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CHINESE PIRATES.

By J. O. D.

Of all the dangers that beset the mariner, whether it be from storm, or the hidden reef, none have such terrors for vessels trading in the Pacific Ocean as the pirates that infest China's coast. With ordinary skill and vigilance the former dangers may be guarded against, and it is seldom that some do not survive to tell the tale, but an attack by these pirates is conducted with such cunning, treachery and skill 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 stateless vessels and gallant crews that leave port forever, and are eventually placed among the "missing." How many of these are captured and destroyed on the China coast can never be known; their assailants show no mercy and the ocean "tells no tale."

The quant 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 and cannon take their place; the crews are re-inforced by men who have been hidden below, and the former lazy coasters glide swiftly along propelled not only by their sails but also by long, powerful oars.

The doomed vessel is quickly surrounded by the pirates, and a fusillade soon brings her masts and yards crashing to the deck. Her crew may de-

fend them as well as they can, but are out-numbered by fifty to one. Nearer close the pirates, who throw "roquets" and "jingals" that leave an unquenchable fire and a stupefying smell wherever they fall; the defense growing feebler, and now running alongside the pirates board and slay all of the crew, that survives. By the busy hands of the plunderers the cargo is removed, a hole is bored under the water line of the captured ship, and, as the pirates sail away, the scuttled vessel slowly sinks from view and after weary months of waiting her name is placed on the list of "missing"

The pirate coasters repair their damages, send the guns below, divide the booty and disperse. If the battle has been heard by a cruiser, she hastens in it's direction and meets with two or three easy-going traders who are apparently unconscious of any such a thing as piracy near them. If any sign of the conflict remains about them and an explanation is required, some plausible story is always ready in which they are represented as the real sufferers. Complaints against all robbers are intermixed with cunningly invented directions to the man-of-war which is soon in chase of an imaginary foe.

If caught, these pirates meet with prompt punishment, which is always death. Knowing this, they will fight fiercely, if discovered by a man-of-war while attacking a vessel, and many instances are recorded where all of the members of a pirate crew have destroyed themselves in preference to an ignominious death, which they knew they would meet if captured.

A voyager on the waters of the east often finds it difficult, when he sees the Chinese trading vessels sailing a-

round peacefully him, with their gongs sounding a salute as his vessel passes them, with gay streamers and picturesque sails, to imagine that many of them are pirates, and that if a suitable opportunity were offered them to make an attack, the vessel he is on would never see port again. But if he should happen to imagine such a thing his fears would probably be well founded, for the records of the Chinese coast service are filled with accounts of vessels which have been attacked and destroyed by pirates that were cruising about in the guise of just such harmless-looking traders as he sees around him.

Master E. Paul E. McCurdy, the great Wooster pitcher, sent 11 men to base on balls in a recent 6 inning contest. What a record.

Paul Goldsmith's recent attempt at an invective against "Labor and Capital" does not seem to have had the desired effect. In fact his writings are lacking the force and arguments necessary to convince the world that the only place for Chinamen is China,

While his makeup is good, his editorials are of the poorest class.

When a young man who wants his would-be girl's picture very badly and has not enough gall to ask her for it, he is in a pretty hard box. A certain Minneapolis boy hires a private secretary to do his flirting and after all his efforts GETS LEFT.

Hal Claire Bixby must be so wrapped up in kisses that he can not get out his Bazoo, He will soon rival GEN'L SHERMAN and is now ahead of AARON BURR.

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JUNE & JULY, 1885.

Owing to various accidents, which were unavoidable, we were not able to issue this number at its proper date.

We, therefore, combine the June & July nos., but will hereafter issue each succeeding paper about the 15 of the month.

SALUTATORY.

We now take the pen which we have used for the past two years in the interests of philately, and convert it into the means by which our views may be set before the eyes of the public. We hope and trust we shall not be criticised too freely by those who have had more experience in the arena of journalism. While we shall not under-rate the good efforts of another, yet if anything which we think should rightly and justly be criticised, our pen will be fearless to write up the truth, and suppress the wrong. We are trying, of course, to improve, and so ask the critic not to "sit on us too hard."

