

NORTH STAR PHILATELIST.

VOLUME 1

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN' JANUARY 1884

NUMBER 1

New Issues.

INDONESIA—The 2½ rupee is said to be surcharged "40 cents" the 2-ct card "12 cents."

INDONESIA—We have received, says the *Stamp Collector*, two provisionals, 30 paras on 1 piastre and ½ (?) on ½ piastre green.

CANADA—A complete set has just been issued, consists of: ½ p green; 1 p rose; 2½ p blue; 4 p gray; 6 p lilac; 1 shilling, violet.

BRITISH INDIA—A new stamped envelope has just been issued; value, 2 pence.

INDONESIA—Another provisional has been issued, surcharging the 6 p "2½ p" black.

INDONESIA—A new series has been emitted, consisting of 1 centesimo green; 2 c rose; 5 c blue; 10 c lilac. The first two are of a new design.

INDONESIA—There is a new series issued for the country: 1 centavo green; 2 cent, red; 5 cent, blue; 10 c orange; 20 c brown; 50 c blue.

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NEVIS & ITS STAMPS.

Nevis is a British possession in the West Indies, lying south of St. Christopher, from which it is separated by a strait two miles wide.

The area of the island is about twenty mi.

The population over fifteen thousand. It is circular in shape gradually rising on all sides, culminating in a central peak 2499 feet high.

The soil is very fertile, the chief products being sugar and molasses most of which is exported to England. There is a mineral spring on the island which is said to be beneficial in certain diseases. A representation of the spring was seen on the first stamps issued in 1861.

There were four stamps in this series; 1 p. lilac; 4 rose; 6 lilac; & 1 shill. green

The stamps were first issued on greyish paper, but in 1882 the 6 pence came out on heavy white paper. In 1867 the color of the 1 p was changed to vermillion, the 4 to orange.

In 1879 the 1 p lilac of the De La Rue type came out, followed in 1880 by the 2½ red and brown and in '82 by the 4 p blue.

The stamps of Nevis are being used for fiscal revenue purposes with the word REVENUE printed across their faces. Some of the 1867 and 1880 1 penny stamps have been met with both surcharged and post-marked showing that they were used as postage. —L. W. DURBIN

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The practice of issuing stamps is spreading far and wide. Since the first issue of Great Britain there has been such a number of stamps as to make it almost impossible to enumerate them.

Now almost every nation on the globe issues stamps. From Iceland down to the Falkland Islands, stamps are issued. Even such barbarous countries as the Fijis have kept pace with the higher civilized nations. But a new country occupies our attention. Franz Joseph Land has just emitted a series of two finely engraved stamps. For the benefit of those who do not where this country is we will say that but very little is known except that it is an Austrian province situated near the North Pole north-east of the Russian boundary. It is not very populous, for which the extreme cold accounts.

The only valuable product is furs, which are mostly exported to Austria.

There are very few stamps to be obtained from this out-of-the-way place, the only one we have seen being in the collection of Mr. Cochran of this city. He lost a triangular specimen which was said to be a very fine one. He has another rectangular in shape which has no value on it.

Send us your list of philatelic transactions to Rogues Corner.

When writing to dealers enclose a stamp if you wish an answer.

In 1790 there were but 75 post-offices in the U. S.; but now there are over 50000.

Any items of interest from dealers or collectors will always be very acceptable.

Probably some of the most valuable stamps known to collectors are the 1850 issue of Mauritius either red or blue being worth \$5000. All the French Consuls keep their eyes peeled for them, but with slight success.

Please excuse the non-appearance of stamps they must have been delayed.

The highest price offered for one single stamp is eight hundred dollars offered for the 1850 issue New Caledonia; but the offer was not accepted.

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COMICALITIES.

...ed to be placed on a seat how many
... placed on a trade dollar—Exchange.
...bert only wishes his "Jersey" would be
...in his arms, and that key never found
...dishonored Deacon declares that there is
...pe for the a nation of a man who will sit
...packed hence for three hours and a half to
...base-ball match and then refuse to go to
...with his wife because "them pews is too
...founded uncomfortable."

