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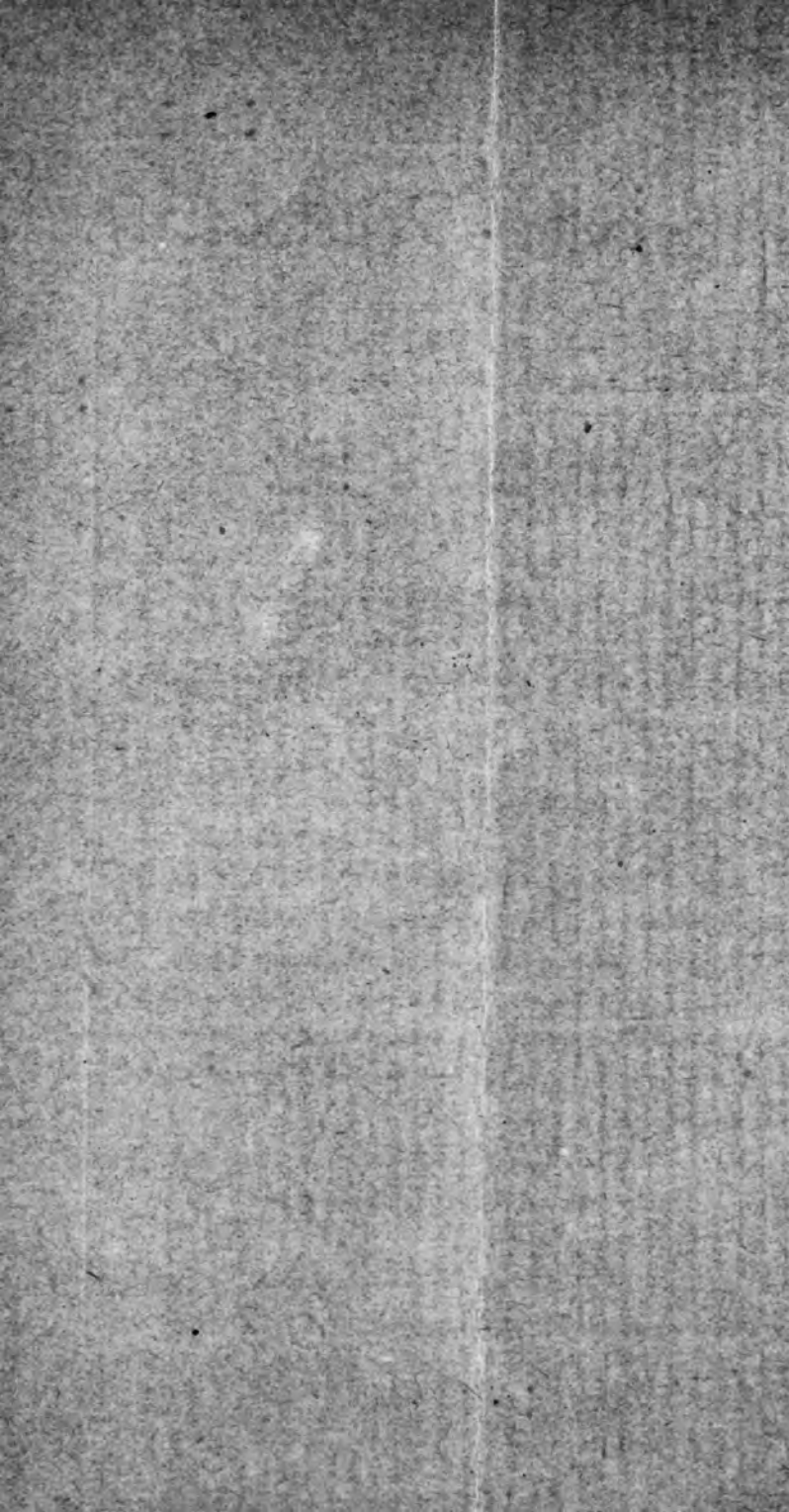
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The Local Stamps of Russia.

MOST PHILATELISTS know how tolerably common our Locals were about the time of issue, and how their value is increasing. It is very probable that those of Russia will some day be as proportionately valuable as those of our country. These Locals are, as far as I have been able to determine, a nearly uncollected branch in the United States. Mr. F. E. P. LYNDE of Philadelphia is perhaps the only well known Philatelist who has expressed any interest in this line, and this gentleman has written the only articles on Russian Locals that I have seen in English. In the Quaker City Philatelist, VOL. 3 NO's. 28, 6, 7, 34, 35 & 36, the articles, however, give but an inadequate idea of the beauty of these Locals

Those on the original letters, (as do ours.) command a higher price.

As to the spelling of the Russian towns to which the stamps belong. I beg to inform the reader that I copied the description of each stamp as minutely as possible; and bring it to your notice that the person from whom I purchased what few I have in my collection, was a Russian who wrote English. I am a "YANKEE" and have very little knowledge of the Russian dialect.

In some few towns the list of Mr. Lynde has aided me.

I will content myself with a minute description of 3 varieties.

TWER.

27 by 20 mm. value 2 kopecks perforated on white paper, unused. Backward of fine blue lines running from the top down, with blue border.

Design consists of two pillars of red, white, blue and gold. artistically combined and surmounted by an arch of two lines in gold. On the top of the arch is placed a maltese cross in red. The arch is also decorated in red.

The head of each column bears an eight pointed star, containing the inscription "2 K" likewise at the foot.

Within the arch is a red banner bearing a crown on a tripod in gold. Above and below the banner are inscriptions in blue.

SOLTONOG.

25 by 16 mm. value 2 kopecks unperforated white paper unused. Design in center of shield in green, heavy white border, maltese cross in yellow. inscription above and below, two lines, below, value.

MALMISCK.

35 by 18 mm. value 2 kopecks, unperforated, black on blue paper unused. Design in center. 23 by 16 mm. value in small circle in each corner, and on shield in center. inscription on every side of shield. Background of fine net-work excepting shield and corners.

THESE Locals are met with both perforated & unperforated, those on envelopes are evidently hand-stamped. Some are printed in black on colored paper, others in black and colors on white unperforated. I have several specimens printed in various colors on white unperforated including the following colors: red, pink, blue & light blue. Nearly all the varieties, bear the arms of their province or town; none (or at least appear to be,) water-marked. Several varieties have, what are termed outer-lined. The perforations are generally even and well made. The engraving is good and the product of a wood-cut.

NO AMERICAN ALBUM up to date has assigned a place for these very interesting stamps, but I trust that before long to see "RUSSIAN LOCALS" catalogued.

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[ED.]

OLD POSTAGE STAMPS DISCOVERED.

A discovery was made at Galena Ill., recently, that will be of great interest. It consisted of three government postage stamps issued according to law by the postmaster at St. Louis, for the State of Missouri in 1845, the denomination being two of the 10-cent and one of the 20-cent series. These stamps were issued in 5, 10 and 20 cent denominations, and are among the rarest and most valuable to stamp collectors of all those issued by authority of the government for use as postage. J. H. Wymer was postmaster of St. Louis in 1845, and gave the order for the plates to J. M. Keishaw, a local engraver. The 5 and 10 cent stamps are found on two varieties of paper. The 20-cent were printed from an altered plate of the 5-cent, and are perhaps the rarest stamps known.

The stamps bear the arms of Missouri, with "St. Louis" above and "postoffice" below, are rectangular in shape, and printed in black on blue paper.

