

- The Philatelic Argosy. -

Vol. I.

BUFFALO, N. Y. JAN. 1892.

No.

Our Greeting!

In sending out this little sheet, I do not pretend to enter into competition with the many papers published in the interest of stamp collecting, but publish it simply in the interest of my trade.

At the same time, I shall endeavor to fill out the greater part of it, with short notes and articles of interest to collectors and dealers.

It is my intention, to issue this paper, every other month; and it will be sent regularly for one year, to every person who will send me six cents to cover postage.

The many bargains that will appear, will not consist

of sea trash as Helgoland, Roman States, etc., but good specimens of genuine original stamps.

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A DEALERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

The following is taken from an article in the 'Pennsylvania Philatelist'.

Every dealer should send his opinion.

Address H. F. Kantner
230 Penn St., Reading, Pa.

Here is my plan: Why not organize a dealer's protective association? If every dealer would join, a yearly assessment collected, an official journal in which the names of frauds would be published, and copies of

which would be sent to every dealer and publisher in the business, then we would be on the right track. Furthermore I would suggest: that a Persecution Committee be appointed, whose duty it would be to confer with the office authorities for the persecution of all frauds.

That every city or town having a dealer, be represented by said appointed dealer, whose duty it would be to recover stamps from stamp frauds or collect the amount due for same. That the association proceed in the same manner with dishonest dealers reported. That all the societies and papers be notified of the frauds for publication.

Come, dealers let us or-

ganize and sweep the vermin from the face of the philatelic globe.

Editors and dealers, express your opinions.

D. E. ALGER.

Exchange Column.

To subscribers 30 words free.
To others, one half cent a word.

Ten philatelic papers for every ten stamps, catalogued at at 5c. each. Frank R. Hoyt, Drawer 156, Buffalo, N. Y.

I have a few Mexico Revenues, which I will send out on approval to collectors.

References or a deposit required.

Address the publisher.

THE PHILATELIC ARGOSY.

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The PHILATELIC ARGOSY.
Published every other month
Subscription 6c. per year.

Address

FRANK R. HOYT,
Drawer 156, Buffalo, N. Y.

I shall be pleased to exchange two copies with any publication devoted to stamp collecting, and all matter so received, will be noticed in these columns.

I am in receipt of a catalogue, from A. R. Rogers, 75 Maiden Lane, N. Y. City, containing a list of the stamps comprising his 3rd sale, as well as a likeness of Mr. Rogers.

Many rare stamps are listed, and a copy should be in the hands of every advanced

collector.

I am glad to hear that A. B. Quigly, alias A. Burmeister, has at last been arrested and will undoubtedly get his just deserts.

The two firms of Bogert & Co., of New York, and Durbin & Hanes, of Philadelphia have consolidated, and been incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.

The firm name will be The Bogert & Durbin Co., and they will run two branches, one in Phila. and one in New York. The capital stock is \$75,000

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I hope to have more reading matter in the next number.

THE PHILATELIC ARGOSY.

COLLECTORS!

Fine sheets of stamps on approval. A deposit or references required.
No penny trade wanted.

Bargains!

U. S. 1872, 12c. unused	\$.75
1869, 1c. "	.20
" 6c. "	.80
" 10c. used	.40
" 12c. "	.40
" 30c. "	1.25
" 15c. picture framed, unused.	1.10
Interior comp. unused	2.00
Treasury 7c. unused	.60
" comp. 1c., 2c. & 30c. unused	3.00
State Dep. 1c. unused	.30
" 3c. "	.30
" 6c. "	.20
" 15c. "	.60

DEALERS!

My 1 cent mixture contains a fine lot of stamps to retail at 1c. each. No common continentals, and at least 40 kinds in every 100.

Only 30 cents per 100.

The 2 cent mixture is a superior mixt. of 2c. stamps. Over 45 var. at 60c. a 100.

Over 50 kinds in my 2c. mixture. A big bargain at \$1.00 per 100.

The 5c. mixture contains over 50 var. of fine 5c stamps.

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I am making a specialty of sending out small wholesale lots on approval. Try me!

10 U. S. off. sealed for 25

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Drawer 156, Buffalo, N. Y.

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We recently had the good fortune to buy up about two thousand envelopes, which were used from 1851 to '59.

Among the lot we found six Canada 1852. 6d., eight 3d. and two 6d. 1858.

There were no rare U. S. among the lot, the only one of any interest being a 1c. Carrier (Eagle)

In an old collection of about 600 varieties, we found over 50 counterfeits.

Among the number were Antigua, Cape Good Hope triangular, Hawaii & Liberia. Nearly all were poor imitations and would hardly deceive collector of the present day.

The members of the A. P. A., are asking what can be done to check the resignations.

Suggestion: Borrow Mr. Hooper, of the P. S. of C., and put him in charge for a few months.

No doubt many collectors will be surprised to learn that the MOUND CITY STAMP Co., has failed.

They advertised extensively and were supposed by many to be one of the largest stamp dealers in the country.

Poor management is said to have been the cause.

Nothing pleases the dealer so much, as to receive a

lot of trash from an idiotic collector, with a request to send rare U. S. in exchange. Such letters are received often, and they make the dealer very tired.

Mess. RUDOLF F. ALBRECHT & CONSTANTIN WIRT, of N. Y. have opened an office at No. 90 Nassau St., where they will conduct a general philatelic and publishing business, under the name of ALBRECHT & WIRT.

Messrs Vickery & Hill, Publishers, of Augusta, Maine, are agitating the question of fractional currency, for the benefit of persons doing business by mail. This would be a good thing for stamp dealers, many of whom re-

ceive more stamps than they can use in their business, and have to dispose of the surplus at a discount.

The J. W. SCOTT CO., announce that they are publishing a Universal Stamp Collector's and Dealer's Directory, which they claim will be superior to anything of the kind ever published.

Dangerous counterfeits of the six pence Nova Scotia are being offered for sale by a New York party. Collectors and small dealers should be cautious in buying from strangers.

Your attention is called to the list of stamps farther on. Send in your bid.

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Drawer 156, Buffalo, N. Y.

Exchange Column.

Free to subscribers.

To others, one half
cent a word.

I will subscribe to every philatelic paper of which I receive a sample copy; English or any other language. O. H. Meyer, 442 S. 9th St., Saginaw, Mich.

'MEKEEL'S WEEKLY' of March 9th, contains an interesting account of the arrest of Sr. Rosondo Fernandez, in St. Louis, Mo.

The Chicago Stamp News is a neat little paper pub-

lished by The S. B. Brady Co., in the interest of their business.

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'One Dime,' has been enlarged and improved.

Published by Charles W. Peugh, Kossuth, Ind.

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The 'Philatelic Era', is rapidly coming to the front.

It is full of interesting articles, and is one of the best philatelic papers published.

Address The Philatelic Era 502 Congress St., Portland, Maine.

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The 'Electric Philatelist,' is a new paper.

Published by A. M. Fine, 1623 Sanderson Ave., Scranton, Pa.

Exchange 2 copies with all.

Catalogue

OF A COLLECTION OF

U. S. & Foreign Stamps,

to be sold to the highest bidder,

MONDAY, APRIL 18th, 1892.

Bid So Much For Each Lot As No Lots Will Be Broken.

All Stamps Are Guaranteed Genuine And In Good Condition Unless Otherwise Stated

Address Frank R. Hoyt, Drawer 156, Buffalo, N. Y.

← United States →

- 1 1847, 5c. brown, 10c. black
- 2 Same unused. No gum.
- 3 1851, 1c. Strip of three on original envelope
- 4 — 1, 3 and 10c. used
- 5 1857, 1c. Strip of three on original envelope.
- 6 — 12c., cancelled to order with pen.
- 7 1861, 5c. brown and 5c. chocolate.
- 8 — 12c unused, no gum and 30c. orange used.
- 9 1868 3c. rose and 12c. black.
- 10 1869, 1, 2, 6 & 15c framed. All unused, no gum.
- 11 — 10, 12 & 15c. framed. Used.
- 12 1870, 1c. blue, 2c. brown & 3c. green.
- 13 1872, complete, 1 unused.

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14	1872, 15c. unused, 7 & 24c. used.	8
15	'75, 2c.: 82, 1, 5, 6 & 10c.; 83, 2 & 4c.; 87, 1, 2 & 3c.:	
	— 88, 4 & 5c.; all unused with original gum.	12
16	1888 4c. unused no gum; 30 and 90c. used.	3
17	Agricultural Dep't., 1, 2 3, 6 and 15c.; unused.	5
18	Executive " 2c. carmine used.	1
19	Interior " complete; unused.	10
20	— " used.	10
21	— " 30c. unused, 1, 15 & 90c. used.	4
22	Justice Dep't., 2 and 6c. purple used.	2
23	Navy " 1, 2 and 6c. unused.	3
24	P. O. " 1 & 2c. used; 3 & 6c. unused.	4
25	— " 1, 2, 3, 12, 15, 30 and 90c.	7
26	State " 3, 5c. unused; 7c. used.	3
27	Treasury " 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 24 and 90c.	7
28	— " complete.	11
29	War " complete.	11
30	— " 1, 3, 10, 12, 15, 24 and 90c. unused.	7
31	Canada 1852, 6p on orig. env.; stamp badly torn.	1
32	— " 3p & 6p on original envelope.	2
33	— " pair of 3p. on original envelope.	2
34	— " 1858, 6p on original envelope. RARE!	1
35	— " 1868, 12 1-2, 15c. regis. 2.8c.; unused no gum	4
36	Bermuda, '65, 1shgreen, 5p vio. 80 4p orange, unused	3

- 37 Great Britain, 1884 £1 violet.
 38 Hong Kong, 1891, 2c. rose & black. 'Jubilee'
 39 Japan, 1889, officially sealed.
 40 Natal, '74, 1p. red; perf. trimmed on bottom.
 41 Nova Scotia, 3p. blue; very fine specimen.
 42 — " " on original envelope.
 43 — 3p dark blue " "
 44 — pair of 2c and a 1c on envelope.

— WHOLESALE LOTS —

- 45 U. S., 1851, 3c. red, on original envelopes. 125
 46 — 1857, " " " " " " 200
 47 -- '53, entire envelopes; 3c. red on buff. 30
 48 Austria, 1890, 30kr. brown. 25
 49 Japan, '88, 25s. green, [30] 15s purple [25] 55
 50 Cape G. H., 1-2, 1, 2p; N. Zealand, 1 & 2p. 170
 51 South African Rep., 1-2, 1 and 2p. assorted. 100
 52 Mexico, 1888, 1, 5 & 10c; assorted. 300
 53 West Australia, '90, 1p rose. (30) 2p slate, 25. 55
 54 — '89, 1p rose, 10, 2p slate, 10. 20
 55 New Brunswick, '60, 5c green; unused, no gum. 25
 56 St. Lucia, 1883, 2 1-2p. blue. 30
 57 100 stamps catalogued at 1c. each; 100 at 2c. each;
 & 100 at 3c. each; over 175 varieties. 300
 Unused stamps have full gum, unless otherwise stated.

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BUFFALO, N. Y., MAY, 1892.

No. 3.

Please do not send in bids on my Auction Sales, unless you are prepared to pay for any stamps you may succeed in securing.

GENERAL COLLECTING.

A great many articles have been written on specialism and its advantages, but I think it is much more interesting to collect stamps of all countries.

Of course a blank album is necessary, so that in some cases the stamps may be spread out, and thus doing away with that barren look which will appear if a printed album is used.

I do not take any interest in the unused "SEEBECKS" and exclude them from my collection; but this is a matter to be decided upon by yourself.

I also believe in collecting shades and watermarks.

Take a stamp that has a watermark that is difficult to make out; you soak it, hold it at different angles and scratch your head, and at last discover what it is, heave a sigh, and feel as if you had done a great deed.

PHIL. STAMP

We will give a complete set of unused Interior Dept. stamps, to the collector or dealer sending us the best original article pertaining to Philately.

All competing articles must reach us not later than June 15th, and must be legibly written, and on one side of the paper only.

The articles in question, will be submitted to a committee of collectors, and the one receiving the majority of the votes, will be awarded the prize.

All rejected articles will be promptly returned.

STILL THEY COME!

The Wisconsin Philatelic Society, is one of the latest. For particulars, address W. F. Schad, Sec., 150 Reed St. Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Howard P. Boyle, of Washington, D. C., announces a new paper to be called the 'Ad. and Sub.'

The S. B. BRADT Co., of Chicago, have removed to 132 Wabash Ave.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, has taken an interest in the firm and no doubt will contribute some of his breezy notes to the 'Chicago Stamp News.'

Have you sent in your bids?

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I will give 10 philatelic papers for every 10 U. S., 6 c. present. issue sent me.

'One Dime' has appeared very regularly of late, and consists of eight pages and a cover.
C. W. Peugh
Kossuth, Ind.

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The 'Philatelic Era' is as newsy as ever, and from the looks of its ad. columns, we should say that it is a profitable investment for its publisher.

Published by
W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me.

One of the latest and poorest appearing papers, is the 'Collector's Press,' published by the Antique Pub. & Supply Co., 722 N. 7th St. Richmond, Va.

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If it were not for the fact that the editor of the 'Long Island Philatelist' uses his journal as a spite vent, we would call his paper first-rate 'Boil within' Brother A.

Ashcroft & Ogden, Pub.s.,
63 Irving pl., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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The 'Hoosier Stamp' for May, contains a bi-ography and portrait of Mr .S. S. Atwood; also portraits of Mess. C. H., Geo. D., & I. A. Meele.

Published by
Harold Van Trump Rochester, Ind.

HOW I BECAME A STAMP COLLECTOR.

BY INCOGNITI

The first time that I ever saw a foreign postage stamp was in 1880, when my mother received a letter from my aunt who, with her husband, had removed to Chili. I immediately seized the stamp, and my curiosity was aroused to see the stamps of other countries.

Upon enquiring of some of my friends, I was fortunate enough to find one who had a relative travelling in Europe, and he promised to give me the stamps from any letters that he might receive. These, together with a few that I gathered from other sources, increased my collection to about thirty varieties, of which I felt very proud.

One day while visiting at the house of a playmate, he brought out a collection of about 100 varieties, and I determined to secure the same at any price. He seemed unwilling to part with it but a old diary and a knife soon brought him around, and I went on my way rejoicing.

My collection increased very slowly for the next six months, at which time I removed to another city, and my collection was packed away in an old trunk and almost forgotten.

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MONDAY, JUNE 20th, 1892.

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Address Frank R. Hoyt, Drawer 156, Buffalo, N. Y.

→ United States ←

No. Stamps
In Lot.

1	1847, 5c.; 1855, 10c.; 1861, 12 & 24c.	4
2	- 5 & 10c. unused no gum. Gov. counterfeits.	2
3	- 5 & 10c; the 10 is trimmed on side	2
4	1855, 10c; '72, 15c; 82, 5 & 6c. All unused.	4
5	1861, 1, 10, 12, 24 & 30c.	5
6	- 1, 10, 12 & 24c.	4
7	1857, 1 & 3c. outer line; unused, no gum.	2
8	- 1c., 3c. outer line, 10c.	3
9	1866, 15c.; 1869, 10c.; 1872, 7c.	3
10	1868, 2, 3 & 12c.	3
11	1869, 1, 2, 3, 6 & 10c.	5
12	- 1, 2, 6 & 15c., unused no gum.	4

- 13 1869,. 1c unused; 2, 10, 12, 15 & 30c. used.
- 14 1872, 15c. unused.
- 15 - 7, 12 24, 30 & 90c.
- 16 - 7, 12, 24 & 30c. used; 15c. unused.
- 17 1888 30c., 90c.
- 18 Same.
- 19 1888 30c., 90c.; set unpaid letter stamps.
- 20 Newspaper. 3c. black, unused no gum.
- 21 Agricultural Dep't., 2, 3 & 6c. unused.
- 22 - 1, 2, 3, 6 & 15c. unused.
- 23 Interior " 1, 2, 10, 30 & 90c. unused.
- 24 - 1, 2, 6, 12, 15, 24 & 90c.
- 25 Justice 1, 2, 3, 6, & 10c. unused
- 26 State 1, 2, 3 & 15c.
- 27 - \$2.00 full gum; pen marked.
- 28 - 2c. used. 3c unused
- 29 Treasury Dep't., 3, 6, 7, 12 & 15c.; 7c. is not fine.
- 30 - 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 24 & 90c.
- 31 -- 1, 3, 6, 7, 12, 15, 30 & 90c.
- 32 War complete.
- 33 -- 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 & 90c; unused
- 34 -- 1, 2 3, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 & 90c.
- 35 -- 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12' 15, 24, 30. 90c.
- 36 '53, 3c red, buff p., die 4; entire used envelope.

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37 '60, 3c. red, buff p. unured cut square.	1
38 — — white p. — —	1
Mexico Revenue Stamps. Documents.	
39 '74-75, 1, 3, 5 10, 25, 50c. & 1 peso.	6
40 1877, 1c. gray, 3c. red, 5c. brown, 10c. orange, 1c. carmine, 5c. lilac, 25c. violet.	7
41 1878 1, 3, 5 & 10c. 1879, 1, 3 & 10c.	7
42 '80, 1, 3, 5 & 50c. 1881. 1, 3 & 5c.	7
43 1886-87, 1, 2, 5, 10c. & 1 peso	5
44 1888-89 1, 2, 3, 5 & 25c.	5
45 35 var. Mexico Revs.; cat. value \$2.23	35
46 15 " " " catalogue value about \$1.25	15
47 1888-89, 25c., 1p, 5p	3
↪ Foreign ↩	
48 B. Guiana, 1876, 12c. lilac, 1889, 2c. mauve, black & red, 1, 8 & 24c.	5
49 Canada 1852. 6d. on original env.	1
50 21 var. Col. Rep.; cat. value \$1.00.	21
51 Confederate 1862, 5c. blue; '63, 10c. blue, 20c. green '64, 1c. orange; all unused.	4
52 — 1863, 2c. rose on orig. env.	1
53 Mexico 1877, 5 & 10c. laid paper.	2
54 — 40 var. cat. value \$2.00	40
55 Nevis '82, 1p. violet, 1-2 p. green.	2

- 56 N. Foundland 5p.; two shades unused.
 57 - '63, 4, 6, 6 1-2p. & 1sh. all unused.
 58 - 1876, 2c. green, unused.
 59 N. Zealand, 2p. blue perf.; w'kd. N. Z.
 60 - 1859, 2p. blue. '62, 2p. blue, star.
 61 N. Scotia 3p. blue on orig. cov.
 62 - 1860, 10c. verm. lion.
 63 St. Christopher 1870, 6p. green. 1882, 1-2p. green
 1p. rose, 4p. lilac. 1890, 6d. olive brown.
 64 15 India; 9 Guatemala; 17 Japan; all dif. cat. \$1.00.
 65 Gold Coast 1884, 1-2p. bistre.
- ↪ Wholesale Lots ↪
- 66 50 U. S. Officially sealed unused.
 67 Interior Dept. 10 1c. & 10 2c. unused.
 68 U. S. 1860, 3c. red buff p. unused, cut square.
 69 - 1875, 2c. ver. mailla p. " " "
 70 100 N. Brunswick 5c. green, unused no gum.
 71 50 Same.
 72 25 Same.
 73 N. Zealand 1882. 100 1 & 2p. & 50 4p.
 74 100 Mexico Revenues assorted.
 75 100 stamps cat. at 1c. each 100 at 2c. 100 at 3c.
 10 at 5c 10 at 8c.
 76 150 S. A. Rep., Japan, Dutch Indies & Australia.