...oke from England: Farmer Wurzel
...ting the curate's wife who is a beekeeper):
...o man: I ave no call to find hany fault wi
...r beekeepin'; but I found one of me sheep
...e with mouth. Curate's wife: 'An where
...ge look for his tongue but i' his mouth.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. FEB'Y 1884

NUMBER 2

A TALK ON ST. HELENA.

St. Helena is an island belonging to Great Britain and lies in the Atlantic Ocean about 1,000 miles west of Africa and 1,800 miles east of North America, in latitude 5 degrees 55 minutes south, longitude twenty five degrees forty minutes west.

Its extreme length is ten and one half miles, the greatest breadth seven miles. The population at the last census was 6348. Rugged precipitous cliffs from six hundred to two thousand feet in height encircle the island giving from the distance the appearance of a mass of lofty rock.

Occasional openings occur along the shore, forming inlets where landing is possible. Of the total area of thirty thousand acres, only a small portion is under cultivation, about $\frac{1}{4}$ being used as grazing land. Iron, gold, and silver have been found in small quantities.

The island was discovered by the Portuguese on May 21, 1501. Afterwards, it was settled by the English.

The first stamps issued were the following: 1d. and 5 pence and were issued in 1861, followed in 1863 by the 2, and 3 pence, and 1.5 shillings. Of course they bear the old engraved profile of Queen Victoria, but somewhat poorer than usual.

New Issues.

BAVARIA.—Two new postals have been issued. 10 pf. and 3 pf. color, black on brown.

BRAZIL.—Three new cards have appeared: 50 reis, red on blue; 100 reis, blue on blue; 500 reis, green on blue.

CASHMERE.—A new $\frac{1}{2}$ anna postal card is said to be in use.

MAURITIUS.—A new double postal card has been emitted; value, 6 pence.

PERU.—A new series has arrived. 1 centavo, green, and 2 do. vermilion, with the horse-shoe surcharge, and also has a triangular surcharge containing a star and the word 'Peru.'

ST. LUCIA.—A new 1 penny card has appeared; color, carmine on buff.

Tobago.—Double $1\frac{1}{2}$ penny cards are now in use.

TURKEY.—Two new stamps have been emitted: 5 piastres blue, and 25 do., lilac.

URUGUAY.—A new provisional has been made by surcharging the old green 5 centavos. "1883 Provisorio."

VICTORIA.—A new 1 penny card has been seen; color, rose on buff.

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Look at the number of perforations. Most counterfeiters have a die which makes thirteen lengthwise by ten in width.

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The highest price paid for a collection of stamps was in England £30,000 for a set of the old and stamps no twice a like.

The Government officials have decided the use of illustrations of stamps is inadvisable.

Hence, we have decided not to use them.

Of Natal stamps, the 3 pence rose green of the 1867 issue are the only stamps of that series which can be obtained with any difficulty. The other values of the set, however, are getting scarce. One of them, the 1/2 pence blue, is only attainable on the breaking up of a collection and not always then.

The "Granite State Philatelist" reports that the Atlas Stamp Co., of Boston, Mass., are selling stamps which look far from genuine.

We second the motion.

Both the thick and thin papers of the orange-red, 1880 emission, Mexican stamps are now obsolete. The entire lot saved up by the California dealer some months ago. A few were sent to Europe commanding 7 marks each, or \$1.75 in U. S. currency. As they were only used for the space of three weeks between the cities of Vera Cruz and Mexico, on mail matter; their rarity is manifest, and in a few years will, undoubtedly, be doubled or even trebled in value. Now they are worth \$1.25 each.

Mr. W. F. Baitzell of Baltimore reports that the stock of Mr. Wm. A. D. Watson, of New York, and has recently bought out the New York branch of the National Stamp Co. His western branch is the property of Messrs. Baitzell & Richardson of this city.

With the December Number the *Philatelic Monthly* completed its ninth volume.

Long life and prosperity to it with our best regards.

COMICALITIES.

I shall give you either ten days or ten dollars," said the judge. "I said the prisoner—" "I'll take the ten dollars."

Keep her word.—"If I thought I was going to gray, I know I should die" exclaimed a sponge. When she turned gray she died of it—enough.—"x."

"No, I don't keep Golden Fleas" said a tobacco dealer when asked for Golden Fleeces.

Why do ladies make the best postmistresses? Because they always see that the mails come in empty.

