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A MONTHLY PAPER FOR COLLECTORS AND EXCHANGERS.

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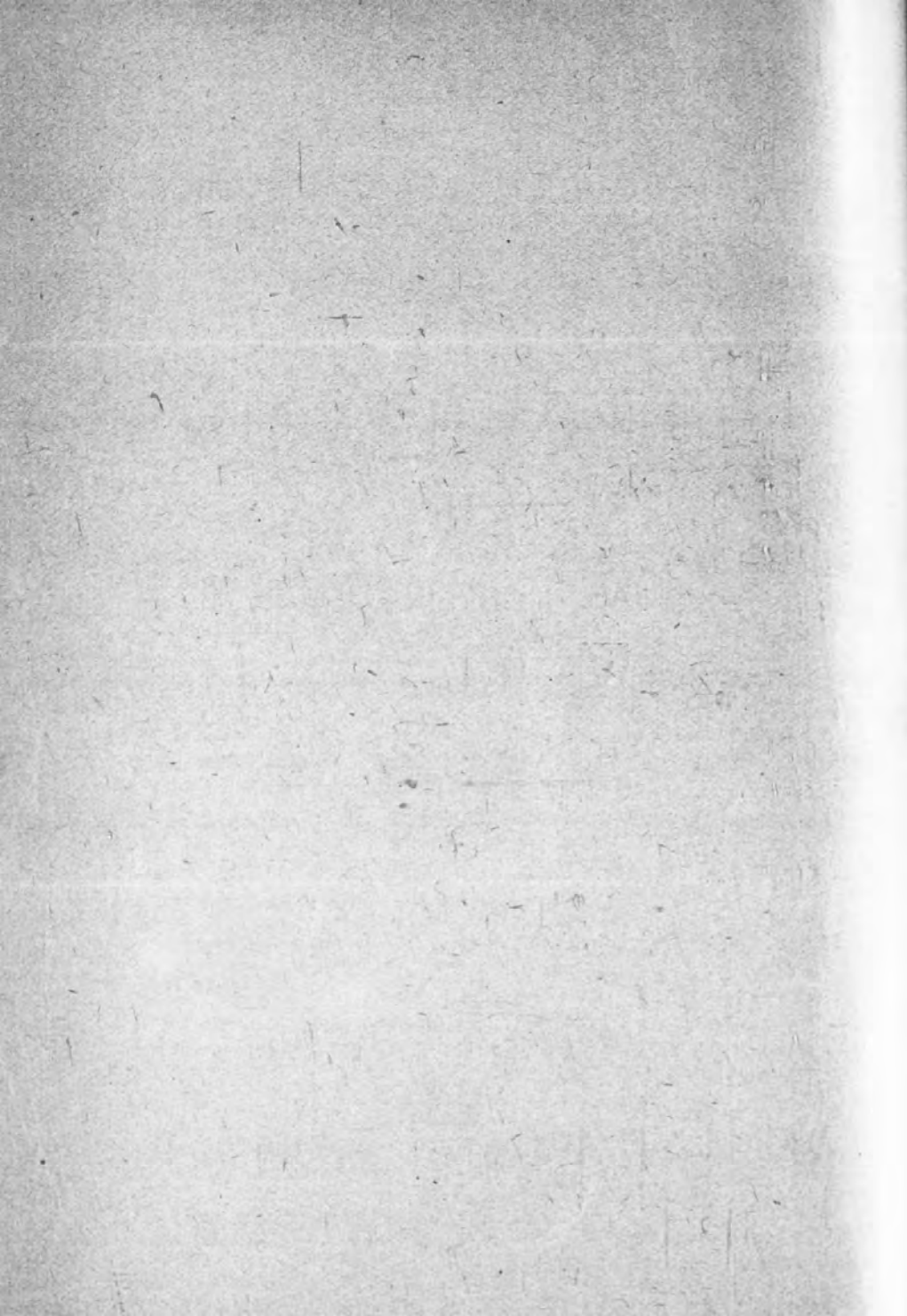
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DOM PEDRO.

A story is told of the ex-emperor of Brazil which well illustrates his character. When with the empress, he visited the centennial exhibition in Philadelphia and attempted to examine the exhibits, he was wedged in immovably by a gaping, excited, but good natured mob. He bore this in patience for two days. On the third day he resolved to make a bold change.

"I shall see nothing," he said to his secretary. "I must be *incognito*. Procure me some disguise."

The next day a stout farmer, with a coat not of the newest, his wife on his arm in a rather shabby merino gown, shouldered his way through the gates, and spent the day in a close study of the educational system of the different countries. They thus quietly and unnoticed continued their observations for a week.

