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NORTHAMPTON, MASS., MARCH 14, 1896.

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ENGLISH NOTES

M. E. N. in the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* says, "The Jubilee envelopes of Great Britain seem to have fallen upon hard times. They have been offered at eight pence each, with no takers, and it seems now as if it were a hard matter to even dispose of them for nothing.

"A few of the £5 telegraph stamps were printed in gold color, but on account of the cost of this color, it was abandoned and the stamps printed in this color were never circulated."

The "V. R." never was a postage stamp, never was even a fiscal or official stamp and never was used for any purpose whatever. Why people buy it is a mystery—it is certainly worse than a Seeback, for that does have a *raison d'être* while the "V. R." is merely an excrescence to philately being neither stamp, assay, or forgery.

PERFORATED GRILLS ON THE '94 ISSUE

Eben S. Martin's announcement of a perforated grill on the back of the current two-cent stamp attracted my attention and I at once sent a specimen to the Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing asking him to tell me what caused the grilled appearance, and I give his answer.

Treasury Department Bureau of Engraving and Printing,
Feb. 26, 1896.

J. Arthur Wainwright, Esq., Northampton, Mass.,

SIR:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. The marks on the back of the two-cent stamp enclosed, are the result of accident while pressing the stamps.

Respectfully yours,

THOS. J. SULLIVAN,

Acting Chief of Bureau.

Alex. Tsimis of Athens, Greece, offers to send the entire set of "Olympian Games" stamps for seventeen shillings ten pence, post free, cancelled or uncanceled as you prefer. The set comprises 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 60 lepta size m-m 18 x 22, 1, 2, 5, 10 drachmes size m m 20 x 42.

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My fellow Philatelists: — Accept my hearty greetings to you one and all. This is my second salutatory. The first was pronounced many years ago in the ornate language of ancient Rome. This one is given to you in ordinary English and is much more intelligible to all of us. The reason why *Philatelia* is published is because I am in love with her and want you all to know it and her too. If your love for her has grown a little cold and this appeal helps to quicken it then I have done a good work. I shall try from week to week to give you something either new in itself or giving new ideas of old things. I do not know everything about *Philatelia*, and am willing to learn more about her myself and to give you the benefit of my own knowledge whenever that will help you. Questions will be answered whenever possible, new issues will be announced as they come to your notice. *Philatelia* is bound to live in spite of speculative stamps, surcharge fiends, greedy postmasters and ignorant governments. I am an optimist when I think of her and that is better than being a pessimist. Success to us all! Long live *Philatelia*!

The suggestion of C. P. Krauth of Pittsburg, Pa. for president of the American Philatelic Association is a most excellent one. He is large of frame, has a big warm heart, an ardent love for *Philatelia*, and an unusual gift of helpfulness. Let's elect him.

I would advise you to fill up your sets of British Bechuanaland as soon as possible as that country is now a part of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope. The Post offices in British Bechuanaland are

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| Bailey Brith, | Maritzani, |
| Devondale, | Mier, |
| Dry Hartz, | Morokwen, |
| Geluk, | Mosita, |
| Genesa, | Setlagoli, |
| Groob Chwaing, | Taungs, |
| Keimoes, | Taungs Station, |
| Kuruman, | Vryburg, |
| Mafeking, | Vryburg Station, |
| Maribogo, | Zwart Modder. |

Bechuanaland Protectorate however is not yet swallowed up.

Down goes Mashonaland, up comes Rhodesia, which comprises Mashonaland, Matabeleland and Northern Zambesia. I wonder if the new stamps which may come from this consolidation will bear the portrait of Cecil Rhodes?

The number of ordinary postage stamps of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing design issued on unwatermarked paper is as follows :

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------|---------|---------------|
| 1-cent | 404,168,300 | 2-cent | 1,271,048,700 |
| 3-cent | 20,214,300 | 4-cent | 16,718,150 |
| 5-cent | 30,688,840 | 6-cent | 5,120,800 |
| 8-cent | 2,426,100 | 10-cent | 12,263,180 |
| 15-cent | 1,583,920 | 50-cent | 175,330 |
| \$1.00 | 35,046 | \$2.00 | 10,027 |
| \$5.00 | 6,251 | | |
| 10-cent S. D. | 3,506,500 | | |

The counterfeit two-cent stamp can be seen by any one who wishes, by calling at the office of the Post Office Inspector at Boston. The last time I was at the Hub, I saw specimens at the place mentioned and I also had the pleasure of seeing one specimen used on the original envelope. It had gone from Chicago to Butte, Montana, had lain there the requisite time and had then been returned to the writer. All the regular post marks of the sending and receiving offices were very distinct.

AUCTION CATALOGUES

The following auction sale catalogues are at hand and the results of the auctions will be reviewed if priced catalogues are sent us.

R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s 38th and last for this season, date, March 17-18 inclusive.

William Ridout, 99 Strand, London, Eng., March 20.

Bogert and Durbin's 60th, March 21.

Bogert and Durbin's 61st, March 28.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 7th, March 30.

C. L. Moreau's 10th, April 4.

This last is a mail auction sale.

PRICE LISTS, ETC.

W. Sellschopp & Co. send their 1896 price list.

A. de Tscherniadiëff, of Barcelona, Spain, sends his "distinguished salutations," desiring exchange relations. The lowering clouds of war have no terrors for him.

EXCHANGES

We have enjoyed reading the January *International Philatelist*, February *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*, February *Evergreen State Philatelist*, the *International Stamp* of Feb. 13 and 27. We also smile when Stanton *Philatelic Tribune* puts in an appearance.

It may be easier now to get Servian stamps direct as money orders may now be drawn in this country for payment to persons residing in the kingdom of Servia. One Servian dinar equals one Swiss franc equals one hundred percent.

The British Protectorates of Zanzibar and East Africa are now members of the Universal Postal Union.

The London *Philatelist* for January contains a full page picture of the late King of Kingdon, late President of the London Philatelic Society.

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NOTES ON VARIOUS THINGS

"Ten cent green 1861." The description of the two varieties of this stamp in Scott's fifty-sixth are as the "Kompetent Kicker" says, "Very lucid, so plain in fact that I could not decide which was which from studying the catalogue." I give the following description of the two varieties, and would like to hear from my fellow philatelists as to whether I make the difference visible.

Type one (the rare variety). There is *no* colored line below the stars at the top of the stamp and connecting the lower ends of the shading lines.

Type two (the common variety). There is a colored line connecting the lower ends of the shading lines below the upper stars.

E. B. Sterling gives the number of varieties of revenue stamps printed on checks as forty-three. This does not include colors either of the stamps or of the paper. For a complete description of these interesting stamps, consult Sterling's fifth catalogue. The first check stamp was probably the "Eagle at bay."

The 1-cent dark blue '94 watermark entire envelope, white paper, is valued by Frank P. Brown of Boston, at one dollar and a half. I should think the manilla variety would be worth about one-half that.

The word "Cave" printed or surcharged on Ceylon stamps is a Latin word meaning "look out for" or "beware of" and is placed on the stamps belonging to business firms to prevent the clerks from stealing and selling them.

NEW ISSUES

Under this head we will note all new issues that may come to our notice, and we would like to have our friends notify us promptly of any new issues or new discoveries. Postal decrees are also wanted.

It is possible that a new provisional issue may come from the South African Republic. Nine hundred thousand of the two and one-half pence purple were surcharged one pence, and now the supply of two and one-half pence is exhausted and if some do not come to hand quickly a provisional two and one-half pence will result.

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ONE CENT LETTER POSTAGE

Hon. Eugene F. Loud is chairman of the Committee of the National House of Representatives, having in charge the Loud Bill for equalizing postal rates and establishing one cent letter postage for each one-half ounce. The provisions of this bill are such as to affect favorably every one who has intelligence enough to write a letter to some one else. At the present rate of first-class postage the Government gets a profit of 375 per cent. on the cost of carrying the letters, reduced to figures, \$40,000,000 a year. At the reduced rate the profit would still be much more than \$20,000,000, for many letters would require the same postage as we pay now and the probabilities are that there would be little falling off in revenue, as correspondence would be greatly stimulated by the reduction.

The apparent deficit in the revenues of the Post Office Department is more apparent than real, as the postal expenses of all the other Departments are charged up to the Post Office Department. No wonder there is a deficit in the latter Department.

Mr. Loud, in making his report on postal matters, says, "60,000,000 people have long been taxed from thirty to forty million dollars every year more than it costs to transmit their mail matter. *Your committee do not think they draw it too strongly when they say that the masses have been deliberate and outrageously robbed.*"

Stamp Fraud Arrested.

Frank Wooge of Etna Mills, Siskiyou County, California, is under arrest for using the mails in the furtherance of a scheme to defraud. He has used the following aliases: George M. Zimmerman, Frank Koernig, Frank Grimmel, W. Rothfucks, W. H. Faber and C. T. Carperter. If you have been stuck by him send all correspondence to H. P. Thrall, P. O. Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.

The United States maintains a Postal Agency at Shanghai, China, and all mail matter passing either way between the United States and the United States Postal Agency at Shanghai must be prepaid by means of United States postage stamps, except official correspondence in "penalty" envelopes. This is the only postal agency in a foreign place maintained by the United States. The only other instance where United States stamps bring a letter to this country is where the letter is mailed on a steamer coming this way, on which there is a United States and German Sea Post Office.

The following is taken from *The Boston Daily Globe* and refers to the Woodward Sale recently held in Boston.

