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THE 1804 DOLLAR.

A Flood of Light is thrown on the History of this Rare Coin.

The writer of this article saw the following item of news in "The Republican" several days since. He has seen the same or a similar article in about one hundred newspapers published all over the United States within a few weeks. It first originated in a paper at St. Paul, Minn. Here follows said item:

"The missing dollar of 1804 is said to have turned up. In that year but four silver dollars were coined. The whereabouts of three of these have long been known to coin collectors, but the fourth has been missing. Dr. Edward Walthier of St. Paul, Minn., is now advertised to have found the long lost piece in the possession of an aged Norwegian living in the southern part of the state, who had kept the piece in the depths of a stocking for many years. The doctor paid \$150 for the dollar. It is quoted in coin catalogues at \$800."

There is about as much false information published to the world in the above as is possible in so few lines. It is time some one who knows, should correct these statements and let the public know the facts about the celebrated 1804 dollar. It is true there is some difficulty in obtaining the facts, and some obscurity as the number of these dollars that have been minted. The article above says that only four of the dollars were struck in that year. There were none struck. The die was undoubtedly made for a dollar of 1804, but none were issued.

The die for the half dollar of the same year was made, but who ever saw a half dollar of 1804? We know the die was manufactured, for the next year an 1805 half dollar was struck which plainly shows the four under the five. To go back to the 1804 dollar: I have a record of ten of these dollars of undoubted genuineness, and names of the owners and place of residence can be furnished. So much for the story published above. Perhaps the readers of this paper would like some of the facts connected with the issue of this dollar. It was probably first struck about 1840.

The mint at Philadelphia has one of the first, and a Mr. Stickney, of Salem, Mass., had influence enough to have one struck for his collection. He gave the mint in exchange rare and valuable colonial coins. Mr. Stickney is now between 80 and 90 years years old, and the probability is strong that his specimens may be soon on the market. Other well known collectors also obtained the dollar for their cabinets. Later some of the mint workmen, unbeknown to the authorities, so it is said, surreptitiously struck off a few more; how many is not certainly known. When this came to the ears of the authorities strenuous efforts were made to reach and call them in. A few were found, but the problem still remains as to how many may yet come to light. The original dies were destroyed in 1869. One dollar was found in 1884 in Germany and was sold the next year for \$1,000.

Prices for this dollar have ranged all the way from \$400 to \$1,000. No counterfeit dies of the 1804 dollar were ever made, but many electrotypes and altered dates are in the hands of collectors and dealers of old coins. The writer has examined probably a hundred of these spurious dollars. Many collectors know that their specimens are not genuine, but they allow their friends, who are not posted, to believe they are genuine. The late John T. Raymond was led to purchase one of this kind some years ago in Chicago, for which he paid \$300. A short time since when his collection was sold, it brought \$5.60, and this because it had once belonged to the famous actor, and not because it was worth anything like that sum.

If the truth could be known, the strong probability is that the dollar found by Dr. Edward Walthier, of St. Paul, in the hands of the "aged Norwegian" would belong to the same category as the Raymond dollar. Two years ago in the city of Meriden, a showman offered for my inspection and purchase an 1804 dollar. He was not sure of its genuineness, but knew if it was it possessed great value. The writer knew at once it was an altered date—probably from an 1801 dollar. It was well calculated to deceive.

A few months later this identical dollar was found in the hand of a man in Burlington, Vt. His statement was that he found it in Montreal nearly forty years ago, and he had been the owner ever since.

Nothing but "impecuniosity" would allow him to part with the dollar. A syndicate was being formed to purchase if on speculation, but one gentleman would not consummate the bargain till the dollar had

been submitted to my inspection. Being a personal friend, the gentleman had to be told all about the coin and its history.

The syndicate went to pieces. It is perhaps needless to say that the obscurity hanging about this celebrated dollar, and the general desire of the public to be informed of the facts connected therewith, is all the apology necessary for writing this article. F. G. M. in Meriden, Conn., "Republican."