One day they met a group of twenty Brazilian civil engineer students from a great polytechnic school. The young men stopped, hesitated in amazement, and then with loud cheers and wild excitement, saluted the farmer and his wife, bowing to the ground and kissing their hands.

"It is the emperor," one of them explained with tears in his eyes, to a bystander.

He is more than our king; he is the father of his people! Out of his own scanty purse he supports me and nine other orphan boys at our school. In every country he has his orphan boys in colleges and universities, that they may bring knowledge of all arts and sciences to Brazil. He has just made a tour of Europe, and he comes here to find new inventions and ideas that may be of use to his people."

The boys gathered closely around Dom Pedro, while he asked each as to his health and success. He knew each of "his boys" personally, and was loved by them with a deep, grateful affection. [Bruce Telescope.

A short time ago in one of our large cities, a little girl went into a store and asked to see some stamps from Mexico. On being shown some of the early issues, she exclaimed, "Why, Mr. _____, that stamp can't be genuine, for it says 'un real' on it.

THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE.

The first watches were made at Nuremberg in 1477.

Coaches were first used in England in 1569.

The first telescope was used in the same country in 1608.

The first union flag was unfurled on the 1st of January, 1776, over the camp at Cambridge. It had thirteen stripes of red and white, and retained the English cross in one corner.

The first lucifer match was made in 1798.

The first horse railroad was built in 1826-7.

The first steel pen was made in 1830.

The first iron steamship was built in the same year.

Envelopes were first used in 1839 [E.

Large sets of Cowbird's Eggs.

The exact number of eggs laid by the Cowbird is unknown. One, two or three is the number usually found in one nest. During the year 1889, I found some larger sets of these eggs.

June 17th I found a Chewink's nest which contained ten Cowbird eggs.

The female Chewink flew off as I came near, but the nest contained no Chewink's eggs. Five of the eggs were of the same color, as if laid by one bird. Most of them were small, six averaging 82x62.

June 12 I found a Woodthrush's nest, containing three eggs of the Woodthrush and five of the Cowbird. The Woodthrush's and three of the Cowbird's eggs contained embryos, while the other two Cowbird's were fresh.

June 21st I found a Woodthrush's nest which contained 7 Cowbird's eggs. The female Woodthrush was sitting on them, but there were no Woodthrush's eggs. The eggs, with the exception of one, were badly incubated. Three of them looked as though laid by the same bird. [E. S. P. in the *Maine Ornithologist and Oologist*.

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NOTICE

To Subscribers, Advertisers, etc.

It was intended, when we began the publication of *THE EXCHANGE*, to issue it on the 15th of every month, but owing to a disastrous fire of March 9th, which destroyed the unfinished forms of No. 2, together with the presses, stock of stamps, etc., it was impossible for us to print another edition before April 1st.

Hereafter this paper will be issued regularly, on the 1st of the month. All exchange notices, advertisements, etc., to be inserted in the next number must be sent before the 20th of this month.

Philatelic and exchange clubs can have their monthly reports, notices and exchange lists printed at the following rates:

Not over 1 column, 1 month, 75 cents including 12 copies of the paper sent to their headquarters.

Not over 1 page, 1 month, \$1.25 and 25 copies sent.

Not over 2 pages, 1 month, \$2.25 and 50 copies sent. *All matter of this class must be sent by the 15th.*

This paper will be enlarged as occasion demands and the circulation increased every month, thereby making it a valuable medium for advertisers. Thanking you for your kindness during this unavoidable delay, and hoping to receive a share of your patronage, we are

Yours Respectfully,

THE PUBLISHERS.

The Eureka Philatelist has retired.

A. E. Ashfield, the well-known stamp dealer, has removed from Rye, N. Y., to New York City.

Miller and Lane, of Vassar, Mich., are preparing to organize a Philatelic association in the state of Michigan.

A good idea, this. There is need of a society that will lead collectors to follow stamp collecting as a science, not as a mere "craze."

Short articles and contributions of interest to collectors, will be accepted and published with pleasure, providing they are neat and original. To the boy or girl who writes the best description and history of cigarette-picture collecting, for publication in *THE EXCHANGE*, we will give 25 very fine stamps, including Roman State, Great Britain, 1840, 1-d black, Saxony arms, etc. All contributions must be in before the 1st of May, and written on one side of the paper. *Nothing but original articles accepted.*

The following publications have been received and placed on our exchange list:

Young America, Cobleskill, N. Y., a bright story paper for boys and girls.

