

# STAMPUS

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## KNEE DEEP IN STAMPS.

As an active collector of stamps for the past twenty years, I can recall no experience so pleasurable as one day spent in stamps knee deep. Through knowledge gained by talking stamps with a relative, I learned of a lady who was the possessor of nearly two million stamps and United States stamps at that. I also found out that these stamps gathered by different parties and given to this lady, were all issues prior to 1880, and as many years were spent in accumulating the lot I felt sure that could I but get a chance at those stamps, a prize would be forthcoming.

One fair morning, armed with a letter of introduction, I started out on my quest of stamps. My valise contained some good duplicates and some 25,000 3c green '72's, for possibly I might make a trade.

A forty mile ride landed me in the little seaport town where she lived, and I at once found her home and presented my letter of introduction. A cordial welcome and good lunch put me in good spirits and my quest, I made known to her. To my surprise she told me that numbers was all she cared for, so on the basis of giving her three stamps for every two I selected. I was conducted to a large attic room where there, piled knee deep on the floor, lay

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nearly two million U. S. stamps.

Such a treat as I enjoyed that afternoon and evening! Although I found but few of the older ninety cent values, I found in all over 6,000 fine U. S. regular issues, and in addition many fine revenue and envelope stamps. Once more did I visit and hunt over this vast lot of stamps and to-day I still retain a few of those stamps.

The pleasure I derived from that expedition was and ever will be a bright memory. It is the unexpected finds that make stamp collecting such a pleasure. A stamp here, one there, a lot here, a set from somewhere else, goes to make this fascinating pursuit what it is to day.

U. S. STAMPS.

### NOTES

An automatic stamping machine is described in the Australian Journal of Philately. Instead of a stamp the postage paid is indicated by a design consisting of two circles, one smaller than the other, between which is the inscription "N. Z. Postal Stamp No. 1," and in the center "1 p. Paid." It seems that the envelope is placed in position and then a penny is dropped into the machine which stamps or franks the envelope which is then posted in the usual manner.

Wouldn't it be better to lick the old fashioned stamps than to wait for a machine to do it for us? We believe in progress, but think that we can stamp letters as fast as a machine, or even faster, and then we can have the stamps to fill our collections to remember old times with.

#### PRIVATE MAILING CARD RULING

The postoffice department has decided that postal cards issued by private persons bearing on the address side the words "United States of America" are unmailable. Such cards will be accepted until July 1, 1904, however.

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The view cards from the West Indies are  
very interesting. You should have some in  
your collection.

A new 1c Kingshead (green) in British  
Honduras.

The Japs are all right. They have a view  
card showing the Russian warships in the act  
of getting whipped.

A 2c blue "Post Office" Mauritius stamp  
(unused) was recently sold at auction for the  
sum of \$7,250. It was found in a collection  
made up over forty years ago.

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Ample hotel accommodations have been provided for the World's Fair visitors at St. Louis both within and outside of the Exposition grounds.

The Exposition management has organized a free information service. A pamphlet has been issued for gratuitous circulation explaining many of the conveniences that have been provided. A list of all the hotels, with rates, is contained in this pamphlet. The entire city has been canvassed, and many thousands of private house-

holders have arranged to receive visitors. These houses are in every section of the city, and the rates at which guests will be received is a matter of record on the books of the bureau.

The Inside inn, a hotel on the Exposition grounds, has a capacity for 6,000 guests. The Exposition management has control of the rates, which have been fixed at from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per day, European plan, including admission to the grounds. On the American plan the rates range from \$3 to \$5 per day. The hotel is 400 by 800 feet and is three stories high.

There are more than 150 established hotels in St. Louis, and a signed agreement has been made between many of their managers with the Exposition officials that rates shall not be raised during the Exposition period. Many new hotels have been built on sites adjacent to the Exposition grounds, and the published fixed rates warrant the assertion that no one need pay exorbitant rates for accommodations either at hotels or private houses.

Among the new hotels may be mentioned the Hotel Napoleon Bonaparte, which stands at Clayton avenue and Skinker road, overlooking the Exposition grounds. This hostelry will accommodate 5,000 persons. The rates, European plan, are from \$1 to \$5 per day. The Grand View hotel, south of the Exposition, on Oakland avenue, has a capacity for 5,000 guests, and the rates are \$1 to \$1.50 per day, European, and \$2 to \$2.50 per day on the American plan. The Kenilworth, on West Park boulevard and Billon avenue, has a capacity of 1,500 guests, with a rate of \$1.50 per day.

The above mentioned are a few of the new hotels that have been erected near the Exposition grounds for the accommodation of World's Fair visitors. All told there are about twoscore. All are within easy walking distance, and all are situated on high ground, with comprehensive views of the grounds. All of the structures are well built, and in some of them the most luxurious quarters are obtainable. The rates are established and will not be increased during the Exposition.



PORTION OF VARIED INDUSTRIES BUILDING, WORLD'S FAIR.