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After much careful study we come to the conclusion that too many large words express the English language in a manner which most persons of average intellects and talents dislike.

There seems to be a desire growing in the minds of certain amateur writ-

ers to use large and superfluous expressions, and, after they have become accustomed to using these words in their writings, they seem to think that this "out-cropping" of large words lends force and places them on the highest round of the ladder. No matter how simple a subject they may select, their persistent use of large words seems to counteract the effect of their ideas.

Sentences should be expressed so clearly that they may be understood by the young as well as the old. And if you repel the mind from the idea, your thoughts, though read, will not enter into the brain of the reader.

Now, while we do not object to an occasional large word, yet we do decidedly object to the continuous use of such expressions to the almost entire exclusion of the smaller words. If we expect to attain prominence in any way, we must begin at the bottom and work upward. We can not expect to reach fame at a single bound.

During the past month many events have happened which deserve more than passing notice. Among them we mention the death of Victor Hugo, the great French poet. As he was quite old, his death was expected, and when it came did not occasion much surprise.

Revered and honored wherever he went, he felt that there was such greatness in his very name that people could not realize how high he really stood.

His opinion of himself portrays this, for when asked whom he considered the greatest French poet, he replied, "Alfred de Musset ranks second."

Still, with all his faults, let us, now that he is gone, look only at his virtues. And, in so doing, profit by his life.

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M. P. A.

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C. D. Foss, Jr., Editor

Meeting of July 10 was held at 625 2d ave. s. Meeting called to order by the pres. Moved, seconded, and carried that a committee, the pres. chm, revise the constitution. Election of officers took place, resulting; President, H. A. Rogers, Vice P, Nelt H. Ehle, Sec'y & Treas, G. W. Achard, Librarian, C. E. Drullard, & Official Editor C. D. Foss, Jr. Meeting adjourned.
G. W. Achard, Sec'y pro tem

It is only too evident that the persons who are most interested in plans for the advancement of philately in various ways, are those who are deriving some profit financially from the sale of either stamps, albums, or papers. We simply state this as a rule. There are certainly exceptions; for there are many who collect stamps for the sake of the stamps themselves, and join philatelic societies either for the sake of intercourse with others similarly interested or for the information they will gain in their line.

If a league could be formed and a union of all the associations be effected, as many have desired, the recognition by the press would be gained and the interests of philately be advanced; at the same time, in the greater facility with which frauds could be detected and guarded against, all philatelists would reap benefits from the union.

In our extensive intercourse with stamp collectors of this city, we have discovered considerable dissatisfaction with the present stamp albums and regret that there is not a more complete one. In view of the fact that Mr. Durbin holds a pre-eminent place among philatelists and is doubtless better qualified for the task than anyone else, we feel sure that if he should publish an album, it would be received with enthusiasm.

PHILATELIC DEPT.

We suppose the intentions of Bro Raymond of the Collector's Companion were good when, in a recent issue, he advised philatelic associations to choose one of their members to compile in manuscript form a work giving accurate and exhaustive descriptions of all stamps issued, but we think he must have a rather Utopian opinion of the philatelists of this country.

For how many of them do you think there are who would be willing to give a large part of their time for a year or more even for the accomplishment of such a work?

Would not some such plan as this be much more practicable. Let each member prepare an essay on some country previously assigned to him, giving concise, yet sufficiently full, history and description of its stamps and postal service. Let these papers be presented at the meetings and let them become the property of the society for future reference. In this way an association would in time become possessed of much valuable and interesting information, and yet no member could have found his share of the work tedious.

GOSSIP.

We had hoped to have Mr. John K. Tiffany on our staff in commencing this paper, but he says his profession will not permit his using the time on it.

We know the philatelic readers are sorry, for in Mr. Tiffany rests probably much knowledge of our pursuit as any other American collector.