[CHICAGO HERALD.]

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 "I will be Frank. Tis true,
 Although you Arab brilliant catch,
 I do not Caffre you!"

"Oh! lady, Dane to hear my suit.
 This heart is Scot by thee."
 "Nay, sir, I cannot heed thy words,
 For thou Arnaut to me!"

" 'Tis Welsh" she added freezingly
 "Since Siam pressed so far,
 To Hindloo you no longer here
 And so, good sir, Tartar!

What Ottoman like me to do?
 Bewailed the stricken man.
 "I'll Finnish up my mad career
 And wed the Gallicin."

And if in case I cannot win
 I'll Perforate my body
 Then rush off to high Watermark
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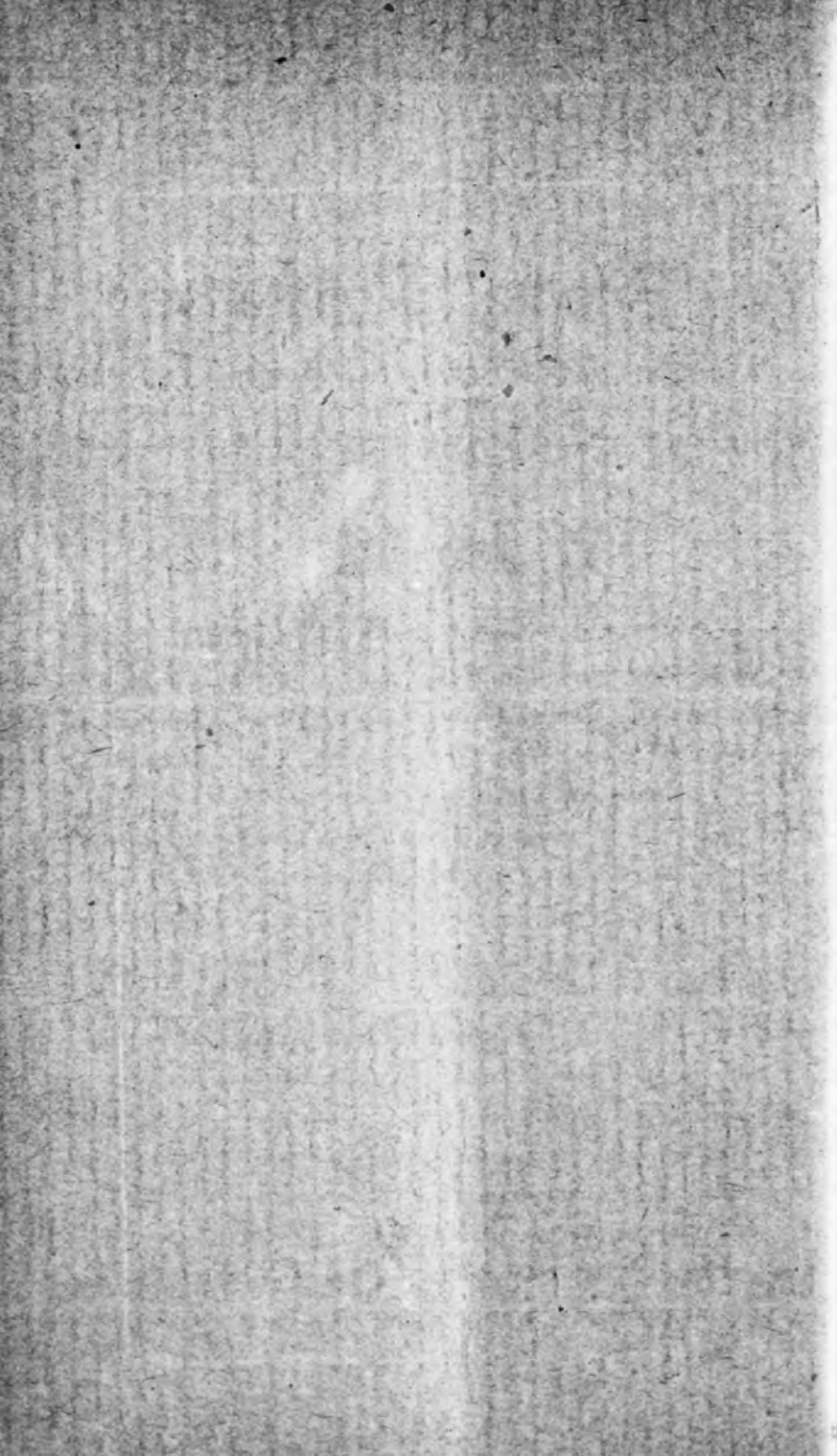
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The Stamp Fiend.

Scarce have the rumors of certain fiendish philatelic schemes subsided, than attention is drawn to others of equal importance to the collector and the public generally. Here we give an extract from the New York Sun of October 27th, that may serve to guard the unsuspecting, from a well laid plot.

THE 1,000,000 POSTAGE STAMP MYTH.

Now and then some one announces himself as the victim of the one-million postage stamp hoax. It is firmly believed that if 1,000,000 stamps are collected and forwarded to some one, a bed will be provided for an invalid boy in some hospital, or a home for an orphan. Christian churches have been the special victims, and there is hardly one in England, the United States, Australia, India, or in any other country, that has not had several members begging, borrowing, and even stealing postage stamps in order to make up the million that will go to clothe some orphan.

This swindle originated in the fertile brain of a postage stamp collector at Stettin, Germany. He desired to get vast collections to sort out and sell again, and hit upon a plan to set the whole civilized world to go to work for him free of charge. He preyed on the sympathies of people by announcing that an orphan would be cared for in "the Syrian Orphan Home" for every 1,000,000

stamps sent to him. This worked well; and the next dodge was the starting of a mythical mission in China, the Holy Sisters of which agreed, for every million stamps sent to them, to save from the jaws of the crocodiles of the Yellow River at least one Chinese baby, and then educate and christianize it.

The stamps were to be sent, not to Jerusalem or China, but to Munich or Stettin. The last claim on the sympathy of the world that has been made by this German is that for 1,000,000 stamps a home for an old lady or an old gentleman will be provided in one three homes—one in London, another in New York, and the third in Cincinnati. For 500,000 stamps a bed will be endowed in a hospital, and for 100,000 a home will be found for an orphan for one year. There are agencies in various cities to forward stamps to Stettin. It is estimated that this swindler has collected over 100,000,000 stamps in the United States alone, and that these were worth from \$ 500,000 to three times that amount.

AN OLD ALBUM.

By GUY W. GREEN

Readers, how many of you remember the difficulty you had in classifying the first foreign stamps that came into your possession? You had perhaps purchased "fifty varieties for ten cents" and now wished to determine the countries to which they belonged. The stamps of England, France, Denmark, and others of a similar nature you quickly placed in the spaces assigned to them in your twenty-five cent album. But when you came to Greece, Austria and Hungary you were puzzled and arranged your specimens by mere guess-work.

The other day an old album came into my possession, and by it I was reminded of my first attempt to determine the nationality of unknown stamps. I distinctly remember that I placed several stamps of Hungary where those of Brazil should have been, and made several other equally curious mistakes.