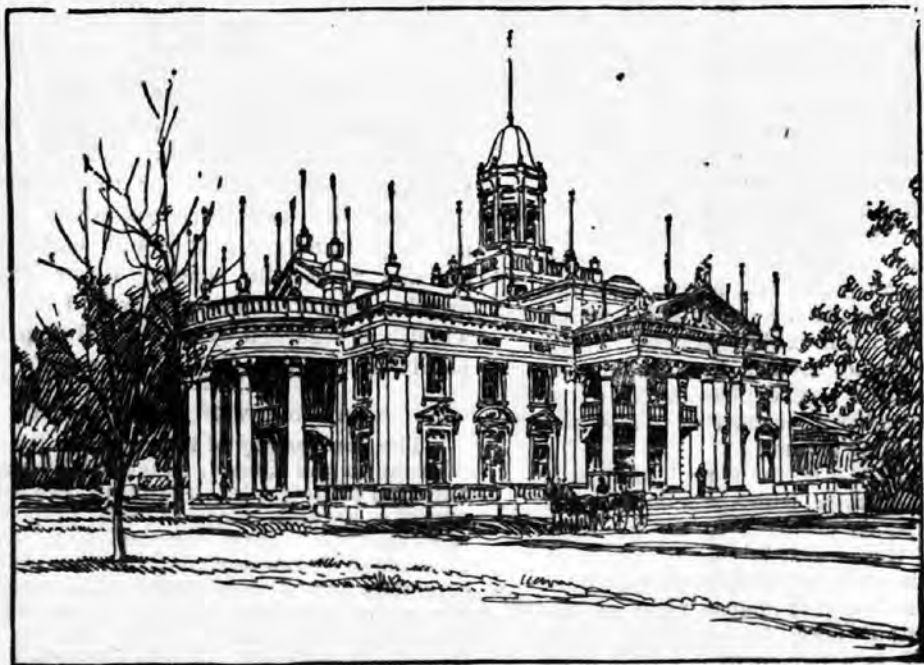
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IOWA STATE BUILDING, WORLD'S FAIR.

## ALL THE STATES AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Many Beautiful Pavilions and Pretentious Buildings Show Forth the Enterprise of American Commonwealths.

A beautiful city has grown up among the trees on the World's Fair grounds

at St. Louis. It has nothing to do with the immense exhibit palaces, but is a thing apart. The houses in this new city are of various styles of architecture. Some are palatial in size and appearance, while others look merely cozy and inviting. Never before have so many notable and historic buildings been constructed in one group. This new city might be called the City of the States, for the houses included in it

are the state buildings at the Fair.

The city is not compact, but somewhat straggling, as befits the picturesque of the view. Yet there is nothing suggestive of a Stringtown-on-the-Pike about this city, for the grounds surrounding each of the houses are beautified with gardens typical of the state represented.

All the states are to be represented at the World's Fair. This means a great deal, a shining triumph for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and furnishes another illustration of the fact that this Exposition's complete-

This City of the States presents a picture of surpassing beauty. Nature has done much to aid in the creation of the picture. Never before has any exposition been able to grant such advantageous sites for state buildings. The buildings are situated on a plateau about seventy-five feet higher than the level ground to the north upon which stand the main exhibit palaces. There are hills and ravines here and there, enabling the landscapists to lay out a most delightful pattern of roads and terraces and lawns.

The smallest of the state buildings is that of Arizona, which stands near the southeastern entrance to the grounds. One of the largest is that of Missouri, from the dome of which it is said that perhaps the very finest view of the Exposition may be enjoyed. This building is a palace in the Italian renaissance architecture, built at a cost of \$105,000. Near by is the reproduction of the Cabildo at New Orleans, in which the Louisiana Purchase transfer ceremonies took place—Louisiana's state building. Ohio has a clubhouse of highly ornate design, in the architecture of the French renaissance. Illinois is prominent with a most pretentious structure, with wide verandas and a commanding cupola.

#### Complimentary.

He (at the art exhibition)—Well, how do you like Brown's picture?

She—That one? Why, I thought it was yours! Very bad, isn't it?—Punch.

## AROUND THE WORLD

We have been thinking of starting a department which would be called "Around the World," this is something new and we wish to know what you think of it? It would be made up of stories and pictures of places of interest from all over the world. If you wish to have this added please tell us and we will take steps to start it at once.

## NOTES

### FIRE TORPEDOES A MILE

The test of the submarine boat *Fulton*, which took place at Newport, R. I., on June 2, produced results far superior to expectations. The boat fired two torpedoes while entirely submerged and going at about eight knots, and one while the conning tower was just awash. The average range was 1,700 yards which was regarded by the naval experts as highly satisfactory. (World's Events.)

### ANNIVERSARY OF ASSASSINATION

The anniversary of the murder of King Alexandria and Queen Drago of Servia was observed at Belgrade, June 11, by the celebration of a requiem mass. Great preparations were made to repress counter demonstration threatened by the regicides, but the religious ceremony passed off quietly. The regicides newspaper that same morning appeared with colored borders, and published articles glorifying the murderers. (World's Events.)