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NO. 4.

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— A bi-monthly —

Devoted to the Interests of Stamp Collectors.



— PUBLISHED BY —

... FRANK R. HOYT, ...

P. O. Box 205, Buffalo, N. Y.

SIX BIG BARGAINS.

- U. S. 1860, 3c red, buff paper cut sq., unused. \$
— 1875, 2c ver. manilla “ “ “ “
— 1857, 3c red, (outer line) on orig. env.
Interlor Dept. 1c., unused.
“ “ 2c., “
N. Brunswick, 5c. green, unused, no gum.
Postage extra.

A SNAP FOR DEALERS.

Am closing out my stamp business, and have put stamps catalogued at 10c each and under into packages 100 each. These go at \$1.00 a package.

Stamps not taken.

The above contains no trash and is a bargain for any dealer.

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VOL. 1

BUFFALO, N. Y., SEPTEMBER, 1892.

No. 4.

A New Stamp Company In Town.

The Watson Stamp Co., will be opened July the one.

The following is a copy of a letter recently received by
wholesale coal firm of this city:

Buffalo N. Y. May 24. 1892

Dear Sir:

Mr. A & Co I would like to know if Your in the
stamp Bussenes or if you was and sold and If you sould
Please send this letter to the man you Sould out to and o-
llige Mr Frank J Goetz

I would like to know weather the Patriot Stamp company
trades with you or the man you sold out to Please send
me a whole sale price list I am going to open a Stamp Co
July, the I witch I am going to call the Watson If your
not In Bu. Please send this lett to the man the bought you
out. and tell me who the man name is and Address

Yourse Truly

Frank Goetz

459 Conn. St Buffalo N. Y.

Please send me a Price list As soon as Possal al.

HOW I BECAME A STAMP COLLECTOR.

BY INCOGNITI.

CHAPTER II.

Several months later, my attention was attracted by an advertising card lying on the walk, and on picking it up I found a foreign stamp gummed to it.

This renewed my interest and I began to consider how to increase my collection.

Up to this time I had never heard of a stamp dealer and was greatly surprised one afternoon when I saw a stamp catalogue in a stationer's window. I immediately purchased one and spent the evening devouring its contents.

My first work the next morning was to order an 'International' album and a few cheap packets which were advertised on the cover of the catalogue. These arrived at the due time, and I took a great deal of pleasure in transferring the collection from the old scrap book to the 'International.'

I had taken the letter carrier into my confidence, and he very often secured stamps not in my collection and one day delivered to me a sample copy of the 'Philatelic Journal of America,' which was addressed to an unknown

person. This was the first stamp journal that I had seen, and I was surprised at the large number of advertisements it contained as I had supposed that Scott was the only dealer in the country.

After reading over the advertisements, I determined to send for a selection of approval sheets, and for that purpose, selected a firm with a large and high-sounding name. After waiting about two weeks I received a postal stating that they required a deposit of one dollar or more. I forwarded a dollar and after another two weeks had passed received a few sheets of torn and very dirty common European, all of which I had in my collection. I immediately returned the stamps and requested that they return my money; but this they declined to do stating that they never refunded money but that I might select a dollar's worth from the lot enclosed. These were little better than the first lot, and after considerable correspondence they declined to refund my money or answer my letters so I gave the matter up in disgust.

- To be continued. -

If you have never bought stamps at auction look over the catalogue in this number and send in a few bids.

You may get a big bargain

THE SONS OF PHILATELIA CONVENTION.

The first annual convention of the Sons of Philatelia, was held at Gettysburg, July 4th & 5th, with the following members present:

J. D. Bartlett, R. M. Miller, W. H. Emmert, P. L. Messer, Wm. Nichlas, Jr., Ralph P. Spooner, C. W. Grevning, J. Percy Stetler, Ralph Ashcroft, F. S. Fox, Harry F. Kanter, C. W. Kissinger, W. H. Linn, Lewis M. Lang, G. J. Luhn, S. J. Lowder, Dr. R. J. Russell, Frank R. Hoyt.

The principal discussion was the fixing of the age limit of the President, Treasurer and Exchange Superintendent at twentyone years, which was passed. This will undoubtedly meet with the approval of a majority of the members, as these offices, (especially that of President) should be held by men, and not by boys.

CONVENTION NOTES.

The members are to be congratulated upon securing such a capable President as Mr. Bartlett.

The next convention will be held within thirty miles of Chicago, the three days following the A. P. A. convention.

During the evening session two poems, composed for the occasion, -one by Roy F. Greene and one by J. Percy Stetler- were read. Both poems were 'swiped' by Kanter, for the "Pennsylvania Philatelist."

Gus Luhn purchased \$5,000 worth of relics; Confed. \$'s.

The Fourth was celebrated by a display of fireworks.

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EXCHANGE COLUMN.

Free to subscribers.

150 varieties War Envelopes, 150 varieties U. S. Penalty Envelopes, 1,000 U. S. Postals, 5 var., for stamps and and stamp papers. E. B. Jones, Ruthven, Iowa.

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We have received from Mr. John K. Tiffany, an invitation to meet the members of the St. Louis Philatelic Society, Wednesday evening, July 6th, at his residence 3559 Chestnut St., St. Louis.

We do not doubt but that all present spent a very pleasant evening, and regret that it was impossible for us to have been with them.

No room to mention exchanges in this number but we will try to catch up in our next.

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↪ Unused United States ↪

- 1 1869, 1, 2 & 6c. no gum.
 2 1872, 15c.
 3 1887, 2 & 3c; '88' 4 & 5c.
 4 Interior Department, complete.
 5 — 1, 2, 3, 6, 10 & 12c.
 6 — Same.
 7 — 1, 2, 3, & 6c.
 8 — 1, 2, 3 & 10c.
 9 — Same.
 10 — Same.
 11 Navy Dep't., 1, 3, 10 & 12c.
 12 P. O. " 1, 3, 6, 10 & 12c.

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13	P. O. Dep't.	3, 6, 10 & 15c.	4
14	—	3, 12 & 15c.	3
15	State	1, 3 & 6c.	3
16	—	1 & 3c.	2
17	—	1c; no gum.	1
18	Treasury	1, 2, 3, 6 & 10c.	5
19	—	1, 2, 3 & 10c.	2
20	—	7c.	1
21	—	Saure; no gum.	1
22	War	1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 & 90c.	10
23	—	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 15 & 39.	8
25	—	1, 2, 3, 6, 15 & 30.	6
26	—	1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 & 90 c.	10
27	1860,	3c. red, white paper; cut square.	1
28	“	“ buff “ “ “	1
29	Same.		1
30	Another.		1
		↪ Used United States ↪	
31	1847,	5 & 10c.	2
32	“	5c.	1
33	1851,	1, 3 & 10c.	3
34	“	1c., strip of three, on original envelope.	3
35	1857,	“ “ “ “ “ “ “	3
36	“	3c. red, (outer line) on original envelope.	1

- 37 Same.
 38 Another.
 39 Still Another.
 40 1861, 1, 10, 12, 24 and 30c.
 41 — 30c., '66, 15c.
 42 1868, 2, 3 & 12c.
 43 — '69, 2, 12, 15 & 30c.
 44 1869, 2, 10, 12 & 15c. '72, 7, 12, 24 & 30c.
 45 1888, 30 & 90c.
 46 Unpaid 1 to 50c. complete.
 47 State Dept. 1, 2, 3, 7 & 15c.
 48 — 10c. heavily cancelled.
 49 Treasury complete.
 50 — 3, 6, 7, 12 & 15c.
 51 — 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 24 & 90c.
 52 — 1, 3, 6, 7, 12, 15, 30 & 90c.
 53 War Complete.
 54 — 1, 2, 3, 12, 15, 24, 30 & 90c.
 55 — 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 & 90c.
 56 Confederate States '63, 2c rose.
 57 Same on original envelope.
 58 U. S. Revs. pair of 5c playing card; first issue.
 59 Barbadoes envelope, 1p. rose entire.

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62	N. Foundland '76, 2c; green; '70, 6c. rose.	2
63	South Australia 1890, 4p. violet.	1
	- :: - Used Foreign Stamps - :: -	
64	Bulgaria unpaid, 4 varieties.	4
65	Col. Republic 1888, 50c. brown.	1
66	Canada '52, pair of 3p. on original envelope.	2
67	Great Britain official, 3 var.; Me.x '72, 12c pin perf.	4
69	Hong Kong '83, pair of 10c. violet.	2
70	Japan Officially sealed.	1
71	Liberia 1885. pair of 4c. bistre.	2
72	St. Lucia 83-87, 1-2, 2 1-2, 1 & 3p.	4
73	— '83, 2 1-2p.; '87, 3p.	2
74	Same.	2
75	4 var. Trinidad: 5 var. Barbadoes, cat. value 30c.	9
76	W. Australia '82, 6p. '89, 1 & 2p.	3
77	Same.	3
78	Another.	3
79	Still another	3
	: Following contain used and unused :-	
80	10 var. Argentine.	10
82	12 var. Brazil, cat. value 56c.	12
83	7 Denmark, 6 Jamaica, 5 Luxemburg, 16 Netherland, and 7 Dutch Indies; all different.	60
84	9 Japan, 9 Guatemala, 12 India, 6 Nicaragua; all dif.	37

-: Philatelic Literature :-

85 Vol. 1 Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, one no missing

86 ' 3, A. J. of P.

87 ' 4, same.

88 ' 7, P. J of A

89 Standard Philatelist, 3 numbers.

90 Dominion " 26 to 28 inclusive.

91 20 Auction sale catalogues.

92 6 No's Eastern, P. 10 Southern P., 5 Canadian and
12 Fraud Reporter.

93 48 odd papers; nice lot.

-: Wholesale Lots :-

94 33 Dutch Indies, 21 Peru, 24 W. Australia, 30 S.
African Rep., 20 Mexico and 14 Japan

95 56 Confederate '62, 5c. blue, unused.

96 118 Hamburg envs., cut sq.

98 50 Canada 1859, 2c. ver.

98 182 U. S. Revenues.

99 20 — officially sealed.

100 Same.

101 35 entire envs., 1864, 3c. pink.

102 ' ' ' 1874, 3c. green.

103 10 N. Brunswick 5c. green,

104 25 ' " ' "

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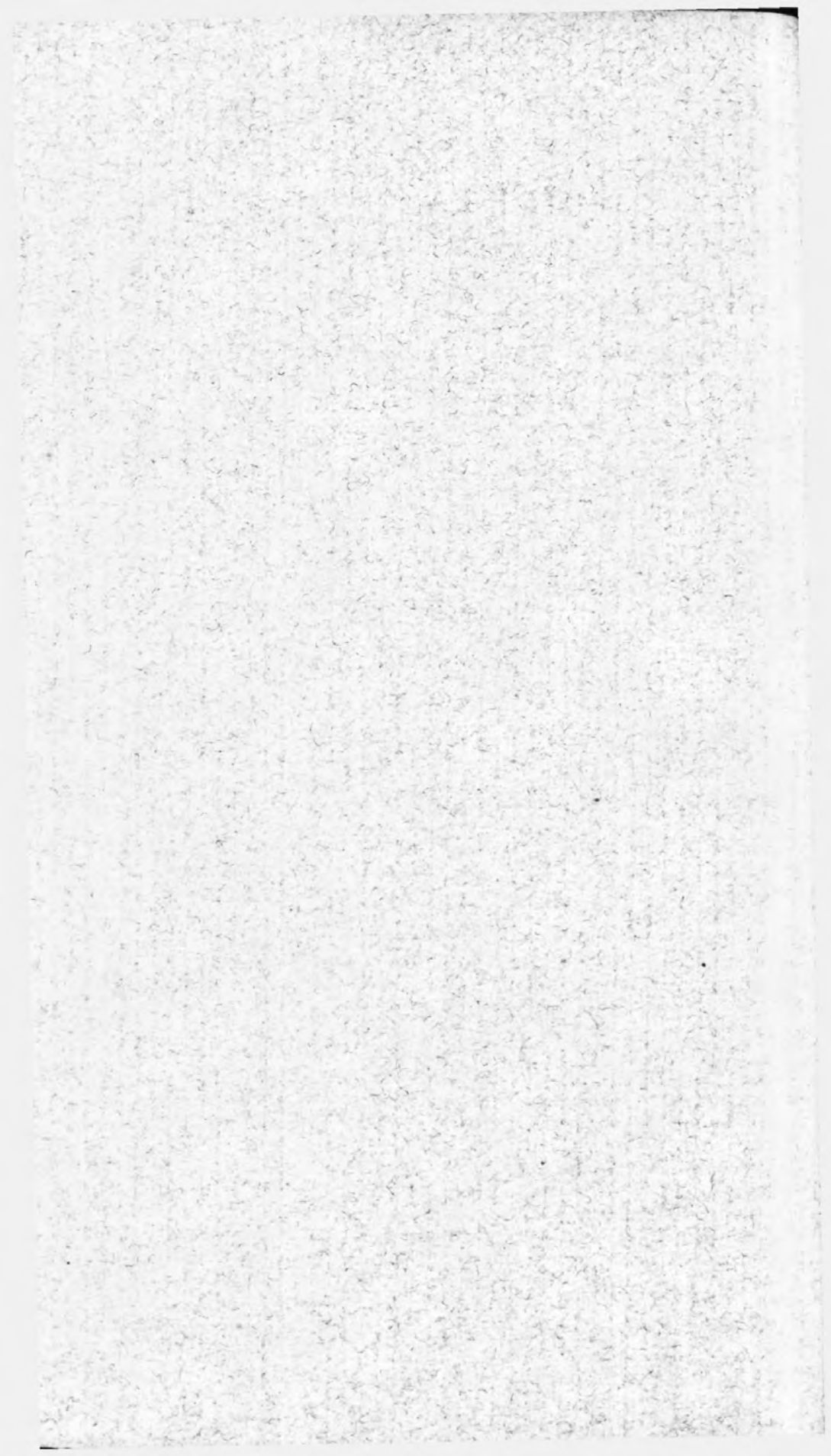


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HOW I BECAME A STAMP COLLECTOR.

(CONCLUSION.)

Shortly after this a friend of mine, who was a clerk with an old established firm ran across several thousand old envelopes and knowing that I was a "fiend" sent them to me with his compliments.

Most of these envelopes contained the common 3c stamps of 1851 and 1856, but among the lot I found nine 5c and three 10c 1847, and several of the pence issue of Canada including some of the perforated varieties.

I disposed of the lot to a dealer for \$50.00 each and \$15.00 worth of U. S. stamps.

I was surprised to find that nearly all of the Canadian envelopes even as late as 1859, were simply marked paid, and were minus stamps.

This find made me even more enthusiastic on the stamp subject, and I spent many spare moments rummaging through old trunks and chests.

I have always been fairly successful in finding a few good ones and now have a collection of over 3,000 varieties and am still a few dollars ahead.

OUR FRAUDS.

The last number of the *Fraud Reporter* contains over six pages of alleged frauds. We should judge from this that they are increasing very rapidly.

In no other business would such a state of things be allowed, and the dealers of this country should band themselves together and make a bold attempt to wipe these thieves from the face of the earth. The fact of the matter is there are too many "kid" dealers who will send stamps to any and every person who applies for them whether the request is accompanied by references or not.

Most of these dealers have no more idea of business than a kangaroo, and advertisements reading about as follows are very common:—

A postal card with your name and address will bring you a fine selection of approval sheets. References not required.

A. YOUNGSTER, Kidsville.

Any small dealer who does not want to lose his stamps should always require good references, and should not send on stamps until he has written to and received an answer from the party to whom he is referred. If this rule was more generally observed it would do much to decrease the number of these thieves.

Some dealers demand references but do not write to the parties to whom they are referred. This is nearly as bad as not requiring references at all.

Take the case of Jno. J. Morgan, of Camdem, N. J. who has lately swindled many dealers; his requests were accompanied by names of reliable persons as reference, and if the dealers had taken the precaution of writing these parties they would have learned that Morgan had no authority to use their names.

We would like very much to see some action taken in the matter, but

so long as these inexperienced dealers are so numerous, we doubt whether anything definite will be done.

CLIPPINGS.

"The Sandusky Post Office is still selling the 15c orange 1872 issue. This stamp is catalogued at 30c and dealers purchasing them at face value and retailing them at 25c are making a harvest."—*The Stamp*.

"It is said that the 1sh., 1867, Nevis stamp laid paper is one of the rarest stamps from the West Indies, if not the rarest."—*Philatelic Era*.

"It is not astonishing that after an experience of 25 years at counterfeiting postage stamps, the Germans have got things down pretty fine, and the recent 10 groschen, blue, Saxony, which have come over this side in immense numbers within the past 18 months, is a very fine imitation, and none but an expert can detect the difference. But while the color and impression are almost perfect, the paper is a trifle coarse and thick while in the genuine it is as thin and smooth as a Canada 10 pence.

"Another dangerous lot are the Tuscany first and last issues, which were done in Italy, and a fine job they are, too, being the only stamps I ever saw with watermarks well forged. The 3 lire is a splendid imitation, especially the impression, but the watermark, of crossed wavy lines is too thick. Beware of any of the above stamps at a bargain, as the genuine are well worth the catalogue price for good specimens."—*Eastern Philatelist*.

"A postage stamp of the original value of about 16 cents was sold at auction in London recently for \$240.00. It was a Moldavian 81 paras postage stamp."—*Yankee Agent*.