But I have wandered from the subject I started out to treat. I was going to describe the old album I mentioned, and tell of some of the laughable mistakes contained in it. Under "France" the tyro who owned the book had placed a miscellaneous assortment of French and Swiss stamps. German and Bavarian issues were intermingled. The young collector had evidently made a study of the scriptures, for he labelled a choice assortment of Austrian stamps "Palestine"

At the bottom of one page I found a curious mixture of Swiss and Bavarian stamps designated as belonging to the "Papal States." Russia was favored by Swedish and Austrian issues, while mistakes were numerous throughout the book. Yet I say success to the young collector. He may at first find himself a little bewildered in Philatelia's fields but he is the stuff of which the future philatelist is made, and we should lend him a helping hand. The boy of to-day is the youth of to-morrow and the man of the future.

If we wish to strengthen our ranks it is to the beginner we must look and not to the advanced specialist.

NEW GERMAN STAMPS.

Germany has at last issued a new series of postage stamps. The new design is much in advance of its predecessor, the coat of arms in centre, with inscriptions along top and bottom.

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NOTES.

The Western Philatelist is such another paper as the Philatelic Beacon.

The Essex County Philatelist makes a bad move in supporting Chalmers, Dont you think so? It contains a little over two pages of reading matter.

The Fitchburg Philatelist completes its first volume with November No.

The Stamp Collectors Magazine is to eclipse all previous attempts in this line, but Brother F. J. Stanton says it is a ghost story.

NOTES, Continued.

We are informed that not even a "Speck" of the Eastern Collector is left.

Volume 1. Number 1 of the Philatelic Star, beats all we ever struck!!!

The Tiny Philatelist from La Hoyt, Ia., received. A very appropriate title.

The Midland Philatelist is announced.

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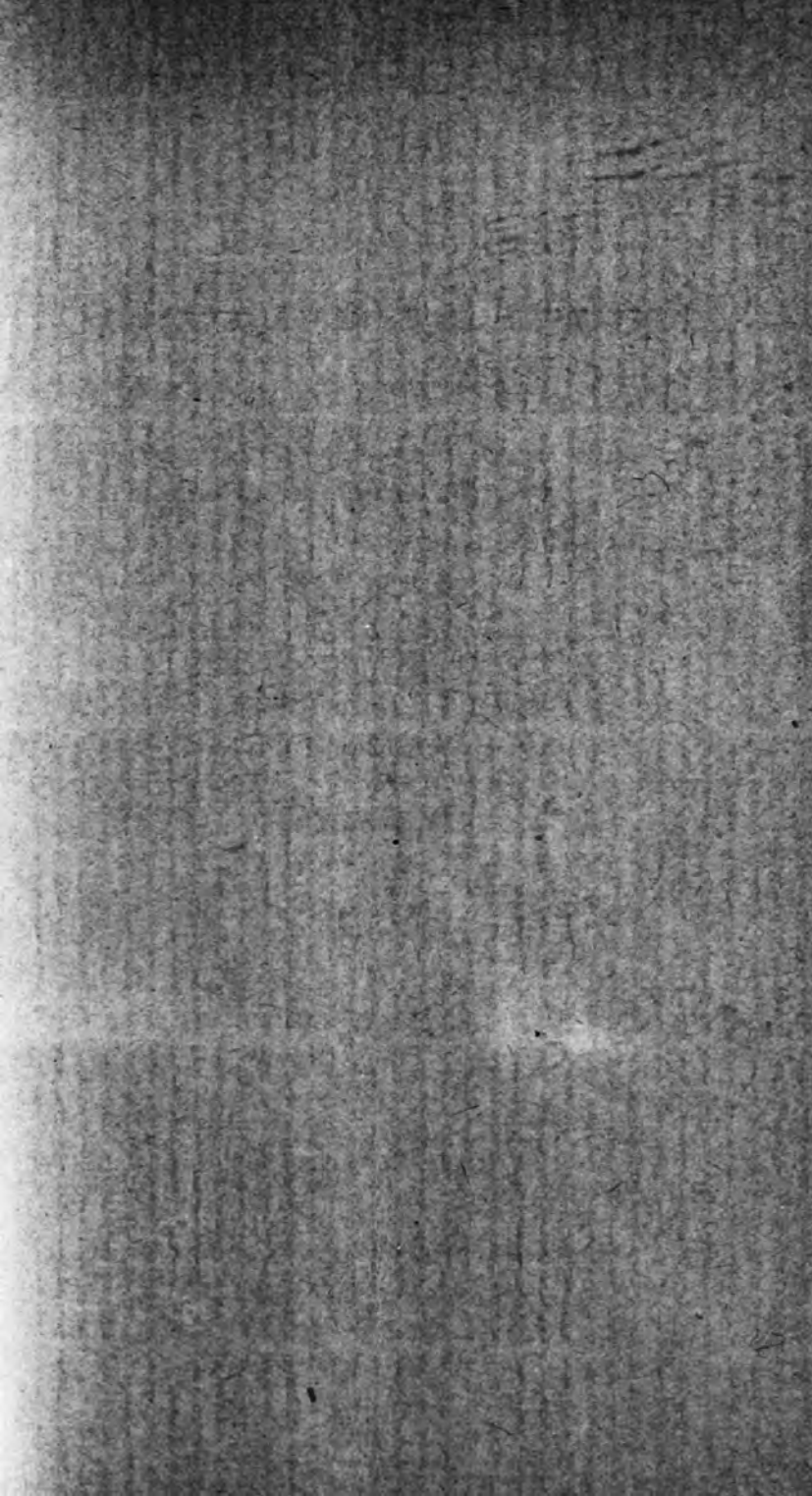
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What is Philately, Anyhow?

A question of importance for every collector of postage stamps to partake in, is of the used and unused specimen. The question is raised "does the unused postage stamp contain the same "philatelic virtue" as the used," or in other words, "can the unused postage stamp be placed in an album and allowed to function as the used specimen. Turn to your album and fix your mind on an unused specimen, ask yourself the question, has it served the purpose for which it was originated; certainly not, Analysis therefore shows that these specimens are of an entirely different character, but does this materially effect the collecting of such specimens or declare the non-collecting of used specimens in a "philatelic" point of view? This is the point upon which we must decide the question. The former portion of the word Philatelic is possibly derived from the Greek language, but we lose ourselves entirely in an attempt to trace a definite derivation of the word to harmonize with the stamp study. Are we to understand that a postage stamp is fully matured before it bears the official cancellation? If so, this puts "coup de grace" to the discussion; if not, it is high time we applied for something decisive as to the true meaning of the word "Philately."

A TWO-CENT SWINDLE.

"A MAN who would beat the Government out of postage is pretty small. But the fact that it is comparatively easy to avoid the payment of such a nominal tax by taking advantage of a department regulation has led to such swindling where you would hardly expect it," said Frank T. Smith, a well-known down-town clerk, who used to be in the postal service, to me yesterday.

"Each year," he continued, "the number of letters dropped into the pockets at the Post Office without the necessary stamp affixed is surprisingly large, and every succeeding postmaster has endeavored to devise some way of preventing such accumulations. Much delay has been caused by this seeming negligence or carelessness, and the services of several clerks have been employed in ascertaining the names of the senders of this mail. The department rule is to return all such letters for postage, and where business addresses are not printed on the envelopes the seal has to be broken to get such names. The fact that such is the rule has developed a picayune style of swindling. Two down-town brokers, it is said, have carried on a correspondence for several months without investing a cent in postage. Their method of mulcting the Government is unique. For instance, Mr. John Smith wishes to communicate with Mr. James Jones. The address on the envelope will read:

.....
If not delivered in ten days, Return to
James Jones, -James St., New York City.

JOHN DOE,
-Broadway, City

.....