"That the stamp collecting fad has not died out was evidenced by the great interest taken in the auction sale of a valuable collection which has been going on in this city for three days past. The value of the collection was estimated at \$20,000. The stamps brought good prices and nearly 600 lots were disposed of. The highest price paid was \$1,320 for two Canadian stamps of the issue of 1851. They are supposed to be the only unused, laid paper, 12 pence stamps of this issue in existence."

I believe that a stamp paper should do all it can to enable beginners as well as advancing and advanced collectors to become more familiar with their stamps and to learn how to tell the rare varieties from the common ones, and to that end I shall give the benefit of my limited knowledge to my philatelic brethren whenever the latter evince a desire to know more about philately. An old Greek teacher used questions and answers as the sole means of educating his pupils. If you will ask the questions I will try and give the answers.

I like Rev. L. G. Dorpat's question department in *Mekeel's Weekly* and if he will read "PHILATELIA" he will find from time to time answers to questions asked of him.

A Good Substitute.

Wartles : It's a great thing to have a wife who is a stamp collector.

Dinkins : How so ?

Wartles : Why, my wife has been bothering the life out of me this season to buy her a sealskin sacque. The other day I went to a stamp dealer's and purchased a New Foundland 5-cent brown, with the picture of a seal on it, and gave it to her, saying that as I couldn't afford the sacque, I gave the stamp instead. Do you know that that \$7.50 stamp made her happier than a \$30 sealskin sacque would ?

Knowing that a friend of mine had received as a Christmas present a copy of the identical stamp above mentioned, I asked her the other day if she was the subject of the joke. She said she was not but added that her present pleased her more than a sealskin sacque could possibly have done.

AUCTION CATALOGUES

The auction season is nearly over, but an occasional catalogue turns up. Two are at hand this week, which we will be pleased to review on receipt of priced catalogue.

The Walter S. Scott Stamp Co.'s third sale, March 24.

Henry Gremmel's fourteenth sale, April 2.

EXCHANGES

The American Philatelic Magazine is the only exchange at hand this week and "Kicks by a Kompetent Kicker" are very interesting. Also the item regarding Philatelic politics which we publish in full :

"Philatelic politics, after a very short nap, is again with us. Oney & Carstarphen wants it to be known that he is a candidate for president of the U. S. of A. ; so does Every Paget ; and so does Ralph W. Ashcroft. More candidates are promised."

The cumulative system of voting as carried on in the American Philatelic Association can not well be changed as the laws of West Virginia under which the Association is chartered, provide for such voting privileges. While this privilege may be used at times wrongfully I believe in the long run it will prove of value and a source of strength and not of danger.

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No. 3.

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|------|----------------------------|---------|
| 1856 | outer line mint State, | \$11.25 |
| " | same, gum soaked off, | \$8.00 |
| 1861 | Pink, slight tear, mended, | \$4.00 |
| " | Laid paper, | \$5.50 |
| 1868 | 12 x 14, | \$1.75 |
| " | 13 x 16 unused, no gum, | \$17.00 |

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1861 90c. unused, O. G.

1868 90c., unused, O. G.

1861 90c., reprint, unused, O. G.

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A. DE TSCHERNIADIEFF

Regarding the above individual whose address is Barcelona, Spain, I have just received the following from a friend in Pittsburg, Pa.

"I presume he has sent for some Spanish stamps and offered to exchange for good United States dollar Columbians, etc. Tscherniadieff recently sent an approval sheet to one of our younger collectors, who turned them over to me for an opinion. Out of 24 stamps I find the following bogus:

Six rs. blue 1853 counterfeit (Tovres), priced at 27.50 Fr.; Sixteen m rose 1874 Carlist counterfeit, cancellation priced 12 Fr.; five c. 1876 war stamp blue error, chemical changing, priced 35 Fr.; Y 1-4 first type unused, counterfeit surcharge, priced 3 Fr.; 20c. Cuba 1883 surcharged used, counterfeit surcharge priced 12.50 Fr.; Trinber Movil 1887 counterfeit postal cancellation, priced 2.75 Fr.

If he has sent you a similar lot, it might be well to have them tested and expose the young man. I also submitted the stamps to C. H. Mekeel who is a good judge of Spain and Colonies, and he is of the same opinion about them.

Yours truly,

_____."

We have not as yet received any stamps from the above named party, but if we do and find any frauds we will at once declare war against him. Meanwhile we publish the above letter that our friends may be on the lookout.

THANKS

When the young lady dropped her glove the street Arab promptly picked it up and handed it to her. She smiled sweetly and said "Thanks." He bowed as profoundly as he could and promptly responded, "Welks."

Thanks for R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s (90 Nassau St., N. Y.) neat little vest pocket stock book. It's a dandy.

For J. M. Bartels & Co.'s (439 9th St., N. W. Washington, D. C.) No. 6 price list.

For samples of rouletted hinges from George E. Cleaver, Reading, Pa. Walks.

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EDITORIAL

It is very pleasant to hear and read the many good things that are said about PHILATELIA, and we hope that each succeeding number will be an improvement on the last. Editor Jewett referring to PHILATELIA says, "I trust it will succeed. We can stand another *good* weekly." We thank him for his wish and will do our best to make this a *good* weekly and one that no philatelist can afford to be without.

I have never been very fond of unused Seebecks since I was taken into trading for some a few years ago, but I am sure in my own mind that they have done a great deal of good in arousing interest in stamp collecting.

In spite of all the anathemas hurled at them by one well-known firm of publishers they continue to be sold by some of our most reputable dealers to collectors who recognize them as genuine stamps and want the sets to complete the collections. Personally I collect them when genuinely used and on the original envelope whenever possible. They should be catalogued as unused, cancelled and on original cover, and when the cataloguers will do this Seebecks will be good stamps to have.

THE STAMPS OF JAPAN

Several years ago I bought from a friend, a collection of stamps, containing many specimens of old Japanese issues taken off of letters that were sent to this country by one of the early missionaries to that interesting empire. From time to time since then I have added to this collection as I could, until now I have a very good collection of Japanese stamps. When the war between China and Japan broke out, I told some of my friends that from my standpoint as a stamp collector I could prophesy which would be victor. "You see," I said, "the number of stamps China has issued. Now turn to Japan and see the variety of stamps she has used. See the set of telegraph stamps. From my collection alone you can tell the victor. Japan wins in this war." And so she did. I have many specimens yet to secure before my collection will be any where near complete, but while gathering the specimens I now have, I have learned a few things about these stamps that may prove of interest.

Beginning in 1871, the first issue consisted of eight varieties, four on wove paper and four on laid paper, the latter paper being the one most generally used. The stamps were square in shape nineteen and one-half millimeters on a side. Values 48 mon brown, 100 mon blue, 200 mon vermilion, and 500 mon green. The type of the 100 mon blue differs from the other types. The Japanese numerals of value appear in the center of the inscription. There are not many shades except in the 500 mon green where the color runs from blue green to yellow green.

In 1872 a change was made from mon to sen in the value of the stamp, the colors remaining the same for the corresponding values. The type of the one sen blue corresponds to the 100 mon blue but the numeral of value in the central inscription is the ancient figure "one," all the other numerals of value being the modern ones. This issue is variously perforated and comes on thin and thick wove and on laid paper, the laid paper being the common one. It would also appear as if the first issue was perforated at this time as I have a 48 mon brown perforated eleven and one-half. The paper except where it comes as thick wove, is very thin.

To be Continued.

NEW ISSUES AND DISCOVERIES

The New England Telegraph and Telephone Company issue Franks of the value of 10 cents and 15 cents, and the American Telegraph and Telephone Company a message coupon of the value of five cents. All three varieties are issued in book form.

Collectors better fill up their sets of Cuba, Porto Rico and Spain. The news from the latter country indicates a revolution and a possible overthrow of the Monarchy and the establishment of a Republic.

FIRST ISSUE REVENUES ON SILK PAPER

In examining a one dollar "conveyance" recently I found evidence of its being on silk paper and so announce it. \$1.00 Conveyance on silk paper.

AUCTION CATALOGUES AND PHILATELIC DIRECTORIES

Rogert & Durbin Co.'s (2nd April 11, is the only auction catalogue which reaches us this week. No United States stamps are offered, only Great Britain and Foreign ones.

H. B. Vesey of 174 York Street, Norfolk, Va. is just issuing a Director of the Stamp Collectors of Virginia. When we receive a copy we will be able to tell you more about it.

H. M. Bugbee's (14 Charles St., Fitchburg, Mass.) fourth *Mail* auction sale, closing April 8, 1896.

George E. Cleaver's (Reading, Pa.) second auction sale of Philatelic Literature, closing April 3, 1896 at 7.30 P. M.

EXCHANGES

The Weekly Era comes to hand bright and newsy as ever. We like Brother Jewett's paper and hope he will continue to like PHILATELIA.

We are also favored with a copy of *The Family Favorite* having a philatelic department. The paper is a good and amusing one, containing choice selections from Rudyard Kipling, M. Quad and other notables, "aut scissors aut nullus" is evidently the editor's motto.

The Pennsylvania Stamp of Patterson's Mills, Pa., Vol. I., No. 3, a very readable paper.

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AUCTION SALE CATALOGUES

Still they come, although I thought the season almost over.

Thirty-sixth sale of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society April 8, at Narragansett Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island.

New England Stamp Company's sale April 13, at Elks' Hall, Boston.

Scott Stamp and Coin Co's 140th, April 20 and 21.

First sale of the Montreal Stamp Collectors Club, Alexandria Hall, April 23.

EXCHANGES

Many blessings in the exchange line come to us this week, and we get many useful hints from them.