"It has been recently found out the exact number of Canada 10c envelopes that were issued. The manufactures printed 100,000 and sent them on to the Canadian Post Office Department in 1860. Of that number 44,500 were issued to Postmasters, but, by an order of the Postmaster General after 1867, there were 60,000 of the 10c envelopes destroyed. It is plainly evident that 4,500 had been returned to the Department by Postmasters. There were also smaller lots sent in afterwards from time to time, and these were also destroyed. This would really leave only about 39,000 as having been used. They are getting extremely rare when entire and unused."—*Canadensis, in Weekly Stamp News*.

THE SONS OF PHILATELIA.

Are you a member of this flourishing society? If not you should join at once. For application blanks, Address,

R. M. MILLER, SEC'Y., New Chester, Pa.

REVIEW.

The July number of the *Southern Philatelist* contains an interesting account of its editor's wanderings.

It's a cold day when Gus can't work the magic word "beer" in its columns. SOUTHERN STAMP & PUB. Co., 25 Broad St., Charleston, S. C.

The first Auction sale catalogue that we received this season was from R. F. Albrecht & Co., N. Y. City. It contains 450 lots including a few wholesale.

The next on the list is the catalogue of the S. B. Bradt Co's. eighth sale, which will come off Wednesday, Oct. 9th.

The *Collector* for September is very interesting, especially the notes regarding S. of P. members. R. M. MILLER, New Chester, Pa.

A few days ago we received a copy of the *Post Office* and had no sooner settled down for a good read, when we discovered that it was a May number. A later edition would be appreciated Mr. Davison.

The smallest paper that we receive is the *Philatelic Sun*. It is the official organ of the Stamp Collector's Union. Published by CHAS. H. SMITH, Brushton, N. Y.

No. 3 of the *Collector's Press* is an improvement over the first number, but there is room for still more improvement. J. C. WECKERT, Howard's Grove, Richmond, Va.

The "Fearless and Independent" otherwise known as the *Stamp* is now issued from Long Branch, N. J. Bro. Grevning has started a review column, which he claims will be one of the finest. GREVNING & SPOONER, Long Branch, N. J.

The *Philatelic Era* for September is accompanied by a 14 page supplement called the *Philatelic Literary Review* which contains a splendid review of nearly all the philatelic journals published. This is undoubtedly the most complete review of philatelic publications on this side of the Atlantic, and we wish Bro. Jewett success. There is nothing small about the *Era* except the review editor. THE *Philatelic Era*, 502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

Mr. Reimers is gradually enlarging the *Western Philatelist* and has added a cover to the Sept. number, which improves it very much. C. D. REIMERS, Auburn Park, Chicago, Ill.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* is still grinding out fraud lists by the page. Every dealer should have a copy of this paper near at hand. GUY W. GREEN, Stromsburg, Nebr.

The *Florida Philatelist* has found out the location of our P. O. Box and we hope to see it regularly hereafter. No. 3 consists of 16 pages and cover and contains several articles of interest. D. E. HAZEN, STAMP & PUBLISHING Co., Thonotosassa, Fla.

Mr. Peugh has evidently lost our address, and we have not received *One Dime* in some time. You will find the address on the cover Mr. P.

Another delinquent is the *Curiosity Collector* which we have not seen in many, many moons. Can't you exchange Bro. Bartlett.

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EDITORIALS.

Until this number the PHILATELIC ARGOSY has been published simply as an advertising sheet for the publisher and we have not accepted outside advertisements, but as the publisher has disposed of his stamp business we now solicit advertisements from all reliable dealers. We hope to enlarge very soon and guarantee to circulate not less than 1000 copies each issue.

The S. B. Bradt Co., announce that they are to hold three important auction sales, during the World's Fair. We hope to attend them Mr. Bradt.

We have secured the names and addresses of several hundred boys and young men who know nothing of stamp collecting and have never seen a stamp journal. These will receive copies of the next number of this paper, which will no doubt, be the means of starting some of them collecting.

Do you want their trade?

If so send us your ad.

Are you a subscriber to this paper? We do not claim that it is the best, but we will endeavor to make it interesting and would like to see your name on our subscription list. Send on your little fifteen cents.

1893 is rapidly approaching and will probably bring with it the largest gathering of stamp collectors ever assembled together. We venture to say that the Conventions to be held during the Fair, will be howling successes.

Dogs days are synonymous with "blue days" in the almanac of some stamp dealers. July and August are generally the dullest months in the year for dealers. Dog days have passed. Send us your ad.

BUFFALO PHILATELISTS.

Buffalo has over 125 collectors. No society. Other cities have societies. Why can't Buffalo? This paper will go to every Buffalo collector whose name and address I can learn of. If you would like to form a Buffalo Philatelic Society, drop me a postal card. Don't put it off, but let me hear from you at once.

We have received from Mr. C. F. Winstanley, of Christchuret, New Zealand a copy of the *Christchuret Press*, containing an account of the trial of Alof Schlesinger, tobacconist, on the charge of having dealt in fictitious stamps. Schlesinger was fined £1, costs of court 13s. witnesses £12 4s 2d and the solicitor's fee £2 2s., or in default two months imprisonment with hard labor. As the article occupies nearly eight columns it is too long to produce in full here.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

BY NOX.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., will soon issue the 53rd ed. of their catalogue and wise dealers will hold on to all the United States stamps they can get hold of, as many of these stamps are bound to increase in price.

Dealers from all parts of the country report that the demand for U. S. is greater than the supply, and they are as good as cash any day.

I was recently shown a block of thirty 24c purple, 1870, which the owner had purchased at face value a few years ago. He has had many tempting offers for the same, but has declined them all and stated that he intends holding them until 1900. The same collector has a full sheet of 10c green 1851.

A collector of this city in cleaning out an old fire proof vault, found a box containing several hundred old envelopes; and thought that he had made a great find, but on looking them over found that nearly all the stamps had been torn from the envelopes. Perhaps the million stamp fiend had been around.

I consider old Canadian postage stamps even a better investment than U. S. as nearly all of them can be readily sold at full catalogue price and many of them bring considerable more.

The pence issue of 1858 are getting extremely rare and can hardly be had at double the catalogue price.

I have seen a few bogus perforations but they would hardly "pass muster" as the perforations were much too large.

What has become of the "Philatelic Mercantile Agency" that was advertised extensively about a year ago, by Mr. S. W. Scott, Dubuque, Ia.

A thing of this kind ought to pay if worked by an enterprising collector.

There are so many boy dealers that it is sometimes difficult to determine whether the advertiser is a boy or man. I recently received a visit from a dealer whose advertisement I had occasionally seen, and who I had supposed was one of these boy dealers. I was consequently surprised to find him a man of about 50 years of age. On the other hand, I recently had some correspondence with a party who does considerable advertising, and whose ad's are always well written up. Upon making inquiries about this party I was surprised to learn that he was a boy about 12 years of age.

A great deal is being said against these boy dealers, but I think that if they try to conduct their business honestly and do not run into debt, it is a good thing both for the boys and for philately as it gives the boys a little business experience and helps to stimulate and keep up the interest in our hobby.

Why is it that stamp dealers, as a rule, are so slow in making remittances. Did you ever notice it? This also applies to collectors.

The Newspapers and Periodicals are beginning to find out that stamp collecting is not merely child's play, and I have noticed several articles lately, most of which have been very nearly correct and a great deal better than the rot usually published on the subject, in such papers.

The million stamp craze seems to travel like the cholera. It has struck Buffalo, and I know of several persons who are wasting their time in the vain attempt to accumulate the million.

"You can fool some people sometimes," but you can fool stamp collectors all the time.

Wonder how long it will be before another like A. B. Quigley and John J. Morgan, will appear, catch a lot of suckers and disappear with a small fortune.

Why is it that some dealers solicit bids on each piece in a lot instead of on each lot? It necessitates a great deal of figuring and bother getting at the average price, and I know of a case where the bidder forgot himself and made a bid on the lot. The cataloguers took this bid as on each piece in the lot, and the bidder was compelled to pay about double what the lot was worth.

It is said that the new postage stamps will be just twice as wide as the present issue. This comes from good authority.

Beware of a party named Frank Chase who sometimes calls himself the Eagle Stamp Club, of Eldred, Pa.

He is a boy, about 12 or 14 years of age, with no sense of honor, and will defraud you if he can get a chance. Beware!

In looking over the *Canadian Philatelist*. I notice an article signed Nemo from which the following is a quotation. "It was a controversy—nay, even an acrimonious contention, which in the more modern period of existence, would have been immediately and unanimously sustained, but which, nevertheless, in the then obscure age, was greeted with intrepid and ardent inconsistency and repugnance by an illiterate multitudinous contestant, and which required the most skillful, toilsome, striving and strenuous exertion of the more intelligent agitating minority."

I am not acquainted with this author but if this is a fair sample of his writings, it's ten to one that he is a great big "chump."

A Syracuse, N. Y. paper, says that if Harrison is given another term, we will have a one cent postage rate before long.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN EX-WOULD-BE STAMP DEALER.

I had been collecting but a few months when I received a circular from a wholesale stamp firm, stating that for three dollars they would furnish a few ready-made sheets containing stamps catalogued at from 1 to 5¢ each, the whole to reach the value of at least \$10.00 by any catalogue. I determined to become a dealer at once and forwarded the necessary three dollars for which I received the stamps in due time. The next thing to do was to place an advertisement in some paper, which was attended to at once and I anxiously awaited the results. I had hardly received a copy of the paper containing my ad. when I received a request for a selection of approval sheets, which was followed by two or three more the following day. It took my entire stock to fill these and I immediately sent forward an order for more ready-made sheets and a few packets of cheap stamps.

Requests for stamps kept coming in and I was compelled to break up my collection in order to keep my orders filled until I could receive my second stock of stamps. In the meantime I received returns from my first applicant, accompanied by a postal note for fifty cents, and I began to think that dealing in stamps was a very easy way to make a fortune. I placed more advertisements and purchased quite a little stock of cheap stamps, but I found that all my applicants were not turning out as well as the first, and the returns came in very slowly, when they came in at all. At the end of two months I was not quite so sure that there was a fortune in it. I continued to send sheets to every applicant and at the end of another month found myself out a number of hard earned dollars and was then positive that there was not a fortune in it, at least for me, and I began to realize that it was necessary to demand references or a deposit in order to come out even. I also felt that it was necessary to issue a good sized price list in order to become a full-fledged dealer, and accordingly wasted fifteen dollars in a thousand lists made up of cheap packets and chestnut sets.

Of these I felt very proud and circulated them among collectors whose names I secured from directories and exchange columns, feeling assured that I would be overwhelmed for packets and, but the orders never came.

I now began to get desperate and placed several of my old accounts in the hands of a bad debt collecting agency, whose circulars stated that they rarely failed to collect any account.

This cost me about five dollars and I realized just 50 cents from the investment

I determined to proceed in the future with great caution, and by sending stamps only to parties furnishing good references I began to make both ends meet and my spirits arose once more, but alas! I was not to get along so smoothly and was swindled out of over thirty dollars worth of stamps by a party with whom I had done considerable business and who I had considered perfectly reliable.

This, together with a loss that I sustained through a customer dying, was the beginning of the end, and I determined to realize as much as possible on my stock and give up the business.

During my short experience as a dealer I learned that it is more profitable to sell rare stamps at twenty per cent. profit than to handle trash at one hundred per cent.

In one respect the stamp business is like any other; it requires capital and in my opinion if a person has the necessary capital and a little experience, there is no reason why he should not make money, but when the capital consists of but a few hundred dollars it could be more profitably invested in a good collection.

If you are thinking of starting a stamp business do not let this article discourage you, but go ahead and find out for yourself.

EXCHANGE COLUMN.

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Will exchange advertising space in this paper, for good articles of interest to collectors. Address the publisher.

BUSINESS COLUMN.

Advertisements under this head, $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ a word each insertion. No display allowed. No ad. received for less than 15 cents.

Have put the remainder of my stamps catalogued at from 2 to 10 cent, into packets which I am selling at \$1.00 each. Each packet is catalogued at over \$4.00 and contains a few U. S. stamps. Frank R. Hoyt, Box 205, Buffalo, N. Y.

100 var. free, to all sending for my approval sheets at 40% discount on remittances of 25¢ or more. U. S. at 25% discount. References required. H. Braun, 506 Main St., Cincinnati, O.

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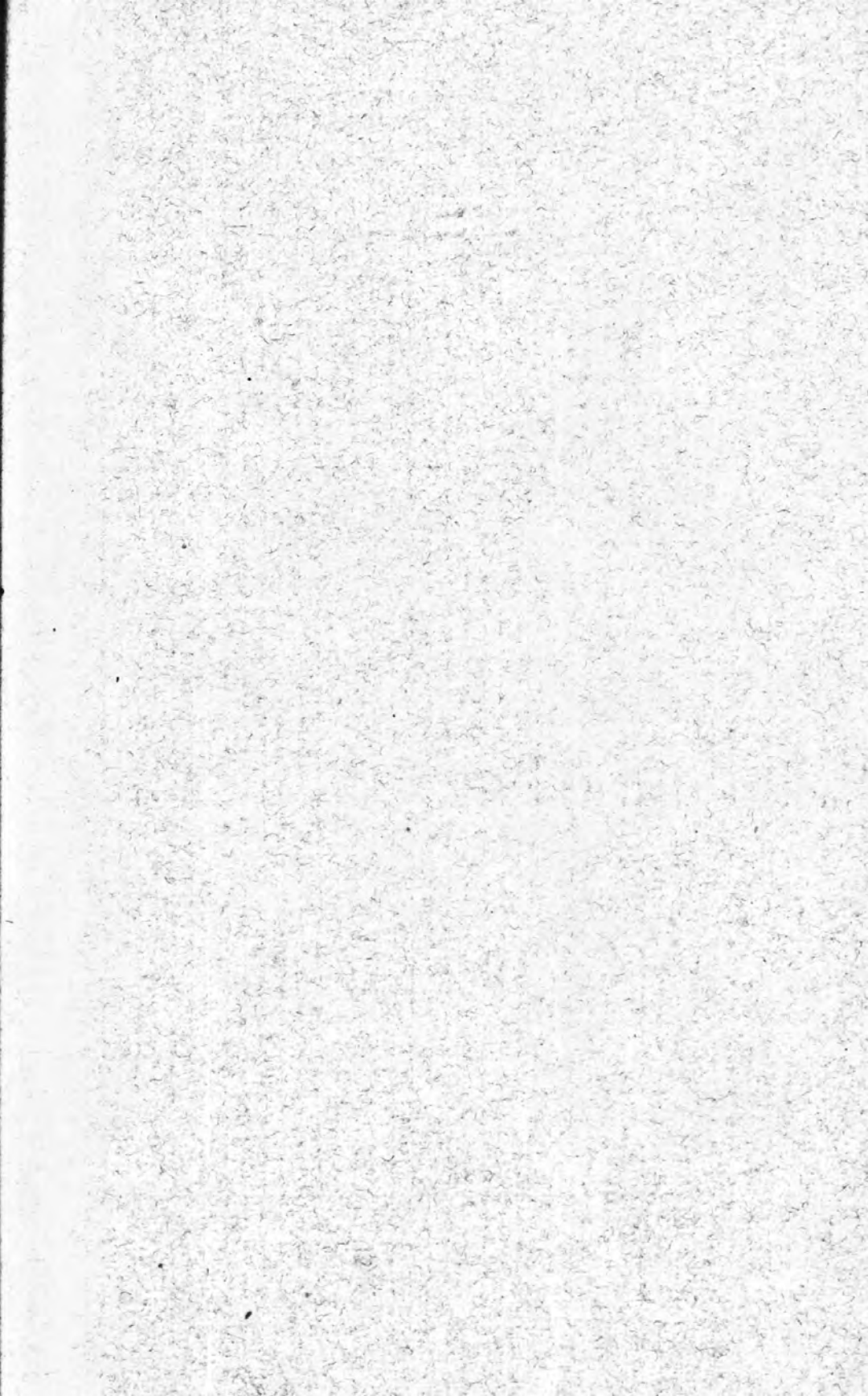
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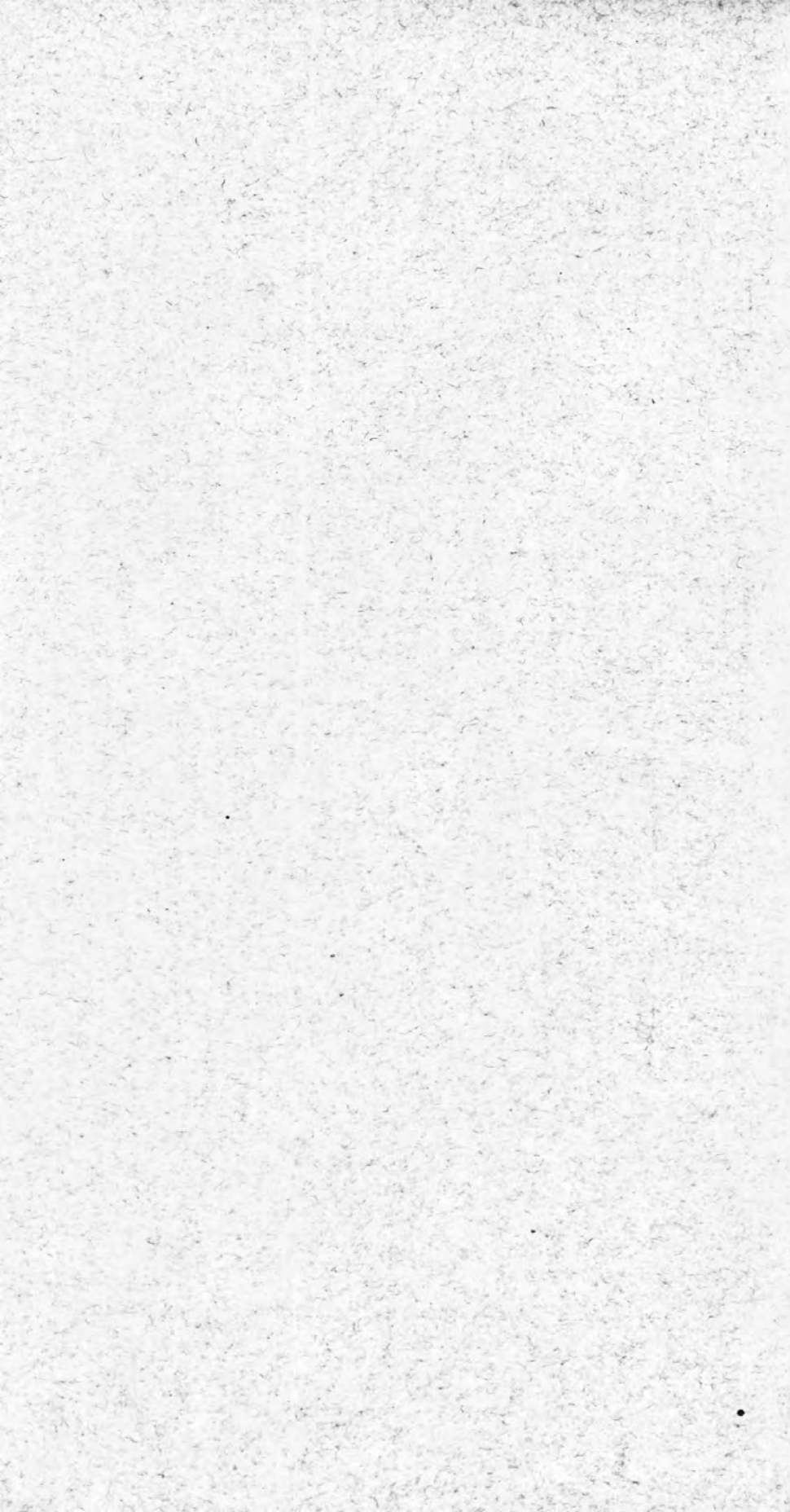


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THE STAMP OF THRIFT.

