called "foreign" note paper. It has parallel lines in its substance further apart than in laid paper, and which serve as a guide in writing. It may be also laid or wove.

**BLOCK**—Is four stamps of the original sheet, unsevered, and in the form of a square.

**BOGUS STAMPS**—Those of which there are no originals, and which were made to defraud collectors.

**CANCELLED**—Obliterated so as to be useless for postage.

**CARTON PAPER**—Is a heavy texture resembling thin card board. See stamps of Rampour.

**COLONIALS**—Stamps issued by a government for use in its colonies. The stamps of Victoria, Tasmania, etc., are British Colonials.

**COLOR PAPER**—Means the paper on which the stamps are printed is colored, and may be either wove, laid or any other variety of paper. See the stamps of Panama.

**COMPOUND PERFORATION**—Is when the perforation at the sides of a stamp is of a different size than at the top and bottom.

**COPPER ENGRAVING**—Similar to steel engraving, but very little employed as the copper is soft and wears out. See stamps of Mauritius, in 1847 issue.

**CONTINENTALS**—The common stamps of Europe.

**COUNTERFEITS**—Imitations of genuine stamps

**CUT ENVELOPES**—Stamped envelopes, from which the stamps alone is collected.

**DENTED PERFORATION**—The line of separation follows a zigzag course and the angular points on the edge of one stamp fit into the indentations of another.

**DESCRIPTION**—The proper description of a stamp should be as follows, always beginning at the center; U. S. 1 cent, 1887, the center of the stamp consists of a bust of Benjamin Franklin to the left in an oval disk with shaded background, the lower portion of the oval being bordered with pearls, and the upper portion with curved frame containing, in small white lettering, the words "UNITED STATES POSTAGE." The whole is engraved in line upon a shield-shaped tablet, with a truncated pyramidal base bearing on it the words, "one" and "cent" on either side of the figure "1." Color, ultramarine blue. Shape, rectangular.

**DEXTRINE**—An isomeric condition of starch. Dextrine, when pure, is solid, translucent and uncrystalizable. It is a superior substitute for gum arabic as an adhesive layer to stamps and the edge of envelopes. See U. S. stamps.

**DIES**—The engraving of stamps from which the impression is taken.

**DOUBLE IMPRESSION**—A stamp printed in color on both sides by mistake. See some of the 1877 issue of Persia.

**DOUBLE PERFORATION**—A stamp perforated with two rows of holes on one side. See some of current issue of U. S.

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## Editorial



### Good Morning, Brethren

May you prosper, live long, and subscribe to our magazine, is our humble greeting to you in this, our new make-up and turn-out.

With this, our No. 7, we are launched upon the waves of philately in an entirely new outfit. We have been at considerable expense in fitting out this number of our magazine, and hope collectors will show their appreciation of our labor by subscribing at once. This is a fair sample of what you may expect in the future as our aim is now and always will be to improve and give our readers the very best of everything that lies within our power.

Mr. King, I am sorry to say, by an unavoidable occurrence, is unable to be with us this month, but he will be along again next month with something of special interest to all.

Judson B. Faatz, of Bethany, Pa., notifies me that after October 1st his address will be Capouse Works, Scranton, Pa., in care of J. H. Faatz. Mr. Faatz is Auction Mgr. of the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association, so all members of same will please take note.

It is our intention to publish Scott's advance priced sheets just as soon as issued. Therefore, if you wish to receive this free treat send in your subscription at once. No need explaining to you the advantage of so doing as this is too old an affair.

On page 4 of this issue will be found the commencement of the philatelist's dictionary. This will be found to be a great assistance to the young collector, and will be continued each month hereafter until completed.

The Philatelic Californian, Vol. 3, No 7, has been received with the omission of any date except the year. For the advantage of literature collectors will say this number is ment for July.

We are also pleased to inform our readers that Georges Carion has been exonerated from the charges of theft that his ex-clerk brought against him by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. of New York.

On another page will be found the result of the P. P. A. election. Now let us sincerely hope that all officers will at once get to work and have all their respective offices in working order at an early date. Also let the members get to work and secure new members and see how soon we can have a society that will outdo any state association ever organized. It can be done with your help.