W. F. Bishop's Monthly Circular, an 8 page stamp journal.

The Midget, a 4-page paper, published at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Effort, a bright sheet, issued at Detroit.

We will exchange one or two copies of *THE EXCHANGE* with any publishers who send us their paper.

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Just before going to press we are favored with a copy of *The Empire State Stamp Journal*, a monthly paper for stamp collectors, published by Lincoln Rappleye, (formerly with Durbin & Hanes,) at Trumansburg, N. Y. Please call every month.

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THE 'CRANK' AGAIN.

The 'crank' who thinks he has a duty to fulfill in this world, has just found out that said duty is to find an much fault as he possibly can, with the new postage stamps, the mail service and the postmaster-general. He has declared the press of

the country, his official organ, and nearly every issue contains a collection of well assorted 'kicks' on the subject.

He wants one cent postage, a new color for the entire series of stamps, a better postal card, an international postage stamp, a revolution in the mail service, and he hints modestly as to how *he* would arrange matters if *he* could be postmaster-general.

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Still, the world is full of these 'cranks,' and as long as it lasts, will have some one to find fault with the postal service.

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This paper is kept on file by Conrad H. Blanz, 30 East Mulberry Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. All subscriptions left with him will receive prompt attention.

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Edwin J. Burke,

839 10th ave.

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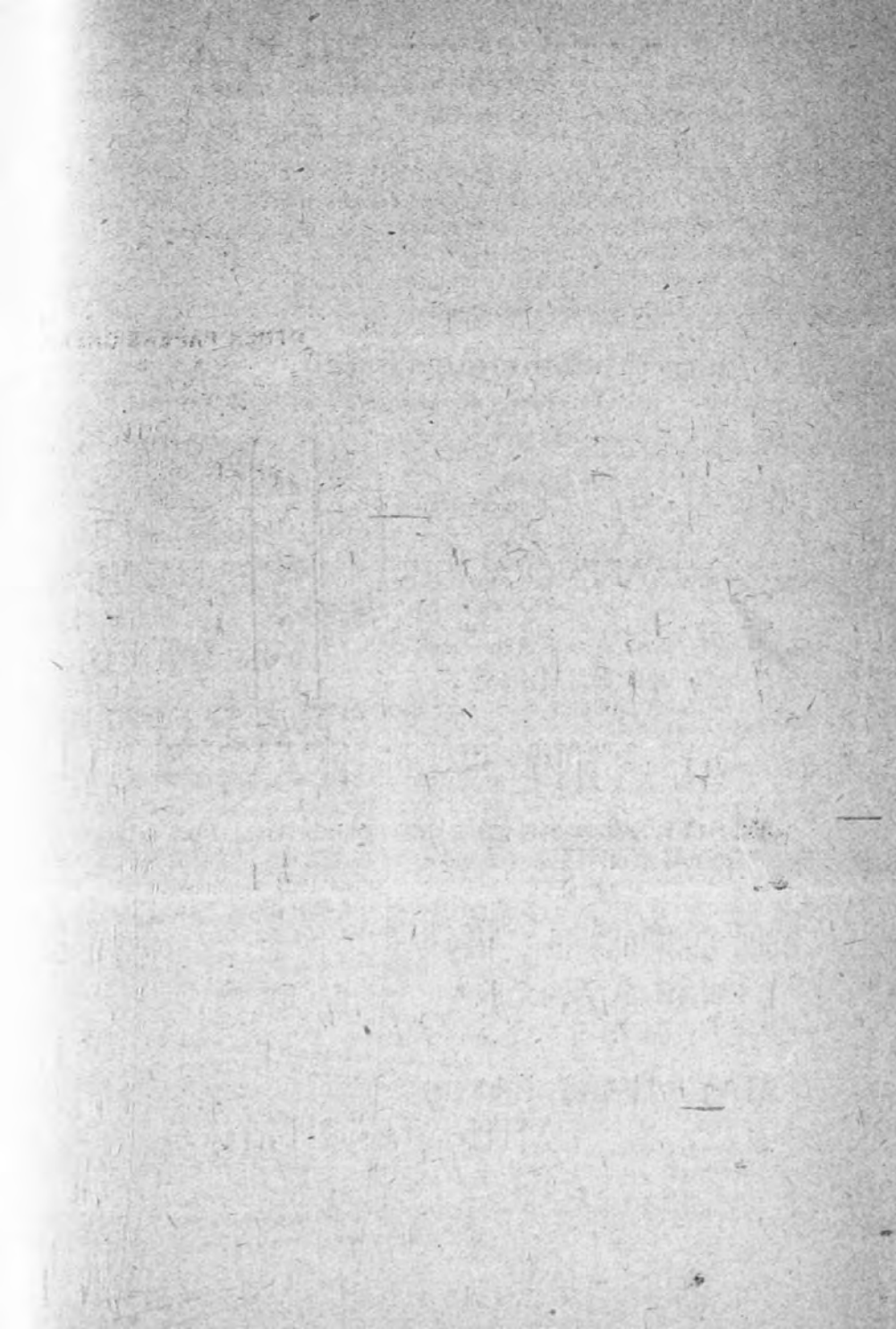
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Treasury, 3c.	price 10
Great Britain, one penny, black, 1840.	4
ditto red on blue.	20
3 var. Italy segnatasse.	20
2 " Bulgaria.	20
4 " Russia.	20
3 " Turkey.	20
2 " Queensland.	20
4 " Jamaica.	20
6 " India.	20
3 " B & O Telegraph.	20
10 mixed var.	40
10 var. Sweden, 1872.	60