How the Charity Organization Society will Help in the Saving of the Pennies.

From the Buffalo Illustrated Express.

The Charity Organization Society of Buffalo evidently had in mind the cultivation of civic pride as well as of thrift in the designing of the stamps pictured here, and bearing the likeness of Benjamin Fitch founder of the

Fitch Institute: Joseph Ellicott, "the Romulus of Buffalo," and James Wilkeson whose efforts in behalf of Buffalo in its early days is attested by the inscription "Urbem Condidit." These stamps having just been issued as bonds to be used in the society's new scheme for penny savings. Several stations have been established, where a cent, 5 cents or 10 cents may be exchanged for one of these stamps, which will be affixed to a stamp-card bearing the depositor's name, whenever the card is filled up, or the amount of deposits reaches a dollar or more, the stamp-card may be deposited at the Central Deposit Station, and a pass-book, on which future deposits of stamp-cards can be entered, is issued in its place. It is the intention that, as soon as the deposit reaches a sufficient size, it shall be transferred to a savings bank where it can draw interest. The stamps are issued for cash to local stations from



STAMPS FOR PENNY SAVINGS.

the Central Deposit Station at No. 10 Court Street.

This admirable plan has been developed by Messrs. Thomas Cary, Edward R. Rice, Joseph Block and Charles H. Keep, who proposed to issue, as soon as there is money enough, stamps of 2, 3, 25 and 50 cents value. The system or something much like it, has been used elsewhere with marked success.

The stamps are made by the American Bank Note Company of New-York. The device under the head of Mr. Fitch on the one-cent stamp is "Philanthropist." To him the Charity Organization Society is indebted for large gifts of real estate during his life by the sale of which the Society has been enabled to erect the Fitch Institute at the corner of Swan and

Michigan street and gives quarters to philanthropic enterprises,—the Fitch Dispensary, the Fitch Accident Hospital and the Trinity Co-operative Aid Society. The Fitch-Creche adjoining was also his gift. Mr. Fitch lived in Buffalo in early life, but removed to New-York where he died in 1886. Joseph Ellicott, "The Romulus of Buffalo," was a surveyor for the Holland Land Company and laid out the City of Buffalo. He contemplated building in the middle of Main Street opposite the churches and leaving to the city as a park the land between Eagle and Swan streets, but the supervisors cut Main Street through his grounds which made a curve at that point according to his plans, and Mr. Ellicott moved up onto High Street and cut North and South Division Streets through his contemplated park. He commenced a house where now the Medical College stands, but did not complete it. He moved to Batavia and died there.

The 10-cent bears Judge Samuel Wilkeson's head with the device, "Urbem Condidit" which his descendants have placed on his tomb in Forest Lawn. "He built a city." He was instrumental in raising Buffalo from a village to a city by his efforts in having the Erie Canal terminate in Buffalo instead of at Black Rock. Tradition has it that he pulled off his coat and spade in hand, dug the first shovelful of earth on the enterprise. His descendants still occupy the house where he lived on Niagara Square.

The stamps of other denominations with heads of other "Buffalo Men of Note" will be ordered by the society as soon as the necessary funds are obtained. Subscriptions for the purpose will be gratefully received by Thomas Cary, Chairman of the Committee on Stamp Scheme.

Stamps have been deposited at all the banks of the city to facilitate the public in procuring them in quantities adapted to the purse of the individual who desires to assist the Society in the good work. Circulars especially adapted for insertion in the pay envelopes of small or large business concerns may be procured at the central office. The teachers in the Public schools are specially requested to take an interest in this matter.

WANTED.

For the Philatelic Exhibition at the World's Fair.

A philatelic publisher who does not publish the best and cheapest advertising medium.

A collector who has never thought he would make a successful dealer or editor.

A collector who never became ambitious to start a society, with himself as secretary, pro tem.

A publisher who does not guarantee twelve numbers of his magazine.

A dealer who does not have the best and cheapest approval sheets in the market.

UNCLE SAM.

"Dear Old Uncle Sam! How I love him and his mail bags!" cried Peggy Cline, eagerly holding out a hand for her share of the mail, which a neighbor had just brought in.

The Cline mail was usually a large one. Without the good cheer which came from the outside world packed in stout leather mail bags, life would have been much less attractive to the members of the household.

"Father" said Ned Cline, as he cut the leaves of his favorite periodical, "an isolated life need not be a profitless or lonely one. The country people may have choice company, thanks to the United States Mail Service."

"Yes" replied Mr. Cline, looking up from his paper into the cheerful fire of logs burning on the hearth. "Upon this stormy afternoon we should be especially grateful to Uncle Sam for bringing good company into our house. Mamma has her magazines. There is something for all of us. We may be storm bound for an indefinite period, and few visitors come this way, but we shall not be lonely, since the mail has brought to each member of our household something fresh, and interesting from every part of the world."

"Fifty years ago Uncle Sam was not so hurried and hard-worked as he is today. In numerous inland towns the mail carrier visited the town but twice each week, and the mail bags were seldom heavily weighted. Periodicals were few and high-priced, and classed as luxuries by most people. The postage upon a single letter cost twenty-five cents. Envelopes were expensive; many letter wrappings were cut from coarse paper, sealed with colored wax, wafers, or the white of an egg.

"The reception of a letter was in many homes considered a great event. The family gathered about the father, who deliberately opened the package, unopened a large sheet of coarse paper, upon which was written, perhaps with indigo blue ink and a quill pen, loving messages and the yearly happenings in the family. News gathered very slowly and when letter postage cost twenty five cents, the prudent correspondent desired to write his money's worth. Letters were deliberately written, not hastily scrawled, and were perhaps more readable than many in this era of haste.

"About twenty-five years ago, a young girl residing in a small village received a letter from a brother, in which the postal card was carefully described and the prediction made. "I think these convenient cards, costing one cent each, will become very popular. It is not always necessary to spend three cents for a desired communication. Three cents an ounce for postage is not expensive, yet, when one must write many letters it counts up rapidly. These cards will be in demand."

"Time has proved the convenience and popularity of postal cards. Later on letter postage was reduced from three to two cents an ounce.

"The United States Mail Bags grow heavier and more numerous as time wears on. No corner of our country is too remote for a visit from the mail carrier. One may live out of the world, and yet receive into one's home the newest and brightest gems of literature, music and so forth, fresh from the hands of author, composer or painter. A grateful people should duly appreciate, as not the least of our good things, the United States Mail Service and Uncle Sam, who constantly strives to make it more efficient.

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EDITORIAL.

Several hundred copies of this issue go to parties who are not collectors. If you are one of them you are invited to join our ranks and subscribe to the PHILATELIC ARGOSY.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co.'s pricelist, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp pricelist. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle street, St. Louis, Mo.

The stamp season is now at its height and dealers report a larger business than ever before.

Again we ask the same old question. Why do some dealers send out approval sheets unsolicited? We have been bothered more than ever of late, and several lots have been minus the stamp for return. If these unsolicited stamps were of the scarce or rare variety and marked at reasonable prices, it would not be so bad, but they are the most common kind of trash, and we will consign them to the wast basket in the future if not accompanied by return postage.

We have received a circular from Mr. A. R. Rogers, New York City, stating that he is now compiling a *Philatelic Blue Book*, which will give the name, address, age, occupation and other particulars in regard to the names inserted. The price will be \$1.00.

If you should receive this paper and are not a subscriber you are invited to send on your little fifteen cents. Also remember that subscribers are entitled to use of the exchange column, without charge, which is alone worth more than the subscription price.

Try an ad. in our business column. It is sure to pay.

REVIEW.

No. 1. of the *International Philatelist* has made its appearance. It consists of eight pages and cover and is considerable better than the average Vol. 1. No. 1. Published by W. S. Weatherston, 13 Peter St., Toronto, Ont.

Advertisements are driving out the reading matter in the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*. The Sept. number contains only about one page of reading the rest being made up of ads.

The *Collector* for Oct., contains an account of its editor's trip to Washington. Among the Sons and several pages of S. of P. matter. The list of applications to the S. of P. fills nearly two pages. R. M. Miller, New Chester, Pa.

The *Philatelic Era* for Oct., contains "Will Postal Card Collecting be the Subject of the Future," "Is Philately a Science," Chronicle, notes and the usual review.

The *Nebraska Stamp* makes a very tidy appearance.

The Oct., number contains the opening chapters of "My Country Cousin," by Roy F. Greene, "a poem by Guy W. Green," Review, "The Mail Service in Zuyuland," Notes, etc. Cleve Scott, Central City, Nebr.

The *Florida Philatelist* for Oct., contains a portrait of Mr. August De Jonge, continuation of "Howard's Stamp Case," "the Typical Philatelic Publisher," "A Plea for Sample Copies," notes, etc. D. E. Hazen Stamp & Pub. Co., Thonotosassa, Fla.

The *Missouri Philatelist* for Oct., has added a department of reviews, conducted by C. E. Severn, Chicago. They are well written and add very much to the value of the paper. P. H. Conrath, Pub., St. Louis, Mo.

The *Electric Philatelist* for Oct., is hardly up to the standard.

It contains Review, the constitution of the U. S. Philatelic Association and a few notes. Andrew M. Fine, 1623 Sanderson Ave., Scranton, Pa.

The *American Philatelist* for November hails from St. Louis. Its thirty pages are filled with matter of more or less interest, including twenty one applications to the A. P. A.

Hereafter, subscription should be sent to the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Pub. Co. St. Louis, and advertisements to Samuel Leland, Bus. Mg's., Drawer 651, Chicago, Ill.

Number 1 of the *Ottawa Philatelist* has made its appearance and is dated December. One of the leading articles "A Warning to Stamp Collectors," headed, "For the *Ottawa Philatelist*" but we are positive that we read the same thing, several months ago, in an eastern journal. F. L. Chevrier, 35 Cooper St., Ottawa, Canada.

We acknowledge receipt of the *Western Philatelist*, *One Dime*, *Chicago Stamp News*, pricelists from Frank Kline, Spring City, Pa., Anchor Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo. and catalogues of 7th and 8th sales of R. F. Albrecht & Co.

NOTES.

BY NOX.

The fifty cent due stamp has been discontinued and collectors will make no mistake by holding them as they will soon go up.

The Mekeel Co., have run a \$5000^{***} ad. in the *Youth's Companion* and *Golden Days*.

Whew!

The New U. S. stamps will probably be ready about Jan. 1st, 1893. Several new values are to be added.

Large quantities of the low values, Interior Dept., unused, have appeared lately, and are being offered at very low prices.

All of the Canadian, pence issue, are getting extremely scarce and I think the principal reason is that only about one letter in fifty, (mailed from 1851 to 1869) were prepaid by postage stamps. I have examined several large packages of old Canadian letters mailed during these years, and in nearly every case, the envelope was simply stamped "paid," even those coming from the large towns and cities, such as Hamilton, London, etc. Of course a few of them were prepaid by the postage stamps, and it does not take many of them to pay for the trouble of looking over several thousand. A stamp that is fully worth the catalogue price, is the 1kr. 50 o. blue, Norway. If you don't believe it, try to get one.

Another lot of stamps that are seldom run across are the U. S. envelopes; 1853, dies 3, 4 and 5. Dies 1 and 2 are common, but the chances are that you will have to look over a good many envelopes before you strike dies 3, 4 and 5.

A stamp that is not worth the catalogue price, (in my opinion) is the U. S., 3c 1857, outer line, which is catalogued at 35 cents. I think about 20 cents would be nearer the real value. Speaking of this stamp reminds me of an amusing incident that occurred a short time ago.

A collector left at my residence, a package of 3c stamps, with a note, saying that, they were the outer line variety, and asking for an offer on them. Upon examining them I failed to find the outer line and so advised him. He appeared shortly after, very indignant, and proceeded to point out the side lines. Upon my explaining that the outer line is at the top, bottom, or both top and bottom, he was very much surprised, and stated that he had been an active collector for over nine years and had always supposed that the lines was at the side.

Mr. A. R. Rogers, in his circular, says: "I propose publishing this *Fall*, a directory of the stamp collectors in the U. S. and Canada." How many years till *Fall*?

MORE SEEBECKS.

The following is a copy of a circular letter recently received from D. C. Price, San Jose, Costa Rica:

"SAN JOSE, de Costa Rica, Oct. 15th, 1892.

DEAR SIR:

Your address as a stamp dealer I have seen, and I address you to find out if you want to buy an assortment of C. R. stamps, issue of 1889. I have made arrangements in order that the unsold balance of of that issue will come into my hands, on or about the 1st of February, 1893, in case you wish to buy any, let me know the quantity of each kind and the prices that you are willing to pay, I cannot quote you prices because they depend on the demand, which I think will be very large on account of the small stock; orders will be executed after the 15th of February and I will draw at 8 days for the amount of invoice.

On the other side of this sheet you will find a statement of the quantities, kinds and values, so that when ordering, you can order more or less according to it, if you are going to order any, you had better do so right away as I am already receiving large orders from Europe and a few from South America.

Hoping to receive an order from you and expecting to hear from you in due time, I remain

Respectfully Yours,

D. C. PRICE.

ISSUE OF 1889.

COLOR AND VALUE.	COMMON.	GUANACASTE.	OFFICIAL.
1 centavo brown,	1,318,386	19,362	100,000
2 " d. green,	1,527,965	33,383	100,000
5 " orange	523,576	32,577	150,000
10 " red-brown	994,147	27,128	99,500
20 " sea green	1,473,028	14,282	149,800
50 " rose	463,468	2,311	24,700
1 peso blue	87,786	2,609	—
2 " violet	14,863	2,550	—
5 " olive green	3,616	600	—
10 " black	1,330	—	—
Total	6,408,131	134,803	624,000

RECAPITULATION.

Common	6,408,131
Guanacaste	134,803
Official	624,000

Total 7,166,934

All these stamps are unused and in original sheets of one hundred (100) each. Orders for quantities under 3000 stamps will not be executed. When ordering please send your orders duplicate. I also have for sale a lot of 2000 unused C. R. stamps issue of 1883, 40 cents blue, in case you wish to buy them let me know your highest cash price.

Quotations are to be made in United States currency or in £ pounds sterling.

EXCHANGE COLUMN.

Free to subscribers. To non-subscribers $\frac{1}{2}$ cent a word.

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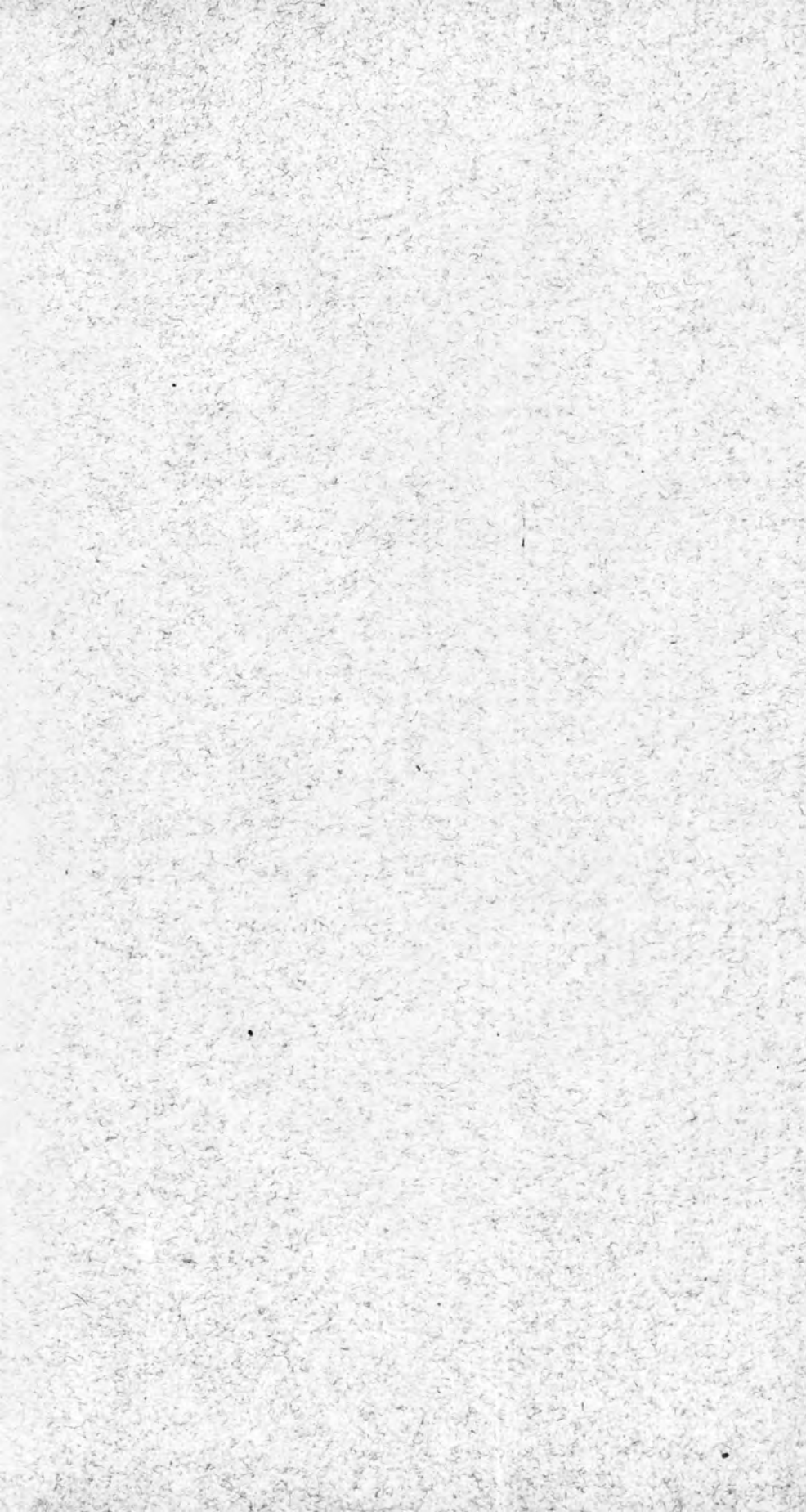
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Printer's type, leads, etc., in exchange for stamps, Philatelic papers, etc. Edw. Gustafson, McPherson. Kans.