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# Stamps

## STAMP COLLECTING

Stamp collecting is simply what a collector makes it. If he wishes a pleasant pastime he will find nothing more interesting than stamp collecting, once he gets his hand in, so to speak. Although coin and curio collecting is closely associated with the aforesaid hobby, they cannot boast of the multitude of followers that philately rightfully claims.

I might mention several reasons for this state of affairs. First is the size and weight which makes either a coin or curio collection rather clumsy, taking much room and of course more work. Second, is the scarcity of coins compared with stamps. This, of course, leaves less room for collectors, as there is not so much to collect.

In curio collecting I can't say much, as I am not very well posted on that subject. But one thing I can say is, that while there are a great many different minerals which altogether make up quite an interesting collection, they are not all distinct varieties.

But to come back to stamp collecting which I started out to write about, I would like to say that we know about what there is to collect and we know when our collection is complete, while the curio collector, poor fellow, is always wondering if he will find any more specimens of a particular mineral or Indian bead, etc.

A few words of advice might not be out of place with the amateur collectors who read this article. I might first give the old and oft repeated caution, not to sacrifice quality for quantity. This advice can also be applied to buying as well as exchanging, etc. For instance, you can be sure that a dealer who offers stamps at 60 per cent to 75 per cent discount is not selling as good stamps as one who offers a much smaller discount. Some dealers have to sell stamps at a large discount to get rid of a stock of poor stamps which have accumulated while selling for higher prices. Now it depends on what kind of a collection

you want, what kind of dealer you want to deal with, if you don't care to invest much money in stamps and don't care about the looks of a collection, but you simply want the stamps, of course the dealer to deal with is the cheapest one you can find, while if you want a collection that you can look upon with pride, and also one that will be worth a good sum of money, should you want to sell, you should go to a dealer who gives a smaller discount and a better class of stamps.

Now, fellow collectors, let us go along and pretend that we have the best and most interesting hobby, and we won't have to use much pretense, either, for stamps that have traveled in a mail bag over rivers and plains, perhaps on a letter from a lover to his sweetheart, or from a homesick school boy to his mother, or maybe from old friends telling of the death of some friend and former neighbor, almost forgotten in the mad rush for wealth and power.

These must carry more romance and historic value than a piece of stone that has been laying idly moldering in the earth until dug up by some sensational curio hunter. Even a coin which has been used for so many moons buying this, that and something else, cannot crowd the story telling stamp out of its place.

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# Outing

This is a new department and we hope our readers will like it. As this is the time that most people take their vacations we would like to make the season as interesting as possible.

Now, if you like it as much as we hope you will, we would be very glad to have you help us conduct this particular department, by contributing articles of interest in this line. We want interesting accounts of vacation trips of any kind, hunting, fishing, automobiling or anything else in the line of out-of-door sports.

We would also like to have the articles illustrated with good photographs, (photos must be clear to make good halftones) or photos alone if suggestive of vacation days. Photos of boat clubs, auto clubs, camping parties, pretty landscapes, etc., will be gratefully acknowledged.

If you wish copy or photos returned be sure to inclose stamps for that purpose. (Photos that are used can't be returned.) We will

only publish the most interesting articles sent us, so please do not be offended if your copy is not accepted.

## SOME CAMP SUGGESTIONS

In making up your camp list be sure not to forget the salt, as that is one of the most necessary things of the camp larder.

## A CAMP FIRE

In making a camp fire which is to be used any length of time, it is advisable to use a back log (which is best green so it won't burn too rapidly) to be placed on one side of the fire which holds the fire while the party is away from camp.

Another good way is to have two logs placed in a V shape. With the fire between this gives a place to rest the frying pan, etc.

If you use a brush bed be careful not to put any large sticks into it or you are apt to dream about the man who rode a rail.

## THE MASCOT

Written for Stampus by Clarence S. Wright.

Dick had promised to tell us some of his first camping experiences, but we had had such sport with both gun and rod that all had forgotten his promise.

But to-night it was raining, and had been since mid-afternoon, so after an early supper, as we were gathered about the great open fireplace in our host, Ben Goodwin's cabin, it was motioned, seconded and carried that Dick give us, the members of "Camp Goodtimes Party," the first number of his camp experiences.

"Well," he said, "it reminds me of the time I spent my Xmas vacation with my old college chum in the city; those twins of his could remember the promise of a story longer than a bird will the tree her nest is in.

"I suppose as this is the first chapter of

experiences, you want to hear about my first trip, so here goes.

"It was in early November that I went on my first real camping out. I had been out for a day and night before, but never to stay a whole week and live on what game we could get, but it was to be the real thing this time.