No stamp is affixed, and when the clerks, in sorting the mail, discover this letter, they toss it one side, after first stamping it in red ink, 'Returned for postage' Naturally the postal clerks believe that Mr. Jones in the sender, and the letter reaches him. The address, John Doe, is of course fictitious. In this way they have kept up a correspondence for months, and Uncle Sam's gray coats have been performing messenger service gratis."— [New York Star.

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THE CZAR AFRAID OF STAMPS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.— Some little time since, a young man signing himself S. Clifford Gibson of Montreal, addressed a collection of postage stamps of every nation on the American continent, to the Czar of Russia, asking him to accept the enclosed as a token of the high esteem in which he held his imperial Majesty. The package had a mysterious look about it, and probably with the thoughts of attempted assassination still fresh in his memory, the Czar ordered it to be returned unopened to the sender. It was, on its homeward journey, first transmitted from St. Petersburg to the Russian embassy at London, thence to the British Government who in turn forwarded it to the Secretary of State of Canada, who handed it to the ambitious young Gibson.

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NOTES.

The American Stamp Journal, is one of the latest and most promising papers.

The January number of The Philatelic Beacon contains a picture of "the" inventor of the postage stamp, half a page of head-lines, nine pages of advertisements &c. &c. &c.

The Curiosity Collector has completed its Volume I. Its got pants.

The Storm Cloud Miscellany from Woolwich, Eng. is one of the best amateur papers we see. Subscription Rates: 1 s. 6 d. (36 cents,) per annum.

NOTES Continued.

The Stamp Collector's Figaro, "an illustrated monthly," reached us last week but somehow or other the illustrations had fallen out.

The Southern Philatelist, turns up for December with a picture of the new secretary of A. P. A. It contains good matter and is well printed.

The New York Philatelist and The Philatelic Era are similar, the latter comes from Portland Maine.

The Dominion Philatelist is a dandy.

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Our Star Route Service.

By GUY W. GREEN.

TROUBLES concerning the "star route" mail service of the United States are apparently unending.

Probably many of my readers remember the famous difficulty concerning the routes some years ago, and now Second Assistant Postmaster General Whitfield calls attention to some of the evils connected with the service.

The Postmaster General's complaints, briefly summarized are as follows:

When bids for carrying the mail are advertised for, competition between the different bidders is very close, and the profit resulting from the contract consequently small. The successful bidder cannot sub-let at a profit, and fails to assume the service, trusting that by a readjustment with the government he may realize a profit from the work he has agreed to perform.

This is of course a great disadvantage to the government.

In some cases however the contractors who have made low bids award the service to sub-contractors at low rates, and the result is poor service. The unfortunate carrier then forgets the interests of the people and seeks only for the bettering of his own condition. The postmasters at the ends

of the routes frequently fail to report delinquencies on the part of carriers out of consideration for their already overburdened shoulders.

Whitfield recommends that a commission be appointed to consider matters and make needed changes. A few figures concerning the "star route" service may not prove unwelcome. The annual expenditure to June 30, 1889 was \$5,228,387; number of routes: 1,077; aggregate length of routes: 233,331 miles. The appropriation for the last fiscal year was \$5,400,000, and the sum expended \$5,177,195. We see by the last items the ruinous rates at which contractors must have undertaken the service.

THE USED AND UNUSED STAMP.

TO THE EDITOR OF YE "BOODLE" PHILATELISTE.

IN the article which appeared in the December No. of your valuable paper under the title of "What is Philately, anyhow?" the writer brings to view an idea not entirely new to some collectors, but which has never been extensively spoken of in any of our Philatelic papers. It is, nevertheless, one of great importance to the collector who wishes to collect carefully.

The postage stamp is certainly not as legitimate before paying postage on a letter as it is after it has performed the use for which it was made. There are many advantages that the collection of only used stamps offers to one who would so collect; One is, that it does away, almost entirely, with the troublesome "reprint." Of course the reprints made by the U. S. Govern't, several years ago, and which can be used for postage, would enter into his collection,

for, strictly speaking, these are genuine postage stamps issued by the government and can be used for postage. Another way in which the used stamp is of superiority to the collector is this; He cannot readily procure unused stamps without paying for them, while the used stamp can be easily exchanged or, better still, be taken from the envelope upon which it has been placed to pay postage. To a collector who gathers his stamps more for pleasure than profit, it is infinitely more pleasing to hunt up the letters and there get the treasures than to pay his money for stamps, for by so doing half the reasons for collecting are lost. Another thing in favor of used stamps is, the enormous quantities of stamps purchased by dealers has incited many governments or colonies to issue stamps for this purpose alone, which certainly tends to lower the value of both used and unused stamps from that country. (As a proof of the above statement those who can, might read Maj. Evans' article "Upon certain varieties" in the American Philatelist, Vol. III, No. 5.) The entire pleasure of collecting is spoiled by having to collect such "unused" stamps as these.

In these cases the stamps are made not to use but to sell to collectors and therefore, he who collects only used stamps is rid of these. He may as well collect miniature business cards. These made-to-order stamps are just as good as any unused stamp, for it is impossible to tell, always, for what purpose the stamps have been made. Many other reasons might be here adduced, but let more worthy hands than mine wield the pen in that direction. It is sure, however, that as the collectors in general are now busied in sitting upon Reprints, that they will soon be banishing collections of unused stamps as not Philately.

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A BAND OF PHILATELIC BOODLERS.

CHAPTER I,

No wonder he looked down in the mouth, for of trials and tribulations on this earth, Alwos Cheetum had had a double share.

It was in the summer of 18— that Count Herr Feet was travelling through



ALWOS CHEETUM.

the United States and visiting the homes of many philatelists, (with whom his name is still familiar,) that he came in contact with Cheetum who, at that time, held the honorable position of President of The Boodle Philatelic Manufacturing Co., a company which had been organized with the sole object in view, to 'manufacture' and place into the hands of the philatelic dealers of America,

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Now, the success of such an organization needs no question, inasmuch that we can trust our dealers to "snatch" a good thing when they see it, and before many new moons had passed away, the prospect of the venture appeared gilt edged. Cheetum had been busily engaged in his office for nearly an hour, meditating over a rather peculiar epistle he had received, on the morning the presence of the Count was announced. He was ushered into the private office where the following interesting colloquy took place.

"Herr Sheetum I pelief"

"Yes sir, that is my name."

"Vell (handing his card,) I vos came here dis mornings to dakes von look at dose fine goots vot mine frient Lit. O'Graff dells me you keeps in sthock."

"Certainly, Count, glad you have called, nothing gives me greater pleasure than to accommodate patrons at all times, here are a few samples, look at them."

"Mine gootness, dey beads der chenuwine ding. So hellub me bob, dose are der pest I efer seen. Vot do you tink of mine?"

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A Band of Philatelic Boodlers.

CHAPTER II.

Had a thunderbolt exploded in front of Cheetum he could not have been more surprised, as the Count pulled out a wallet and displayed an unlimited assortment of "the used and unused specimen."

When Alvos had recovered from the shock, he reviewed the "stamps" with apparent pleasure, and after a brief discussion, the Count left with the promise to put in an appearance at the club room the following evening, and in the meantime, Cheetum would place the specimens submitted before the share-holders who were to meet that afternoon.

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The share-holders had just assembled when the president hurriedly reported his interview with the Count, and invited an examination on the specimens left for inspection, he furthermore intimated that it was his candid opinion that their visitor had an idea of becoming a share-holder, and if such was the case they would have every opportunity of increasing their interests abroad.