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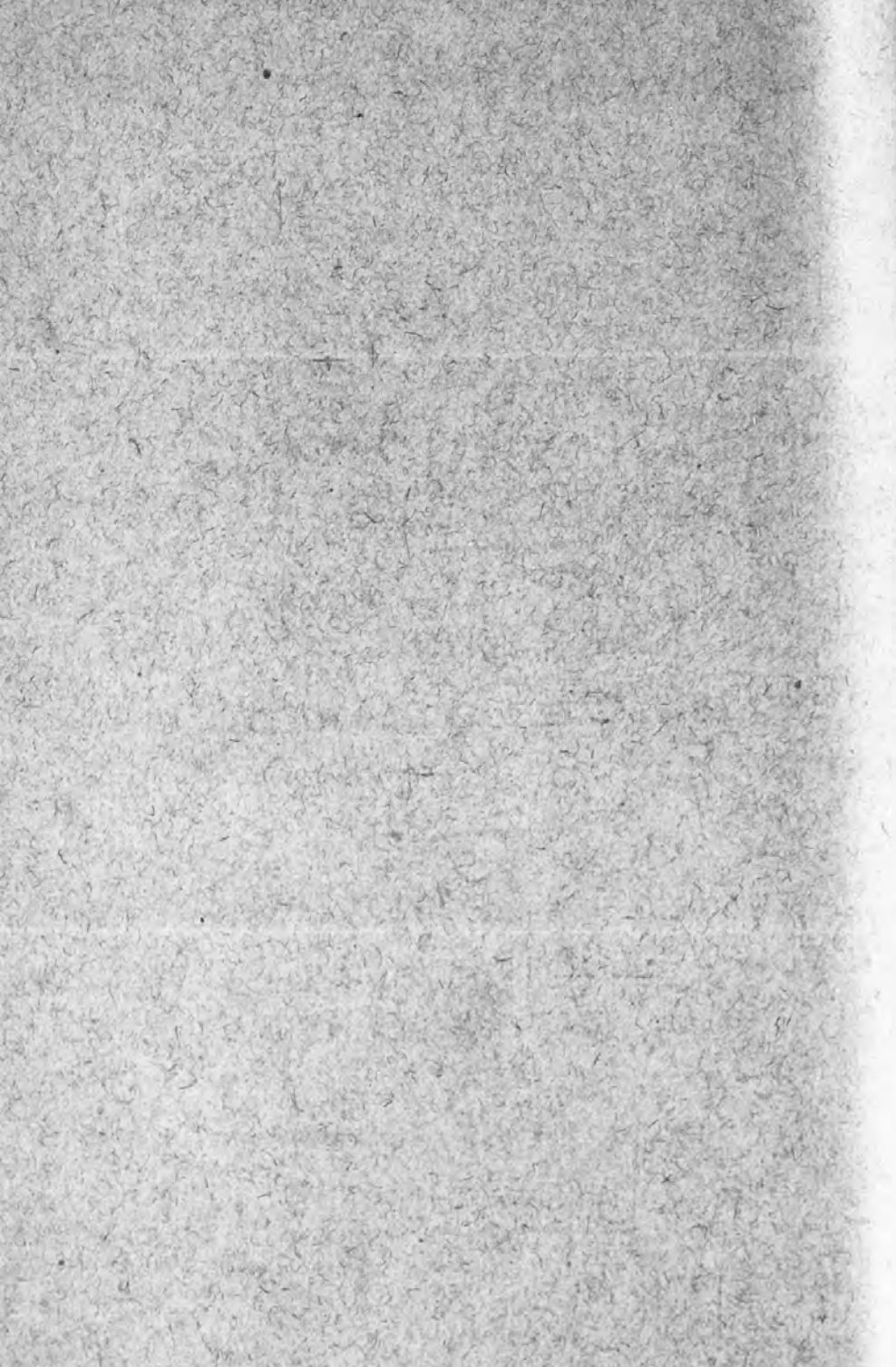
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SOME REASONS For Stamp-collecting.