"We started Monday morning, my cousin Will, his chum Charlie and myself as mascot, but I can tell you I wasn't petted very much. We had a wagonload of our outfit, and a driver to take the team home, for we didn't want a team to take care of while there. We had all necessary camping equipments, a dozen steel traps, and our armament consisted of three double barreled shot-guns and a 22 calibre rifle.

"We were located in rather heavy timber near a small river. It was an ideal spot to camp in, too. The woods were well filled with

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## NOTES

New Zealand always keeps its philatelic press guessing as to what is coming next. It also furnishes much copy for same. We have nothing very definite from that quarter this month, but it is rumored of a government stamped envelope with the advertisement of the firm using the same printed in the upper right hand corner, the stamp being impressed to the left of the advertisement.

Stamp books similar in arrangement to those used by the U. S. Post Office, are now in use in Sweden.—Mekeel's Weekly.

Look out for forgeries in stamps from Finland. Several have been reported.

It is supposed that regular U. S. stamps will be used in the Panama canal zone, in place of the Panama provisionals which are now in use with an additional "Canal Zone" overprint. A large army of collectors will impatiently await the arrival of the new set from the United States, emphasizing as it does, an historical event for which the past year has been famous.

## ONE COLLECTOR'S OPINION

Noodle—You've been collecting this stuff all your life, and I'd like to know what it's all good for? You can't take it with you when you die.

Collector—That's just where the consolation comes in. It would be awful to think I'd got to be bothered with it through eternity. (Wonder if he collected old rags.)

Frank, Joe and James were waiting for a train to take them on their summer vacation. When it came in sight Frank said: "There it comes." Joe said "there he comes," and James said "there she comes." Which one was right?

Joe was right, because it was a mail (male) train.

## NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT

Mr. D. McF. Moore, it is claimed, has solved the problem of lighting, by perfecting his invention of electric-tube lighting. The light is produced by a current of electricity passing through a length of glass tubing which has been exhausted. The light is hardly distinguishable from daylight, both in color and quality. It is about twenty-five per cent cheaper than incandescent light. It has no disagreeable or injurious effect on the eyes and is perfectly safe.

The coldest city in the world is Yakutsk, capital of the province of Yakutsk, eastern Siberia. Why isn't it Uzziskaz instead of Siberia?

## REMEMBER

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## With the Editor



In presenting the "Stampus" this month we wish our subscribers to note the changes made by the enlargement of the paper and addition of new departments. Now, we would like to know how our readers like this change, for we have been trying to make improvements, so if you like it we would be glad to have you tell us so, and if you don't like it, tell us by all means, and also tell us what you would like so that we can please everybody.

Of course we don't mean that we will change the "Stampus" simply to please some particular fantastic reader. But tell us what you want and you can be sure that your advice, or information, will be considered and appreciated. Just tell us of something we have left out, or some mistake we have made, or something we have forgotten. We are thinking of adding several new departments in the

near future and would like to hear what you think of the ones suggested below.

### CAMERA DEPARTMENT

One of the new departments that is in contemplation is a "Camera Department," which would contain interesting bits on amateur photography, hints and suggestions for amateurs, and also some good specimens of amateur work, or perhaps a photo contest.

If you would like such a department be sure to let us know, and if possible send some notes or good points to be published in same, so that we can start it as soon as possible.

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## THE MASCOT

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squirrels and rabbits, with an occasional pheasant and wild duck, so you see we were in no danger of starvation.

"Now, to come down to camp experience. The first night in camp the boys thought they would go up the river and set some traps while I got supper.

"Well, after they were gone, when I had gotten the fire in good trim, I took the rifle and went down to the river to see if I could get a shot at anything. I saw a muskrat swimming down the river. But shoot as carefully as I might I couldn't hit him. But suddenly I heard a sound that made my hair all feel as if it was all laying the wrong way. It answered the description I had received of a wolf howl, and it sounded so near, too, I can tell you I didn't waste any time in getting back to camp. But my troubles had only begun. The firewood that I had gathered before I left camp was soon burned up and it was getting dark. I could still hear the wolves howling occasionally, which didn't make me feel any more like going into the woods after more fuel, so finally I lit the lantern, took my shot gun and the rifle and went into the tent determined to defend myself or die fighting.

"But the wolves had quieted down some now and I couldn't hear much of them.

"I think it must have been over an hour before the other fellows came into camp. They had been some distance up the river in a pond and were having such a good time shooting muskrats that they forgot about time until it got too dark to shoot, and then they came back to camp.

"With some company and a new camp fire my spirits rose to normal, or a little above, and I ate as much supper as anyone when we got it ready. Of course there was little sleeping done in camp that night, with all the strangeness of the woods, but we all managed to drop off a little while, but you can easily guess how we slept after that.

"The next morning, of course, after break-

fast, which was early, we started out to find some game for dinner.

"We enjoyed ourselves for a few days without anything exciting. But one day the other fellows chased a squirrel into a tree about half a mile down the river from camp, and tried to smoke him out. They didn't get Mr. Squirrel, but about 10 o'clock that night we were startled by a loud crash down the river. The tree, which was a very large elm, had burned through at last and woke the echoes of the woods.