I want all kinds of U. S. and British North American stamps in exchange for good foreign. Approval sheets at 50 per cent. commission, lowest prices! New 75 pp. Catalogue FREE! H. Flackskamm, 925 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo.

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SPECIAL!

It is rumored that the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Pub. Co. have made an assignment, but as yet the rumor has not been verified and we hope it is not true.

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VOL. II.

BUFFALO, N. Y., JANUARY, 1883.

No. 1.

SOME QUESTIONS I'VE BEEN ASKED.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

I have had hundreds of questions concerning stamp collecting propounded me in my brief, but somewhat checkered Philatelic career, and in philately as well as on every other subject, it is far easier to ask questions than it is to answer them, but I try to be polite enough to answer them to the best of my ability.

The one question that has grown to be a chestnut with me is that most often asked by the non-collecting, "What good are cancelled postage stamps anyway?" And this is a difficult question to answer satisfactory to the questioner.

Of course I tell him that there is no actual value to a stamp which has once been cancelled, not like coins which always possess a value which changing governments or ravages of time cannot displace. The intrinsic worth of the metal always remains and re-coinage into the existing currency of a modern government renders it of value. Not so with a stamp, for the paper upon which it is printed possesses but an iota of intrinsic value, but the established value among the philatelia's subjects, among the legions who are interested in the collecting of stamps is the thing I seek to impress upon their minds and a difficult task I find it to perform.

Well that point settled I am next asked, "why these thousands of collectors collect stamps and what good it does them?" Of course I tell him that the stamps portray the changes of governments and acquaint us with the faces of foreign monarchs and we learn the money tables of each country of the civilized world, in fact we have a complete epitome of the world since 1840. It is a science, a study which can never be completed and whose influences and usefulness cannot be estimated to a person in any of the walks of life.

Then I am asked, "how the value of a stamp is established." I answer that it is estimated by the scarcity of that particular stamp, that ours is but the workings of that simple law of supply and demand. If there is a demand for a certain stamp and no visible supply, the stamp of that stamp is necessarily higher than the one which is current and of which thousands are in stock. But it is really a hard matter to make them see why one piece of cancelled paper is worth more than another.

"Well, where do you get these foreign stamps?" is the next question I am asked. Then I tell him of the firms all over the United States, many of which have small fortunes invested in this business alone and whose sales aggregate thousands of dollars each year and who import stamps in large consignments and then retail them to collectors and many have really grown rich in the stamp trade.

"Oh, you collect for the money there is in it? Do you make very much?" I tell him that I consider I've made a fortune in the past few years. "Why I did not know you were wealthy!" my friend exclaims with surprise. No, my wealth is not visible nor can it be counted, it is simply the knowledge I have gained in the pursuit and not in filthy lucre.

Of course this is an enigma to my friend, at least he declares it so and moves away.

Then another fellow who has heard I collect stamps and who has often favored me with choice stamps from his correspondence brings me a "penalty stamp" such as is printed on the envelopes used in the various departments of our national government and as he lays it before me he stands expectant, evidently awaiting an exclamation of delight at this *rarity* as he supposed it. I tell him that it is worthless and then he asks me the "whys and wherefores." I tell him that they are not collected and he asks me the "whys and wherefores" I tell him that they are not collected and he asks me "if they are not used for postage" I answer in the affirmative and he says, "he don't see why they are not as good as any stamped envelope," and stalks away in disgust.

Then again I have been asked by collectors "why a reprint wasn't as good as an original if reprinted from the original plates. It looked just the same, and why is it not just as good?"

I ask him why a paste diamond is not just as good as a genuine gem or why a stuffed eagle is not as good as a live one for a curiosity, and in this way often bring him to his senses.

Another one asks me "why a perforated revenue which has been clipped at the sides and transformed into an unperforated specimen is not as good as a genuine unperforated specimen even if you know it's been tampered with, just so its like the original?"

Well, this is a pretty hard one to answer, but I tell him that should I put one of these in my album I'd have the same feeling as if I'd dropped a counterfeit quarter into the contribution box and excused myself because it was the same size and looked just like a genuine one.

And these are not all the questions I've been asked, indeed it would fill a large volume, and my experience is but that of hundreds of others. But I did not expect to relate all the conundrums given me, I only expected to tell of *some questions I've been asked.*



ANOTHER S. OF P. BRANCH.

Learning that a bold attempt would be made to form a branch of the S. of P. in Buffalo, I determined to have a finger in the pie, and accordingly, on the evening of December 28, started out for the residence of Mr. Comstock, where, it was rumored, the attempt would be carried out.

Of course, as is usual when one is in a hurry, the cars were blockaded by a break-down and I, together with about 500 other galoots, immediately undertook the job of superintending the repairing.

Each and every one of the 500 had a different suggestion as to the best and quickest method of repairing, but strange to relate, they were not appreciated, and the conductors so stated in very forcible language.

After a 39 minutes delay, the car was ready to continue its journey, when I discovered that it was filled to overflowing, and there was not room for even one more. In vain did the conductor yell "step forward in the car please," the passengers evidently did not care to ride horse back and so could not comply with his request. I was about to abandon the trip, when some person suggested that the overflow take to the roof of the car, which suggestion was immediately carried out.

As the thermometer registered about zero, and the wind was howling at the rate of 50 miles an hour, we discovered, after riding about ten feet, that our position was anything but comfortable and immediately set up a howl to stop the car. Our howl was evidently taken for a belated Christmas carol or a cat concert, for no attention was paid to it, so we proceeded to huddle together in the vain attempt to keep comfortable.

At the first stop it did not take long to get off the roof of that car, and little care was taken in the dismounting, the principal anxiety being to get off that roof before the car started again.

After some kind person had pulled me from the snow bank in which I had alighted, I discovered the hind bumper was unoccupied and at once proceeded to take possession to continue my journey.

At last the conductor yelled "Ferry St." and I disengaged my cramped and shivering form from the friendly bumper, with a sigh of relief.

But the journey was not yet ended; it was yet three or four blocks from the meeting place.

The gentle breezes had wafted the beautiful snow over the smooth and treacherous sliding ball, made by the small boy, and several times the walk flew up with a resounding whack making the blood rush through the arteries at a galop.

At last I reached my journey's end and was welcomed by a large and enthusiastic gathering—composed of Messrs. Becker, Comstock and Kingsley—with open arms, and a big dog (who evidently took me for a tramp) with open jaws.

After getting thawed out we began to discuss the probability of capturing a few more friends for the society and while in the midst of our discussion, Mr. Robert Ashcroft strayed in, swelling the number to five.

We now proceed to business and elected the following temporary officers:

President., Mr. Comstock; Vice-Pres., R. W. Ashcroft; Sec'y-Treas. Mr. Kingsley; Ex. Mg'r., Librarian, Auction Supt., and a few more titles that I forget, Mr. Becker.

It was suggested that I be nominated for the office of Chief Stamp Hinge Licker, but at this the dog growled, so the subject was dropped.

After adjournment, Mr. Comstock exhibited his large and magnificent collection, the gem of which is a U. S. 1890, 2c carmine, rather heavily cancelled, but otherwise in good condition.

Hovt.

P. S. At the meeting held January 9th, one new member was present and two applications were presented. We hope to have at least 12 at the

next meeting which will be held Monday, January 23d, at 8 P. M., at the residence of Mr. Becker, 160 Highland Ave.

All Buffalo collectors are invited to attend.



CANADIAN NOTES.

BY "CURLEY."

The report that a weekly stamp paper will be published here is unfounded.

Mr. L. S. Graham of St. Catharines, Ont., proposes starting a new Canadian society. All collectors wishing to join should send in their names to him.

The *International Philatelist* for December is out. It consists of 20 pages and cover with an extra supplement, a photo engraving of Mr. W. H. Brouse.

The *Philatelic Journal* of Canada will issue no December number.

I recently came across a 2c registration stamp with double perforations at one side, also a present issue 3c stamp on *laid* paper.

The Toronto Philatelic Club have now about 50 members. They hold meetings twice a month.

Canada will have no 2c stamped envelope.

F. S. Clark's fourth sale takes place in January. Six hundred lots are to be disposed of.

A 12 pence Canada stamp was recently sold here for \$150.

Mr. A. A. Allison of Belleville, Ont., has removed to Toronto. Mr. A. is the veteran train despatcher of the G. T. R.

Hooper's "incorporated" have established a branch in St. Catharines, Ont.

The new Canadian Reply Card has made its appearance. It is the same die as the present 1c card.

Mr. E. Y. Parker was on a tour East last month.

"Two more." Mr. H. Beasley of Toronto, and Mr. C. A. Blackwell of Woodstock, both intend publishing Philatelic journals this spring.

EDITORIAL AND REVIEW.

We must apologize for not issuing a December number.

The Mss. for the November number was sent to the printer about November 12th, but he did not get the paper printed until the middle of December.

We have made arrangements to have it printed by a local printer hereafter and can promise it regularly in the future.

The *Am. Philatelic Magazine* for December has an article on "Philatelic Headquarters for 1893." This is a move in the right direction and should be actively taken up at once.

The *Philatelic Argosy* is one year old this month.

Have you noticed the difference between Vol. 1, No. 1 and Vol. 2, No. 1?

A number of subscriptions expire with this number. Watch for the mark on inside page of first cover, and renew.

A new employment for stamp cranks is the repairing of torn stamps and cut to shape envelopes.

The *Am. Philatelic Magazine* is only three months old, but can give pointers to some of its older contemporaries.

No. 1, of the "*Yankee Philatelist*" has made its appearance and is the cheapest looking paper that we have seen in some time.

A better quality of paper and more reading matter would be appreciated.

Number 2 of the *Ottawa Philatelist* is a big improvement over number 1. Keep it up Bro. Sabourin.

The "*Missouri*" Christmas number contains a half tone engraving of its review editor, Mr. C. E. Severn, and several pages of interesting reading matter, including an excellent review column.

The "*Eastern*" for December comes out with about 30 pages, and a cover printed in red.

Lots of good solid reading, but that poetry of Hooper's makes us tired,

The "*International Philatelist*" is the best Canadian paper on our exchange list. The December number includes a fine half tone engraving of Mr. W. H. Brouse, President of the Toronto Philatelic.

Cleve Scott's bright little paper, the *Nebraska Stamp*, is rapidly forging

to the front and is now one of the best papers for the price published.

The "*Philatelic Sun*" has been consolidated with the "*Yankee Philatelist*."

We have not been favored with copies of *One Dime* and the *American Philatelist and Collector* since October. Don't forget us Messrs Editors.

We acknowledge receipt of wholesale and retail lists of C. F. Rothfuchs Washington, D. C.

Henry Gremmel's price list for 1893. Price list of H. F. Dunkhoist, 1005 7th st. Washington, D. C. Auction sale catalogue of the Boston Philatelic Society, catalogue of Henry Gremmel's 7th auction sale, and the Scott Stamp and Coin Co's, 118th sale.

The last mentioned consists of over 2,000 lots and many of the rare stamps are illustrated.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co., should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by addressing above firm at 925 LaSalle street, St. Louis, Mo.

Contrary to the expectations of many, *The Weekly Philatelist* appears regularly and has secured second-class rates. We wish Mr. Miller success in his new enterprise.

The semi-monthly, *Philatelic Tribune*, is still on earth, but is the same old size.

Get a move on you Bro. Stanton and enlarge

E. C. Parker, of *Monthly Price List* fame, is making preparations to issue a mammoth list and include advertisements of other dealers.

He wants \$18.00 worth of space for one inch in his list.

Rather steep Mr. P.

The Holiday number of *The Stamp* is issued under the management of R. P. Spooner, Mr. Grevning having withdrawn from the partnership.

The first of a series of lives of New York stamp dealers is an article (including a portrait) on J. W. Scott.

A BUFFALO FRAUD.

We have had numerous inquiries from dealers who have been swindled by a party giving his name as Oscar J. Merlin, Newsdealer, 13 Church St., Buffalo, N. Y., and upon investigation find that there is no such number on Church St.

The case has been placed in the hands of the P. O. authorities and we understand that the Monroe Stamp Co., of Rochester, stand ready to prosecute him if captured.

STETLER'S 400.

The Altoona Philatelic Society was organized on the night of November 25th, with about 35 resident members.

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Trustees, J. Merve Lower, S. J. Lowder, T. D. Baxter.

Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month.



HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

BY "NOX."

Never attempt to peel a stamp from the envelope, but place it in a pan of water, face upward, and let soak until the stamp will easily slip off. With a damp sponge or cloth, carefully wash off the remaining gum from the stamp, which should then be put between blotting paper, and under a heavy weight.

When dry it will probably be in perfect condition for mounting.

Select your hinges with care and do not use those that are perforated.

I have seen several collections that were spoiled by using thick gummed paper.

Never remove a rare stamp from the envelope as they are worth more on the original cover.

By all means, never cut an envelope stamp to shape.

Don't purchase damaged stamps at any price. They spoil the looks of a collection and will bring very little if you ever wish to dispose of your collection.

Better invest 50 cents in one good stamp, than in fifty common ones.

Examine watermarks carefully and you may find a rarity.

Don't buy rare stamps from strangers, or you are liable to accumulate a collection of counterfeits.

Subscribe to a few Philatelic Journals and read them through carefully, including advertisements.

Get a good album in the first place and thus save transferring your collection a little later.

Get your friends interested and form a local society. It is not necessary to hire a room for meetings; they can be held at the residences of the members.

If a dealer says he will sell you 100 varieties for 25 or 50c, don't believe him.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STAMPS?

BY BACHELOR.

Are you familiar with your United States stamps? Do you thoroughly understand them or are you contented to let all varieties not found in the standard catalogues alone? If you will make U. S. stamps a special feature of your collection and study all varieties carefully, you will be surprised at the number of stamps you will accumulate.

I wish to mention some of the many varieties not collected by a majority of collectors. Part perforated, double perforated at top, bottom, or sides, give 4 varieties to every stamp, rouletted, surated surface and pink papers silk and old papers. Surcharged revenues, certainly genuine which cannot be said of a great portion of foreign surcharges. Unperforated pair and blocks, you will find bring good prices when offered for sale. Most of the above apply to U. S. Revenues, only another variety is ruled lines at sides, top or bottom; have found several, also have two first issues document stamps on pink paper in my collection.

Do you collect imprint of engraver, inverted medallions; two shades of dies, P. O. department and War department; the variety 2 cent black 1863 1869 both embossed and plain backs. Could mention many more varieties as 1870 issue with two or more separate grills on back. The time is not far distant when a greater portion of the kinds of U. S. mentioned will find a place in the Standard catalogues and the prices will be high enough, you may be sure of that. Many collectors are neglecting a certain class of U. S. stamps that for beauty cannot be equalled.

This class is the U. S. Revenue. If you intend to get the match, medicine and playing card stamps you had better be about it, they are getting scarcer every year. I will prophesy that 10 years from now you will find prices way up. While postages are being found quite frequently, the case is different with Probate Revenues, the life of a match box or a patent medicine bottle is short and the greater portions of the stamps were destroyed when the contents were removed.

U. S. document stamps are still quite common as there a great many on old papers to be found by patient searchers.

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Are you collecting U. S. locals? If you are I hope you collect them used on the original covers, for if you do not you are certainly throwing away money. Most all the unused and a greater part of the used are counterfeits or reprints, and there is very little difference between the two.

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No. 2.

A REMINISCENCE.

BY ROY F. GREENE.



E'RE apt to gaze upon the past
With longing and regret,
And think of stamps we've hunted out,
And some we'd never get.
I, likewise turn the pages
Of memory, so sweet,
And think of old collecting days,
And of the stamps I'd meet.

When first the fever seized me
I searched the country 'round,
Would place my finds in some old book
And stick them fast and sound.
No hinges then I'd deign to use,
Nor album rich and bright;
I thought my small collection then
A most bewitching sight.

But now that I have older grown
And revel in the bliss
Of being called by that fair name,
"A real Philatelist,"
Since I've arranged my stamps anew
In an album richly bound,
I've found my envelopes were spoiled
Because I cut them round.

I've found that beauty doesn't count,
'Tis rarity that wins;
Alas for chances thrown away,
They'll never come again,
But on the whole I've often thought,
There's not the half of joy,
Collecting now these self-same stamps,
There was when but a boy.

HUNT'S BAD BOY AND HIS PA.

BY J. PERCY STETLER.

CHAPTER I.

RALPH HUNT.

Ralph Hunt is a splendid specimen of that type which is found in every community;—the bad boy

At least he was pronounced so by everybody in the entire neighborhood, as being nothing but a lazy and good for nothing boy.

And if his laziness and rollicking ways were summed up, it would amount to that, if he had sufficient knowledge that he could obtain more pleasure in playing a trick on his pa, than by studying some school studies, why he was ready to do it.

There was one good thing about Ralph Hunt though, that he won public favor, and that was, he did not chew chewing gum, and refused to associate with boys who indulge in that nasty weed, tobacco, or ones who are friends with a eucher deck.

He then had very few associates, alas, only one, who thought the same as he did, and acted the same as he did, and was as full of fun the same as he was. And that was Will Lewis, who never did mind what people said about him and Ralph, and always went about helping Ralph to hunt up jokes and tricks to play on the old man, and always smiled at everybody with a gentle, winning smile.