Vol. I., No. 3 *Pennsylvania Stamp*. Vol. 10, No. 59 *Stanton's Advertiser* a phenomenon in its way. Vol. I., No. 1 *Ontario Philatelist* from St. Catharines, Canada. Success to you my brethren. Vol. IV., No. 1 *American Philatelist*. Vol. V., No. 60 *Post Office*. Vol. II., No. 2 *The International Philatelist*. Vol. I., No. 1 *The Philatelic Paragraph*. Keep it up Brother Strakosch. Vol. X., No. 26 *The Weekly Philatelic Era*.

UNSOLICITED APPROVAL SHEETS

The unsolicited approval sheet business where stamps are not inclosed for the return of the stamps is a great nuisance, and where one receives such a lot he is perfectly justified in keeping them until stamps are sent for their return. I have one such package now, that has been waiting many moons for the return postage to be sent, and unless it comes soon I shall gain possession of them by virtue of the Statute of Limitations.

INTERESTING NOTES FROM ALL AROUND

Good United States stamps are climbing so high that they are unattainable, except to long pocket books and therefore I get good foreign stamps that are looked at somewhat contemptuously by many collectors. When the fashionable stamps are booming, take the opportunity to gather in the stamps that are not fashionable and you will not regret it.

The Boston Stamp Book says: "The cancellation which one frequently meets with on Belgium stamps, consisting of a narrow band with diamond shaped figures, is that used by the Postal Savings Banks. Such stamps have never been used for postage and are about on a par with purchased Spanish stamps."

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PHILATELIC POLITICS

As spring advances and the pussy willows speak eloquently of awake life and the coming of August philatelic politics begin to take on a lurid hue, even now in the wild and woolly West, philatelists are putting on their war paint and sharpening their tomahawks. Editor Beardsley wants assistant editor Carstarphen elected President of the P. S. of A., and says he don't want any Kissinger in his and he don't want Kissinger's candidates elected a little bit. Perhaps he will down Kissinger, but if he does we will have to work hard and late, for the Young Napoleon of Philately is a hustler as the members of American Philatelic Association well know. Carstarphen frankly says he will be president of the P. S. of A., and gives Kissinger a left handed compliment when he says that "William C. Stone will be the next secretary of the American Philatelic Association."

One nomination for Vice-President of the P. S. of A. pleases me very much. It's that of Mand Charlotte Bingham. If I am elected a member of the P. S. of A., I shall vote for her as I am a thorough Woman's Rights' man, and if she sends me her picture I will send her mine.

THE STAMPS OF JAPAN

Continued from No. 3.

The 1872-73 issue introduces the chrysanthemum, the national flower of Japan as an important ornament of the stamps from that time down to the present. The stamps are larger than the preceding issue, and in the higher values the size of the stamp increases with the increased value. The Japanese numerals of value are found in the side panels, and the paper is very thin, thin, and thick wove, and laid paper. The values and colors are one-half in brown, one sen blue, two sen vermilion and two sen yellow, four sen rose, ten sen green, 20 sen mauve and 30 sen gray.

In 1874 a new issue was put forth very much like the preceding one but having on each stamp what is called a "Syllabic Character." These characters correspond to the English plate numbers, and as they were long a puzzle to me and I find are to many collectors, I will try to explain them as best I can.

The values and colors of the 1874 issue are the same as the preceding issue, except that the two sen vermilion is dropped and the six sen violet brown is added. The paper is thick wove except that the two sen yellow, six sen violet brown, 20 sen violet and 30 sen gray come on thin laid paper.

On the one-half sen, one sen, two sen and four sen the syllabic character is found in a little square at the bottom of the centre description and above the centre of the label which tells the value of the stamp.

On the six sen stamp the syllabic character is found just below the buckle in that part of the band which is between the buckle and the band having the three eyelets.

On the ten sen green the syllabic character is very small and is found towards the bottom of the stamp in the open space between the joining of the dragons' tails and the label of value. It is not enclosed by any frame and is easily overlooked.

On the 20 sen the character is also small and might almost be taken for part of the ornamentation. It is found to the left of the lower part of the central leaf of the flowery design at the bottom of the inner circle.

On the 30 sen the character is found in an oval just below the central inscription. The characters run up to 23 in number, the two sen yellow having all of them. Scotts 50th gives the full list of the characters on each stamp.

In 1875 a change of colors was made, and new values added, the list being as follows: one-half sen slate, one sen brown, four sen green, six sen orange, two types, 10 sen blue, 12 sen rose, 15 sen lilac, 20 sen carmine, 30 sen violet, 45 sen carmine.

On the one-half sen, one sen, four sen, ten sen, and 30 sen, the syllabic character is found in the little square before described.

On the six sen orange (Scotts A 8) it is found in a small oval, which takes the place of one of the eyelets, nearly touching the band containing the lower numeral of value.

Six sen orange (type 7) has been already described under the color of violet brown.

On the 12 sen, 15 sen and 45 sen the character is found at the bottom of the stamp between perpendicular lines and also between the figures of value and the word "sen."

On the 20 sen carmine the character is found in the middle of the band of leaves, just below the central row of Japanese characters.

The one sen brown and four sen green also come without any syllabic characters and the one sen brown and two sen yellow with a double bow knot in place of the characters. Beginning with 1876, the syllabic characters were discontinued and the difficulties cleared away. The various issues are fully described in the various catalogues, and nothing remains to be said about them except that the perforations are various and run all the way from 9 1-2 to 14 1-2.

A table of syllabic characters is not given in Scotts 56, but a very helpful one can be found in Our Catalogue. I have syllabic characters, one to six and eight to 15 inclusive, and a 20, and as soon as I can fill in the missing numbers I will try and illustrate further this very interesting subject. Meanwhile I hope that many will be helped in the study of Japanese by what I have written.

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

Canadian Philatelists were hoping that a new Canadian set would be issued to commemorate the British Empire Exposition, but they will have to wait until next year as the British Empire Exposition is a fizzle, never having had a government sanction.

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| | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Provisionals, | 34 |
| General Issue—Adhesives, | 235 |
| “ “ Envelopes, | 294 |
| “ “ Wrappers, | 31 |
| “ “ Letter-Sheet, | 1 |
| “ “ Postal Cards, | 24 |
| Due Stamps, | 38 |
| Special Delivery, | 5 |
| Carriers, | 45 |
| Newspaper Stamps, | 65 |
| Department Adhesives, | 102 |
| Agriculture, | 9 |
| Executive, | 5 |
| Interior, | 10 |
| Justice, | 10 |
| Navy, | 12 |
| Post Office,—postage, | 10 |
| “ “ seals, | 9 |
| State, | 15 |
| Treasury, | 11 |
| War, | 11 |
| Department Envelopes, | 62 |
| Post Office, | 14 |
| War, | 48 |
| Department Wrappers,—War, | 4 |
| Telegraph Stamps, | 103 |
| Locals, | 585 |
| Document Revenues, | 349 |
| Imperforate, | 73 |
| Part Perforate, | 32 |
| Perforate,—various papers, | 243 |
| Rouletted, | 1 |
| Playing Card Stamps, | 13 |
| Proprietary, | 67 |
| Match Stamps, | 203 |
| Canned Fruit Stamp, | 1 |
| Medicine Stamps, | 551 |
| Perfumery Stamps, | 69 |
| Private Playing Card Stamps, | 28 |

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The imperforate and part perforated revenue stamps have commanded attention for some years and deservedly so. Much more so have the imperforate varieties of our postage stamps issued from 1847 to 1856. And yet strange to say, plain varieties of our ordinary stamps are either wholly overlooked or are thrown one side as inferior when as a fact they are far from being as common as those that are fondly called perfect. I refer, as you may have already guessed, to the stamps which are on the inside of the sheet and consequently have either one or two sides imperforate. Many writers on stamp topics have wisely remarked that varieties were intentional, that is if one stamp differed from another it was a variety if the government which made the stamp intended that the second should differ from the first. Now it is evident that our Government intended that our stamps should be perforated on all sides with the exception of the stamps along the lines of separation of the four panes of the sheet. These stamps are intentionally left imperforate along one or two sides as the case may be, and thus logically we have eight varieties of stamps on each complete sheet of one hundred stamps. Of our two cent stamps these varieties are imperforate on the right side, imperforate on the left side, imperforate at the top, imperforate on the bottom, imperforate right side and bottom, imperforate left side and bottom, imperforate left side and top, imperforate right side and top.

Out of four hundred stamps eighteen are imperforate on the top, eighteen on the bottom, eighteen on the right and eighteen on the left side and one out of four hundred is imperforate, top and right side, top and left side, bottom and left side and bottom and right side. Since the guide lines have been extended so as to cross the entire sheet attention has been drawn to these varieties, but aside from the guide lines, I believe these varieties I have mentioned are collectible and I have been laying them aside awaiting the time when collectors should come around to my opinion.

We have only five copies left of No. II, and so are very sorry not to be able further to supply complete files, and all subscriptions will have to begin with the present number.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION NOTES

C. W. Kissinger is a candidate for re-election as secretary, and will again have for his opponent William C. Stone, of Springfield, who served so acceptably as secretary last year, and who is now International Secretary.

C. P. Krauth of Pittsburg, who undoubtedly would have received the united support of all parties declines to be considered a candidate on account of ill health.

H. B. Phillips, of California, will be a candidate for the Presidency and I think the ticket as finally selected will read about as follows :

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Clarence L. Thurston for Exchange Superintendent and Bertram J. Bishop for Treasurer of the Philatelic Sons of America, will give that society the benefit of two active, able and hustling philatelists.