"One morning as I was following a small tributary of the Wapsie, (the river on which we were camping) I found the boys in the act of setting traps in a brush pile, and on looking close I saw large holes in and around the pile and considerable evidence of a skunk den. We then decided that we were booked for some fun the next morning if the traps were successful.

"It happened that I went down the river to get a drink at a spring before going to look at the skunk traps the next morning, so I was the last one there. But as I came in sight of the brush pile I heard the crack of a rifle and, 'O, my,' my eyes were not the only organs of sense that showed me what was in the traps.

"Two fine black skunks were the catch that morning, worth about three dollars, but it was worth that to go near enough to get a good look at them after they were shot. Then came a difficulty. The skunks had to be carried to camp to be skinned so the oil could be saved. As there was nobody volunteered for the task we decided to shoot for it.

"The loser was Will, so he had the 'pleasure,' Charlie having to act as assistant, for I had made the best record with the rifle that morning.

"A few days later a team was sent for our outfit, so we had to go home, but we were not at all disappointed with our trip, for we had had simply a rich time and had decided to go again the next fall.

"'But how about the wolves you heard the first night you were in camp,' asked Billy Summers, our mascot, after he had finished. 'Didn't you hear any more of them?'

"Yes," laughed Dick, "we shot a couple of them one day, and they had feathers on and are called Hoot Owls. I had simply been misinformed as to their song."

Soon after he had finished it was motioned that we turn in and soon the cabin was dark and quiet.

[Editor's Note: This is the first of Mr. Wright's camping stories. Another will appear in an early issue.]

## POULTRY DEPARTMENT

This department makes its entrance, and whether you are the possessor of a few chickens or not, you may perhaps become interested by a casual scanning of this page.

We shall publish, as far as we are able to secure it facts of actual experience and advice to beginners in poultry. The more advanced fancier may find a bit of valuable news.

Everyone should have a pet of some kind.

**CHICKENS** But above all do I recommend useful pets. Of all  
**AS PETS.** feathered pets the hen is the best. Properly fed and housed she is an interesting and profitable fowl.

Here is where many persons make their initial mistake. Two ways there are to secure

**CHOOSING A** a start with thoroughbred  
**BREED.** poultry. (1) Purchase a pair of good fowls; (2) purchase a sitting or sittings of eggs. These should be secured by sending to any one of the many reliable poultry breeders. Eggs range from \$1 to \$6 per sitting, according to the breed and qualities of the pen from which the eggs are selected. There are many standard varieties from which to select, including Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Brahmas, Cochins, Leghorns, etc.

Methods of feeding and housing differ, yet there are many simple and inexpensive ways in which one may house poultry successfully.

We shall from month to month, try and place before our readers an interesting poultry department. Subscribers interested in poultry should send us their experiences.

## PETS

How would you like to have the department under the head of "Poultry" devoted to pets of all kinds. This was thought of at first but it was deemed best to see what the subscribers thought of the plan first.

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Events of Worldwide Importance Crowd One Another on the Season's Programme—Many Congresses and Conventions to Meet.



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ENTRANCE PALACE OF LIBERAL ARTS, WORLD'S FAIR.

Each of the remaining days of the World's Fair season has a programme filled with special events that offer additional attractions for late visitors. National and state governments, municipalities, secret societies, trade organizations and college fraternities have arranged to participate in the special days allotted to them, and thousands of persons will be drawn to the World's Fair upon these occasions.

Missouri is to have an entire week at the Exposition, and the Lumbermen of America will be present for six days. St. Louis day Sept. 15, will be



SOUTH ENTRANCE PALACE OF MANUFACTURES, WORLD'S FAIR.

one of the big days of the Exposition in point of attendance. Some of the largest events, including the great airship races, have not yet been scheduled, and they are not included in the list of attractions given here:

**SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER.**

- 1-Tennessee and Indiana day.  
Dumbbell competition and hurdle races in Olympic games.

- 2-Jewelers' and Silversmiths' day.
- 3-Sons and Daughters of Justice.  
International team race in Olympic games.
- 5-Labor day and beginning of Lumbermen's week.
- 6-Oklahoma day.
- 7-Convention of postoffice clerks and Brigham family reunion.
- 8-Modern Woodmen day.
- 9-California, Odd Fellows' and House of Hoo-Hoo day.
- 10-Reunion of Spanish War Veterans.
- 12-Maryland day.  
World's amateur cricket contest.  
Cattle show opens in Live Stock section; closes Sept. 24.
- 13-Catholic Knights of America.
- 14-Woodmen of the World and State of Louisiana day.
- 15-St. Louis day.
- 16-Mexico day and Germanic congress.
- 17-Massachusetts and Colorado day.
- 19-Congress of arts and science and Arizona day.  
Olympic golf championship tournament.
- 20-Nevada day.  
Archery contests.
- 21-Illinois day.
- 22-Arkansas day.
- 23-Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition day and Virginia day.
- 24-Idaho day.
- 26-Fraternal day.  
Military athletic carnival.
- 27-North Dakota and Apple day.
- 28-International congress of lawyers and justices and Utah day.
- 29-Knights and Ladies of Security day.
- 30-Kansas day.

**SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER.**

- 1-Indian Territory day.  
Equestrian polo championship contests.
- 3-New York day.  
Sheep and swine exhibition in Live Stock section; closes Oct. 13.
- 4-New York State and Advertising Men's day.
- 5-Rhode Island day.
- 6-Maine, Ohio, New Jersey and German day.
- 7-W. C. T. U. and Daughters of Confederacy day.
- 8-Chicago Press day.
- 10-Cuba's national day.
- 11-Missouri day.
- 12-Italian and Michigan day.
- 13-Connecticut and City of Detroit day.
- 14-A. A. U. Wrestling Championship day.
- 15-Mystic Tollers' day.
- 17-American Library Association day.
- 18-Alaska, Nebraska and Helen Keller day.
- 19-Jefferson day.
- 20-Meeting of Colonial Dames of America.

- 21—Congregational day.
- 22—Fraternal Mystic Circle.
- 24—Bankers of the World day and National Council of Women.  
Poultry, pigeons and pet stock exhibition in Live Stock section; closes Nov. 5.
- 25—Clergyman day.  
Dog and cat exhibition in Live Stock section; closes Oct. 28.
- 26—Nut growers, dairymen and silk culturists' congress.
- 27—Farmers' mass exhibition.  
Turners' mass exhibition.
- 28—A. A. U. gymnastics championship.
- 29—Home missionary convention.  
A. A. U. gymnastic championships.
- SPECIAL EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER.**
- 2—Convention King's Daughters and Sons and National Humane society.
- 3—Collegiate Alumni association.
- 5—Missouri University day.
- 7—Interscholastic football games.  
Southern breeding cattle exhibit in Live Stock section; closes Nov. 12.
- 10—College relay racing.
- 12—College football.
- 15—Brooklyn day.
- 16—Association football.
- 17—Cross country championship.
- 18—Association football.
- 19—Interscholastic football.

### FISH PROTECTION IN CANADA.

The Dominion of Canada gives especial attention to the protection of fish and game. The Department of Marine and Fisheries carries on fish culture, introducing fish into new waters and preventing the exhaustion of the present supply. There are fourteen government hatcheries, which distributed in 1902, 422,000,000 fish.

### THE FROST FISH.

Fishing for the frost fish (which is found in New Zealand) is somewhat different from the methods used in this country. They are not caught with a hook, net, spear or snare. Well, says the angler, how is it done? It is the easiest thing in the world. You get up on a frosty morning and pick them up on a sandy beach. The fish is sometimes about four feet in length but is so slender that it only weighs as many pounds. The flesh is claimed to be a very delicate table article, sometimes selling as high as sixty cents per pound. The fish, it is said, deliberately throws itself up on the sand and dies there. The reason for this is not known.

### TELEGRAPHER MEETS HIS FATE.

A telegrapher sat by his key  
And dreamed there was peace across the sea.  
Then with a start he raised his head  
And listened while the sounder said:

"From Chiyoda and Kioto, Chinampo and Kasan,  
Chemulpo, Hakodate and places in Japan,  
There's an army of 'em marching to fight the  
Russian Czar.

From Yongampo and Fugi, Mokpo and Naniwa,  
Hatsuse, Hashidate, Yong-ju and Yoshino.  
Che Foo, Bayan, Ohitose, Saiti, Idzumo,  
Ping Yang, Itsukushima, Tokiwa and San-su,  
With Kogoro Takahira and Admiral Uriu:  
From Suma and Nagasaki, with Nagai and  
Togo;

From Ta-Tung-kau and Miji, with Baron Kanako;

Asama and Azuma, Sasebo, Wei-Hai-Wei,  
Sotokichi, and Kasagi, Gensan and Akishi,  
Seoul, Akitsushima, Chin-Yen and Asahi,  
Yakumo, Yokosuka, Kasuga, Idzumi,  
Iwate, Shikishuma, Takasago and Chon-ju,  
Yashimi and Nitaka, Masampo and Yalu,  
Tsushima, Kamimura, Tokio and Changsong,  
The Japanese are marching 300,000 strong."

The telegraph man, with a glassy eye,  
Lifted his head and heaved a sigh,  
Then the sounder began again:

"Russia is moving a million men;  
The Czar is going to fight the Jap  
At the following places on the map—"

The telegraph man let out a yell  
As they carried him off to a padded cell.  
—Brooklyn Eagle.