Both boys had been away to the winter term of school, and after which Will went to Portland, Me., where his parents reside, and Ralph went straight to his uncle, who lives in Chicago, Ill. After a month's visit among acquaintances, Ralph started for his home in Millville, Gun Co., Pa., in the meantime he and Will had made it up between them, that they should meet in Tioga, Sun County, N. Y. We find the boys together now as their plans never fail, at Ralph's home, where they can be found already planning for the present vacation.

To be continued.

Subscribe and read the rest.

IN KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

BY BACHELOR.

I have often wondered why so many collectors and dealers are so ignorant as to the varieties of U. S. entire envelopes. There are very few collectors or dealers who thoroughly understand varieties in shapes, water-marks, patent lines, ruled lines, etc. In writing this article I do not propose to bring out any new or startling facts, but I shall give some information that will put dollars in the pockets of some dealers and collectors, who are entirely ignorant of the true value of U. S. envelopes.

I will begin with patent lines. Patent lines consist of three parallel horizontal lines, printed inside of envelope, and were calculated to serve as a guide for addressing the envelopes. They consist of 6 varieties; that is, they are used in six different shapes of envelopes of the issues of 1853-61 and 1863 to '66. All envelopes bearing these lines are valuable, varying from 3 cent ladies note, 67x119 min. in size, valued at \$1.00 unused, and 50 cents used, to 3 cent 1863 to '66 pink on buff and white, valued at \$1.00 unused and 50 cents used.

Blue lined envelopes have lines printed in blue on front side of the envelopes and are found on 1870 issue, 1, 2, and 3 cent, on white, amber and cream; two varieties of paper in the 1 cent, white and amber; only one variety of 2 cent which is amber; ten varieties in 3 cent, of shapes, sizes and colors of paper. They are more valuable used where the cancellation shows. They were used in 1870 or near that date. Their value is about \$10.00 used and \$7.50 unused.

Shapes: In the 1853-61 issue, there are six shapes, ladies' note, note full letter shape, 2, 4, and 5 official. The 3 cent die 1 comes in three sizes, or rather varieties; of die 2 there are 8 varieties; die 3, three varieties. The note size of this octagon die is worth \$1.00 unused and 50 cts used. There are 9 varieties of die 4, three of 3 cent, four of 6 cent and two of 10 cent. Die five has five varieties; three of 3 cent and two of 2 cent. Remember that any envelopes of this issue with patent lines are worth from \$2 to \$100. I would like to take you with me through other issues but the task would be too great, so from 1853 I will skip to the envelopes of more recent date.

Of course you are aware, that there are quite a number of varieties of water marks, and the water mark often makes a great difference in the value of an envelope. We will take, for example, the 3 cent green of 1874 to 76; extra letter, regular watermark, worth 25 cents used and \$1.00 unused. Take this same envelope, error U. S. C., (United States Centennial) watermark, and it is worth \$2.00 used and \$5.00 unused. There are also errors of U. S. Postal Service in watermark, which are very scarce. Then again, envelopes have been found without any watermark whatever. I will now give you a little story of how I have profited by a knowledge of entire envelopes. In the first place I will begin at the beginning.

Three years ago I knew nothing of the true value of U. S. envelopes, except for square cut specimens. At that time I commenced dealing in stamps to quite a large extent. One of the first lots of stamps secured by me, was when I bought out W. D. Acker of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. I purchased his collection, duplicates, and a large lot of Philatelic magazines, papers, catalogues, etc. Among the catalogues, I found a little book called "A Tentator Price List of Entire U. S. Envelopes," by F. A. Nast. To this one little book of 54 pages, I owe all my Philatelic knowledge, as far as U. S. envelopes are concerned. I received from a collector in Louisiana over 200 3 cent P. O. envelopes unused, he wanted my cash offer and I gave him about \$3.00 for the lot, which pleased him so much that he sent me a great many dollars worth of fine U. S., at once.

But what was the value of the envelopes? Taking my little book I soon found that their value was just \$1.50 each, simply because the water mark was U. S. Postal service. Then again, not over a year ago I purchased of a well-known dealer of Wilmington, D. C., 100 U. S. Postal Service seals blue in blue, for I believe \$6.00. They were worth \$2.00 each, simply because they were extra official size.

I could tell of many more secrets about entire envelopes, but think I have said enough for the present. Before I close however, I wish to say, don't cut any old envelopes you may come across as it is a foolish practice. There is an envelope issued in 1886; square cut, 50 cents is its value, but if entire and on ex. letter commercial or ex. official, it is uncatalogued. I have this envelope in my collection on ex. letter, both white and amber. Mr. J. W. Scott says he doubts if this envelope was ever issued, but at the same time he has the gall to say if he had it he would not charge over 5c cents for it, but he has none and never will by my assistance.

I know who has these and she is letting them go at 50 cents each ex. simply because she has no entire envelope catalogue. Now if you are thirsting for knowledge, go buy an envelope catalogue at once.

Perhaps you would like to know what that 1886 envelope is, but you see I am not going to tell as that is a dealers secret.



EDITORIALS AND REVIEW.

Since our last issue we learn that the Meekin's financial embarrassment was only temporary and that the stamp business will be conducted as usual.

Every collector who wishes his name in the new address book, should notify us as early as possible. For particulars see page eight.

Mr. Guy W. Green, editor of the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, is attending law school at Iowa City, Iowa.

The following papers have been received; *American Philatelic Magazine*, Omaha, Neb., *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, Reading, Pa., *Missouri Philatelist*, St. Louis, Mo., *Yankee Philatelist*, Boston, Mass., *Post Office* N. Y. City, *Collectors Press*, Malden, Mass., *Ottawa Philatelist*, Ottawa, Can., *Collector*, Newchester, Pa., *International Philatelist*, Toronto, Can., *Canadian Philatelist*, London, Ont., *Detroit Philatelist*, Detroit, Mich., *Eastern Philatelist*, New Market, N. H., *Weekly Philatelist*, Newchester, Pa., *The Stamp*, N. Y. City.

NEW PAPERS.

The *Philatelic Mail and Express* published by the Butt Stamp Co., 44 N. Pearl St. Albany, N. Y., is rather smaller than the ordinary philatelic magazine. No. 1 contains announcement, "Could a stamp but speak," the "Columbian Stamp," review and notes.

The *Chicago Philatelist*, published by the Oakley Publishing Co., 833 W. Indiana St, Chicago, contains "Introduction," "The Collector's Choice," "Why I became a Collector of Postage Stamps," notes, review and a cross-eyed engraving of P. M. Wolsieffer.

ANNOUNCED.

The *Ohio Philatelist* from Coshocton, O. See ad.

A new idea in philatelic magazines, is announced for March 1st, to be called *Philatelic Puck*. The publisher says "the best talent will contribute to its pages and it will endeavor to occupy the same relative position to Philately that '*Puck, Judge and Life*' do to the general public." Dr. Jas. B. Breeding will be the editor, assisted by W. Kelsey Hall, Guy W. Green and G. J. Lulu. For further particulars address Adams Publishing Co., Box 478, San Antonio, Tex.

The *Philatelic Gazette* is announced from Altoona, Pa., on March 15th. It will be published by the Philatelic Gazette Co., of which prominent collectors of Altoona are stockholders. The first issue will consist of 12 pages and cover, and they claim it will be the best readable philatelic paper in existence, as each number will contain new ideas and articles never before printed, and at its head will have several prominent journalists of note. The publishers promise it regularly whether it is a paying investment or not, and as it has the capital behind it, this is no doubt true. We await the first issue with a great deal of interest and wish our Altoona brethren every success.

Communications should be addressed to J. Percy Stetler, Box 231, Altoona, Pa., where they will receive careful attention.

CANADIAN NOTES.

BY "CURLEY."

372,449 pieces of mail matter were carried by the letter carriers in Toronto during 1892.

Canada will have a new large size postal card, letter cards and also two new postage stamps of the value of twenty cents and fifty cents. At least that is what the P. M. G. says in his annual report.

I hear that a strange concern in Toronto is going to issue a philatelic paper next month. "Will they ever stop?"

Mr. Berstein has severed his connection with the *Philatelic Journal* of Canada.

The auction sale of Mr. T. S. Clark, of Belleville, which was held at the rooms of the Toronto Philatelic Club, was a grand success. About thirty persons were present. Canadian stamps brought good prices. At

the conclusion of the sale Mr. W. S. Weatherston sold a Canada sixpence perforated for \$20.50. It would pay an enterprising person to hold sales in Toronto about once a month, as there are a lot of good buyers there.

The first paper to bring me the news of the failure of the C. H. Merrell Co., was the *Philatelic Argosy*. You can imagine my surprise.

All the new Canadian papers are late this month. The *International* is the only one that has arrived.

The genial R. W. Ashcroft was in London last month.

The Toronto Philatelic Club has a membership of about sixty. The average attendance is about twenty-five.

The P. S. of C. intend "dropping" a few of its members for non-payment of dues. We are quite sure they won't injure themselves in the least, by the fall.



NOTES.

The Model Stamp Co. of Valparaiso, Ind., are newcomers, but evidently intend to get a good share of trade. See their ad. on another page.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of a neat price-list of U. S. stamps from J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co., should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by addressing above firm at 925 LaSalle St., St. Louis, Mo.

CORRESPONDENCE.

I warn all dealers not to send sheets to the following:—Harry K. Wheeler, Janesville, Wis., Harry Raak, Pine Grove, Pa., I am also sorry to state that after having sent money to the A. M. Borden Stamp Co., N. Attleboro, Mass., and W. E. Billings, N. Leominster, Mass., they kept the money and failed to make any reparation. W. E. MOYER, Fremont, Pa.

Mr. W. J. Labourin, editor of the *Ottawa Philatelist* announces that his paper will not appear again until March or April.

What's the matter Bro. L?

AUCTION SALES.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co's., 120th sale, Feb'y 23rd. R. F. Albricht's 11th sale, Feb'y 15 and 16. C. H. Holden, Muskegon, Mich., 10th sale, Feb'y 25. F. J. Stanton's 33rd sale, Feb'y 21.

Parties intending to hold sales should notify us as early as possible, so that we can announce them under this heading.

NEW PAPERS.

Despite the fact that that few philatelic journals pay and second-class rates are hard to obtain, new papers are appearing every month. Many editors claim that these new papers are a bane to philately, but I hardly think so myself, as the weaker ones soon drop out and are forgotten. But while they are published, they stimulate and increase the interest in our hobby, with at least those interested in the publication, and I think that they are more advantageous to philately than otherwise. *Nox.

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This publication will positively appear at about the date mentioned above, and will not be several months late.

It will contain the following departments :

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In all parts of the world. No charge is made for inserting your name, but if you wish your society number to appear, a nominal charge of 5 cents will be made.

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Stamp Dealers Directory.

A nominal charge of 10 cents is made for a two or three line card.

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Directory of Philatelic Publications.

A nominal charge of 5 cents will be made for inserting name of publication, publisher and advertising and subscription rates.

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A charge of 1 cent per word will be made for insertions in this column. As several thousand copies will be circulated, many of which will go to foreign countries, collectors and dealers will find this a paying investment.

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F. J. STANTON, Smyrna, N. Y.

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NEW YORK NOTES.

By "METROPOLIS."

THE J. W. Scott Co., Ltd., are going to vacate their present quarters very soon, and will occupy offices on John St. Mr. Scott has been on Fulton St., in the stamp and coin business for a good many years, and many collectors will miss him from his old "stamping" ground, his new place, however, is not far off, the neighborhood in that vicinity is generally known as "Stamptown."

THERE have been auction sales held almost continually every week since the first of the year. Many collectors come to these sales, not with the idea of buying any stamps, but come to mark down the prices bid in the catalogues, and in so doing, have a catalogue of stamps with the current value recorded.

SPEAKING of auction sales reminds me of the two big sales coming on now, at which large attendances are expected. They are the 121st sale of the Marcus Mayer collection, by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., to be held on March 15 and 16, and the J. W. Scott Co. sale of the DeCoppet collection in April.

In the former, there will be offered some of the rarest United States stamps, among which are the New Haven 1845, the James M. Buchanan stamp of 1845, the New York 1843, Providence 1846, three St. Louis 1845, and a good many others equally rare, the five dollar State department offered, will no doubt be bid up to the eighties.

In the DeCoppet collection there are many that will be bid up into the hundreds.

Everybody will be in town to attend this sale, many prominent collectors and dealers from Europe and the West are expected here inside of a few weeks.

By the will of Mr. A. Gerald Hull, who committed suicide at Saratoga last month he bequeathed his stamp collection (one of the best in this country) to his sister, Mrs. Storey, of Westchester county.

At last the new special delivery stamps are out. I first saw them in the show-case in the branch store of the Scott Stamp Co., at 183 Broadway, where they had a block of four arranged on a piece of cardboard. This stamp is the same as the 1888 issue, only the color has been changed to orange, so as to enable the postal clerks to distinguish them from the new one cent blue.

THEY also have the two new Canadian stamps exhibited in this case, and they make a very fine showing.

REPORT OF THE WORLD'S FAIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE World's Fair Executive Committee of the American Philatelic Association has at last completed the preliminary work, and are now ready to announce the result of their work for the past year.

Meetings were held on Feb. 23rd, and 27th, in New York City, and all the members were present at these meetings. It was the hope of the committee, that the government would not only furnish space in the Government Building for the display but would also assist the collectors in securing the necessary cases: but the only fund from which this money could be drawn, was exhausted by the P. O. Department, and so the collectors have to shoulder the burden alone. The estimated expense of the exhibit is \$3,000, but the committee believe that this amount can be raised by voluntary subscriptions from the collectors of the U. S. and Canada.

A large number of sub-committees have been appointed, and others are yet to be appointed, each committee having charge of certain countries, and it will be their duty to see that the collections of stamps of these countries are secured, properly mounted, and delivered to the general committee.

At the present writing over \$300 has been contributed, and subscriptions are coming in rapidly. The announcement of the finance committee has been sent out, and also the circular giving the plan of work.

In view of the willingness of the entire Philatelic press throughout the U. S. and Canada to publish matter relating to the exhibition, the committee decided that it was not necessary to go to the expense of sending these circulars direct to the collectors by mail, but to make the appeal and announcement through the papers.

The Government of the United States, has granted our committee sufficient space in the Government Building at the World's Columbian Exposition, to permit the display of a complete collection of the postage stamps of the world.

The expense incident to the proper arrangement of this exhibition, including the purchase of suitable cases, will be about \$3,000, and it is the desire of the committee to interest every member of the association as well as collectors outside of the association, it has been resolved that the necessary amount be raised by popular subscription, to which every collector will have an opportunity to contribute.

Subscriptions for any amount not exceeding \$25.00, and not less than \$1.00, will be welcomed.

Every subscriber will receive the official catalogue, containing a complete list of the treasures exhibited, which catalogue will be ready for distribution sometime during the summer, and the published price of which will be fifty cents.

All subscriptions must be accompanied by the amount subscribed, and they will be duly acknowledged in the *American Philatelist*, and by the treasurer, Mr. George H. Watson, 36 Broad St., N. Y. City, to whom subscriptions and remittances are to be addressed.

A. R. Rogers, Chairman. H. E. Deats, Secretary, of executive committee, World's Fair Philatelic Exhibit.

At the 1891 convention of the A. P. A., a committee was appointed, with power to secure a suitable space at the World's Columbian Exposition, and obtain and arrange an exhibit of stamps. After a trip to Chicago, where the committee tried to secure a small private building, which they were unable to obtain, they entered into correspondence with General Hazen, 3rd Asst. Postmaster General, and Chairman of the Post Office Department Exhibit, that will be arranged in the Government Building. After repeated trips to Washington, the committee have secured the following:

SPACE.

The Post Office Department, through the kindness of General A. D. Hazen, have allotted to the American Philatelic Association, in the Government Building, one of the handsomest and most costly, and one of the best fire-proof buildings on the grounds, a large gallery overlooking the Post Office Exhibit. This gallery is 65 feet long by 25 feet wide.

ARRANGEMENT OF SPACE.

The large cases are 20 feet long, and hold 144 sheets each, same sizes as the Staten Island sheets. The smaller cases are 15 feet long, and hold 106 sheets each. The half-cases against the wall and railing, hold half the amount of the double cases. There is room for 1116 sheets in the cases, besides wall space. At an average of 40 stamps to a sheet, this will give us room for a collection of fifty thousand stamps.

ARRANGEMENT OF STAMPS.

It is the intention of the committee, to secure as large a collection of the stamps of the world as can be had, and to this end the collectors, whether members of the A. P. A. or not, (as this is to be an exhibit of postage stamps by American collectors, under the auspices of the American Philatelic Association,) are invited to notify the committee of any country that they have which are complete and in fine condition, that they are willing to loan for this exhibit.

It is the desire of this committee that this exhibit come not so largely from our large collections, but that the larger portion of it will be made up from the collections of the smaller collectors. What country have you that you will offer us? We want to hear from you at once.

ARRANGEMENT ON SHEETS.

As soon as the collector has notified the committee that he is willing to exhibit a certain country, (see rules for exhibitors,) they will send him as many sheets as are allotted to that country.

SHEETS FOR MOUNTING.

The committee have decided to use sheets made especially for this purpose, same size as the Staten Island sheets, with a view of giving the most artistic effect as they are grouped together, and at the same time showing the stamps off with the best effect.

On receipt of these sheets the collector is to mount his stamps as carefully as possible, (see rules,) and return them by registered mail as quickly as possible to the committee. The name of the exhibitor will be printed by the committee on the bottom of each card.

SECURITY.

The committee do not become responsible for any stamps, the exhibitors send them at their own risk. The committee, however, have been carefully selected, and represent the leading collectors in the country. They are mostly men of means, from whose collections there will be many thousands of dollars worth of stamps exhibited, so the utmost care will be used to insure the safe return of all stamps sent for exhibition.

The sheets containing stamps, will be kept in a safe deposit vault in New York, until they are ready for shipment to Chicago, when they will be sent under seal by the Express Co. the same as money is forwarded. They will be insured against fire and loss in transit. Part of the committee will go to Chicago to receive them, and with the hanging committee will put them in the proper cases.

CASES.

The cases are being especially made. The large cases containing four sections, each section holding six sheets, or 24 sheets in a row. There are three of these frames, one above another on each side of the case. The smaller cases hold three sheets lengthwise, and the half cases have sheets on one side only.

The cases are made of whitewood, stained cherry, the glass being heavy plate, laying flat on top of the stamps. Each frame has a Yale lock, and is locked by the committee and sealed. Around the cases are a number of screws to be screwed down, making it impossible to get into the cases.

After the exhibition is over, the committee will again go to Chicago, and return the stamps to New York, in the manner sent, from whence they will be returned to the owners.