Written for THE EXCHANGE.

It is quite amusing to notice the surprised look upon the face of the average man when he comes across a stamp-collector in pursuit of his favorite hobby. The numberless questions he asks, as to the whys and where-fors of collecting. What profit is it? etc.

And yet to the writer, who has been more or less identified with Philately since 1870, it seems a wonder, that outside of our own ranks, so few know of a hobby that has its devotees in every clime, its dealers numbered by thousands and so extensive a literature, that is at present being added to almost daily.

For myself, I have looked upon the pursuit as entertaining and instructive, cultivating a taste for neatness in arranging, and as also suggesting a study of the history and geography of stamp-issuing countries. Let us take up the stamps of some of these countries that show frequent changes in their designs. One will naturally inquire the cause. We find it is often the result of a revolution, ending in a change of rulers, a death, or it may be an abdication of one ruler in favor of another, so we, if we put our collections to a good use, may see before us an epitome of the world's history for the last fifty years.

Let my younger readers particularly, follow out the ideas of which this paper is but a brief suggestion, and, my word for it, you will be better prepared to answer the next one who propounds the question, "Why do you collect stamps?"

JOHN A. WILSON.

A FREAK OF NATURE.

Nearly every museum in the United States can boast a stuffed specimen of the double-headed dog or calf tribe, but very few exhibit a two-headed lamb.

W. H. Collins, the Detroit taxidermist, recently received a lamb having two heads, four eyes, four ears, four legs and two mouths. The body of this curious freak of nature is like that of an ordinary lamb up to the shoulders, from which two perfect heads and necks branch out at nearly right angles. It was sent from Saginaw, Mich., to be mounted for a gentleman of that city.

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CLIPPINGS.

Gen. Clarkson, first assistant postmaster general, denies the report that he has tendered his resignation.

Switzerland is the country in which drying is credited with a greater source of national wealth than elsewhere.

London people have begun an agitation in favor of the addition of the hour and minute to the postmark on letters, as is done in American postoffices. Heretofore the English postmark has had only the day of the month, the year, and the name of the office.

Prof. R. Stuarde Poole, of the British Museum, is one of the most learned men in England. He is the first numismatist in the world (being curator of the department of coins in the museum), one of the first orientalists, the only man in the United Kingdom who reads archaic Persian, and one of the chief biblical scholars of the day.

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The Detroit Philatelic Association has been organized, and invites stamp collectors under 18 years of age to join. Address Furrand Borgman, 368 E. Congress Street, Detroit, Mich.

Now that the site has been selected for the World's Fair, we can look with a degree of certainty, for a series of stamps, similar to those issued in 1876, to commemorate the Centennial.

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Don't fail to note the bargains in stamps, books, etc., offered in our advertising pages. Readers will do a favor in mentioning THE EXCHANGE, when answering 'ads.'

Only two competitions were sent in for the prize offered in our last number, up to the time of going to press. One, sent by Mr. J. A. Wilson, was received in time for this issue, and although the prize of 25 var. of stamp was awarded to Mr. Robert Fleetwood, there is so little difference in merit that we have decided to give Mr. Wilson a year's subscription.

We will give a 1 column advertisement for the best article, on any subject of interest to collectors, sent before June 1st.

Dealers will find the mixture of stamps advertised on page 4, of cover, an excellent article for approval sheets. The assortment is good, and it contains stamps catalogued at one, two and even three cents.

Send for a sample 100.

We are in receipt of a copy of "The Golden Weekly Stamp Collectors Album." It is a fine book for beginners.

Any one sending us ten subscribers at 20 cents each, will receive a subscription and premium free of charge.

Relics of the First Napoleon.

Prince Victor Napoleon has just come into possession of a number of interesting relics of the first Napoleon. These comprise the red velvet robe which the first consul wore on great occasions, notably during the Te Deum sung at Notre Dame in honor of the concordat; the saddle and holster used by the Emperor at Austerlitz; the cashmere girdle worn by Napoleon at the battle of the pyramids; a cane chair from St. Helena; the cup, saucer, teapot and candlestick used in the bedchamber of the dying exile, as well as the sheet and pillow of his deathbed; the handkerchief he used in his last moments to wipe his face, and the case of mathematical instruments he always carried.]—*Ex.*

The First Skates.