NEW ISSUES AND DISCOVERIES

In helping a friend arrange her Greek stamps, I came across a specimen that had no place assigned it and is not mentioned in Scott's 56th. It is a 20 lepta 1878 issue printed in mauve instead of blue. Have others seen similar stamps? If so I should be pleased to hear from them. Greece 1878 20 l mauve (error).

I have just heard of an official stamp from Bermuda. The stamps come on sheets and have the words "On Official Service" printed on each stamp and are used by the general in command of the English forces to frank official letters being placed on the envelope the same as an ordinary postage stamp. Has any of our readers ever seen any copies of this stamp?

A certain party in Springfield, Mass., is cautiously putting out 3 cent (U. S.) 1868 grills all over, the grill being fraudulent. The stamps may be known from the fact that so far all have been pen marked copies. Look for them.

EXCHANGES

We have been favored with the following exchanges this week:

Oregon Naturalist, Vol. III., No. 3, Portland Oregon. *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*, Vol. V., No. 6, Birmingham, England. *Evergreen Stamp Philatelist*, Vol. V., No. 7, Hatland, Wash. *The Rocky Mountain Stamp*, Vol. II., No. 4, Denver, Colorado. *The Philatelic West*, Vol. I., No. 3, Superior, Nebraska. *Vitoscha*, Vol. I., No. 1, Sofia, Bulgaria, an advertising Philatelic sheet tattered by H. S. Tagger & Co. and printed in French, German and Bulgarian.

AUCTION SALE CATALOGUES

Still they come! Thirty-sixth Auction Sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society April 14, 1896. Walter S. Scott Stamp Co's 4th Auction April 23, 1896.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Company was in Springfield last Tuesday, showing the magnificent lot of stamps to be sold on April 12. Springfield collectors had a rare treat.

United States postal cards catalogued as "grilled," are cards having on their face or back the more or less distinct impress of the fine wire mesh used in the manufacture of the cardboard. Scott's 56th catalogues these cards at from 50 cents to two dollars each, but the J. W. Scott Co. write: "We do not attach any importance to any grilled cards."

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Samuel M. Hamilton of Pleasant Plains, Illinois, Vice President of the P. S. of A., writes us, referring to Miss Maud C. Bingham, "I notice you have a splendid choice picked out for my successor."

Mr. Hamilton also sends us an open letter to the members of the P. S. of A. in which he strongly advocates the election of Roy F. Greene as President of the P. S. of A.

Statements are going the rounds of the Philatelic press that if a Western candidate is not elected to the presidency of the P. S. of A. certain Western philatelists will secede and form a new society. If the election is legally conducted then it is cowardly for a member to secede simply because his candidate is defeated. If the election is illegal then stay in by all means and fight it out if it takes all summer. You will feel all the better for victory in the end. If the editor of the *International Philatelist* has said that in case of the election of an Eastern man he will secede and form a new society, he better recall his statement, for such a threat will hurt Carstarphen in the estimation of all honorable men.

PROVISIONAL TWO-CENT DUE STAMPS

Some time ago the Detroit (Mich.) Post office ran out of two-cent due stamps and to supply the demand the Post master surcharged the regular two-cent stamp "Due 2c." These provisional stamps were only used on June 21 and June 22, 1895. It now comes out that the post office clerks there are making them to order. I would advise collectors to let them alone unless they are on the original envelope coming from an authentic source, showing no signs of having been tampered with.

P. M. Wolseffer says that a certain chewing gum concern is going to boom their sales by giving away foreign stamps with each chew. Duke's cigarette house adopted this practice some years ago and a large increase in the number of stamp collectors resulted. I have no doubt it will be a "chewdicious" move for the chewing gum house to do the same, and as soon as we learn the name of the brand we will persuade all our young lady friends to adopt that brand exclusively.

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A correspondent writes us as follows: "I wish you would tell us if the cent 1872 Continental Bank Note Co. has a secret mark or rather if you know a secret mark has been found."

As far as we know at the present time the 90 cent Continental imprint has no secret mark. Long continued search and careful examination fail to disclose any such mark and the best authorities have about concluded that no such mark exists. 90 cent stamps of this type on soft porous paper were printed by the American Bank Note Co.

While calling on the postmaster of a neighboring town the other day I showed me a copy of the Postal Laws and Regulations of 1831. In view of the efforts now making to reduce letter postage to one cent per one-half ounce the rates of postage then in force will no doubt be interesting.

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| Over 30 and | " " | 80 " |
| " 80 " | " " | 150 " |
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| Over 100 miles | 1 1-2 " |
| Within the state | 1 " |

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Over 100 miles, 2 1-2 " " "

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I am informed by competent authority that that long looked for boon, a priced catalogue of United States entire envelopes is now being prepared and will be issued before many months.

Shake hands Brother Jewett for your kindly words of appreciation for PHILATELIA. They made us feel better and more hopeful that our little paper would grow and be more and more helpful to philatelists.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

The Weekly Philatelic Era says that the relative number of Department stamps issued, is, starting with the commonest, 3, 6, 2, 1, 12, 10, 15, 30, 24, 7 and 90c.

Some Chicago Stamp Firms seem to change about frequently. The Chicago Stamp and Coin Co. have sold out to E. B. Power, and now the latter gentleman will remove to New York.

The Canadian fee for registered letters seems to mix some people up. The lowest charge for sending a registered letter from Canada to the United States is eight cents an ounce, three cents regular postage, and five cents registry fee. The cost of course increases three cents for each additional ounce or fraction thereof.

NEW ISSUES

I have recently received copies of the one stotinki green, five stotinki yellow and 15 stotinki purple, of the Prince Bon's issue of Bulgaria. These stamps seem to be in general use as I have received them on letters and packages of new papers. They are a pleasing variation from the impossible lion that we have hitherto seen on Bulgarian Stamps.

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|----|------|--------|------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | sto. | green | 1896 | commemorative | issue. |
| 5 | " | blue | " | " | " |
| 15 | " | purple | " | " | " |

I have just found a pair of Roumanian stamps that are worth mentioning. They are 20 pa rose 1896 thin wove paper, Scotts 56th, types A 6 and A 7 severed pair, type A 6 on the left and A 7 on the right. I have both types separately but I do not recollect of having seen it mentioned anywhere that the two types came on the same sheet side by side.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Springfield, Mass. Stamp Collectors Union and spent a very pleasant evening. The time was mostly devoted to an auction sale and Wm. C. Stone as auctioneer was a great success. Several ladies were in attendance and all seemed to enjoy a good time. The boys were very much in evidence and many of them showed great interest in stamps and a more or less advanced knowledge of them. The Union is doing a good work and keeping stamp enthusiasm up to a high pitch.

THANKS

Thanks for Henry's (Paris) announcement.

For Edwards' Philatelic Press List, advertisements only, No. 1.

Also for B. F. Beard's (Montreal, Can.) catalogue of Postage Stamps.

AUCTION SALE CATALOGUES

George E. Cleaver's (Reading, Pa.) third Auction Sale of Philatelic Literature. This is a mail auction and closes April 20, 1896.

Albrecht's 38th Auction Sale, May 6th, 1896.

EXCHANGES

Springfield Philatelist, Vol. III., No. 4.

Weekly Philatelic Era, Vol. X., No. 27.

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We have received from the New England Stamp Company a priced catalogue of their sale April 13. The prices obtained for United States Revenues were very good and show that the boom is now on in that particular class of stamps. We give below a list of the lots bringing over \$10.00 and also lots bringing more than catalogue prices, the catalogue price and selling price being given in each case:

| | Cat. Price. | Selling Price. |
|---|-------------|----------------|
| New Haven 1845 5 cent signed reprint signature in blue ink | | \$25.00 |
| GENERAL ISSUES. | | |
| 1851-6 one cent type 3 broken circle | \$15.00 | 12 00 |
| " " five cent unreserved Horizontal pair light cancellation | 22.00 | 13.50 |
| " " ten cent Horizontal strip of five used on part of original cover slight tear at top of middle stamp | 25.00 | 12.00 |
| 1851-6 Provisional upper right diagonal half of 12c. used on cover | 40.00 | 25 00 |
| 1856-60 one cent block of four upper pair type two lower pair type two unused | 22.00 | 11.50 |
| 1861 Verticle pair five cent yellow used on cover | 14.00 | 10.00 |
| " 30 c. block of four unused | 14.00 | 10.25 |
| " 90 c. unused perfect | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| 1866 three cent scarlet unused | 60.00 | 75.50 |
| 1868 three cent embossed all over unused | 35 00 | 35.50 |
| Another | 35.00 | 37 00 |
| 1868 five cent embossing 9x13 unused | 10.00 | 10 00 |
| " 30 " " " " | 10.00 | 12.50 |
| " 90 " " " " | 35.00 | 40.00 |
| " Reprints one cent unused | 12 50 | 12.50 |
| " two " " | 12.50 | 13.50 |
| " five " " | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| " " " " | 10.00 | 10.25 |
| " ten " " | 15 00 | 16.00 |
| " 15 " " | 25.00 | 25.50 |
| " 24 " " | 25.00 | 25.00 |

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The C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co's offer of "The Earth for \$1.00," deserves notice. In filling an order for a young man in this city they sent a two dollar and a half 1807 issue album, \$1.00 hinges and \$1000 stamps. The album and hinges were worth all that was paid for the outfit, although from reading the offer one would be led to infer that the album was an 1805 one instead of an 1807. The stamps, however, were in an envelope with one dollar marked on the outside and no dealer would think for a minute of buying them for more than 75 cents at the outside. While they undoubtedly give full value for the dollar sent them, I do not think they should send out one thousand stamps, representing them as worth at least \$8.00 at wholesale when they would be dear at one dollar. They may in this way get rid of the stamps, but they do not enhance their reputation for telling the truth in their advertisements.