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No. 5.

SOME COIN COLLECTORS I KNOW.

BY CLEVE SCOTT.

Coin collectors as a rule can always find some one who is engaged in collecting coins, by some power unknown he can find his man.

Coin collectors are quite numerous in my native town and I have made particular studies of them and their collections.

Coin collector No. 1 is a well-educated man and chief book keeper in a large hardware firm. He has a very fine collection of coins from all countries. His specialty is Mexico, of which he has a very fine variety. These coins have been picked up by him from time to time, not one single coin has he purchased and he relates this with pride, and should he not as his collection is his greatest pride of all things. One fine thing about his collection, and which every collector should be proud is the way he has his collection together and how he shows it off.

His fine collection of coins are mounted one above another in a large glass front frame, exactly like a picture is framed. In this way

his collection is visible, not put away out of sight, only to be looked at when requested, but is always in sight and is a fine ornament to the parlor in which it is placed. As he and I gaze on those valuable coins from Asia to Australia we note particular coins.

Here is the very large sized one penny piece of upper Canada which is nearer the exact size of a dollar piece instead of a common penny of the U. S.

Next we note with pride and suspicion the Mexican silver dollar piece which assumes the appearance of a bogus lead dollar but on inquiry we find that the silver used in the Mexican dollar is the very finest silver used in any coin (queer isn't it).

The next queer and very quaint looking piece of Mexican money (coin) is the very small one cent silver piece of Mexico. This is a little rarity in itself. Next we note the 1c piece of the U. S. of which his collection is indeed thick. Some of them almost proofs. He has a very good U. S. collection. His paper money is quite rare also but on the currency question we will step from No. 1 to No. 2.

Coin collector No. 2 is a very well-educated man. His occupation

by permission is withheld. This man unlike No. 1, has his collection in a safe instead of in sight. His U. S. coins take the cake, but not the biggest slice, I can assure you.

This coin collector No. 2 has the largest and finest crisp and new collection of fractional currency I ever laid my eyes on. He is accumulating to this collection of fractional currency every day and it is very hard to get him to part with any of them. He will make a good large neat sum out of his fractional currency if ever he chooses to part with it. I could go on relating grand collections I have had the honor of perusing. But, dear readers, the old maxim says "Time and tide wait for no man." My time is limited, so I must close.

A RARE COIN FIND.

(Continued from last month)

It was just so in my case. The first thing that met my eager gaze was a U. S. cent of 1799 in fine condition, also 10 of the U. S. 1793 cents which were in quite good shape 3 New England shillings which were about fair and last, but not least, an 1836 U. S. dollar which was in extra fine condition.

This was a great find for me. Whoever had collected the coins had them all put down on a piece of paper with date and denomination of

each piece.

Hastily returning, I revealed my find to my much astonished cousin who was henceforth a coin collector of the first water. Every one has his particular experiences, above is one of the many in which I was entangled.

DOES COIN COLLECTING PAY?

A question of some importance to the collector who intends or does invest \$2,000 to \$10,000 in coins. A question not easily answered and perhaps, only correctly answered in the experience of the collector himself.

I think I can show that a judicious collection of coins will always pay—as an investment—outside of the pleasure and gratification of the searching, the bargaining, the purchasing, there is a desideratum beyond all this, to have investments—paying ones—and possibly beyond six per cent per annum, or U. S. legal rate of interest. Because a proof cent of 1877 is to-day, after a lapse of 14 years, worth 75c we must not think that cents of 1891 are sure to be worth that in 1905. We ask why is there such a difference in the value of cents of different years? Just as easily answered as why is flour some years \$6 per barrel and the next \$4.50? Scarcity at \$6, sufficiency at \$4.50. So

in a great measure with coins, not always so, but nearly.