It is said that the wags proposed to place a Grant's profile on the new 2 ct. stamp. He objected because they intended to photograph him with the inevitable cigar.

EXCHANGES.

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North ★ Star

PHILATELIST

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New Issues.

Antigua. 1 c rose, and 2½ d blue, of a new type have been seen.

Antioquia. New 5 cent stamps have appeared. It contains the head of Liberty, with 'coron' above, and name of place below. It is a rough litograph printed in brown and white.

Bavaria. Lines forming the watermark are now 1 x m m instead of 8.

Belgium. Olive-green is now the color of the centime.

Brazil. New type of the 20 r. is now in circulation. Value in a circle, 'Brazil' above, 'coron' below, and color bronze-green.

Borneo. Two new values have been emitted, viz: 50 c, purple, - \$1.00 carmine.

British Guiana. 3 cent postal cards are out.

Ceylon. Rose is the color of the 12 c register.

Cuba. The 20 c has been surcharged 10 c in blue. New 2½ c purple, 10 c red-brown, 20 c stone, have been emitted.

Dominica. A new penny card has arrived.

Dutch Indies. New 1 and 2 c stamps have been issued with figure of value in the center instead of the head of Leopold. The 10 c envelope has been replaced by a finer design.

Egypt. A new 20 paras provisional stamp surcharged in black figures on the 5 c green.

The unpaid letter stamps of 5 values are out viz: 10 - 20 paras and 1, 2, 5 piastres, printed in vermilion on white paper, shape oblong.

It is said that a double post card will appear.

Ecuador. 1 peso, brown, was added to set.

Gold Coast. 4 d, lilac, surcharged 1 d is out.

Iceland. All three post cards are double now.

Jamaica. Double 1 and 1½ cards are in use.

Japan. New wrappers are out, 1 sen blue on the paper.

New Issues continued.

Denmark. The Copenhagen local post has issued the following new set:

Adhesives; 2 ore blue; 3 ore purple; 10 o blue; Envelopes; 10 ore blue; Card; 10 ore blue.

Dutch Indies. The 2½ c yellow same design as current issue, but on an engine-turned ground has been emitted.

India. The new ½ a stamp is in use. It has the head of Victoria in the oval, India postage above, value below, and already is surcharged. The color of the ½ env. is now green.

Peru. Two new postals have appeared, 3 c black; and 4½ black on gray.

Sandwich Ids. The 1 and 2 c postal-cards now come in double form.

South Australia. The penny card has been emitted in double form.

St Lucia. The following have appeared; ½ d green, 1 d rose, 2½ d blue.

Tobago. The 2½ d blue De La Rue type has been received.

In the future this paper will, be issued promptly on the 15th of each month. We shall endeavor to make each succeeding month better than the last one, and as to whether we succeeded or not, we will judge by your sentiments.

Our premium list will be published about April 5th, and will be sent to any address on rec't of a 2 ct stamp.

Editors, N S P.

Mess. Stanley & Wadsworth, Cazenovia, N. Y. advertise in the 'Gran. State' for agents at 3 percent commission. We think they will get some next year.

A correspondent informs us that all the old issues of St. Domingo stamps were destroyed by order of the government. They were scarce enough before without this new difficulty coming in their way.—Philatelic Monthly.

There is no pastime of the present day so popular, and certainly none more instructive than that of collecting postage stamps.—Amateur's Journal.

Wendell & Hawkins of Albany are not going to publish the Philatelic Spy until some time in the future.

Mr. Wm. v. d. Wettern has removed to his old address, 176 Saratoga st., Baltimore, Md.

Collins & Dohrme of Dayton, Ohio, are entering journalism with the American Philatelist.

Send us a copy, brethren.

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? Because they did not get their printing done by Achard, and save money.

We chronicle the Nashville Coin News, by F. P. Shields.

The stamps of Romagna of which there is but one issue, were in use provisionally a little over four months having been suppressed by the decree of Jan. 12th, 1860. Used specimens are very rare, and it is believed that the 6 bajocchi were never used as postage. The original dies of the set were knocked about and finally came into the hands of an employe of the post who added a border of seven lines to each value to hide the indentations, and made several sheets in 1869 with all the values on one sheet. He termed them essays. Gran. State.