The complaints about the way stamps are cancelled at Station "Co." St. Louis, Mo., are well founded and every one ought to support the Mekeels in securing a change for the better. A stamp should be cancelled so it cannot be used again, but when the cancellation clerk deliberately daubs a 50 cent stamp all over so that it is hard work to make out the denomination, let alone the color, it is time that clerk took a permanent leave of absence

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| | Reprints 90 " " | 45.00 | 45.00 |
| 1869 | 90 " used | 17.50 | 18.00 |
| " | 6 " reprint vertical pair unused | 15.00 | 10.75 |
| 1870 | 15 " unused | 15.00 | 11.00 |
| " | 30 " used | 25.00 | 19.00 |
| 1888 | 00 " block of 21 used on piece of cover | 20.25 | 19.25 |
| CARRIERS STAMPS. | | | |
| 1842-6 | 3 cent blue glazed paper used on cover | 17.50 | 12.00 |
| 1853 | Penny post Scotts 302 used on cover | 13.00 | 11.00 |
| " | " " " No. 304 used on cover | 15.00 | 10.00 |
| NEWSPAPER STAMPS. | | | |
| 1865 | 5 cent blue colored wider unused | 17.50 | 14.75 |
| 1875 | \$6.00 ultramarine used partial gum only | 10.00 | 11.75 |
| | Justice 30 cent unused | 25.00 | 22.00 |
| | Navy 7 cent unused | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| | " 90 cent unused | 7.50 | 8.35 |
| | State 90 cent " | 7.50 | 11.50 |
| | " \$2.00 " | 17.50 | 15.75 |
| | " 5.00 " gum partly removed | 125.00 | 117.50 |
| | " 10.00 " " " " | 60.00 | 64.00 |
| | " 20.00 " " " " | 50.00 | 46.00 |
| | " 20.00 used | 50.00 | 40.50 |
| UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS. | | | |
| | City Dispatch Post, two cent green used on cover | 5.00 | 5.50 |
| UNITED STATES REVENUES IMPERFORATES. | | | |
| | \$1.30 foreign exchange on part of original document | 12.00 | 22.00 |
| | 15.00 Mortgage, cancellation hardly visible | 10.00 | 10.50 |
| | 20.00 Probate of Will, pen cancellation | 50.00 | 45.00 |
| PERFORATES. | | | |
| | Three cent Playing Cards, light pen cancellation | 5.00 | 7.00 |
| | Six cent Proprietary, cancellation, "Charles Osgood," | 20.00 | 30.00 |
| | \$15.00 Mortgage, hand stamp cancellation | 3.50 | 5.50 |
| | 20.00 Probate of Will, perfect copy | 18.00 | 23.25 |
| | 200.00 Green and Red, not perfectly centered | 15.00 | 12.75 |

SECOND ISSUE.

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| \$1.60 blue and black, light pen stroke cancellation | 5.00 |
| 3.50 light blue and black, light cancellation | 3.50 |
| 20.00 blue and black, very fine pen cancellation | 12.50 |
| 25.00 blue and black, light cancellation | 10.00 |
| 50.00 dark blue and black, a perfect copy | 9.00 |
| 200.00 blue, black and red | 75.00 |

THIRD ISSUE.

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| \$20.00 black and orange perfectly centered | 9.00 |
| 30 cent black and orange, inverted Medallion | 25.00 |
| 1871 50 cent black and green, green paper | 15.00 |
| " 1.00 " " " " violet " | 60.00 |
| 1878 ten cent used | 6.00 |

CONFEDERATE STATES.

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|--|------|
| 1862 two cent green, a fine copy used on cover | 3.00 |
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DOMINICA.

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| 1883 one sh lake G. A. unused and fine | 35.00 |
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GIBRALTAR.

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| First issue 4 p. used fine lightly cancelled | 3.50 |
| " " 1 sh. unused perfect | 12.00 |

GRENADA

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| 1883 8 p. bistre unused block of 4 mint state | 5.00 |
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NEVIS.

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| 1867 1 sh. lithographed gray green horizontal pair | 20.00 |
| 1883 4 p. blue C. A. unused perfect | 15.00 |

NEW BRUNSWICK.

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|--------------------------|-------|
| 1851 6 p. used fine copy | 30.00 |
| " " " " " " | " |

NEWFOUNDLAND.

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| 1857 8 p. scarlet used, hard to tell | 12.00 |
| " 4 p. orange vermilion used | 17.00 |

NOVA SCOTIA.

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|---|-------|
| 1851 Pair of 1 p. and 23 p. dark blue used on cover | 10.50 |
| " 6 p. dark green | 13.50 |

ST. LUCIA

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| 1883 6 p. lilac unused fine and rare | 25.00 |
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TOBAGO.

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| 1883 4 p. green, C. A. unused | 5.00 |
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ZULULAND.

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| 1890-3 5 sh. rose, unused | 20.00 |
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BOSTON NOTES

The Boston Philatelic Society are talking of inviting the American Philatelic Association to Boston in 1897, and believe that if the association will accept the invitation twenty philatists will attend at Boston to one at Lake Minnetonka. As a summer resort Boston stands at the head with her historic associations and surroundings, museums, teachers and pleasure resorts. She has an undefinable charm of her own which must be seen and felt to be appreciated.

All Boston dealers while saying that business on account of the approach of warm weather is falling off some yet report that prices are keeping up and that their sales are greater now than at the corresponding season last year.

We publish the following letter from H. C. Beardsley which explains his position and which will undoubtedly help Mr. Carstarphen with some who are now against him.

"DEAR SIR :—

I am in receipt of your No. 6 containing a short note regarding my seceding and forming a new society if a western candidate is not elected to the presidency of the Philatelic Sons of America and desire to deny having ever made such a statement. I saw the statement in *The Springfield Philatelist*, but as they have misquoted me quite frequently I paid no attention to it. As you have given space to the above mentioned note kindly give this space in order that your readers will see I have been placed in a wrong light and oblige

Yours truly

HERBERT C. BEARDSLEY, *Editor International Philatelist*.

A. P. A. 35, P. S. A. 96.

PUBLISHERS NOTICE

Owing to delays that were unforeseen and unavoidable we have been so greatly delayed in our work that we issue No 8 on May 23 rather than issue the numbers in quick succession. This delay hurts our feelings far worse than yours and will not occur again.

Yours truly

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It is the province of a stamp paper to not only give news about stamps but also to report the doings of stamp collectors and help the present stamp society operating over a general field to do better work for PHILATELIA by suggesting good men for officers and by opposing men who are unworthy. I am led to make these remarks by receiving a ticket from Carstarphen urging me to vote straight at the coming election of officers for the Philatelic Sons of America. B

Carstarphen's candidate for Vice-President is R. M. Bettesworth of Illinois. I do not know anything against him but I think it is "Better (better) Worth" my time to vote for Maud Charlotte Bingham of McGrawville, New York.

Going now to Exchange Superintendent, A. M. Rareshide of Texas is not a fit man for that position. He owes too many parties for stamps, and has too many promissory notes outstanding. Clarence S. Thurston of Omaha, Nebraska is a far better man for exchange superintendent and should receive the united support of the members of the Society. Another man on Carstarphen's ticket will not receive my vote for purely personal reasons and so I do not name him.

Judson N. Burton of Madison, N. Y. announces that he will be a candidate for Auction Manager of the Philatelic Sons of America. Burton is indebted to various parties either for stamps sold or for stamps bought and his promises to send checks have never been kept. Aside from this the following extract from a letter to one of his creditors in which he refers to the 17th Auction Sale of the Philatelic Sons of America, shows his entire unfitness for the position he seeks;

"I enclose you catalogue of my next sale and shall be glad to have your bids on same *which if successful may apply on account.* Yours truly,

Judson N. Burton."

The Italics are ours.

Here is a good ticket for the American Philatelic Association :

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2d, John Luther Kilbon,

3d, George L. Toppan, are of Boston.

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Treasurer, N. W. Chandler, of Collinsville, Ill.

International Secretary, E. Doebelin, of Pittsburg, Pa.

Exchange Superintendent, George D. Mekeel, of St. Louis.

We extend our hearty congratulations to our esteemed contemporary, *The Boston Stamp Book* and its new owner on the completion of its first year of existence and hope that as long as we continue in our love of stamps we may continue to receive the pleasure of its monthly visits.

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AUCTION CATALOGUES

Seventeenth Auction Sale of the Philatelic Sons of America, Saturday 30, 1896. Conducted by Judson N. Burton, Madison, N. Y.

PRICE LISTS

We have received price lists from The Enterprise Stamp Co., 147 West Street, New York City, and from the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Station C, St. Louis, Mo., for which we return thanks.

EXCHANGES

Our exchanges this week are numerous and interesting. *Permit*: *Philatelist*, Vol. VI., No. 5; *The Rocky Mountain Stamp*, Vol. II., No. 1; *The International Stamp*, Vol. I., No. 7; *The Philatelic Newsletter*, Vol. I., No. 12; *The Weekly Philatelic Era*, Vol. X., No. 30; *Tid Bits*, Vol. I., No. 12; *Philatelic Facts*, Vol. III., No. 3.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Maud Charlotte Bingham of McGrawville, N. Y. is No. 1 of the Pennsylvania Literature Society and undoubtedly will be elected Vice-President. The future welfare of the Society is provided for.

The rarest stamp in the world at present is the 10-cent Baltimore master's provisional stamp, a copy of which was lately sold for forty-two hundred dollars cash.