CATALOGUES.

As no catalogues will be allowed on sale in the Government Building, the committee will issue an official catalogue, containing a full description of the exhibit, who the exhibitors are, what they exhibit, etc., and will handsomely illustrate it with photo-engravings of some of the exhibits. These catalogues will sell at fifty cents each, and will be on sale at all news dealers, and on the news stands in Chicago, so collectors will have no trouble in securing one, as it will be a most interesting souvenir of their visit.

We expect thousands will be sold collectors who are not able to attend.

This catalogue will contain a limited number of advertisements, and having a very wide circulation among people who are beginners in stamp collecting, it will be a paying advertising medium. For rates address the committee at once.

RESULTS.

It is expected that this exhibit will be the largest, and most valuable ever gathered together, and the benefits stamp collecting will derive from it will be a greater increase in our number, and a new impetus to our hobby, tending to make it more popular than ever, and rebounding to the honor of the American Stamp Collector.

EDITORIALS.

ON another page, we re-print an article from the *Buffalo Express*, explaining that the postage stamps collected by religious institutes in various parts of the country, are sold to collectors and paper-mache manufacturers, and the proceeds devoted to buying up slave-children in Asia.

This explanation seems more probable than the article that has been going the rounds, stating that the stamps were exchanged for the children direct.

In this number we omit several pages of notes and other matter, to give space for the report of the World's Fair Executive Committee of the A. P. A., as we think that this report will prove of more interest to our subscribers than the ordinary matter.

THERE are a number of dealers, who evidently think that we make no charge for our advertising columns, at least they pay no attention to our bills. This is only a warning. Their names will be published next time, unless they settle up in the meantime.

REVIEW NOTES, ETC.

WE beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following papers:—
Electric Phil., "*Chicago Phil.*," "*Philatelic Journal of Canada*," "*Yankee Phil.*," "*Washington Phil.*," "*Collector*," "*International Phil.*," "*One Dime*," "*Youths' Magazine*," "*Reporter*," "*Philatelic Era*," "*The Stamp*," "*New Jersey Phil.*," "*Florida Phil.*," "*Eastern Phil.*," "*American Philatelic Magazine*," "*Stamp Collector*," "*England Phil. Journal of Great Britain*," "*Pennsylvania Phil.*"

We have received from Calton, N. Y. 3 small sheets of paper, containing a few lines of reading matter, sandwiched in between a conglomeration of poorly displayed ads., which the publisher calls the *New Jersey Philatelist*, and has the nerve to charge 25 cents for the privilege of sending 12 numbers to one address.

Any collector desiring to see this wonderful display of typography should address the publisher, T. G. Kitchen, Califon, N. J.

WE have received No. 2 of the *Chicago Philatelist*, and it looks as though Chicago is to have a regular magazine after all. The publishers have been granted second class rates, and No. 2 is an improvement over the first issue.

Published by the Oakly Pub. Co., 833 W. Indiana St., Chicago, Ill.

FROM Reading, Pa., comes "*Kissingers Philatelic Postal Card*," which is printed on a piece of heavy paper similar to the reply card, but about the size of the large postal card. On the face is printed the title, in same style of type as the regular postal card. The contents are made up of a few very sarcastic editorials, and idiotic notes.
C. W. Kissinger, box 368, Reading, Pa.

THE "*Philatic Record*," from 1217 E. Monroe St., Springfield, Ill., is one of the latest.

Four pages; not up to the average, but we should judge that the editor is capable of getting out something better if he tries very hard.

MR. LEWIS BISHOP, of Denver, Col., is making a great splurge in announcing the "*Philatist*," which he promises very soon.

From several statements he makes in one of his circular letters, we doubt whether it will live to see more than two or three numbers.

THE "*Missouri Philatelist*," of St. Louis, has been consolidated with the "*Stamp*," of N. Y.

MESSRS Weatherston and Phillips, have withdrawn from the "*International Phil.*," which will be continued under the management of Mr. Geo. A. Lowe.

The February number has fallen to eight pages and cover.

MR. E. T. PARKER, of Bethlehem, Pa., has favored us with a copy of his mammoth 59th price-list; 96 pages and cover.

Besides the regular price-list it contains a conversion table, showing amounts in U. S. money and equivalents in foreign countries, standard of foreign coins for custom purposes, domestic and foreign rates of postage, and several pages of ads. Price, 10 cents.

FROM A. B. Merrill, Everett, Mass., comes an alphabetical list of frauds, and from H. F. Dunkhorst, Washington, a monthly blotter.

COLLECTORS who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co., should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent upon application by addressing above firm at 925 La Salle street, St. Louis, Mo.

BUFFALO NOTES.

THE firm of Becker & Comstock has been dissolved by Mr. Comstock withdrawing from the firm.

The business will be continued by Mr. Becker.

THE Buffalo branch of the S. of P. is booming; from two to four new member being secured at every meeting.

There are yet many Buffalo collectors who have not joined, and to such we would say; send in your application at once to Dwight Comstock, Sec'y, 45 Lexington Ave.

MR. HOWARD BISSELL, a member of the Buffalo Branch, is a nephew of Postmaster General, Wilson S. Bissell.

MR. A. L. BECKER, Lib. of the Buffalo Society, is making preparations for a trip to Panama.



NOTES. ETC.

BY "DIXEY."

THE new 8c. stamps are out, of both the Columbian and ordinary series, the former are magenta red and the latter lilac. The Post-Office Department has also issued a 4c. reply card for use to foreign countries. Also 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c. envelopes. These were all issued March 1st, 1893.

STAMP COLLECTORS are horrible kickers, they kicked because 12c. stamps were not issued to cover registration and postage, then because 8c. stamps were not issued to cover registration alone, and now Seelshopp of the F. F. and F. is kicking because a 13c. stamp is not issued to cover postage and registration to foreign countries. What Next?

CLEVE SCOTT announces a new Philatelic Book, particulars not given, but he says: "Wait and see." It must be going to be a beauty by his letter. Hurry her up old man.

THE American Philatelic Association is once more on the boom, now that the old grumbling, give-me-an-office crowd have left it. C. Brutus Corwin, Lord High Chief Kicker, is no longer around with his job-lot charges to prefer against officers, and peace reigns in the camp. Sec'y Walton has just issued a membership list board, with the constitution and by-laws, making a very convenient little book for the members.

THE *Missouri Philatelist* has been swallowed up by the *Stamp*, and the *Nebraska Stamp* by the *Detroit Philatelist*. What paper will be the next to do this act.

THERE was a man named Scott
Of foreign stamps he had a lot.
At prices—

Verdict of the Coroner's jury.—Deceased came to his death by a mis-application of John R. Hooper's alleged poetry.

A rumor has reached me in a round-about way that M. Adhesive Swanbeck of Kansas City, Kan., was going to be k—, married soon I meant to say. All the boys in the office say so.

THE *Philatelic Review of Reviews*, (P. J. G. B.) is somewhat short this month. I hear that the publishers of *Eastern Stamp* will add this feature to their paper soon.

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NEW YORK NOTES.

By "METROPOLIS."

SPECIAL TO THE ARGOSY.—

At a meeting of the New York Branch Sons of Philatelia, held on April 6th, at President Spooner's residence, Mr. C. W. Grevning called for the co-operation of the members in helping to make the World's Fair Stamp exhibit a success, this society has taken steps to raise a sum of money toward this great enterprise, and if carried out, will evoke the commendation of collectors the world over.

It is surprising to see how every one is hoarding up the Columbian stamps, expecting them to be very valuable some day in the future, especially the three cent green, but let me tell you here that *used* specimens of this stamp will be very plentiful, when these stamps are withdrawn. I have just unearthed a big scheme which is now in operation and I am going to let you in on the ground floor of it.

Several New York dealers are sending heavy packages, by mail, to their branch offices, and covering these by postage in large blocks of these new three-cent stamps. This has been going on for some time, consequently there will be plenty of these stamps thrown on the market. The same may be said of the six-cent stamp.

Several dealers holding auction sales throughout the country often request that payment be made by unused specimens of the higher denominations of the Columbian series.

As every one who reads the *Southern Philatelist* knows, a certain writer, under the *nom de plume* of Lieut. V. B. Justice, is making a fool of himself by exposing the names of other writers who use *non de plumes*. This author, I believe is no other than Cleve Scott, the late editor of the defunct "*Nebraska Stamp*," (which was to have outlived the *Phil. Era*.) and of course is in position to know who every writer is. He is abusing this privilege, as many writers do not care to have their real names known; I am one of them and I do not care to have my name go any further than the publication office.

The stamped envelopes were on sale here a month ago. The writer has seen two varieties—the one and two cent envelopes. As a matter of artistic quality, they cannot be surpassed.

An almost complete collection of United States adhesive, local and revenue stamps will be offered at auction by Messrs R. F. Albrecht & Co., on April 18 and 19. This sale will be next in importance to the DeCoppet sale now in progress.

It is said that a certain collector here, has bought a complete set of Columbians and has had them cancelled at the Post Office for himself, at a cost of *only* \$16.26.

THE Bogert & Durbin Co.'s fortieth sale will take place on April 11 and 12. This sale will consist of the collections of Messrs. John R. Hooper, W. L. Fletcher and others, and contains many varieties of Nova Scotia, Canada, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Islands.

Up to the time of going to press, the sale of the DeCoppet collection has occupied three evenings and is not yet completed, there still remaining five more evenings in which to dispose of this magnificent collection of the stamps of the Western Hemisphere.

This sale has been in progress since April 3d. It is held in the Real Estate Exchange, beginning at eight o'clock and usually over at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. J. W. Scott has occupied the auctioneer's bench since the sale began.

The attendance on the first evening was quite large indeed, some forty collectors and dealers being present. Before the sale began, a flash-light photograph was taken of the assemblage, which will no doubt appear in some of the philatelic publications.

Among the prominent philatelists present were Mr. J. W. Scott, Mr. J. Oakley Hobby, Mr. J. N. T. Levick, Mr. Hunter, Mr. R. F. Albrecht, Mr. Henry Clotz, Mr. J. B. Brevoort, Mr. A. R. Rogers, (of Blue-Book fame,) Mr. Henry Collin, Mr. Henry Coleman, Mr. Chas. Habenstein, Mr. W. Holton, Mr. Harbeck, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Jos. Rechert, Mr. O. E. Wilson, Mr. George and many others. These were reinforced on the second evening by Messrs. H. E. Deats and Mr. C. "Brutus" Corwin, who caused much surprise at bidding on several lots.

The prices realized were all very good, especially those of British North America, and the West Indies. The rarest stamp in the world, the 2-cent circular, on rose paper, of British Guiana, went for \$1,010. to Mr. Albrecht, who, by the way, bought most of the lots offered.

The entire sale will be summarized in the next issue of the ARGOSY, to which the special attention of philatelists is called.

ACCUMULATE QUALITY RATHER THAN QUANTITY.

BY BACHELOR.

ARE you sure your collection contains the U. S. 3-cent pink? I at one time thought I had over 100, but now I know better. I find I have just two, and one of these, the finest shade, has clipped perforations. I just want to exclaim \$2 is not one particle too high for this stamp. If you are sure you own one you are indeed lucky.

Now are you sure your used department stamps are all right? Are there not some "*specimens*" cancelled to order? I have several "*specimens*" erased or rather marked with black ink and then canceled. These all seem to come from Cleveland, Ohio. I would much prefer them with *specimen* or just as sold by the Department, but the unsuspecting collector don't know the difference.

Are you sure all your unperforated Revenues are genuine? There are certain dealers who make a practice of cutting off the perforations and then selling them for genuine unperforations. Look well to this class of stamps as there is a chance for dishonest dealers to fleece you.

Again, are you sure your grills are all genuine? If not, I truly feel sorry for you. Only a few weeks ago I received from a prominent eastern dealer, a beautiful 1868 3-cent grilled all over. I was suspicious, but on looking at it through a glass it appeared to be all right, and I had about make up my mind to keep it, when, laying it down, I leaned back in my chair, and lo, and behold! I could plainly see the 11x13 grill much plainer than I could see the balance of the stamp. A very curious fact, indeed, but nevertheless true.

Now a close inspection failed to show this peculiarity. The dealer claimed he bought it at a recent auction sale and it was pronounced genuine, but I hardly can believe this unless the counterfeit detector did not know his business.

Are you sure all of your (rare) U. S. Locals are counterfeits? You want to make sure of this, for if it should turn out they are not all reprints or counterfeits you would feel pretty cheap.

Now collectors are fully as much to blame for accumulating all of this rubbish as the dealers that supply it.

As a great many U. S. collectors to-day are so enthusiastic that they never stop to carefully examine each stamp. Now don't place that counterfeit grill in your album even if you hav'nt got a genuine one. If you have the least doubt about it, send it to some of our large dealers for examination, and always send 25 cents to pay for his time and trouble. It is far better to pay this extra quarter than to put counterfeits in your album, for some day you may need cash and want to sell this valuable collection. Then, my friend, you will find out how much trash and how much valuable stuff it contained.

Next month I intend to say something for the dealers benefit, and hope it will do the business as much as good as I wish it to.



NOVEL USES FOR STAMPS.

WHAT do you do with the cancelled postage stamps that come to you every day on your letters? Have you ever thought that these little stamps have any value after the grey-coated representative of Uncle Sam has dropped the missives at your door? It seems as if their work might be then finished, their requiem the sharp ring

of the door-bell and their last resting-place the waste-paper basket beside your desk. What other use can be made of them? Certainly a few school-boys and a even older people have been known to collect rare and foreign stamps, but how can these common every-day symbols of the Post-Office Department be of value to anyone.

There are in this city many who do make use of these cancelled stamps and make good use of them, too. They collect them to the amount of several thousands and send them to Paris, where they are classified and arranged, the more valuable ones sold to collectors and the others sold to manufacturers of papier-mache. Every day you see and handle articles made of papier-mache. It is formed into fan-sticks, paper-weights, work-tables and the like, and for this purpose pulvertized postage stamps are used, their bright colors and the gum-arabic on their backs making them of especial value to the manufacturers.

A collection of 50,000 2c. stamps is worth 35 or 36 francs, while those of higher denominations, being less common, are worth more to foreign stamp collector. Part of the money obtained for these stamps is devoted to the education of young women for mission work in the East. These young women are educated by the Association of Mary Immaculate for the conversion of heathen women. Priests are not permitted to enter the harems of the East, but a women can always obtain admission into these dark cells where enters no light of a life better or nobler than that which the Mohammedan religion teaches. To the poor women, surrounded as they are by the customs and civilization of the Dark Ages, many missionaries are sent by our little postage stamps, the mute agents of a nobler religion and a more beautiful country. Of course, it requires a vast number of stamps to accomplish anything, but every one helps, and you know the story of the man who became rich by saving his pennies.

Another way in which these stamps are used is in the purchase of female children from slavery in the Flowery Kingdom. According to the custom of China, a female child is either killed or sold into slavery. The price of their emancipation is very small, being scarcely more than you would expend for cigars in a month. And a few thousand stamps will save a human being from slavery and a miserable existence.

When the letters which cause you so much annoyance or pleasure are received, if you do not consign the envelopes to the waste-basket, but tear off the stamps, and when you have collected several hundred send them to the Holy Angels Academy, at No. 320 Porter Avenue, you may know that you are doing a little in this cause.—*Buf. Express.*



NOTES. ETC.

How about your subscription to the A. P. A. Worlds' Fair fund? Have you sent it in yet? Do so right now while you are thinking of it.

THAT lusty infant, the Sons of Philatelia, will hold their annual convention in Chicago the week after the A. P. A. I understand that several new offices are to be created, one of which, the official editor, is badly needed.

LEWIS BISHOP'S *Philatelist* will appear April 10th, without fail. Mr. Bishop has had some trouble securing a printer, but has at last secured a good one, so he writes me— I hope editor Hoyt's remarks last month that it would not live to see more than two or three numbers, will turn out to be untrue.

THE Philatelic book that I stated, in last month's ARGOSY, Cleve Scott would publish, turns out as the Irishman said, not to be a book at all, but a philatelic game, "authors."

THE once-popular *Philatelic Gazette* is to be revived at Altoona, Pa., where it was first published. It used to be the newsiest, brightest paper published, when published in Altoona and also when published in Chicago, but its position in the Corwin A. P. A. row lost it many patrons and it was compelled to suspend. Messrs. Stetler & Kendig have my best wishes for its success.

THE year 1893 will be remembered by philatelists for a great many years. A new set of adhesives, a new set of envelopes, new special delivery and new reply card, and all of them beauties, too.

"BIRDS of a feather flock together!" So says Phil. H. Dilg on his circulars advertising rooms for rent at the Worlds' Fair; so he has rented a residence and proposes to make it the headquarters of the Philatelist who attend the Fair.

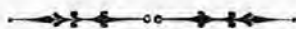
TEN miles from Asheville, N. C., is a post-office known as Candler. Mr. J. S. Henry, says the Charlottesville Observer, sends a good many letters there, and lately has been using Columbian stamps. Recently he received a letter from his correspondent there, saying that the Postmaster at Candler had made him pay regular letter postage on every letter Mr. Henry had sent with the Columbian stamp on it, and compelled him to state who it was sending letters "with them pictures on them for stamps" so he could "have the man indicted." In vain did Mr. Henry's correspondent explain and remonstrate. The letters with the Columbian stamps on them were not forthcoming until, as the postmaster said, "the postage was paid."

THE U. S. Government will make a stamped envelope exhibit at the Worlds' Fair, of all the envelopes issued by them, all colors, sizes and dies. It will be in the same building as the A. P. A. exhibit and will doubtless attract lots of attention from philatelists.

Two members have been expelled from the P. S. of C. for fraudulent practices.

I NOTICE that the celebrated Otto Bickel, manipulator of San Marino politics has applied for admission to the A. P. A.

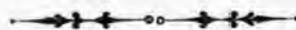
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- That the Columbian envelopes may be recalled by the Government?
- That great numbers of remainders of the stamps issued by the states of Columbia are in existence, but not yet for sale?
- That some one has bought the first issue of Panama?
- That dealers know more about the Mexican “Port de Mar” stamps than they care to tell?
- That Guatemala is the only “unsebeckized” Central American country?
- That there is something peculiar about the rise in price of the five dollar State to say the least?
- That members should “look out for breakers” in the Sons of Philatelia?
- That we cannot say there are no undiscovered counterfeits, for we cannot tell how many counterfeits are in existence which are perfect imitations of the original?

A. L. BION.



EDITORIALS.