The latest paper out, in our line, is Meyer's Monthly Echo.

C. C. Simmons, the Chariton (Iowa) stamp man, has been appointed to the clerkship of the postoffice there.

It is said that the Golden State Philatelist is the smallest stamp paper, size 4x5 inches.

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In this edition of the P. the great feature is the enlargement of size. We hope to be able to help our advertisers and shall do all in our power to make the * a model paper.

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GOSSIP.

Our friends will be glad to hear that our subscription list topples on to 300. We started just three months ago, and if we have not done well, we'll stop.

W. F. Bishop of Chicago, has sent us his monthly circular. It would look better with a few new issues and less plagiarism.

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Wm. S. Ridley of Brooklyn, has purchased the stock of stamps of the Brooklyn stamp co. and will carry on both houses.

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New Issues.

Afghanistan.-1 abasi, deep orange, and 1 rupee, pink have been emitted.

Argentine.-We have seen the 5 c, 1867, surcharged as follows: Cuatro, Centavo, 1884.

Belgium.-'Der Ph' illustrates the new 10 c., and 1 franc stamps. The 10 contains the head of Leopold in an oval with Belgique—Postes above and the value below. The 1 f. has the head in a circle and Belgique 1 F. above and F1—Postes, color; red on green.

Brazil.—The 200 reis is now red-brown.

Bulgaria.—3 black on 10 sto., 5 red on 30. & 15 red on 25 are the new surcharged stamps.

Cochin China.—The new postal is black on blue.

Egypt.—The 10 paras green, 20 paras red, 1 piastre blue, and 5 pi. grey are the newly issued stamps.

Falkland Ids.—A 1/2 d. card is now in existence. It is similar to the one lately issued for St. Vincent.

Gold Coast.—1/2 d. green, and 1 d. rose have arrived here two weeks ago.

Handa.—The 8 d. new type is pale brown.

New Issues, cont.

Levant.—The 7 kop. is dark and pale blue.

Mexico.—A 25 cent. printed in new type has lately been received.

Nevis.—The 1 penny is now of a rose color.

New South Wales.—The 1 shilling has been printed on a brownish colored paper

Portugal.—The 10 X 10 reis card has been seen printed with new type.

Roumania.—The 5 bani is dark bluish-green.

Sierra Leone.—The color of the 1/2 d. is green.

Transvaal.—1/2 d. grey, 1 d. carmine, 2 d. violet, 3 d. violet, 4 d. greenish-grey, 6 d. blue, 1 sh. green, 2 sh. 6 d. yellow, 5 sh. bluish-green, and 10 sh. brown are new. The arms are in a circle, Postzegel and Z. Afr. Republick above value in letters below, and figures in corners.

Trinidad.—1/2 d. green, 1 d. carmine are the new newspaper bands and 2 d. blue the registration stamped envelope.

CHRISTMAS EDITION.

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GOSSIP.

The Philatelic News has succumbed to the inevitable.

The Philatelist published by Jos. Holmes jr. N. Y. is a new one & deserves success.

The Young Naturalist published by Chas. F. Gettemy, Galesburg, is a good one.

The American Youth has established a black list. Good.

Hubbard's second auction sale takes place Nov. 1st and consists of 160 lots catalogueing some very fine stamps.

We want agents in every town & city in the North-west and to persons who will devote a little time to work it, we offer liberal commissions. Send 5 cts for agents' outfit.

We are glad to announce that Herbert G. Richardson formerly assistant editor of the * has been appointed to a position at West Point by Congressman Washburn.

Remember that 30 cents pays for 1000 mixed stamps and the paper on trial for 3 mos.

Send us any items of interest you may have

GOSSIP CONTINUED.

Our office is now moved to 721 S. 7th and will be glad to see all persons who are interested in philately.

If you want anything in the stamp line, look over our auction sale list which takes place on December 1st, then offer us, for the lot, what you will give.

Mr Bogert catalogue the 7 new unused Russian stamps at \$10.55

After this issue the North * will be enlarged to 6 pages of 2 columns each and will be filled with first-class reading matter. We hope that our friends who are interested in establishing a philatelic journal in the North-West will help us keep the columns of the the Star well filled with good digestable matter, and help us along in the way of subscriptions.