"*Philatelia* is a very newsy little paper and it certainly has a bright future before it." The above is one of the many pleasant things said of *Philatelia*.

The Philatelic Sons of America have been incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania which allow cumulative voting. President Kissinger expects a perfect hurricane of abuse but I guess he has nerve enough to stand it.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp for May has a picture in half-toner on the cover showing Gray's Peak, Colorado. We are saving our copies of it in order to get a collection of mountain views of Colorado scenery.

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Ex-Mayor Olney of Providence, Rhode Island is a candidate for President of the American Philatelic Association and he is a good man too.

New York is mentioned as the proper place for the American Philatelic Association meet for 1897. Our preference is for Boston although I can get to New York as easily as I can to the Hub.

Look out for United States Proprietary revenues with "fake" rouletts. They are on the market.

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The two finest collections in this city are owned by women each of whom is over thirty years of age. One collection is rich in early Canadian and Provincial issues and the other among other things contains the sets of 1856-1860, and 1869 reprints.

You better fill up your vacant spaces in Nicaragua, Honduras, and Salvador as I hear that these three Republics have united to form the "Republica Major de Central America." A new set of stamps may also be looked for.

Regarding the difference between the two varieties of the 100 ries Brazil of 1890-92 Mekeel's *Weekly Stamp News* quotes as follows from the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* describing the re-engraved variety.

The assassination of the Shah of Persia aside from its possible political effects will undoubtedly cause an advance in the price of the present issue of stamps of that country. The new Shah will probably issue a new series adorned by his own likeness. I trust he is as handsome as his illustrious father so that the new issues will be as interesting as the old ones.

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The following joke of E. E. Severn, taken from the Springfield (Ill.) *Telelist*, furnishes us our text.

"Have you heard about poor Stamplet?"

"No."

"They say he has become insane from trying to learn the difference between the dies of the United States envelopes from the printed descriptions."

From my own standpoint I do not wonder at this at all for I have used my brain until it grew very weary trying to place the different dies and printed descriptions in the catalogues. This difficulty long ago convinced me that the true way to collect United States envelope stamps was to collect the entire envelope.

"Humph! A collection of stationery," immediately says some one who only has cut square specimens in his collection. This is the chief objection and is wholly illogical. We want all the perforations on a postage stamp, we utterly refuse to have anything to do with cut postals, classes with "cut round" specimens of envelope stamps, and yet we tolerate

square" specimen of an envelope stamp. Why? Because up to the present time the stamp albums have not been adapted in any way, shape or form for receiving or holding entire envelopes; because they have provided spaces for only cut square specimens and because with one or two exceptions no priced catalogues of entire envelopes has been issued.

One of the strongest reasons why entire envelopes should be collected is that we should not be content with a part when we can secure the whole. The stamp is only a part. Separate the stamp from the envelope and the stamp at once loses its postal character and postal value.

Again all our Government envelopes have watermarks varying with different issues and different manufacturers. These watermarks sometimes touch the stamp but frequently the stamp is unwatermarked making two varieties for the thorough collector to obtain. But the strongest reason why we should collect entire envelopes is that by this means we can best separate our types, taking all things into consideration, not only the stamp itself but its surroundings, the size and shape of the envelope and the watermark.

The students of Philately have never been content to study simply cut square specimens. They have gone deeper and studied the whole and not a part and thus have been able to classify the United States envelopes as they should be classified. Owing to the means that have lately come into collectors hands of being able to preserve conveniently their entire envelopes, the collecting of entires is on the increase and the time will come when a philatelist will no more collect a "cut square" than he will collect a "cut postal."

NEW AND OLD ISSUES

In cataloging a friend's collection the other evening I found an uncatalogued specimen. It was a 1 kr yellow (Baden) Ruda stamp rouletted.

"Concerning your note about Roumanian 20 parale 1st August 1866 I can give you a little information. The two varieties occur on each sheet in the following order. 1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2, etc. Thus there are twice as many of type 2 (Scott A 7) as of No. 1 (Scott A 6). I do not know how many stamps the sheet contains.

WM. C. STONE."

EXCHANGES

The following exchanges have come to us during the week.

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| <i>The Dixie Philatelist.</i> | Vol. II. No. 8. |
| <i>Philatelist.</i> | Vol. I. No. 3. |
| <i>The International Philatelist.</i> | Vol. II. No. 4. |
| <i>Philatelic Facts.</i> | Vol. III. No. 4. |
| <i>The Home Worker.</i> | Vol. III. No. 3. |
| <i>The Weekly Philatelic Era.</i> | Vol. X. No. 32. |
| <i>The Texan Philatelist.</i> | Vol. IV. No. 3. |

AUCTION CATALOGUES

One solitary auction catalogue reaches us this week.
Bogert and Durbins 64th Auction Sale June 6th 1896.

HAWAII FIVE CENT BLUE

E. L. Kelland writing in the *International Stamp* about the varieties of above stamp makes some errors which we will try and correct. The stamp comes in five varieties.

Variety 1. Dark blue on bluish paper, fine guide lines around the stamp.

Variety 2. Pale ultramarine without the guide lines.

Variety 3. Deep black blue on very white paper, without the guide lines as in variety 2.

Variety 4 is variety 2 surcharged in red Provisional Govt. 1893.

Variety 5 is variety three with the same surcharge as variety four. Variety three used or unused is the rarest of these varieties.

"Iberins" says "that the 10c. green 1864 rare variety is being manufactured from the common one by a skillful erasure of the colored line." The rare variety is valued all the way from ten to twenty-five dollars. Collectors should take their guard to prevent being imposed upon.

The New England Stamp Co. says that the 5 sh. Jamaica is actually an issue.

Much to the regret of many J. M. Andrieni refuses to be a candidate for the presidency of the American Philatelic Association. The field is thus left open for H. B. Phillips of San Francisco.

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Recently at Corville, France, the railroad authorities notified the police department that a trunk was emitting an almost unbearable stench. The police at once made an investigation and in the trunk found the decomposing body of a man. Soon after this discovery a man and a woman claimed the trunk and were promptly arrested. At first they stated that they were taking the body to Paris in order to save a friend the cost of sending it in the usual way and gave their Paris address. They gave their names as Joseph Aubert and Marguerite Dubois. The police looked up the address given to them and found it was a fraudulent one and on investigation it came out that the body was that of M. Delahé and that the man and woman had murdered him in order to secure his stamp collection which was valued at two thousand dollars. The man and woman are now awaiting their trial for murder. The above facts are taken from *The Springfield Republican* and *New York Tribune*.

Honors are falling upon me. I am nominated for Attorney of the Sons of Philatelia and Philatelic Sons of America and am appointed Resident Vice-President of the Philatelic Sons of America for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

NOTES FROM ALL AROUND.

Perforated proofs, cancelled to order stamps and unused surcharge errors are as bad to my mind as any stamps already condemned by the S. S. S. S.

The Springfield Philatelist is said to be in a state of suspension. Did it die of laughter caused by reading Severn's Jokes?

The Michigan Philatelist is no more, having been consolidated with *The International Philatelist*.

A prominent philatelist writing to me recently says,

"You are the first member of the American Philatelic Association who seems to know that cumulative voting is legal under the laws of West Virginia and that so long as we remain incorporated in that state it will be allowed. I wish that all members of the Association understood this as it would prevent much of the hard feeling that now exists."

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EDITORIAL.

Now that the festive auction catalogue has gone to sleep for the summer philatelic politics come to the front and absorb all our energies. The arm candidates, the fervid appeals of friends for this one or that one is almost much for our nerves. In almost every society there are various candidates every office and sometimes one man wants or is nominated for various positions. Our good friend Kissinger is nominated for President and Treasurer of the Philatelic Association of A. and he is also out with a circular stating why he should be re-elected Secretary of the American Philatelic Association. He is a hustler from Hustler and has many friends. William C. Stone of Springfield, Massachusetts is his opponent and his many friends will have to work hard to bring him in ahead of Clifford Washington. While there will be a very active fight over the Secretaryship, the Presidency of the American Philatelic Association seems to be decided quite unanimously. H. B. Phillips of California says that notwithstanding handsome support he would receive from his Pacific coast associates he is not a candidate. Hon. Frank F. Olney of Providence, R. I. is now the most prominent man mentioned for this honorable office and while we favored Mr. Phillips we now heartily second the nomination of Mr. Olney and believe he will be elected.

As showing the age and class of people who collect stamps I take the ages and occupation of those applying for membership in the Philatelic Sons of America and in the American Philatelic Association from the latest list of applications. P. S. of A. Age 26, lace maker ; 23 ; 41, mailing clerk ; 25, contractor ; 33, merchant ; 13 ; 16 ; 37, physician ; 33, druggist.

American Philatelic Association. Age 28, Secretary of a corporation ; 43, accountant ; 41, physician ; 42, broker ; 38, stamp dealer ; 32, cotton broker ; 45, Methodist Episcopal clergyman.



Some postal cards received by me recently, lead me to say that the best thing I have so far seen for holding postal cards as well as entire envelopes is Dieschborg's No. 4 duplicate album. Adolph Lohmeyer, the postal card dealer advertises a postal card album but never having seen one I cannot say how well it is adapted for what it is designed.

The Spanish stamps bearing the bar cancellation should be avoided by collectors as they are remainders cancelled by the Spanish Government.

United States Revenues are constantly gaining in favor and the rarer ones will soon rank with the choicest postal specimens. Foreign revenues will also no doubt grow in favor and all that keeps them back is the lack of any guide as to values.