In very early times the bones of animals were used as skates, it being customary in the thirteenth century for the young men to fasten the leg bones of sheep and oxen under their feet by means of thongs. Thus equipped, they would slide along the ice, pushing themselves by means of an iron-shod pole. They indulged in tournaments on the ice, using their poles as lances, and many an unfortunate skater would be thus hurled down and often severely injured.

Metal skates are supposed to have been

first introduced by the Dutch, who used them at an early period in traveling along the numerous canals existing in Holland. *Golden Days.*

The botanical and etomological specimens gathered by the late John Calverley, during 40 years, will be presented by his son, Wm. Calverley, to the Brooklyn institute. The collection comprises about 50,000 botanical specimens and 60,000 insects.

The British Museum possesses a collection of old Greek advertisements printed on leaden plates. The Egyptians were great advertisers. Papyrus leaves more than 3,000 years old have been found at Thebes, describing runaway slaves and offering a reward for their capture:

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A new 22-inch, finely finished valise frame with silver finished findings, all complete, to exchange for best offer of stamps. Ed. Porteus, 460 Adelaide St., Detroit, Mich.

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D. P. A.

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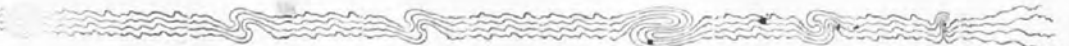
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FOR COLLECTORS AND EXCHANGERS.

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No. 4.

ACADICAN OR SAW-WHET OWL.

(*Nyctale Acadica.*)

Written for THE EXCHANGE.

By W. A. DAVIDSON.

WHILE passing through a strip of woods which border on the tamarac swamps at the outlet of Walled Lake, I came across an old stub, about 24 feet high and full of Woodpecker holes. I tapped upon it, and then began investigating.

Going around on the opposite side, near the top I saw the head of the owl looking down at me. I started to climb, and as I did so, the bird flew from the hole and perched in a neighboring tree. As the stump was well decayed, I was afraid it might fall, and concluded to get down and build up to the nest. After reaching the ground, I thought it would be a good idea to get the bird, but having no gun with me, I commenced to throw sticks at her, badly knocking her down. I then noticed that she was laying, and after carefully storing her away in my box, built a platform of fence-rails and brush up to the hole, and cut an entrance, taking 4 eggs from the nest.

The nest or hole was 19 feet from the ground, and the entrance 27-8 inches in diameter, 13 inches deep and 7 inches in diameter at the bottom, evidently an old Woodpecker's nest. The eggs, four in number, were laid on the chips, with a few feathers mixed in, no well defined nest being made. Beside the eggs were four field-mice, in a perfect state of preservation. In skinning the bird, I took another perfect egg, which would have completed the set. There was, however, 26 eggs, varying from the size of a pea down to that of a pin head. The

dimensions of the 5 eggs are as follows:

2	measured	114-100x92-100
2	"	116-100x92-100
1	"	115-100x94-100

UNIQUE AMERICAN COIN COLLECTION.

Loring G. Parmelee, the numismatist of Boston, and a former resident of Wilmington, Vt., has sold his valuable and unique collection of American coins to New York persons, who are to sell them at public auction. The collection comprises about 3,000 pieces, many of which are uncirculated, and it is thought the most valuable single collection of United States coinage in the world, and is valued at \$75,000. Mr. Parmelee has been about 20 years securing this collection, which includes the rare 1804 dollar, for which he paid \$750, though it has since nearly doubled in value, and a specimen of every gold coin from 1795 to the present date, the best assortment known. Some of the rare pieces of colonial coinage in this cabinet are valued as high as \$1,000 each. An unsuccessful effort was made to secure these coins for the government, it being a more nearly complete collection even than the one in the Philadelphia mint. —[Springfield Republican.

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It was only a Surcharge.
Printed in Spain:
For some time it flourished,
But "Dennis" it's named,
It cannot hold out,
Even though dealers try
To maintain the Surcharge,
The Surcharge must die.

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REVIEWS

The Oologist, a monthly magazine devoted to ornithology and oology received and placed on our exchange list. It is a "vet" in these sciences, being, at present, in its seventh volume.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Maine Ornithologist and Oologist, an eight page journal for naturalists. It is "chock" full of bright, original reading matter.

The Midget came out last month with an engraved title and printed on very heavy linen paper. This paper is very fine in printing and mechanical make.

The Effort, of Detroit, Michigan, has changed its address from 358 East Congress St., to 228 Howard St.

We wish you success in your new quarters.

A copy of the American Collector at

hand. It would be hard to find another paper with as much interesting reading to the square inch.