Let them notice that we give them free one stamp with each issue of the paper, thereby hoping to further enhance the value of our paper and to increase the number of subscribers to the only philatelic paper in the North West.

We need your co-operation and would like to report at least twentyfive new subscribers by the Nov issue. Then organize into clubs & we'll send 5 copies 1 yr. for \$1.00.



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North Star

PHILATELIST

VOL. 1 Minneapolis, Minn. November 1884. NO 11

New Issues.



Azores.—The 10 reis Portugal lately described has been surcharged for Azores.

Belgium.—We have received the 1 centime now printed pearl-gray.

Ceylon.—The color of the 2 cents has been changed to green, and the 24 to violet.

Gold Coast.—The 2 pence has appeared in 1884.

Nevis.—There appears to be a systematic effort to get the stamps of English colonies to correspond in colors, that of the 2½ pence to be green and the 4 pence gray. Nevis is the last to make the change.

Paraguay.—A new set of three values has appeared. The arms appear in the center, with the name, "Republica del Paraguay" around & "Union Postal Universal" in small letters below. The values are: 1 centavo, green; 2 centavos, red; 5 centavos, blue.

Porto Rico.—Two more of the colors modified: the 20 to green; the 80 to red.

Sierra Leone.—The 2 d. is now blue-gray, & the 4 d. brown.

Turkey.—The 10 paras is now light green.

Advertisers in the xmas edition must have their ads before December 10th.

Owing to circumstances which could not be avoided, we were not able to get out as soon as we should have. And in order to gain time we only print 4 pages this month. Next month we will give you the eight page paper full size and we shall try to have it out by the 20th.

We thank the following named papers for their exchanges:

Stamp World, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic World, Keystone Philatelic Gazette, Granite State Philatelist, and Our American Youth.

All publishers finding this notice marked will please infer that we would like to exchange regularly with them.

We want our readers to read the advertisements and answer as many as practicable.

We know that you read the Gossip, etc and you will greatly encourage us by reading our advertisers columns.

In our next issue we will give a complete list of the officers of the N. P. A. also the proceedings. The Editor of this new department says that this will be very interesting. All we need as proof of this is his name; Geo. R. Bickley.

Mr. Winslow of St. Paul made us a pleasant call this month. Hope to see you often.

The Curiosity Shop non est. Sold out.

At the last meeting of the N. P. A. Mr. L. W. Durbin was elected an honorary member.

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GOSSIP.

When in the course of human events, it became necessary from one cause or another to start a philatelic paper in the North-west, we ventured into journalism, and, that the great masses fully appreciate our unparalleled efforts and are eager to obtain a copy are evidenced by the run on the sample copies. (450) We fully hope to be able to supply you all with papers this month and ask in return that you will encourage us in our great undertaking.

Thus the good work goes on. Our ambition is to have a good philatelic paper with a subscription list second to none in magnitude, and we leave it to the discriminating public to decide whether we are likely to succeed or not.

While we are striving to reach the goal, the philatelist will at any rate profit in that we shall continue to give him as good and readable a philatelic paper as can be found and at a reasonable rate.

Until Dec. 10th this paper will be sent one year for 20 cents.

GOSSIP CONTINUED.

Information Wanted.

Can anyone tell us where Franz Joseph-Land is? We have seen a stamp from this country and give a description of it below.

The size of the stamp is about the same as our old 3 ct stamp. It's color is green frame of engine work with a purple oval in it is a portrait of Francis Joseph, emperor of Austria. Above the oval is: Franz Joseph-Land with the coat of arms in the upper corners. Below is: Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria. Below is: P. E. 1874. with W. B. in the lower corners. No value is expressed on it.

The stamp is now in the possession of a Minneapolis collector who also had a triangular stamp from this new country, but he had the misfortune to lose it. We ask for information concerning the whereabouts of the country.

Bro. Durbin, can you tell us?

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We admire Bro Hubbard's success in exposing frauds. We hope that we can assist you by publishing a paper of whom we may hear. Dealers ought rather patronize out-spoken journals than one which has not enough backbone to dare to come out on the right side.

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PHILATELISTS of the Northwest.

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Quarterly dues (including subscription to this paper): 20 cents. The association has a good number who are already receiving more than they have expended. 5 persons in a place can organize a chapter & obtain a constitution, etc.