It was unanimously decided that they give Feet a hearty welcome to their

gathering.

The president next announced that he had received a very peculiar letter from Bro. Beyer of Boston, and from the wording of it, he (the president) was given to understand that it was Beyer's intention to withdraw from the company, and start in the biz on his own hook.

Lith O'Graph said that as he understood it, Count Herr Feet had recently passed through Boston and would probably be able to give some information as to the action Beyer had taken and advised the president to hold the matter over until they had had an opportunity to speak to Feet. So the matter stood and after other business was dispensed with they parted.

Promptly at eight o'clock the following evening the Count made his appearance and met with a cordial welcome from all. As the president brought down the gavel, every member was silent. Cheetum arose and recited the intended programme for the evening and suggested that Count Herr Feet give a preliminary address. The Count responded, stepped upon the platform and with a bow, commenced:

"Shentlemens, I vos so glad I vos here to-nighd, cos I vos make mineself pelief dot dere vos more ash von poodler in dis vide vide vorld. Now I will gif you a short gography of my eggsberiences in dis gountry,

I vos first come to New York about dree months alreaty und lanted in der garten of eden, nine das ish not id, der castle by der sea; nine das ish not id, Castle Gartens, yah, mit fife udder poxes mit me, der vos von pox of uset, von more pox of uset, zwei poxes of unuset und von pox of chenuwine ones for samples. Vell der gustoms inspekter gomes rount und he say 'vot you got dere',

und I say 'clcding, mine frient, und some dools;' den he say 'leaf me see,' und I say 'I 'osd der key,' und he say 'I kig id oben und I say 'O dond do dot, I gif you fife tollar if you leaf me go,' he say 'yah' I gif id him, und den he say 'frow gi.'. Vell I did git und pucl ub for der efening at der Soudh Fifth Afenue Hoedel. I got my subber und went to ped, bud I could not shleep a vink, cos der vos dree men in der next ped tokin about busting a bank, so I turned ofer on de udder side, und in about dree seckonds somedings struck mine het, I tried to shoud but id vos no go. I vos knocked insensable mit von of dose feller's shimmeys I guess.

Vell ven I vake ub in der morning, my het vos placker ash plue, und I gets ub righd away quick to look for my poxes but dere vos only two of dem left. Great Casar, I nearly vent mat, I goes the stairs down und vent to see der poss, stated my case, und he said 'vot for der hangman did you go to shleep if you dont vont to lose your poxes' I told him I dcnt go to shleep, de udder fellers shleeped me. Vell he say 'Der only feller vot took any poxes dis morning, his name vos Peyer und he gomes from Poston. Vell I take out mine 'death roll' und writes down Poodler Peyer from Poston.

Mit a heavy heart I gozs ub stairs, swipes two piller cases, filled one full of 'unuset' und one mit 'uset' und departs.

Vell! I goes to a place called Skotts ub by Madison Square mit plate glass vinders.

A blokey mit a vestcoat mit von putton un I a tiamond ash big ash a dime

und a peice of rount glass sthuck in his eye, comes ub to me und ask me my peesness. Vell I show him my stock und he say Shulier Seezer! dey vos gounterfeits, I haf you hauled in for imposing upon der publig', und he goes to der telephone und I goes through der door.

Vell der next scene vos in Nassau Street, on der seckond floor of a pilding, mit two shentlemen of my own nationality.

I pulled out some 'uset' und ask dem do dey vant any. Vell der pig feller, he does der torking for der whole firm, asked me how much I vonted for der outfit. I told him I dond sold dem in outfits I sell dem in quarts. Vell I sell him a gallon of each und bid him good-py.

I vent to der stairway, und so help me bob, dere comes dot Skott's dude mit a kop. I slopes back again to der big bloke und told him, und he fires me inside of der safe und loggs der door.

Lucky dings for me id vos a big safe und I had enuff room, so I begins to make myself at home. I lighted a candle vot I had in my pogget, sits down on my bundles, pick ub some sthamp papers und starts to read.

Der first ding vot sthruck my eye vos a piece by Mr. Heinsberger, entitled 'How to run der United States Government und a few points for Shon Bull' und I notice der advertisemend of 'you gang' offering Kapc of Good Hobe for fife cends und Brattleboro's for a quarter,

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In von moment all vos still, den I thought dey vos just gone to lunch, but no such luck, id vos saturday der 14th, und dey close ub at noon.

I vos in dot safe shust 44 hours. mitout von glass of sour kraut or a plate of lager beer und I vent ash thin ash a match.

At last dose fellers come, singing, O vere ish my poy lasd nighd? und I yells out Rightd here! Haf dead!! und all vos silent. Dey had heard my shentle



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voice, for in about zwei seckonds der door vos opened, und I see der light of day once more.

Seven strides und I vos at der door. Seven more und I vos inside a lager peer saloon, und after filling up, I vent out und bought a refolfer und some pullets, und takes der Fall Rifer Line to Poston to see if I can find dot shentleman who swiped my sthamps. After hunting about fife weeks I only find von feller, und his name vos Taylor, (he makes all his own) but he vos der man I vonted, anyhow, for he told me vere to find Peyer. Vell I write Peyer a letter telling him I will call und see him, but ven I vent dere he had moved.

Vell der next two weeks vos obsorbed in railroad travels during which time I seen putty near eferybody und at lasd I see you shentlemen, und dat is all I haf yo say to-nighd," (Applause.)

As the Count alighed, Cheetum arose to his feet, and said "Gentlemen! I declare a recess of five minutes to investigate the case of this notorious Beyer."

TO BE CONTINUED.

A NOVEL IDEA

[Pertaining to all.]