The 6kr brown 1st issue of Bavaria, variety broken circle is a rare stamp both used and unused. I have been on the watch for it for a long time without success. I recently saw an unused regular type priced as if it was the rare variety, but next to it was a 3kr which showed what the rare variety of the 6kr should be, should advise any one to secure a used one even if they have to pay full catalogue price for it.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing print the guide lines on all the different issues whether they are needed or not. I found this out the other day when secured an 8c. Sherman with the guide line running through the central row of perforation.

The present issue of Postage Due stamps is printed in aniline colors, so do not soak them.

We shall be very glad to get track of new issues and ask our friends to send us all they can. We also are willing to answer questions through the columns of PHILATELIA or direct if a stamp for reply is inclosed.

The "Prince Bon's" issue has been demonetized and consequently I am not using them. I have some of these stamps used on the original cover. "Used on the original cover" is the best way in which to collect all speculative and suspicious issues.

PRICE LISTS.

Thanks for the following: E. T. Parker's Price List No. 80; H. Kissinger's Wholesale Lots of Stamps; *The All Around Stamp Advertiser*.

EXCHANGES.

The following exchanges have cheered us during the past week.

The Pennsylvania Philatelist, Vol. IX., No. 6; *The Eastern Philatelist*, Vol. XVII., No. 3; *The Ontario Philatelist*, Vol. I., No. 3; *The Post Office Philatelist*, Vol. VI., No. 62; *The International Stamp*, Vol. I., No. 8; *The Connecticut Philatelist*, Vol. I., No. 2, a new candidate for philatelic profits; *The Philatelic Era*, Vol. X., Nos. 33 and 34.



McKeel's Weekly Stamp News announces that Clifford W. Kissinger, at the request of many friends will try for re-election as Secretary of the American Philatelic Association. William C. Stone who preceded Kissinger is also in the race for the same position and will have the hearty support of many friends who believe that his work for the Association deserved a better recognition than was accorded to it by refusing him a re-election a year ago.

The catalogues and advertisements of the New England Stamp Company show the interior of their main room and it may interest the readers of PHILATELIA to know that Batchelder is at the desk on your left, showing some of the elderly gentleman in front of him, while Carpenter is at the desk on your right hand. The young lady without a hat is Miss B. H. Roper who has been connected with the Company for a long time and is a very efficient helper to the executive officers of this excellent Stamp Company.

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| Date. | Issue | Wmk. | Face value. | Colour. | No. issued. |
|------------|--------|-------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| May, 1861 | I. | None. | 1d. | br. rose red | 56,040 |
| | | " | 6d. | blue green | 10,020 |
| " 1862 | II. | " | 6d. | yell. green | (?)10,020 |
| " 1863 | III. | " | 1d. | bright rose | 74,000 |
| | | " | 6d. | blue green | 80,000 |
| Aug., 1866 | IV. | " | 1s. | slate grey | 15,000 |
| | | " | 4d. | deep blue | 15,000 |
| Apr., 1869 | V. | " | 1s. | indigo | 9,000 |
| Sep., 1869 | VI. | " | 4d. | deep yellow | 9,000 |
| | | " | 1s. | bright brown | 9,000 |
| June, 1871 | VII. | star | 1d. | black | 360,000 |
| | | " | 6d. | blue green | 18,000 |
| " 1872 | VIII. | " | 1s. | br. rose red | 9,000 |
| " 1874 | IX. | " | 1s. | violet rose | 9,000 |
| " 1875 | X. | " | 1s. | dark claret | 9,000 |
| Feb., 1877 | XI. | " | 6d. | pale yel. green | 36,000 |
| | | " | 1s. | verm. red | 29,000 |
| July, 1877 | XII. | " | 4d. | dark blue | 6,000 |
| May, 1880 | XIII. | " | 1d. | <i>provl.</i> | 1,800 |
| June, 1880 | XIV. | " | 1d. | gray green | 60,000 |
| | | " | 6d. | yell. green | 18,000 |
| | | " | 5s. | deep rose | 2,000 |
| ep., 1881 | XV. | " | ½d. | <i>provl.</i> | 1,440 |
| ov., 1881 | XVI. | " | 4d. | " | 630 |
| ec., 1881 | XVII. | " | 1d. | " | 1,620 |
| CO " 1881 | XVIII. | " | ½d. | orange yellow | 60,000 |
| | | " | 1d. | drab | 60,000 |
| | | " | 4d. | ultramarine | 15,000 |

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Clifford Washington Kissinger is a hustler. He did not intend to run for secretary of the American Philatelic association but so much pressure was to bear on him by his many friends that he reluctantly decided to again enter the race and having so decided he has taken off his coat and rolled up his sleeves and is hustling for proxies for all he is worth. He sends out his "Philatelic book" and then follows it up with a request for a proxy. As he cannot use himself B. J. McDermott has consented to take proxies for him and will represent him at the Minnetonka convention.

The Rhode Island members of the American Philatelic association have nominated for the presidency, Hon. Frank F. Olney of Providence, Rhode Island, and speak of him as follows: "That Mr. Olney is held in high respect and esteem at home is evidenced by the following offices that he holds or has held: he is a Rhode Island delegate at large to the National Republican convention at St. Louis; member of the State Republican Committee; Chairman of the

Republican Committee; Ex-Mayor of Providence; Captain in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston; Colonel of the Providence Light Infantry Veteran Association; member of the Boston Philatelic society; and lastly a charter member of the American Philatelic association; and an ex-president of the Rhode Island Philatelic society, the oldest Philatelic society, in continued existence in the United States."

Up to this date he is the only one mentioned for the presidency, and we predict his election.

The Philatelic Almanac says, About this time look out for the following: "Kindly sign and return the enclosed proxy." "If one cannot attend a Philatelic convention, he is frequently tempted to send his proxy to most any one who asks for it, forgetting that the asker generally wants the proxy in order to gain a certain end. I do not approve of this and I believe that every member of a philatelic society should exercise real care as to the person who is to use his proxy. I also think that every member should do his own voting for officers, striking out that part of the proxy which gives this voting power to the proxy holders. If this was done there would be less complaint about the cumulative ballot.

NOTES FROM ALL AROUND.

The *Springfield Philatelist* will visit us no more having been swallowed up by the *Rocky Mountain Stamp*; the *Pipestone Philatelist* has gone up higher and the *Michigan Philatelist* is now enfolded in the loving arms of the *International*.

Kissinger's "Hand-book of Philately" is meeting with a large and unexpected circulation at this time.

Brakin and Vonay, the Chicago stamp counterfeiters have been sentenced to three and five months imprisonment respectively. This seems a light sentence.

The editor of the *Evergreen State Philatelist* is troubled because he gets many money orders drawn on Hartland, which is not a money order office. Poor man! he has our deep sympathy.

Canada wants to annex Newfoundland to the Dominion. If this is done Newfoundland stamps will take a very decided rise.

The Rhode Island Philatelic society will hold a Philatelic clam bake July 10, East Providence, R. I. to be followed by an auction sale of stamps. Hon. J. F. Olney is one of the committee of arrangements.

Some super-sensitive people do not like Kissinger's way of seeking proxies. One of them writes him as follows: "Replying to your self-laudatory circular request for proxy, I beg to state that while I control one vote in the convention, it will not be used to support the Mekeel ring or any of its associates. This gives me the opportunity to thank you for sending me a little hand book *Philately*. It is a useful book and forms a nice addition to my philatelic library. If it was sent to influence my vote in any way its mission as far as that goes a signal failure."

EXCHANGES.

Along the first of the month our exchange list is large as you see. The following make us happy: *Vanadiah Philatelic Magazine* Vol. III, No. 7; *Evergreen State Philatelist* Vol. V, No. 5; *The Boston Stamp Book* Vol. V; *The Weekly Philatelic Era*, Vol X, No. 35; *The Rocky Mountain Stamp* Vol. II, No. 6; *The Philatelic West* Vol. I, No. 6; *The Niagara Philatelist* Vol. I, No. 3; *The Diamond Philatelist* Vol. III, No. 5.

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The *Midland Philatelist* owing to lack of time, advertising patronage, etc. has discontinued publication.

Fred Wetherington has returned the stamps sent him in at least one case.

The Standard Stamp Company was somewhat damaged by the late St. Louis cyclone, but the Mekeel Company escaped.

The Boston ticket of officers for the American Philatelic Association is the same as the one already published in *PHILATELIA* except that Hobby is replaced by Phillips. It looks as though this ticket would be a winner although the cumulative voting may mix things up some.

California will vote nine straight for Phillips and Pittsburg may do the same for Doeblin.

Oron E. Clapp of St. Paris, Ohio, is a candidate for Auction Manager of the Philatelic Sons of America and the Chicago branch have endorsed him for this position. He is foreman of the *St. Paris News* and sends around some attractive cards and neat little blotters.

John R. Keech of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., attorney for the Philatelic Sons of America and the American Philatelic Press Association, is a candidate for re-election and solicits support by sending around a useful little blotter adorned by a cut of his honest face. If he is as good as he looks he deserves a re-election.

The following requests for votes have been received the past week.

"Vote for W. B. Murray for Librarian of the Philatelic S. of A. 1896-97."

"Vote for H. D. Ruchlman for Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of A. for 1896-97."

"Vote for W. H. Kessler, Jr. for Secretary P. S. of A."

"Vote for—work for L. H. Mutch for Secretary L. of A. P."

"Vote for Geo. B. Klebes of Waterbury Conn. for Vice-President of the S. of A. 1896-97."