Dealers report business fair, with good prospects for a livelier fall trade than has been known for quite a number of years.

Among the most refreshing of our exchanges is the Empire State Philatelist. We are always glad to receive it, for Watkins knows how to run a stamp paper.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CORRIENTES.

By T. COKE.

Corrientes was the first province to issue stamps in the Argentine Confederation, they being emitted in the early part of 1856. Buenos Ayres followed in 1857 with the little known Gaucho series. The first emission for the entire Confederation was issued in 1858; but it is with the stamps of Corrientes that we have more particularly to do now. They were engraved on wood by order of the Governor, Justo J. Uripuiga, but from the want of skill on the part of the workmen, there are no two, out of the eight blocks prepared, that are exactly alike.

They are, as most philatelists are aware, nothing but a very poor copy of the stamps of the French Republic.

They were printed on blue paper, of a very peculiar texture and are of native manufacture. The value was one real, which was intended to carry a letter to any place within the Confederation. In 1860, for some reason I have not been able to ascertain, the postage was raised to three reals and to save having new dies cut, a pen-mark was simply made over the old value.

In 1861 the postage was lowered to five centavos, on which the authorities cut out the portion of the die that contained the value and printed them with a blank space instead of the denomination; but they were still impressed on the same paper. In 1863 the postage was further reduced to three centavos, and the stamps were still printed from the same dies, but this time on yellowish-green, so they are easily distinguished. The next year, 1864, they were discontinued and the stamps of the Argentine Confederation used in their place.

At a recent auction sale in New York there were sold some excellent stamps. We quote a few of the prices obtained: Bolivia, 1867, 5 c. violet, \$5.25; 10 c. brown, 4.25; set Costa Rica provisional, 5.00; Natal 5 shill. used, 1.00

SCISSORINKTUMS.

We have received the following papers: Empire State, Stamp World, Collector's Companion, Philatelic Herald, Toronto Phil. Journal, Exchange, Vindicator, Phil. Monthly and the World. Send 'em again gem'men.

The Philatelic Herald is bright and spicy. We like its general appearance wish you success, Bro Jewett.

We think the Collector's Companion and P. J. of A. had better stop their blackmailing and attend to business.

Both papers would then improve their contents, if not their appearance.

Mr. H. A. Rogers, the newly elected president of the Minneapolis Philatelic Association, was serenaded on the 17th inst. The society obtained a small cannon and some fireworks.

They then proceeded to his home and held a jollification.

The speech was excellent, but as we were not able to write shorthand, we can only reproduce a part of it.

"When the society was organized, we thought it a short-lived thing, but since it has weathered the cold of winter and the heat of summer for nearly a year we begin to look at it as something permanent. Let us hope that it shall always remain so.

Thanking you for the attention you have given me, and for the office you have bestowed upon me, I must now bid you, adieu. (Prolonged cheers.)

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THE STAMPS OF SHANGHAI.

O. C. S.

Shanghai is one of the seaport towns of China, occupying about the same latitude as New Orleans. Its situation is very fine (from a commercial standpoint), having the Yangtse Kiang river, the canal, and the Yellow Sea at her command. It is one of the largest cities in China, having about 500,000 inhabitants. A great number of Americans, French, and Japanese reside in the city and are doing a prosperous business.

To such a city as this the issue of postage stamps seems to be very important as well as beneficial. Hence Shanghai comes forth with a tolerably well executed set of stamps, earlier than any other country in all Asia, except British India.

The stamps are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, and 16 candarines, all unperforated, the size being a trifle smaller than 5 of Great Britain. The two words on the corner are Chinese characters for "Shanghai," the one on the right hand is Shang, and means upper, and the one on the left is hai, and means sea.

Therefore Shanghai means upper sea. The two words at the bottom mean the Manufacturing dept. which makes us infer that the stamps are made by the Chinese Man'f Dept. The three characters on the right side signify, the letter dispatching office. Those on the left are values; The first word changes according to the different values, but the second and third words remain the same on all the stamps of the set. The

second word is candareen, the third silver.