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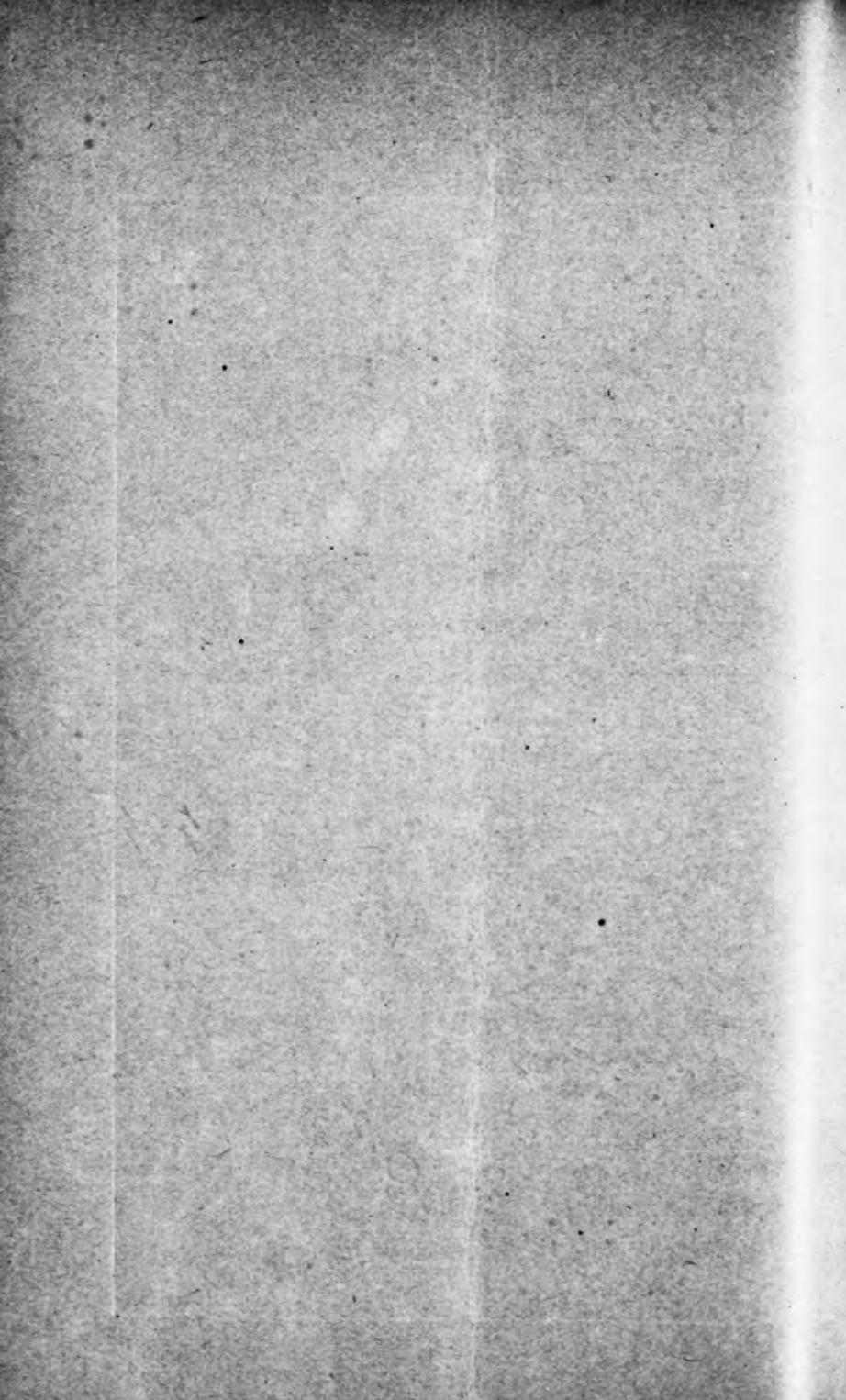
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*Some Burning Questions.

By GUY. W. GREEN.

IN the realm of philately there are some things for which we cannot account.

Of these I may mention a few.

Why is it that a badly edited, poorly printed four page paper can start in and soon distance its older and more meritorious competitors? This is not very often the case, but yet it occasionally happens. The philatelic public looks on surprised while brainy editors throw down the pen in despair, and the proprietor of the small badly gotten up sheet serenely pursues the even tenor of his way. Perhaps he has a subscription list composed of inexperienced collectors who patronize his advertisers liberally. Possibly he has succeeded in placing his periodical before a number of collectors who never before saw a stamp paper. Maybe he— But it is useless to speculate. The fact is there and we cannot change it.

Then some stamp dealers have a way of "booming" their business for which I can find no reason. Let me illustrate. Some of you have doubtless

noticed published testimonials from various "prominent philatelists".

The dealer receives a letter in a big boyish hand from the eminent collector Tommy Rot, and this he reproduces for the benefit of prospective patrons.

I have in mind as I write this, one dealer, who a short time ago published a letter from a juvenile customer. The epistle said that the author "had bought stamps from S—, B—, Dresser and many others, but none were as cheap as yours" (alluding to the dealer to whom he sent the letter.)

Now it is a well known fact that Elmer A. Dresser of Boston Mass. is one of the most important dealers in counterfeit stamps in the United States.

The New York dealer's stamps must have been cheap indeed to compete with his in price.

Doubtless some of my readers received a price-list containing letters from Tommy McGrew and several other small boys, who had probably secured some blueing and one of their father's letter-heads, and laboriously written a letter of praise to their favorite dealer.

What benefit our traffickers in stamps expect to derive from such methods of doing business as those just mentioned it is impossible to see; but way down deep in the inmost recesses of their hearts they probably have good reasons for their conduct.

I have suggested a few questions which must present themselves to every philatelist. There are many more of a similar character which might be cited.

This life is a round of mysteries. Perhaps I have pointed out some of them. At any rate they are puzzles to me.

Perhaps time, which reveals all things, will pour a flood of light into the darkness. At any rate, I am living in hopes of such an event.

* The Hill-Chalmers controversy has been omitted from this article by special request of 3000 long suffering philatelists.

G. W. G.

A BAND OF PHILATELIC BOODLERS.

CHAPTER III,

During the recess several very critical questions were put before the Count, all of which he answered with admirable promptness.

Sir Charge addressed the assembly and very vividly outlined the situation the worthy order was placed in, through such a rascally thief as Beyer. The stirring words were more than the members could stand, and before the famous orator was fairly begun, nearly ninety per cent were crying out for blood.

At this point Sentinal Grill entered the room and, handing the president a card, remarked, "this gentleman would like to see you on important business."

Cheetum staggered as he read:

M. Bost,
DETECTIVE.
New York.

but regaining his equilibrium, he stalked toward the ante-room where the stranger was waiting.

The members waited about ten minutes for Cheetum, but as the gentleman did not return, Sir Charge took the president's chair and moved that the meeting be continued as it was almost ten o'clock and no business had been transacted, worthy of mention.

The motion was carried.

Mr. N. Graver suggested that about 15,000 of the new stock of British Bechuanaland be post-marked as they would sell more rapidly; and inasmuch as Mr. Fiftypercent of Baltimore, has ordered 1,000 of the same, it would be a good idea to commence at once.

Acting upon the suggestion Sir Charge set Lith O'Graff to work cancelling.

Mr. Gelt proposed that they publish a philatelic paper, with Cheetum as editor and himself as business manager, for the object of "booming" their trade. It was not a very easy task to convince all the members that such a thing was necessary and, as may be expected, it was quite some time before that gentleman ceased speaking.

"Well," resumed Gelt, "there is another who has a say in this matter, and by the way, is it not time he had returned." Sir Charge thought it was, and therefore went to the ante-room and knocked, but receiving no response he entered, only to find that Cheetum and the visitor had departed.

Grill was questioned but positively denied that they had passed down stairs. What other exit was there? Only the window! Was it possible that their leader was then lying, a badly perforated specimen, on the sidewalk, seventy feet below?

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CHAPTER VI.

CHEETUM COMES BACK.



THE eventful evening with which we closed our fourth chapter was rapidly passing into oblivion. No longer was it asked where Cheetum was, where Grill was, or what was all that strange noise.

For weeks these questions had been asked over and over again, but no information could be gotten on the subject. The annual election of officers had taken place, Sir Charge was elected to the vacant presidential chair; Mr. Fiftyper-cent had been enrolled as an active member, and been elected sentinel. Gelt was the editor of the PHILATELIC

BUBBLE, and many indispensable articles on "Peruvian Surcharges," "The Stamps of Corea," "Hamburg Locals," by the author, "The Necessity of the Facsimile," etc., had been contributed to its columns.

Brother Beyer had been expelled. The perforating machine had fallen on Lith O'Graph and the society had had a funeral.

All these things had been going on since Cheetum, Bost and Grill had vanished; great changes had taken place in almost everything, but without stopping to weary our reader with a lot of dry information, we wish to pass over to January 31st, upon which night the balance of our story is hinged upon.

It came about this way: Sir Balaclava Charge, who was an Englishman, (a remnant of the famous "Six Hundred") was sitting in his library in the Continental Hotel, reading the latest news of Garnet Woolsey in the Soudan, upon the last night of the old year.