The Curiosity Collector is stirring up the stamp dealers who send orders that do not contain return postage, by circular rates.

A dealer that will not spare an extra cent or two on orders over 25 cents, is "pizen mean."

Mr. Reimers is no longer connected with the Western Philatelist.

By mistake only one copy was sent to our exchanges last month. We will try to avoid this oversight hereafter.

The Empire State Stamp Journal, No. 4, contains a well written paper on private revenue stamps. Mr. E. F. Gambs is the author.

EDITORIAL.

Mess. J. & F. Straus, the wholesale stamp dealers, of Cleveland, O., have sold their entire stock to the Mound City Stamp Co. of St. Louis, Mo.

The collecting of printed envelope corners is the latest "hobby". Verily, the field is vast.

The Director of the Mint has been authorized to secure designs for a new silver dollar.

G. H.—The 90 cent Treasury Dep't is worth 10 cents used, and 75 cents unused. The 2 cent Express is catalogued at 3 cents perforated.

The stamp collectors of San Francisco threaten to boycott the local dealers if they (the dealers) do not carry a full line of standard catalogues, albums, Philatelic publications, etc.

A movement is on foot to establish a parcels post between Canada and Japan.

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We have received several publications which cannot be reviewed until next month as our space is limited.

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Mr. H. Boers, of this city, is the owner of a postal card, written and posted at the summit of the Eiffel Tower.

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A present in stamps will be given as a premium, to all who subscribe before July 1st, if a 2c. stamp is enclosed for return postage. All other premium lists cancelled.

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We are favored with a sample of the postage stamp box, advertised on another page. It is a fine article.

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This paper is mailed about the 25th of each month, to all subscribers and exchanges. Should you fail to receive it by the 1st of the following month, notify us, and we will mail you another copy.

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A lady was being shown a very fine collection of Hawaiian stamps, and after looking at them for some time, she said:

"Well, them air purty nice, I 'low, but why don't they put some else's pictur on them, 'sides the Keneta family's?"

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REMAINS OF A MASTODON.

(*Mastodon Giganteus*.)

Bones of this extinct creature have been unearthed in Michigan at different times, but, without doubt, the finest specimen ever discovered in this locality, is the one recently found on the farm of John K. Adams, 4 miles southwest of Birmingham, Oakland County.

It consists of the complete under jaw, the end of one of the tusks and several fragments of other parts of the skeleton. The

jaw is 3 feet long and 24½ inches wide, and was found about 5 feet below the surface of the ground, in a bed of shell-lime. The teeth, a complete under set, are firmly imbedded in the jaw, and in unusually fine condition, the enamel being as hard and unbroken as when the monster last used them. They are 4 in number, 2 on each side of the jaw, and are 11 inches long by 4 inches wide.

The point of the tusk is in excellent order, being nicely polished and slightly curved. It measures 20 inches in length, and is nearly black in color, as are the teeth.

Several sections of the spinal column and part of the hip bone are intact, although some of the bones crumbled to pieces when exposed to the air.

The estimated weight of the Mastodon is 15 tons, and it lived 3,000 years ago, in fact, it is supposed that this specimen was washed there by the flood (one that could not secure a berth on the ark, no doubt.)

Mr. H. B. Smith, of Detroit, purchased the bones, and has kindly placed them on exhibition at his museum, 53 Gratiot Ave.,

Scientists, naturalists and students will be well repaid by an examination of them.

J. H. C.

A curious museum is in course of arrangement at Paris, and a very handsome building for its accommodation has been erected near the Trocadero palace. This building will contain a wonderful collection of idols and other objects, formed by M. Guimet to illustrate the different religions of the world. Here will be found divinities from Egypt, Japan, China, India, Greece, Italy, and various other countries. In another part of the building there will be rooms for the use of students. [*Cippel*.

A Description of the Sizes of Books.

— WRITTEN FOR THE EXCHANGE. —

BY CONRAD H. BLANZ.

The sizes of books descend from folio, which is largest, to 128 mo, which is the smallest, and is rarely printed.

The American standard of paper is 'Medium,' 24x18 inches.

The English standard of paper is 'Demy,' 22½x17½ inches.

Besides these are:

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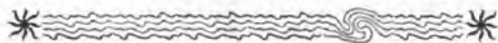
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SOME RARE CURIOSITIES.

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BY "SHEEKAWGO."

Our writer had the pleasure of paying a visit recently to 144 Henry Street, Chicago, the pleasant little home of Officer J. V. Shane, of the Maxwell Street Police Station. Mr. Shane has probably the finest collection of curios in the United States. A peculiarity about his collection is that every specimen has a bit of history connected with it by which its value is heightened.