The centre has the picture of a dragon, an emblem of national power. The Chinese and the Japanese have a strange superstition in regard to a dragon. If a serpent lives one thousand years in the land and another thousand in the water, then he ascends the heaven and changes the name to dragon. The superstitious people believe that he sends down rain, raises wind, agitates the sea, and so forth. The picture in the stamp represents one of the "glorified" dragons.

These stamps were used but a short time; hence used specimens are very rare. Even unused ones are hardly ever seen in the city or in China. But large quantities were shipped to England and America, so they are not so rare after all.

The first issue did not meet approval; for early the next year, (1866) they were superseded by another set, composed of 2 cents, rose; 4 lilac; 8 blue; and 16 green. The value was changed to cents. All stamps from this time on are perforated. The second issue is an improvement over the first. The characters on the left side were altered as the currency changed; but the chief difference lies in the word silver: in the first issue it is the last word, and in the second it is the first. The picture of the dragon is different from the one in the first issue. The dragon of this series is more in accordance with the popular superstitious notion.

These and all after were engraved by Englishmen.

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The Flour City Stamp Co., came very nearly sending Davis a sheet of stamps, but as he gave E. F. Gambs as reference, and Mr. Gambs had written them that he would not be responsible for the use of his name unless he signed it himself, they did not send on sheets.

Northwestern Philatelists.

Geo. R. Bickley.

Mr. Bickley was born in Pennsylvania in 1865, and, consequently, is 20 years old. He is the youngest of five children, and son of a doctor. In 80 he moved to Minneapolis, and commenced collecting stamps. Since that time his ardor has never grown dim as he has always delighted to obtain rare specimens of stamps. At the time of this writing his collection numbers about 4600 stamps, many, of course, being quite rare. He increases his collection at the rate of from 125 to 150 varieties per month. Among his rarest may be mentioned the following: U. S. envelopes 70-75 issue 24, 30, & 90 unused and entire, the departments complete lacking two, and many So. and Central American including Peruvian surcharges.

We were agreeably surprised in noticing that even those who are not followers of our science are beginning to regard it as a very good means for instructing the youth. Recently while in the performance of his official duties, the secretary of the M. P. A. had occasion to come into contact with a wealthy and learned gentleman, and asked him what he thought of the collecting of stamps. He said that he thought it to be one of the best of geographies, an excellent history of modern times, and that a person interested in it would derive more information concerning monetary values which could not be obtained in any other manner.

"Every collector should carefully preserve each pamphlet, book or magazine that comes in his way, for some time they will be valuable, in fact,

THE STAMPS OF HAYTI.

XENOPHON.

I suppose that most of the readers of this paper know that Hayti is but a part of the island known by that name, and that it is a republic, having obtained freedom from its old mistress, Spain.

It is settled by Spaniards and negroes, who work plantations of coffee, sugar cane, etc. But a short time ago they elected a governor or president. His name is Cesario Guillermo. But my topic is the stamps and not the government of Hayti.

The first set of stamps were issued in 1881 and consisted of the following values and colors: 1 cent, red; 2 purple; 3 grey; 5 green; 7 blue and 20 brown.

The head of Liberty adorns the center. They were unperforated. In '82 the same designs, colors, and values were emitted, but this time they were perforated.

It has been said that they were of native manufacture but I am inclined to believe that they were made in the United States, as the country had an engraving made by a native artist, but on account of its roughness and poor construction, rejected it, and ordered the present set.

I have also seen a used surcharge being made of the 7 cent unperforated.

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The science of Philately today demands and should have journals that will compare with representative magazines of any contemporary science. But as long as they do not receive the support and hearty cooperation of Philatelists, this grand result can never be accomplished.

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Collectors! "Do unto others as you would be done by." Should you receive information that would benefit others, do not selfishly withhold it.

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