Particulars free from the sec'y

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North Star

PHILATELIST

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New Issues.

Bermuda.-The 2½ blue, which mentioned in the STAR some months ago is now in use. It is the handsomest colonial stamp that has been issued for many a day.

Brazil.-A double 50 reis card has been issued with stamp of the new type.

British Honduras.-The color of the 1 penny has been changed to rose.

Bulgaria.-Unpaid letter stamps have lately been emitted, of which the following have arrived, 3 sto orange, 25 sto red, and 50 sto blue. The inscriptions are in Bulgarian, rendering it difficult to describe them intelligently.

Colombamarca.-A new type 5 centavas has been issued.

Ecuador.-There is said to be a 2 centavo postal, but we are inclined to think that it is not a regular issue.

Guadeloupe.-There are two varieties of all the new unpaid letter stamps.

Hungary.-A new 2 kr. lilac postal has been issued. It measures 144x88 mm.

London.-We have received specimens of the 5 cents, blue, surcharged "One Dollar," & the 10 cents, blue. The surcharge was

New Issues Continued.

done by hand, with a pen, in red ink.

Mexico.-There is a 3 centavo card of the new type and a 5 peso stamp, neither of which we have mentioned before. A 10 centavo letter-card has recently been issued.

Nevis.-The 6 pence, green, of the new type so long expected, is now in use.

Norway.-The color of the 12 ore has been changed to green.

Paraguay.-Cards of the value of 2 and 3 centavos, with stamps of the new type impressed thereon, are in use.

Sierra Leone.-Two varieties of the new Post Card exist, one of which has a period after the "Carte Postale," and the other none.

St. Christopher.-The color of the 4 p is gray. Our thanks are due to L. W. Durbin for part of the above.

STOLEN.

From Geo. R. Bickley's collection on the 5th of December, a 7 ct. envelope 1870 issue entire. A liberal reward will be paid for its return to this office.

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Indiana All Alive.

Minneapolis Pioneer Press: The demand for office is simply awful in Indiana. It is like the steam whistle that tooteth at noonday and the tomcat that yawpeth at midnight.

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GOSSIP.

Among the recent publications in the philatelic line we notice the *Philatelic Journal of America*.

On Jan. 1st B. E. Smith will issue the *Wolverine Collectors Journal*. Success to it!

We are sorry to notice that Bro. Hubbard has retired from the field of publication. The *Granite State* will be succeeded by the *Empire Philatelist*, Mr. T. C. Watkins, editor. Mr. Watkins has been writing under the nom de plume 'T. Coke.' The paper will surely flourish under his editorial patronage. We cannot emphasize our good wishes too much Bro. Watkins.

What more can we say to praise Durbin's latest achievement, which, by the way, is the greatest. The 13th edition of his standard catalogue over-reaches the highest expectation.

The price of this catalogue (124 pages) has been placed at 25 cents. As this is a very paltry sum and the work is one which is so suitable to the needs of both young and advanced collectors, we do not hesitate in pronouncing this the best. It can be purchased of L. W. Durbin, 5th & Library sts. Phila. The *STAR* will very likely obtain a western branch for its sale.

One of our Minneapolis collectors began to collect last October, and his collection already numbers nearly 900, most of which were obtained singly.

A great many have asked us why they find blue numbers on the back of the 1875 Spanish stamps. In reply we can say they denote the place they held on the sheet, the stamps being numbered consecutively.

Quite a number of subscriptions run out this month. Better renew them or send for other rates and take the *STAR* in connection with one of our exchanges. The price of this paper taken separate is 25 cents.

A Happy New Year to all.

NORTH STAR

PHILATELIST.

CHRISTMAS EXTRA.

400,000 of the 5 centavos, Argentine have been surecharged "Cuatro centavos." We have them for sale. 1 year's subscription for 25 cents. We have engaged the services of Joseph W. Cochran, jr, to write for the Star. His writings will be spic and should be read through.

Dr. Horner dead.

Just as we go to press we have received the news of Dr. Horner's decease. No particulars yet.

"What is it? What is it?" cried the club, immensely interested.

"For six hours," returned the old gentleman quietly, "I sat on the pier at Oyster Bay and never had a bite."