The first thing that attracted our attention was a complete set of chain armor of a Japanese warrior, weighing sixty-two pounds. There is an old Queen Anne cabinet carried by Officer Shane's grandfather in the war of 1812, and a musket taken from the grasp of a dead Confederate soldier after the battle of Mission Ridge. He owns twenty-two styles or patterns of bayonets, comprising all kinds that have been used since short-arms were invented. A key with which Jans Bloecher killed his wife's lover, many years ago, has a strange history. It is said that Jans loaded his key with powder and ball, filed a minute vent in the shaft, near the rings, and standing by the man who had wronged him, fired a match to the vent and shot his enemy dead.

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REVIEWS.

The Pearl, a—well, it looks like an amateur—at hand. It is guided through the sea of journalism by E. B. Heinman, formerly connected with the Eureka Philatelist, (peace to it's ashes.)

The American Stamp Journal hails us from Portsmouth, N. H. 12 bright, interesting pages.

The Golden Monthly, an amateur paper, at hand.

To much cannot be said in praise of The Wolverine Naturalist. It is a first-class journal, in every respect. Published by The Kalamazoo (Mich.) Naturalist's Ass'n, and edited by R. M. Gibbs.

The U. S. Corresponding Philatelist, official organ of The U. S. C. P. A., is out.

Vol. 1, No. 1 of The New Departure drops in from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Publishers, when you are mailing your paper send a small copy to we'uns. We uns'll do the same by you'uns.

An exchange asks: "Why is it Chicagoans can't create and then support a decent philatelic paper?"

Answer—Because they are saving up for 1892. Next!

A large majority of our philatelic papers are becoming like patent medicine "ads."

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How many philatelic papers will pass through the summer's heat?

EDITORIAL.

Michigan collectors are hustling to the front. "What's de matter wid us, any how? Who's a'kickin'?"

A pleasant "Day We Celebrate" to all our friends and fellow collectors. May you be safely piloted through fifteen hours of fireworks, toy-pistols and noise.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker needs a new letter box. Something that is cheap, convenient, and can be attached to a door without defacing it. Will some stamp-collecting chap send him one?

We have engaged the services of the well-known philatelic writer, Mr. E. P. Newcomer, to contribute "What One Philatelist Sees" every month. We need add nothing in regard to Mr. Newcomer's writings, as they are widely known and always interesting to collectors.

Three articles were entered for the prize (a 1 column advertisement) offered in No. 3 for the best article of interest to collectors. The one printed in this issue, by Sheekawzo, was awarded the prize. The two articles printed in our last number, by W. A. Davidson and C. H. Blanz, were each given suitable awards.

To the person sending us the best article on any subject of interest to collectors, by August 1st, we will give a 1 column "ad." or a present in stamps. ALL TRY.

Articles that do not win the prize will be published and the authors given some remuneration, if acceptable.

The article by Rob't Fleetwood, which took the prize in our first competition, will be given space shortly.

A Detroit collector recently purchased a packet of rare (?) stamps of J. F. McFarland, 81 Warrenton Street, Boston, Mass., every one of which was a counterfeit of the best kind.

We missed the E. S. S. J., Mr. Rappleye's official organ, last month. "What's de matter, Massa Linkum?"

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Attention! Scroll Sawyers. Fancy woods and Adams' and Bishop's designs, for coins and medals, U. S. and foreign stamps. Will accept good duplicates woods and designs sent by mail. E. Lewis Bangs, 400 Webage St., Baltimore, Md.

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A Curiosity of Coinage.

The word guinea owe its origin to a peculiar circumstance. In the year 1666 Sir H. Holmes, a highly distinguished Admiral, having contributed to the total discomforture of the Dutch, under De Ruyter, was sent with a strong division of the victorious fleet to the coast of Holland, where he had the good fortune to capture or destroy, in Schelling Roads, 160 rich merchants ships, valued at about \$5,000,000, part of which being freighted with bullion and gold dust from Cape Coast Castle, an African settlement belonging to the enemy. This rich prize was soon after coined into guineas—twenty-one-shilling pieces—and acquires the name of Guinea, with reference to the country from which it was derived. [—C].

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POISON FOR ARROW TIPS.

How the Piute Indians prepared the deadly paste.

We are indebted, says the *Banning Herald*, to Frank Smith, of Whitewater, for a very graphic account of the manner in which a Piute Indian prepared his deadly arrows. He gathered a dozen or more rattlesnake heads and put them in a spherical earthen vessel. With these he put half a pint of a

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