The Government mints some years say 5,000,000 cents. We naturally would conclude that cents of that year would never be scarce, but they may. Why? Because there may be sufficiency of this coin of previous years to meet all the demands of trade and commerce and no need that many of this year be put in circulation. Hence they are held at the Treasury or sub-Treasury vaults and do not get into circulation at all and a year or two subsequently may be melted and coined into cents of that year. In the not distant future it is found that very few of this date are obtainable, and the cent becomes "rare or scarce."

But when the annual report of the coinage of the U. S. Mint states that only \$80 of the 5 cent nickel and \$48 of the 3 cent nickel were coined in the entire year (as is the fact in the year 1878) then we may know for a certainty that these two pieces will become valuable.

Also in 1879 it reports 450 each of half dollars, quarter dollars and dimes coined only. It is not hard to understand that very few coins of these three denominations will be obtainable at any price. The collector will secure a set of such coins as soon as possible as every year will greatly add to their collective value.

In 1875 only 20 gold dollars were struck. Try to obtain one to-day

and you will find how almost impossible it is to obtain it. The same year only the same number of \$3 gold pieces were struck. As the government destroys, at the end of each year, all the dies used during that year, no re-strikes can be made or can be obtained thereafter.

If the collector has some friend in Philadelphia who is interested in coins, he can be of the greatest help in obtaining for the collector coins which on account of few being minted are so very desirable, as an incident in my own experience will illustrate.

In 1879 an acquaintance of mine and an official in the Philadelphia Mint wrote the 15th day of Dec. that the dies for the 10, 25 and 50 cent pieces had been prepared, but Congress had given no directions that any of these coins should be struck and that probably very few would be coined, if any at all. I directed him to get and keep to my order what he could for me. He did so and sent me what he obtained—a very limited number indeed. Then when the mint report came out and I found that only 450 of each of those pieces were made, I felt highly gratified and very sincerely thankful to my Philadelphia friend for his timely notification and assistance. A broker in New Orleans has for years kept me posted in advance of the mint reports of the coinage, or probable coinage, of that branch mint.

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NOTICE.

All persons who received No. 4 of this paper will please notice that it was dated July. It is a mistake, it should have been May, No. 4, and the next number, No. 6, will be July number and number 4 will

have to be called May number.

MINERALOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

There was discovered some years ago in Fairfield county, Conn., silver and nickel ore, mostly nickel. The writer was acquainted with the gentleman that discovered the ore, and in fact the writer was shown some of the ore after it was smelted, but it finally fell through on account of water coming into the mines so fast that it could not be pumped out enough to work the mine. Old miners say that where there is plenty of water there is a pile of ore. No doubt there was a good supply of ore there. Dry mines do not pay to work because the quantity is too small.

The writer discovered some beautiful nickel ore in Fairfield county some years ago and is not known to any living person, except the writer on this subject, that I know of at present. I showed a piece of ore to an experienced assayer, a gentleman of judgement, and a thorough experience of all kinds of ores that are found, and the assayer pronounced the specimen a very rich ore in nickel.

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A LIVELY TIME.

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A magnificent oak tree, eight feet in diameter, was cut down at Indianapolis the other day for the sordid purpose of sending it to the sawmill. It was the finest tree in the neighborhood, but it contained 10,000 feet of lumber, and 10,000 feet of oak lumber at four cents a foot means \$400 to a man who is not in life from sentiment.

Sir Charles Gisecke, an eminent British antiquarian, says that numerous ruins exist in southern Greenland, which are evidently relics of Norsemen who dwelt there centuries before Columbus discovered this country. The locality is near the present Esquimaux station of Igaliko. The ruins consist of remains of walls of seventeen stone dwellings, one of them marked in such a manner that it is reasonably certain that it was the house of Erik Rauthi, a banished Icelandic Jarl, who was the first to land in Greenland. He established his settlement at Brattledid, as it was then named.

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Vast Sums Spent by Stamp Collectors.