"We'll adjourn," remarked the president, as he saw the twinkle in the old man's eyes, and I think it's my treat."—N. Y. Morning Journal.

We desire settlement with Lister Bros, D J. Miller and J G. Clarke.

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The Excelsior stamp co. Middlebury. 4 triangular Capes for 10 cents. The colors betray two stamps.

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There are several firms whose advertising accounts have not been paid. We wish to settle with them. If this notice is marked it means so. All accounts not settled before Jan. 15

will be published.

ECUADOR.

N. QUAD,

The state of Ecuador, a South American republic since 1831, is situated, as it's name implies, under the equator. The area is about 210,000 square miles and contains a population of 1,500,000. It's surface is rough and mountainous, several lofty peaks arising within the limits of which Cotopaxi, Chimborazo and Cay are the highest. The soil is poor in most parts but on the plateaux the land is, in the highest degree, fertile and productive. The climate is generally temperate and pleasant; rain-falls are not unfrequent. Ecuador is watered by numerous feeders of the parent stream—the Amazon—and boasts a rich vegetation.

Ecuador possesses few high roads and no railroads, neither army nor navy adorning her portfolio. Her chief exports comprise cocoa, Panama hats, gums, cotton, quinine and woods.

The chief towns are Quito and Guayaquil.

In 1812 the people threw off the Spanish yoke which had been established by Pizarro in 1521. They leagued together with the Colombians, Venezuelans and New Grenadians in 1822 but in 1831 succeeded and established a republic. So much for the historical part.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

Ecuador issued her first stamps in 1865 as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 and 4 reals. In 1873 a new set appeared: $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 real and 1 peso. In 1881, 1 c brown 2 c lake 5 c blue 10 c orange 20 c slate and 50 c green were emitted. All of these stamps bear the arms in the center & the name, etc, around.

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Some of the greatest financial authorities - Arthur de Rothschild and William H. Vanderbilt's son for instance - are among the most ardent collectors. Mr. de Rothschild's collection being variously estimated at from \$45,000 to \$60,000, and the Vanderbilt collection is worth all of \$20,000. (To be continued)

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"And why does the man rush?"

"He is on the way to the plumber for consultation."

"And what will the plumber do?"

"He will show the man 14,678 calls which were booked before he came in, and which must be attended to in rotation."

"And will there be any swearing?"

"There will, my boy! There will be swearing and stamping and growling and blasting, but it won't be on the part of the plumber. He will preserve his serene smile through it all. When the other man gets out of wind he will retire."

"To his office?"

"Oh, no! He will go off and buy himself an alcohol lamp, have a druggist fill it for him, and he will return home to thaw out the pipes for himself. He can thus make a saving of several thousand dollars, saying nothing of the personal satisfaction of getting ahead of a plumber."

"And will he succeed?"

"Not by a John Rogers! He will crawl under the house, scalp himself on the joists, fill his knees with rusty nails, choke himself with the smoke, and finally crawl out and give it up."

"And wait for a thaw?"

"No, sir-e-e! He won't wait for anything. He'll skip down town for a furniture van and move into another house. That's where his head is level. It's cheaper to move than to thaw out frozen water-pipes."--Detroit Free Press.

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CHINESE PIRATES.

By J. O. D.

Of all the dangers that beset the mariner, whether it be from storm, the hidden reef, none have such horrors for vessels trading in the Pacific Ocean as the pirates that infest the coast. With ordinary skill and vigilance the former dangers may be guarded against, and it is seldom that vessels do not survive to tell the tale, but an attack by these pirates is conducted with such cunning, treachery and audacity that, if it successful, leaves a mystery far harder to bear than a known misfortune for those who watch and wait for the ship that never returns to port.

Every year adds to the list of straggling vessels and gallant crews that leave port forever, and are eventually placed among the "missing." How many of these are captured and destroyed along the China coast can never be known, for their assailants show no mercy and the ocean "tells no tale."

The quaint junks that leave the Chinese ports at nightfall are to all appearances the peaceful traders that they profess to be; but if an unprotected vessel comes in view, the scene changes as if by magic; deck loads of merchandise are thrown into the hold, the cannon take their place; the crews are re-inforced by men who have been hidden below, and the former lazy crafters glide swiftly along propelled only by their sails, but also by their

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