The night outside was clear, the air crisp, and as he opened the lower sash of the window so as to let the Old Year out and the New Year in, according to the old English custom, he heard groans as of one in pain proceeding from the room directly below him, and, being of an inquisitive turn of mind, went down to see what it meant.

Tapping on the door he received no response, so without further ado he pushed the door open ; a man lay on the bed, his face all distorted with pain ; but, although great changes had taken place since they last met, Sir Charge immediately recognized his old friend—Alwos Cheetum.



CHAPTER VII

CHEETUM'S STORY—A NEW MYSTERY.

A little "doctoring" soon revived Cheetum's drooping spirits and twenty-four hours after Sir Charge had discovered him, he was well enough to tell the story of his existence, (the substance of which the reader already knows, up till he had placed the detective on the bed). After that, he said, he returned to the factory with the hand-wagon, in which he found the missing whiskers of Bost, and thinking to have a little fun with Grill, adjusted the beard on himself and crawled up-stairs as noiseless as possible. Grill, supposing it was the ghost of the departed Bost, gave a loud yell and flew at him like a tiger, almost choking him, but as soon as he found out his mistake they both departed hastily, fearing that they might be called to account for their strange actions.

It was their intention to wait around and explain the whole matter to Sir Charge, but in less than fifteen minutes they met "Cop" Plate, who communicated the startling intelligence that a man had been murderously attacked at the Continental Hotel and that several detectives were already busy on the case.

There was no time now to explain matters, so each of them took a bundle of unused "Sydney-views," and, knowing that the railway stations would be watched by the detectives, started on foot for the City of Chaltar, seventeen miles distant.

Arriving at their destination they fared sumptuously for a time, Cheetum hav-

ing disposed of the "stamps" to a certain Sound City Stamp Co. for a very good figure; but it did not take long for their funds to dribble away, and they soon found themselves penniless.

Then Grill grew despondent and disappeared, and after leading the life of a tramp for two months, Cheetum resolved to return home and give himself up to the police, but Dame Fortune, who seemed to have deserted him so long, smiled on him again, for no sooner had he arrived in his native town, than he found a pocket-book full of greenbacks, so instead of going to the station-house as he at first intended, he went to his old stopping-place, the Continental Hotel, where Sir Charge discovered him the day after his arrival, quite sick from his recent exertions.

He seemed very much surprised when Sir Charge told him that Bost had never been seen in the Hotel, and that the case which Plate spoke of was another matter altogether, and no wonder, for there was beyond a doubt a mystery connected with Detective M. Bost, of New York! What was it?



CHAPTER VIII

GRILL ATTENDS THE MEETING.

'Twas meeting night, Friday, January 3rd, the members had just assembled in the capacious rooms on Reprint Alley, and Cheetum (now himself again), was standing in the midst of a group of anxious inquirers, vainly endeavoring to answer to innumerable questions that were being asked on all sides, when the President called for order.

Cheetum was asked to relate his adventures before the meeting, which he



COUNT HERMAN FEET.

did willingly, and he was not the only person present who thought he saw the usually merry features of Count Herman Feet turn pale on the mention of the detective. At the conclusion of his recital, Cheetum was applauded vociferously, and it was fully fifteen minutes before order could be restored in the hall.

Then there was a debate on the "whys and wherefores" of the whole matter, which ended in their coming no nearer to a conclusion than they had done before.

Sir Charge, who, it will be remembered, was elected president after Cheetum's departure, offered his resignation, but it was refused on the motion of Alwos, who said that he had no idea of again becoming the leader unless it became absolutely necessary.

The secretary, Mr. M. Bezzler, then read off the minute book; two committees on work outstanding made their reports, and the president announced that he had received an application for membership and was expecting the gentleman, Mr. Al. Bumm, any moment. "After this business has been concluded," he said, "we will have a little fun, for no doubt Mr. Alwos Cheetum, here, would like some sport after the tough time he has passed through."

But no one knew, not even Sir Charge himself, what fun they were about to have, even before the minute hand on the old Grandfather's clock made one more revolution.

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Mr. N. Graver was in the midst of an eloquent address on "Grilled Surcharges," when the door noiselessly opened and someone entered the room and sat down on a back seat; but the members were too much interested to notice him until loud, angry voices in the hall-way attracted their attention; then a young man entered, pistol in hand, and pointed it straight at the sitting stranger's head. He seemed greatly excited, flourishing the weapon like a western road agent, but they immediately recognized him as the ex-sentinel of the Boodle Philatelic Manufacturing Company and Information Bureau—Reginald Grill.

CHAPTER IX.

THE VILLAIN UNMASKED.

Yes ; it was Grill who had returned to his old haunts and stood there like an Arizona outlaw holding up a stage coach, ready to shoot the first man who moved.

The whole thing occurred in much less time than it takes to tell, and the members were too astonished to speak. Sentinel Fiftypercent stood at the door, with his eyes and mouth wide open, evidently expecting to see one after the other stop a bullet from the madman's gun.

But no such thing happened. Grill, who was the first to regain his composure, took off his hat, and said in a clear voice:

"Mr. President."

And Sir Charge, forgetting parliamentary rules in his excitement, burst out :

"Why, Grill, old boy——"

"What does this man want here to-night," continued Grill, pointing to the stranger, who had turned as pale as a sheet, and sat there as if glued to the spot.

"That, I believe, is Mr. Al. Bumm, who intended to join us this evening," returned the president.

"Oh," said Grill, "then let me give you a little information concerning Mr. Al. Bumm, alias M. Bost, alias Edward Beyer of Boston. [A regular howl went up from the members.] He is a thief and an imposter; he is the man who stole Bro. Feet's shipment of goods in New York; he has sold stock of the B. P. M. Co. without making returns for it; he has come here under the guise of a detective, and caused endless annoyance, and to-night he is here for—yes, what for?"

During Grill's speech all eyes had been turned upon Beyer, [as we will call him hereafter] and as he finished the majority of the members rushed at him, and it would, no doubt, have been a cold day for that gentleman (?) had not Sir Charge called for order, and bade them be seated.

It was now the president's turn to say something, and after making a few remarks about the perpetual annoyance Beyer had caused the company, he

left it with the members to settle as to what should be done with the scoundrel. Count Herr Feet was the next to speak: "I mofe dot we fire him owid of der winder," he said.

Cheetum, true to his philatelic instincts, thought that he had better be "perforated," "stamped upon," and sent forth into the world a badly used-up specimen for the warning of others.

Editor Gelt thought that publishing him on the black list of the "Philatelic Bubble" would be a fit punishment, while Mr. Fiftypercent (who had entered to see the fun), said a dose of carbolic acid would be all he'd need; Mr. Thirtoffski, the Russian member, mentioned "dynamite" and "bombs," and Mr. Tel O'Graph, (a brother of the late lamented Lith O'Graph) suggested a lynching party but it was finally decided to let the president pass sentence upon him, as he saw fit.



BEYER PLEADS.



CHAPTER X.

BEYER'S TRIAL AND ESCAPE.