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EDITORIAL

It very often appears that in reading the various philatelic papers one upon an article or perhaps an editorial bemoaning and protesting against the multiplication of varieties and the consequent discouragement that must be the writer's opinion necessarily come to the beginner. "Give us," is the cry, "something simple and easily grasped and do not mix us up on various perforations, watermarks, or other means of distinguishing the varieties of stamps." In other words freedom from a careful study of the stamps in one's collection is what the writers want. A return to the good old ways of collecting only one stamp is called for. But the call will be in vain because it is contrary to the general principle of Philately. From the very beginnings of our science or hobby as you choose to call it, stamps have been more and more carefully studied to various points. The design is not the stamp neither is the color or the perforation but the combination of them all is the stamp, and to omit one part is to omit something that is necessary to the completeness of the stamp. In my experience I have not found the young collector yearning for stamps but for varieties. And he is encouraged in this by being given to start

blank album. Later he is given an improved (?) album with space for every stamp and then his time of bondage begins and he frequently loses interest in philately altogether because he finds so many vacant spaces in his album. This is true whether you go by Scott's 50th or by the American Standard Catalogue. The young collector is not discouraged by varieties of paper, watermark, perforation or color provided you assist him to the knowledge necessary to enable him to distinguish differences. In Philately as everywhere else knowledge is power and if you will give the young collector the necessary knowledge you need not fear that he will drop out of our ranks by reason of the duplication of varieties.

NEW ISSUES, ODDITIES, ETC.

The 5 cent chocolate 1893 issue plate numbers 250, 251, 252, and 253 comes on unwatermarked paper. As the watermarked paper was in use prior to the use of these plates it would seem as if some sheets of unwatermarked paper were unintentionally used.

A friend showed me some freaks in postal cards the other night. Out of a bunch of twenty-five, six or seven were cut in such a way that part of Jefferson's head appeared at each end of the card. One card also showed a double printing a part of the head appearing on the left and the complete stamp on the right with the central inscription shortened. As those cards are printed, cut and punched automatically such errors are not discovered until the card reaches the purchasers.

The 5 cent chocolate 1894 catalogued as not framed either does not exist or is a subsequent alteration for a copy of this stamp from the first plate used in printing it shows the oval framed. The 1890 5 cent chocolate has the oval unframed.

Look out for the first issue of U. S. document stamps on thick paper. They are not very common and are liable to enhance in value.

Edward W. Hensinger, the active and pushing president of the Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio has just published a Texas Philatelic Directory.

The publishing fever is very much like the collecting fever, once you get you always keep it. So it is not surprising that the announcement comes from R. M. Miller, Secretary of the Sons of Philatelia will on July first commence publication of *The American Collector*.

EXCHANGES

We mean to give under this head the name and number of every exchange that comes to us. Although some of our exchanges do not do this by and we consider it only a fair exchange of courtesy to do this. We like to read of exchanges and often get good ideas thereby. The following exchanges have pleased us glad this week.

Philatelic Literature Collector, No. 1. Published by L. H. Mutch, Houlton, Maine. Although the paper is of the diamond size variety we hope to expect "Mutch" of it.

The Texan Philatelist, Vol. IV, No. 4.

The Oregon Naturalist, Vol. III, No. 5.

The International Stamp, Vol. I, No. 9.

Tid Bits, Vol. III, No. 13.

The Colombian Philatelist, Vol I, No 3.

AUCTION CATALOGUES

A lone auction catalogue turns up this week being a sale of postage revenue stamps the property of Edward W. Hensinger to be sold by the Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio, Texas, Sunday, June 28, at 2 o'clock. The day of the week is very unusual for an auction sale and would not in itself be conducive to high prices or a successful sale.

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The Weekly Philatelic Era in its issue of June 13th says in its "New York Notes" regarding the coming American Philatelic Association election. New Yorkers are extremely anxious to elect their candidate for Secretary. The youth who now holds the office has made himself so obnoxious to the older members, must be beaten. The boy is all right amongst boys but his youthful impudence is too pronounced to hold office in the A. P. A. In ten years' time we have no doubt but that he would make an efficient officer. "The Boy" is a hustler though and the New Yorkers must be up and doing to defeat him.

The June number of *The Eastern Philatelist* is its centennial number and we extend our heartiest congratulations to Brother Pinkham on having arrived at this excellent mark. His paper is a valuable one and we wish him a long and prosperous career.

Beginning July first the subscription price of *Meeke's Weekly Stamp News* will be reduced to fifty cents. It will also be dated a week ahead of publication.

The annual convention of the Sons of Philatelia will be held at Gettysburg, Pa., August 4th and 5th 1896. From present indications a large number will be present and a good convention is assured.

PRICE LISTS

We have received the following price lists, etc. E. T. Parker's List, Nos. 81 and 82; Joe F. Beard's Special Offer; Brown's Bulletin, No. 2.

We are pleased to have received a copy of *The Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book* compiled by E. L. Platz and published by Hopson and Platz, Omaha, Nebraska. It contains the names and addresses of our five hundred Nebraska collectors and will be a very useful book. William B. Hopson, one of the publishers is also Vice-President for Nebraska of the Sons of Philatelia and to boom the society will give a copy free to anyone paying the initiation fee and one year's dues and sending him an application duly filled out with his name as first reference and accompanying the same with a 2c. stamp. He ought to get many applications in this way.

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EDITORIAL

The subject of single variety stamp catalogues and albums has attracted attention at the present time and the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. and the J. W. Scott Co. are going to issue a single variety album to match. Such action on their part will undoubtedly be looked upon by those timid souls who are always thinking that Philatelia is a study by too much study; it will also be looked upon with pleasure by those who wish to get hold of single variety collections with the expectation of finding rare varieties of watermarks or perforations. For my own part I think such an album is a fraud on the very class it is designed to reach. Its tendency is to lead the young collector back to the early days of collecting when a stamp worth no more than a common one, if the common one happened to be in your collection. I remember a little circumstance that gives some force to this statement. Several years ago a gentleman who is now a professor at a College told me that his boys came into possession of a number of stamps and before he knew it they had traded most of them off for stamps of the common kinds that were not in their collection. Again such a course is leading in many ways. Omitting watermarks and perforations, which are very valuable for determining the date of issue, they are

much. Let me give a case in point. Get a copy of the "American Standard Catalogue," turn to "Antigua" and note stamp No. 3 1p rose, preceded by the statement Series of 1868. I sent for both an unused and a used specimen and received an unused stamp minus gum and a used stamp both watermarked "Crown and C. A." Frankly this is just what I expected but it illustrates my point. I trust that all thinking philatelists will raise their protests against those single variety catalogues, not only for the sake of preserving their own honesty but also for the sake of preserving the young collectors from their superserviceable fool friends.

I extend my right hand to "A Competent Kicker" and back him up in his remarks regarding the sale of any number of shares of stock to the members of the Philatelic Sons of America and I can do no better than to quote from a letter I have received from a fellow member.

"I desire re-election and am working to that end and have the support of the majority of our members of all factions. But this year as you are aware the man who holds the most stock is cock of the walk. Therefore the man who is ass enough thus to parade his egotism and lust for authority can make up the official board to suit his own more or less sweet self."

Each member should be limited to *one share* of stock.

Some day when stamp news is even duller than it is now I will give you a history of my experience as a stamp collector showing the ups and downs of stamp collecting.

When Kissinger certifies to McDermott and McDermott certifies to Kissinger they conform to the practice in our Probate Court. Here the Registrar says that the Judge is truly the Judge and the Judge solemnly says the Registrar is the bona fide Registrar and then the papers are really and truly binding on all concerned.

If the publisher of any Philatelic paper in this country finds that he cannot carry it on any longer we shall be pleased to confer with him as to terms of taking up his subscription list and advertising contracts.

Contrary to the first announcement the news now comes that the Olympian Stamps will be useless for postage purposes after the middle of October next. It is also stated that the 60 lepta stamp has been "cornered."

A HAPPY DISCOVERY

The proverb that "It is the unexpected that happens," proved true in my own case the other day. I had occasion to visit the city of Chicopee the other day and examine the records in the city clerk's office. While engaged in my work I thought I detected familiar expressions coming from an adjoining office and when I changed my position so as to see what was going on I was agreeably surprised to find two of the clerk's assistants engaged in arranging some stamps in an album. As soon as I announced that I was a collector, I found that City Clerk White was an ardent collector and had some fine stamps especially in the United States. His best stamps were in a "Stanley Gibbons" blank album wherever possible were in blocks of four. He has a fine specimen of the 1 cent brown 1851 and a block of four 90 cent purple, not to speak of many others. He showed me two specimens of the 2c. Jackson black U. S. Postage on a paper wrapper, manilla paper used. The stamp on this paper is not catalogued in any used condition. When it came to plate numbers he was in it most emphatically. His office uses about five hundred dollars worth of stamps a year, and he has taken the plate numbers and is simply loaded with duplicates. If you are interested in plate numbers of the one cent and two cent stamps write to John D. White, Esq., City Clerk, Chicopee, Mass., and you may be able to fill up some of the blank spaces. I brought away several additions to my own collection and was greatly pleased with my visit.

If you visit Chicopee do not fail to call on friend White and enjoy as well as a thoroughly good philatelic time.

J. ARTHUR WATSWORTH

EXCHANGES

The following exchanges have been read by us the past week with much less pleasure: *The American Philatelic Magazine*, Vol. IV, No. 1; *Monthly Cadet*, Vol. I, No. 2; *The Philatelic Free Lance*, Vol. I, No. 1; *The Philatelic West*, Vol. II, No. 1; *The Eastern Philatelist*, Vol. XV, No. 4; *The Weekly Philatelic Era*, Vol. X., No. 37.

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