### CANADIAN MONEY.

The money of Canada is the same as in the United States, divided into dollars and cents. The chartered banks in Canada, like those in Scotland, are note-issuing institutions, with many branches in different parts of the country. For example, one Canadian bank with a paid up capital of 8,700,000 has seventy-four branches. The notes are a first change on assets of the bank, and in addition are guaranteed by the banks, thus giving the holders perfect security. The branch banks greatly facilitate business transactions, the head office transferring funds to the point where they are most needed, thus relieving financial strain, and employing profitably the resources of the bank.

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## STAMP NOTES



Last month, owing to the conventions of nearly all of the philatelic societies, all of the philatelic papers were late, ours included.

A correspondent calls attention to the fact that philately is receiving attention in school books. He writes: "I recently noticed in West's 'Modern History' a cut of the first English penny stamp, and under it the inscription: 'This is the first adhesive penny postage stamp ever used. The design was used without change for thirty years, from 1840 to 1870.'"—The West.

Major J. M. T. Aartello, now of the United States army, and an ardent philatelist, has told in one of his interesting articles on "How I Became a Stamp Collector," of how, when but a lad and in Richmond at the time of the surrender, he saw large quantities of Confederate stamps burned by the invading soldiers and was able to rescue but a paltry half dozen or so.—The Perforator.

Several years ago there was a scrap between the devotees of the entire and the adherents of the cut square, and it was finally settled by each side agreeing to collect as it pleased, and allowing the others the same privilege. Another contest is now on between the same parties, and will no doubt be settled in the same way.—Philatelic Inter-Ocean.

"The West" of July gives a very interesting "spiel" on what philately will be in the future, say fifty years from now. Although in some things we can agree, there are a few things that we think might come a little nearer the mark if they are not what they are. We are not criticizing, for new things are always incomplete, and we like to see people who are progressive, but hope that they will keep at it until they hit the nail on the head.

Licking postage stamps has caused Miss Myra Silvernale, assistant postmaster at Norfolk, Conn., part of her tongue. A few weeks ago the tongue began to swell, and physicians diagnosed the trouble as blood poisoning, due to the mucilage on the stamps. She went to the Hartford hospital, where an operation for the removal of nearly half of her tongue was performed. She is expected to recover, but will have a permanent impediment in her speech.

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### THE VILLAGE BURGLAR.

Some time ago a young man was arrested for writing the following parody on Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith":

Under a spreading gooseberry bush  
The village burglar lies;  
The burglar is a crafty man  
With whiskers on his eyes,  
And the muscles of his brawny arms  
Keep off the little flies.

He goes on Sunday to the church  
To hear the parson shout;  
He puts a shilling in the bag  
And takes a sovereign out,  
And when he reaches home again  
He smiles without a doubt.

And going home one winter night  
He sees an open door;  
An overcoat hangs in the hall,  
And he creeps along the floor.  
A moment later out he comes,  
And then the deed is o'er.

He proudly gazes on his prize,  
And holds it out a stretch;  
He hurries down the lighted street,  
And ah; the crafty wretch!  
He takes it to the pawnshop  
To see what it will fetch.

Howe'er, a policeman passing 'long,  
With measured beat and slow,  
Has seen the burglar's little game,  
And quietly lets him know.  
And he takes him to the prison cell  
When the evening sun is low.

Boozing, boring, burgling,  
He told an awful tale,  
And now at leisure he repents  
With many a mournful wail—  
Something attempted, something done,  
Has earned six months in jail.

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## WHY HE LOVED THE RAT.

There was a party of estimable women who made a tour of the prisons in New Jersey. They were investigating to see what they could do to relieve the hard lot of a convict. They came to a particularly vicious looking man, who was doing twenty years for burglary. He had a tame rat in the cell with him, and apparently was very fond of it.

"My good man," said one of the visiting ladies, "are you fond of that rat?"

"I love it better than anything in the world," said the convict.

"There!" said another of the ladies, "I have always claimed there is a way in which these men, no matter how hardened in crime, can be reached. Here is a man who loves a tame rat. Now, my good man, will you tell us why you love this rat?"

"Because he bit the warden," said the convict.

The latest idea of the men who invent automatic selling machines is one which promises to be of value to the drug store men as well as a convenience to the public. It is a stamp selling machine, and carries one and two-cent stamps and postal cards. The machine will accept only pennies, and if more than the proper number are inserted in the slot they are returned with the stamp or postal purchased. The machine is one of the few that cannot cheat, for when the supply of stamps runs out, all the cents put in that particular slot drop into the trough in front of the machine, and are returned to the would-be purchaser. It is understood that the postal authorities view the machine with favor. It is now in operation in England and on the continent. The inventor is a Swiss.

Judge—Your statement doesn't agree with that of the last witness.

Witness—Oh, that's aisily accounted for, yer honor. Shure, he's a bigger liar than Oi am.—Buckeye.

## A PECULIAR SIGN.

A certain music composer of Boston, Mass. had a rather freakish sign on his door, which read thus: "There are times when we would rather be alone. These are those."

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## HIS OWN.