The face of Balaclava Charge once more assumed a serious aspect, but after having a private interview with Grill, he put on his eye-glasses and began as follows:

"Edward Beyer of Boston, formerly a member of the Boodle Philatelic Manufacturing Company, is charged with having on or about the third day of May, 18—, stolen from our Worthy

Brother, Count Herman Feet, a consignment of goods, valued at \$7,500.00 net, and furthermore with having taken goods from this organization, promising to make returns in a specified time, he not only neglected to do this, but wrote a letter saying that he did not intend to pay for them, and, moreover, that on a date shortly after the foregoing incident, he called upon our Past Worthy President in disguise, representing himself as a detective looking for Brother Feet, and again, this evening he calls here, under the guise of Mr. Al Bumm, with some object in view which, undoubtedly, vows no good to this organization.

"So much for the prosecution, now for the defence. Mr. Beyer, what have you to say for yourself?"

Beyer rose to his feet and began to weep. Poverty had driven him to it, he said—and that is all he did say.

Grill, who was sitting a few feet away, had turned his head to speak to some one, and before any of the audience had time to wink, Edward Beyer had disappeared!

The scene that followed defies description. Every member in his eager desire to capture the fugitive, literally fell over each other down the stairs till they reached the street, and Cheetum, unlucky again, was carried up stairs with a badly sprained ankle, and although several of the "boodlers" continued the search for some time, they never saw anything more of Edward Beyer of Boston.

[And although the villain herewith is



REGINALD GRILL. *

* While on their tramp to Chaltar Cheetum frequently compelled Grill to carry both packages of "Sydney Views," which act Reginald is herewith represented as vigorously protesting against.



"COOPED."

it pays not to get TOO funny.]

dropped from this story, perhaps it would be well to briefly observe the ending of this young man, thus "led away by the evil spirit," as Sir Charge said. Encouraged by the fact of having thus far been able to elude the hand of the law in his nefarious career, he went to work "shoving the queer" on an enormous scale in one of our large cities; but retribution overtook him at last, and he is now residing in a community where check suits are not fashionable, work is very plentiful, and food just the opposite. The moral of this little sketch is, dear reader, that while it is all right to be funny,



CHAPTER XI.

GRILL'S STORY.

When the members had all returned to the room it was quite late, but it was decided that Grill should relate his "part of the story" before they departed for the night, and so "Regy," looking very meek, ascended the platform and told of his adventures since leaving Cheetum, the main points of which were as follows:

The morning he left Cheetum in Chaltar he succeeded in getting a position as porter at a hotel. The hours were long, and as he was to be paid monthly, he very properly supposed that Cheetum would not wish to see him until that time, and when at last he did go to the boarding-house where Alwos and he had lodged, he received the startling information that Cheetum had been "fired," being several weeks in arrears.

Grill kept his job at the hotel for some time, and one day came in contact with a man who he was sure was the detective, and on looking in the register you may imagine his surprise when he beheld, scribbled across the page, the entry:

EDWARD BEYER, BOSTON.

Little more remains to be told; suffice to say that when Beyer left the hotel

Grill left also, following him to several places (where, he said, Beyer went by a different disguise at almost every place), and on arriving at the Continental Hotel, he registered as Al Bumm, and then made for the club-rooms, where he was brought face to face with the men he had swindled.



CHAPTER XII.

CONCLUSION.

Although Beyer's strange actions in the detective case always remained a mystery, no doubt Sir Charge came very near to the truth when he made the following explanation :

"Beyer," he said, "after stealing Feet's 'stamps,' felt that he needed nothing else, and so, as we have seen, resigned from the B. P. M. Co.; but, after hearing that Feet was coming here, and fearing that some action might be taken to regain the Count's property, he came himself—expecting to get here before Feet—under the disguise of a detective looking for the Dutchman, so that when he (the Count) came around we would get rid of him as soon as possible, but his scheme was not as successful as he had anticipated. [Laughter and applause.]

"As to his coming here to-night, that is very plain. It is evident that the money derived from the sale of Feet's goods is all disposed of, and having been successful in fleecing the company before, he intended, under an assumed name, to do it again." [Cries of "Hear, hear."]

It was now half-past eleven and on motion of Alwos, the meeting adjourned after singing :

Johnny Rodgers had an album,
And in it pasted stamps ;
He used to hang it on the door
To scare away the tramps.

One "Son of Rest" who happened by,
Took it for a slice of bread,
But a Hamburg Local stuck in his craw
And now the poor man is dead.

Now let this be a warning,
And in your craniums rub :
Though stamps are very good for cash,
They're very poor things for "grub."

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EDITORIAL.

And so Voute has really been "fired" ! The Saints be praised !

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Another twelve-pager. Verily our subscribers are getting the worth of their money.

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Ye Boodle, No. 5 : "A Band of Philatelic Boodlers," (a Dutchman's romance).—[Universal Collector.

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We are a little late this issue owing to the delay in procuring the illustrations for our serial story, "A Band of Philatelic Boodlers."

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A friend of ours, recently, speaking of the present issue of stamps, said they were "printed terrible, gummed awful, and perforated horrible."

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We have changed our printers this month—for the better, we hope. It certainly cannot be worse than the "botch" furnished us last month.

The July number of the American Stamp Journal, just to hand, says, "We miss Ye Boodle's handsome illustration in its April number." Just so, but we give you several this month to make up for it.

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Will F. Weber, of Pawnee City, will make an extended tour through the East and South during the coming summer. He will be in attendance at the A. P. A. convention in New York City.—[Nebraska Stamp News.

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A series of stamps from one cent up to five dollars, bearing scenes from the life of Christopher Columbus should be a special feature of the quadricentennial year, 1892, in honor of the great discoverer. Will Brother Wana-maker kindly "catch on" to this idea?

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An article entitled, "About Postal Cards," lately published in the American Stamp Journal, has been reprinted in no less than seven different philatelic papers that have come under our observation. The writer, who signs himself "Fictitious," is the same who recently gave Ph. Heinsberger a hauling over the coals in his admirable article, "Calculations and Investigations," published in the same paper.



OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

Curiosity Collector ???

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The Philatelic Nonpareil has gone up the spout.

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One reads very little news in the Philatelic Monthly.

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The April Eastern Philatelist was, as usual, a very newsy sheet.

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We have not yet seen a copy of the Wide Awake Philatelist which was to appear in March.

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The Universal Collector's Hill vs. Chalmers vote stands : Hill 7, Chalmers 3, Neutral 3. 'Rah for Rowland.

And the "Post Cards" still roll in.

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The Keystone Stamp Advertiser is one of the latest.

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Shake ye off the flies, Oh Philatelic Beacon!—[Exchange.

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The Stamp Collectors' Journal has greatly improved its typographical appearance.

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The Tennessee Philatelist does not compare very favorably with its sister, the Southern.

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Mr. W. H. Rice is out with another paper, the U. S. Philatelist. This makes the third he has started in six months.

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The Central Philatelist will not appear again till September. The editor is going on a two months' visit to Texas and New Mexico.

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The London Stamp News for June is a valuable issue, containing a full account of the great philatelic exhibition. It also contains a number of photo-engravings.

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The Dominion Philatelist takes the cake as the official organ of the C. P. A. Its May number consisted of but fifteen pages of advertisements and not even one line of reading matter.



A REBUS.

How is this?: "The last monarchy on the American sail is 8,000. No more Superio do Brazil stamps, but we may expect an issue in the near future bearing the Jegeno of Estados Unidos do Brazil."—[One Dime.

We are glad you told us this, as we certainly never heard it before. By the way, if the last monarchy on American "sail" is 8,000, what is Portugal? A stamp valued at 99 cents will be presented to the person sending us the correct answer.—[Dixey, in Western Philatelist.