DURING the past month the following publications have been received:—“*Eastern*,” “*Era*,” “*Eagle*,” “*Collector*,” “*International*,” “*Illinois*,” (new), “*Collector*,” “*Pennsylvania*,” “*Long Island*,” “*American Philatelic Magazine*,” “*Amateur American*,” “*Stamp*,” “*Dominion*,” “*Post Office*,” “*One Dime*,” “*Electric*,” “*Yankee*,” “*Philatelic Journal of G. B.*” “*Stamp Collector of England*,” and can it be, yes! “by the great horn-spoon,” three numbers, (Oct., Nov. and Dec.,) of the “*Fraud Reporter*.”

Also catalogue of 13th sale of Albrecht & Co., to be held April 18 and 19, and a monthly blotter from Mr. Dunkhorst.

THE only new paper received this month is the *Illinois Philatelist*, published by Albert G. Smith. Palatine, Ill.

COLLECTORS who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co., should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent upon application by addressing above firm at 935 La Salle street, St. Louis, Mo.

THE *Amateur American*, of Auburn, N. Y., will hereafter devote considerable space to philately.

WE must apologize for not continuing "Hunt's Bad Boy and his Pa," but the fact of the matter is that the mss. has been mislaid, so we cannot continue in this issue.

If you have not sent in your name for insertion in our address book, you should do so at once, as it will positively go to press May 1st.

WE regret to learn the Model Stamp Co., of Valparaiso, Ind., whose ad. appeared in our columns a few months ago, are swindlers, and would caution all collectors to steer clear of them.

FOR a short time we offer a years' subscription to the *Weekly Philatelist* and this paper for only 42 cents.

It is rumored that the editor of the *Long Island Philatelist* is working to have his paper appointed official organ of the S. of P.

MR. HENRY ADES FOWLER, of Toronto, Canada, announces the *Canadian Journal of Philately* to appear about June 1st. He claims each issue will consist of from 40 to 60 pages, including illustrations of United States stamps in their original colors.

He has placed the subscription price at \$3.00 per year; single copies 25 cents.

It will be worth the money if it contains all he claims it will, and we would like to see it succeed.

WE are glad to see that the *Eagle* is being published regularly again. Good! Keep it up, Bro. Greene.

WE take this opportunity of calling your attention to the fact that our Address Book will go to press early in May. Dealers will find it an excellent medium, and as the circulation will be 3,000, rates are very low.

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"JOHNNIE get your Gun." The editor of *Kissenger's Philatelic Postal Card* says that he is afraid that "heads will be broken" at the next S. of P. Convention.

How that report of the Worlds' Fair Committee did shut up the kickers.

WHY pay 25 or 50 cents for a paper that issues, perhaps, 5 or 6 numbers a year, when you can get 12 numbers of the ARGOSY for 15 cents.

WHERE is the *Philatelic Puck*, the *Philatelic Gazette*, and several other papers that were to appear during March.

Come, gentlemen; hurry up or we will loose faith in your promises.

WE beg to acknowledge receipt of the *El Filatelista Sud-Americano*, published by A. Mettee, Buenos Ayres, Argen. Rep. We can't read it, but do not doubt but what it contains much interesting matter.

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PROFESSIONAL PHILATELISTS.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

While we must admit that the larger portion of the stamp collecting fraternity are students in schools or colleges throughout our bad land, there are many devotees of our Goddess Philatelia among the professional men who throng our cities thoroughfares.

The school boys and school girls have recited in glowing terms of the many benefits they have gleaned from personal acquaintance with the fascinating pursuit.

On the other hand the busy professional man finds his time much taken up in the busy whirl of his business life to stop a moment and patiate on the pleasure he finds in one hobby. But once in a while, of the philatetic world, have the pleasure of listening to some devotee of Blackstone, or another who skillfully handles the scalpel, the one who ascends to the pulpit on the seventh day and discourses to his congregation, once in a while we hear them tell, even through the busy, of the pleasures of stamp collecting.

The lawyer who counsels with his client and dives down in the remotest recesses of his brain to seek out the legal statutes of this particular case, and often being retained as the attorney and paid a little fee, sees his client out the door and then returns to his office. He picks out a musty dog-eared volume and pores over the pages of legal enactments and judicial decisions until his brain is racked and he grows agitated and restless. It is at such times as these that he finds his alarm brings quiet and peaceful rest from troublous care.

Is it any wonder then that he remains such an ardent admirer of his album and its contents?

And the same with the doctor, and the minister and the draughtsman and the electrician and the hundreds of other professionals.

To them it affords a pleasure which can be found in nothing else. While these men are apt to be too busy to do much talking or writing towards the advancement of philately, they are often not known to be collectors until some slight incident may bring out that

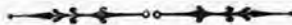
fact, while now in their quiet way, doing much for philately yet they are potent factors in its advancement, for they are students of the science and it is they who discover the intricacies in specimens and the whys and wherefores that perplex us.

They have learned the lessons of studiousness, how steady application mastereth and overcometh all difficulties, and when they seat

themselves to examine and pass judgement on a particular specimen they are very apt to know all about it before they lay it down.

Thus the practical side of philately is met by these practical business like men and before there close scrutiny the vilest rascals quail and the legitimate issues can boldly face front and be accorded the stamp of genuineness.

Were it not for these professional philatelists the vehicle of philatelic progress would be impeded not a little, we'd find a screw loose here or a bolt gone there and would have to stop now and then to repair the damages. But with the addition of these silent helpers we have a harmonious whole, and hand in hand we will work and plan together until we are known and respected where'er civilized man is recognized. And in all our progress we must not forget that much is due these professional philatelists.



NEW YORK NOTES.

By "METROPOLIS."

At the last meeting of the New York Branch, Sons of Philatelia, considerable discussion took place in regard to S. of P. matters. It is generally understood that the R. J. Russell ticket will have a walk over and it is quite amusing to hear that C. W. Kissinger has nominated himself for the presidency, when every member knows he is not eligible for election as he is under the age limit. His nomination will not be accepted by the Trustees.

R. W. Ashcroft is working in the interests of the Kissinger crowd. I understand that he is going to join with Kissinger and Kantner in publishing the Pennsylvania Philatelist.

The magnificent and world famed collection of the postal issues of the western hemisphere, belonging to F. deCoppet Esq., has been sold under the hammer by the J. W. Scott Co., of New York, at the Real Estate Exchange, No. 59 Liberty St., New York.

Mr. deCoppet has been America's representative philatelist, and had the most complete collection of American stamps ever known, it being valued at over \$50,000. His principal reason for disposing of his collection was his ill-health, which kept him from keeping up and taking care of it, which necessarily involved considerable time and trouble, he has been collecting for a good many years and it has broken him all up at parting with his favorite pastime.

This collection contains many very rare stamps of priceless value

one of which is quoted as being the rarest stamp in the world. He was particularly strong in United States Stamps, these stamps alone netted him \$1,977.38.

Other features of this collection are the Bolivian & British Guiana stamps, the former has been Mr. deCoppets special study and together with his Ecuador stamps formed his exhibit at the London Exhibition of 1890 and for which he was awarded a silver medal.

Almost every collector and dealer of any prominence has been in attendance every evening since the sale began, the attendance on the 6th, night was the largest of any sale ever held in New York, on this evening the United States stamps were sold and about sixty five gentlemen were present, among whom could be seen, Messrs. Henry & G. B. Calman, Collin, Rogers, Deats, Hobby, Clotz, Nelton, Brevoort, Hunter, Corwin, E. T. Parker, Gremmel, Krebs, Albrecht, Thorne, George, Levick, Wilson, Havenstein, Gregory, Benjamin Stevens, Clark, and many others.

The following are some of the highest prices paid for varieties:*

BARBADOES.

1852, red, no value, white paper unused, sold to Albrecht, .. \$	20.00
“ half of blue cut diag. used as $\frac{1}{2}$ p.	30.00

BRITISH GUIANA.

1850, 2 cent circular on rose paper used. Albrecht,	1,010.00
This stamp was purchased by R. F. Albrecht for F. W. Hunter.	

CANADA.

1851 12 p. black, laid paper. sold to Deats.	\$ 176.00
1857 6 p. Violet “ “ used. sold to Albrecht.	31.00
“ 6 p. “ dark shad. unused sold to “	25.00
“ 6 p. “ light “ used “ “ Deats.	19.50
“ $\frac{1}{2}$ p. Rose “ “ “ Albrecht.	40.00
1868 1 cent Red laid paper. “ “ Collin.	12.25

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

1861, U. S., 3 cent pink, surcharged C. S. of A. sold to Albrecht.	25.10
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NEW BRUNSWICK.

1851, 1 sh. Violet, unused. sold to Rogers.	65.00
“ “ pale violet used, “ “ J. W. Scott Co.,	70.25
“ “ Violet, “ “ “ Harbeck.	160.00

The above stamp is a triangular quarter of 1 sh. violet, used as a 3 p. on entire letter, postmarked, 23 April 1860.

1861 5 c. brown, Connell, sold to Albrecht.	\$ 102.50
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NEW FOUNDLAND.

1857, 4 p. orange, unused.	17.75
“ 6 p. “ “	23.00

*On account of limited space we are obliged to omit all but U. S. and British N. A.

1857 1 sh. Orange used.	sold to Thorne.....	76.00
“ “ deep “	“ on yellowish paper, sold to Thorne.	105.00
1860, 6½ p. Vermillion, unused,	34.00
“ 1 sh. “	used, sold to Rogers.....	53.00

NOVIA SCOTIA.

1851, “ mauve, early shade, used	sold to Rogers.....	100.00
“ “ Violet later	“ unused “ “ Sparks.....	62.00
1853. 3 p. blue surch, 5 cents in red	used sold to Rogers....	42.05

UNITED STATES

1845, 5 cent black. New York	sold to Deats.....	6.00
“ Same second type.	“ “ Albrecht.....	23.00
1847, ½ of 10c. black (used as 5c)	sold to Clarke.....	28.00
“ Franklin carrier, used, blue on rose	sold to Deats....	40.00
1851, 5c, brown unperf. “	“ “ “ “	8.25
“ “ yellowish brown unused	“ “ Clark....	15.50
“ 30c. orange unsevered unperf. pair	unused sold to Albrecht	40.00
“ 24c. lilac,	“ “ “ “	32.00
“ 90c. blue	“ “ “ “	95.00
1857 5c. brick red, unused, perf. 15	“ “ Deats....	30.00
“ 24 lilac & 34c. orange	“ “ Rogers... ..	3.50
“ 90c. blue,	“ “ “ “	6.00
1861 3c. scarlet unused sold to J. W. Scott Co.	22.00
“ “ pink used Vertically laid paper.	sold to Albrecht....	17.00
“ 5c. yellow brown, unused	sold to Rogers.....	8.00
1868 3c. pink grille covering entire stamp	unused	24.50
“ sold to Corwin	18.25
“ 3c. pink grille 13x16 unused	sold to Hunter	300.00
“ 24c. violet entire sheet of 100 grille	9x13 sold to Albrecht	6.25
1869 “ green & black unused	“ “ “ “ Parker..	5.00
“ 30c. blue & carmine “	sold to Frazer.....	11.50
1869 90c. black & carmine unused 9x13	sold to Frazer.....	70.00
“ 15c. brown blue inverted centre	used sold to Nelson....	110.30
“ 24c. green & black “	“ “ “ “ Harbeck... ..	220.00
“ 30c. blue & camine “	“ “ “ “ Albrecht... ..	14.00
“ 90c. black & “ without grille, unused	“ “ Frazer.....	12.00
1870 10c. brown, unused, grilled	“ “ Albrecht....	15.50
“ 12c. purple used	“ sold to J. W. Scott & Co	25.75
“ 24c. “ “ “	“ “ Stevens.....	12.50
“ 30c. black unused	“ “ Albrecht.....	

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Justice. “ “	“ 1 to 30c. used “ “ Grammel....	9.00
“ 90 cent lilac unused	“ “ Brown.....	17.00

Navy complete unused but 7c.	“ “ Levy.....	8.25
“ 2 cent green, (error)	“ “ Parker.....	6.25
State, complete 1 to 90c. unused.....		8.80
“ \$2 green,	“ sold to Gremmel.....	6.25
“ 5 “	“ “ Parker.....	90.00
“ 10 “	“ “ J. W. Scott & Co.	31.00
“ 20 “	“ “ “	31.00
Treasury complete	“ “ “	4.40
War.	“ “ “	1.17

Outside of the deCoppet sale, no sale has had such a large attendance as Albrecht's 13th sale of United States stamps, there being some forty philatelists present, among whom were, Messrs Rogers, Hunter Levick, Krebs, Collin, George, Wurtz, Wilson, Hobby, Levy, some of the stamps realized very high prices especially the \$5. State Department used this stamp brought \$103.00 the highest price yet attained, a rise of \$23 since March 15th 1893.

There is a rumor going around that the United States Department stamps are to be reprinted and put into use again, if this is correct, it will knock the head out of some of the prevailing high prices.

Ha! Ha! Ha! Lieut. V. B. Justice, "Uncle Phil" was a case of "mistaken identity" "do it some more".

EDITORIALS.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the following papers:—*Nova Scotian Philatelist*, *Eastern Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, *Era*, *Eagle*, *Salt City Philatelist*, *Dominion*, *Post Office*, *Massachusetts Phil.*, *Yankee*, *The Reporter*, *The Brooklyn Stamp*, *International*, *Ohio Stamp*, *Youths Magazine*, *Collector*, *Philatelist*, *Electric*, *Ottawa*, *Long Island*, *Washington*, *One Dime*, *Am. Philatelic Magazine*, and *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, *Philatelic Journal of G. B.* *City Stamp England*, and *El Filatelista Sud-Americanos*, of *Buenos Aires*.

We have received a number of new papers this month, the first of which is the much advertised *Philatelist*, published by Lewis Bishop, Denver Colo. We must say that number 1 is a first class magazine. It contains about 16 pages of good reading matter and many of the articles are headed by small engravings of the authors. Success to you Bro. Bishop.

Another new comer is the *Brooklyn Stamp*, published at 615 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. This is a rather small 8 page paper of average merit and will have to give more reading matter to gain success.

Next to appear was the *Ohio Stamp*, from 192 Woodlawn Ave., Cleveland Ohio, which makes a very creditable appearance for a first issue.

Last but not least is the revived *Philatelic Gazette*, published by the *Philatelic Gazette Co.*, Room 3 Stehle Block, Altoona, Pa. It is ex-

tremely good for a first number and will undoubtedly before long hold a position similar to that held by the old Gazette, which was one of the leaders.

Rogers American Philatelic Blue Book has at last made its appearances and we regret that we have not the space to give an extensive review on its merits. Suffice to say that we consider it the most interesting publication of its kind that has ever been published.

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We are advised of the Nomination Dr. R. J. Russel of Hanover, Pa., for the office of President of the S. of P. and must say are very much pleased with the nomination.

We have had the pleasure of meeting "Doc" and can assure our readers that we believe him worthy of the office.

Some western collectors are talking of putting up a western man for the office and if a good western man is nominated he will undoubtedly poll a large vote but west, east, north or south we can think of no member better fitted for the office than Dr. Russell and trust that our readers will give him their support.

We have also seen a ticket headed by C. Kissinger of Reading, Pa., for President. We are under the impression that Mr. Kissinger is a minor, and as the constitution distinctly states that no person under 21 years of age is eligible to the office, we cannot imagine what his object is in running. Perhaps he has some unknown scheme on foot.

To those who have subscribed to our Address Book, we wish to say that several papers with which we have considerable advertising space, have not yet appeared, and as we wish to get the benefit of these ads, the address book will be postponed for a few days. Part of it has already gone to the printer and we will have them all printed and distributed by the last of this month.

It is said that "it takes all kinds to make a world," and we wish to say that this is one of the truest quotations we have ever had occasion to use.

We have just received from a would be dealer a communication which reads as follows:—"Please find inclosed a $\frac{1}{2}$ page ad, which please run in your paper 3 months. I think that the Argosy is the best paper published. (How is that for taffy, editor.)

I have no money to pay for the ad., just now, but just as I get enough returns I will remit. Please do this as it will help me along.

We wish to state right here that we are not helping any one along in this manner and furthermore believe that any person having the castiron nerve to ask for such, from an entire stranger, has got nerve enough to claim that the ad., never paid, whether it did or not. A person has no right to start in business without capital and should not expect strangers to furnish it for him.

Up to the present time this paper has appeared promptly each month and until a day or two ago, we believed it would do so in the future; but circumstance alter cases and owing to a new enterprise in which

the editor is interested we find that we cannot spare the time to get out a monthly hereafter. At first we intended to discontinue the publication but we hate to give up our play-thing and have concluded to issue it quarterly instead of monthly. In many ways this will be an improvement as instead of a pun eight page and cover youngster each number will consist of from 16 to 30 pages of good solid reading matter. No pains or expense will be spared to make it one of the best magazines of the kind published and any new departments which may be suggested by our readers, will be added, provided we think they will improve the paper.

This change may not meet with the approval of some of our readers, and if any subscribers are dissatisfied with the change, we cheerfully refund their subscription if they will drop as a postal to that effect.

Our next number will appear in August, probably a few days after the conventions, and we can promise you a very interesting number.

Thanking our many friends and patrons for their support in the past and soliciting a continuance of the same in the future, we will say adieu till August.

NOTES. ETC.

Now please don't say chestnuts when I ask you again if you have sent in your contribution to the A. P. A. Worlds Fair fund.

We may have another French Colony to increase our list of surcharges France & Siam are at war.

Everything now-a-days is World's Fair. No one can talk anything else, not even philatelists. Chicago Philatelists will have their hands full showing their brethern that noble representative of a good time, the elephant.

Chas. D. Remers of Chicago is mentioned as a candidate for Vice President of the Sons of Philatelia. He would make an excellent officer and would discharge the duties in his usual effective manner.

How many Columbians are you hoarding up. Better be careful they will not be so rare as you think them. The envelopes will probably be the rarest of the whole issue, as they will not be in use over 9 months and a great many people are opposed to them, claiming they are ugly. The quality of paper used in the envelopes, as well as the shape of them are a great improvement over former issue.

The *Eagle Philatelist* comes to us this month with a new printer, somebody in Baufnna, Ill., and a picture of J. D. Bartlett at present President of S. P.

By the way Rogers Blue Book which has been threatening us for some time, is ——— not out.

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Exchange desired with collectors having less than 1500 varieties. Send your sheets marked and I will send mine. W. F. Fiske, Mast Yard N H.

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