"You said that kido is a smart dog now," said a gentlemen who was entertaining friends one evening, as the dog came in and shook hands with each of them, "but if you had seen him when he was a puppy you might have thought differently, for one day he happened to see his tail and was instantly in hot pursuit, which lasted some minutes, and when he finally caught it he gave it a good bite for its pains. But that was the only one, for he spent the rest of the day kissing it." "Well, then," said a visitor, "He's all the smarter, then, for he learned by experience."

She—"I will never marry a man whose fortune has not at least five ciphers in it." He—"Oh, darling! Then we will be married tomorrow; mine is all ciphers."—Chicago News.

If a Frenchman had a boy born on board an English ship in American waters, what would he be? Why, his son, of course.—News.

# OUTING DEPARTMENT

## Texas Cowboy Life.

One day, as I was sitting in my office, a visitor was announced. He was tall and rather dark. When he had taken a seat and was comfortably settled, he said: "I thought perhaps you would like to hear about some of the ways of the cowboys in Texas." Of course I was very glad to, so he began:

"It was about ten years ago that I first got a job on the plains, and one of the first questions the boss asked was: 'Are you trying to get away from the law?' I was not, but the question was such a surprise that I was a little slow about answering, so he said: 'I want you to tell me if the officers are after you, so if they are we will be able to throw them off the track when they get here.'"

"I found, to my surprise, that the boys there would stand up for each other and if the law would get one of them it would have to fight them all. This may seem funny to you, but in Mexico an officer never thinks of going alone to arrest a man, but takes a whole company of soldiers to help him."

"I might tell you about my first experience at that life. I was out with a party tending a large herd of cattle. The first night, after I had gone to sleep in my blanket I was suddenly awakened by a 'ki ky-yi yi' and I jumped to my feet and gave a yell just as a coyote ran past. The boss rolled over and muttered: 'Dry up, you d—n yellow haired tenderfoot, and let us get some sleep.' Of course I laid down and went to sleep again, but did the same thing over pretty soon. I guess the performance was repeated at least half a dozen times that night but I soon got so I could sleep with all the wolves on the prairie holding a carnival. Yes, I've seen some pretty tough and exciting times, but I'm taking your time, so I'll stop shooting and let you go to work." So, after promising to call again, he left me to muse over the strange ways of strange, yet common, people.

THE EDITOR.

NOVA SCOTIA, Can., August 1, 1904.—Editor Stampus, Dear Friend: A letter from this country may be acceptable for your paper, so will write a short letter telling of a day's trout fishing which I spent not long ago in haunts where I fished when a little boy.

After leaving the train at Acaciaville station we journeyed over the mountain to my uncle's farm. All looked the same. I was heartily welcomed, and after removing the dirt and grim of travel I sauntered out around the old farm. All seemed familiar, and a longing for the woods and mill stream grew stronger and stronger.

Bright and early the next morning I started out, my outfit a jack knife, matches, a small box of angle worms and a half dozen trout hooks and line.

The old brook; just as I left it. At once I hunted up a birch pole, fixed up my hook and line, a long smooth brook stone for a sinker. A bite the first thing set my blood a-jumping; a second bite and I had him. Each pool I visited and soon had a good string of fine trout.

A rest made me for the first time feel the evidence of a rousing appetite. A shady place by some big pines afforded a fine spot for dinner and I soon had a fire, cleaned some trout and had them on a stick to cook. Such a meal as it was, bringing back so many recollections of similar expeditions made with my cousin when we were youngsters. I finished up the day by following up the brook until I came to the old mill, now dismantled. Here I rested, counted up my string of trout, forty-two good ones, then started for home over the old wood road.

This brook coursed its way some eight or ten miles from a small mill pond up among the hills, to the ocean. Down between great rugged mountains, around and over great fallen trees and logs, in the lea of which one was sure to find a still pool or bunch of whirling foam from which a trout was sure to come.

This country is so different from what it must be in Iowa. I hope to see some letters in your columns from some western subscribers.

Ever your friend,

PERCY ADAMS.

## POULTRY DEPARTMENT

**CHICKENS** The little chicks should be well along by this time. Chicks hatched at this time have this year a splendid chance. One can now begin to distinguish the better cockerels and pullets and takes such an interest in seeing them grow into beautiful fowls.

**INCUBATORS AND BROODERS** The incubators and brooders should now be thoroughly cleaned and put away until another year's activity. Care of these machines will amply repay anyone. A good incubator will last for years, doing good work, if one but gives it decent care. Clean the lamps, as spots of oil and dirt are easily washed or wiped from them now, but next spring they are gummed and have to be scratched off.

**COLONY HOUSES** The chickens—at least the older ones—are now living in their respective colony houses. Be sure they are kept clean, above anything else. Light feeding and good ventilation will insure health and good growth this time of the year. Only in few cases will the chickens find all their living, and some good grain is well to feed, balancing the amount of animal food they eat, in the shape of bugs, worms, flies, etc.

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