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#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

##### FELLOW MEMBERS:—

I was very much surprised when I was informed that I had been elected President of the Philatelic Literature Society. I will do all I can to deserve the trust of our fellow members, and I hope, with their aid, to make our society a success. My report is necessarily short this month. I hope the officers will make a report each month and thus keep alive their interests and that of their fellow members of the society, for when the officers show a lack of interest it will strangely affect the members. I have requested the trustees to draft a constitution. I have signed the membership cards and they are ready for distribution on payment of dues. I would request all the officers to get their departments in working order soon as possible. I have requested the Vice-President to appoint a resident V.-President for each state where we have members and that their duty shall be to obtain new members and look into references from their states and make reports to the Vice-President of the society. All reports should be sent to the Official Journal before the 12th of each month. I hope that the members will take an interest in and work for our society, and I hope soon to see our society record enough new members to reach the century mark. I am ready at all times to answer any letters, and give aid to the best of my knowledge.

With best wishes for our society I submit this report.

GEO. N. CAMPBELL, President.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

##### FELLOW MEMBERS.

I am pleased to report that the future of our society is very bright. Very little effort has been made to secure new members, as the rules in our constitution will be very strict in this regard.

Several of the members are in arrears yet, and unless paid by our next report, will be dropped. Any papers you can spare please donate to the library.

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No. 80 H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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Having elected me Librarian of your progressive society, I wish to return thanks and say that I wish to make the P.L.S. library a credit to the society. I want publishers to donate their paper to the library; members to send all odd papers they have; publishers of hand books, books of reference, etc., to send copies to us. THE PHILATELIC FREE LANCE has given us two copies for one year. Who will be next? Philatelic publications of all description will be thankfully received, and a mention of them will be made in my monthly report. J. M. THOMPSON, Librarian, Big Run, Pa.

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#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of the P. P. A.:-

I take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Association for the honor conferred upon me by re-election to the presiding chair of our flourishing society, and in return I propose to give my best efforts to advance the interests of philately in this great commonwealth of Penn. There are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of devotees of philately within the confines of the state who are not now members of any Association, and it is these collectors we should strive to add to our ranks. The next year should see not less than 300 members enrolled. To accomplish this I would suggest that every member of the Association compile a list of collectors in his vicinity not members of any Society, and send this list to our Secretary, he in turn to write each collector personally, soliciting his application, and in this way by the members working together there is no reason why the P. P. A. should not be the most flourishing and profitable state organization. If every one will do his share, the work can easily be accomplished.

Sincerely Yours,

CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER, Pres.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

- No 36 Edw Morrison, Pattersons Mills, Pa.  
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 Edgar G. Boggs, 500 Collins Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. Ref. C. W. Lawton, M. P. Boggs.

The above will be admitted to membership on Oct. 15th if no objections are filed prior to that date, and upon payment of dues, 25c., membership cards will be forwarded.

C. W. LAWTON, Secretary.

#### ELECTION RETURNS.

At the P. P. A. election 15 ballots were cast, which resulted as follows: For President, Kissinger 8, Miller 3, Joplin 4; for V. Pres., King 13, Zaruba 2; for Secretary, Lawton 12, Cleaver 3; for Treasurer, Miller 14, Faatz 1; for Exc. Supt., R. M. Miller 10, Smith 4; for Auc. Mgr., Faatz 11, King 4; for Librarian, Thompson 12, Smeltzer 3; for Ct. Det., Brown 9, Smeltzer 3; for Trustees, Kissinger, Cleaver & Dormott 5; Joplin, Zaruba & Miller 9; Convention Seat, '97, Pittsburg 11, Reading 4.

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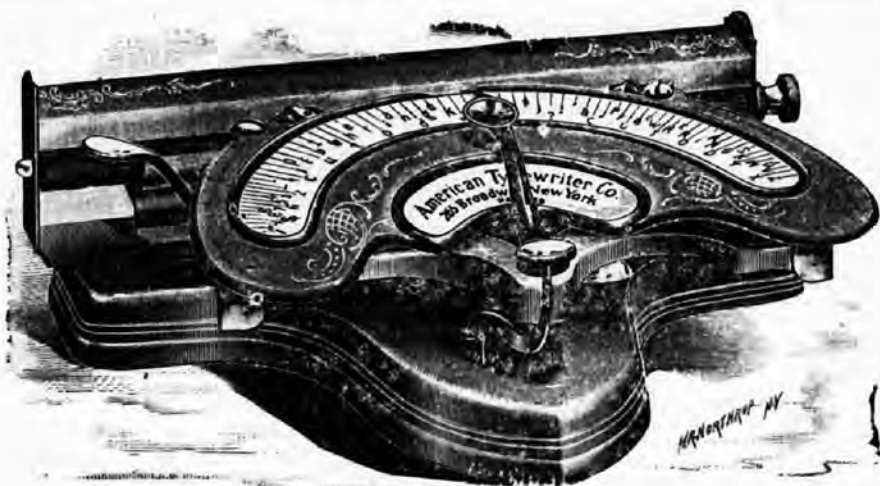


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