One who is not a stamp dealer or stamp collector has little idea of the enormous proportions to which philately has grown. An English paper announces that postage stamp collectors are delighted at the prospect of adding to their treasures by the new French colonial stamps which will be issued shortly. When any new stamp comes out the regular stamp dealers in England, Paris and New York alone require at least \$600,000 worth of specimens for their customers. For example, Tunis issued a fresh stamp three years ago, and the government printed enough for a year's supply. In a month the whole quantity had been bought up, chiefly for collectors. France will print separate stamps for each of her colonies in order to prevent people making a profit out of the exchange between the colonies. As before, the stamp will represent Commerce and Navigation standing upright in a boat, beneath the inscription, "Republique Francaise-Colonies," but the name of each possession will be engraved at the foot, so that the Madagascar stamp cannot be used in Cochinchina, and so on.

Summer Devastation in Germany.

America has not been singular of late in suffering from intense heat and severe storms. Indeed, Germany has been far more afflicted. Berlin and Hamburg experienced the worst of the heat wave, fourteen cases of sunstroke occurring at Berlin in a single day. All over the empire cloudbursts and thunderstorms caused much damage and loss of life, sweeping away houses, cattle and crops. At Ehrenbreitstein the fortress and the lower parts of the town were flooded, people taking refuge on the rooftops. Many villages near Coblenz were in such distress that the garrison went to their help. The vineyards on the Rhine and Moselle are much injured and the mineral springs at Soden stopped up, while railway traffic is impeded on several lines. So, too, in the Bernese Oberland, owing to the severe storms.

World's Fair Traffic Arrangements.

The traffic department of the exposition has been taking time by the forelock in seeking the views and intentions of the traffic managers of steamship lines and railroads regarding the rates which it is proposed to establish for exhibits. This is a very important matter, and one regarding which there has been quite a flood of inquiries from intending exhibitors, foreign as well as domestic. No understanding has yet been reached which will warrant the foreign department in affording definite information to those who are so anxiously awaiting it, but it is to be hoped that the various transportation companies concerned will avoid a "dog in the manger" policy, and manifest instead a spirit of liberality in keeping with the enthusiasm that has been displayed by other commercial bodies. It is time, moreover, that something definite should be heard from the various American railroad associations regarding the rates for passenger traffic during and preliminary to the event. This matter has already been scheduled for consideration at two or three meetings of the Western Passenger association, but, owing to the number of questions which took precedence of it on the programme, it has not so far been reached.

Among exhibitors there seems to be a general opinion that whatever special rates may eventually be granted, should not be made to apply simply to the period during which the exposition is opened, but should take effect some time before, in order that they may be availed of by the great numbers of people who will come here in advance with exhibits and on other business connected with the enterprise. This suggestion seems fair and reasonable. If the exhibits are carried at reduced rates so should the people in charge of them, precisely as the trainers, jockeys and others in charge of stables, that go from one racing center to another, are carried at a nominal rate in consideration of the tariff that is paid for the transportation of the animals.

The Granite Industry in the United States.

A recent census report announces that in the United States the total value of the output for the production of granite for the calendar year ending 1889 was \$14,464,005, while according to the census of 1880 it was only \$5,188,998, showing a gain of \$9,275,007, or 179 per cent. The four most productive states according to the census of 1890 were Massachusetts, Maine, California and Connecticut, in the order named, and the four states having the greatest percentage increase of productiveness since 1880 are Minnesota, New York, Delaware and Georgia.

GERMANY'S YOUNG EMPEROR.

He and His Consort Have a Pleasant Time in England.



EMPEROR WILLIAM.

[From the latest authentic portrait.]

It is not of record in recent European history that any monarch has received so enthusiastic a welcome among strangers as that lately accorded the young emperor of Germany by the people of England. From the time of his landing until the hour of his departure he was the object of social attentions and popular applause. The fear entertained previous to his visit that the anarchists would make a disagreeable demonstration proved unfounded. Indeed the only unpleasant episode that arose was one for which a body of his former subjects was responsible.

A number of Germans resident in England presented the emperor with an address of welcome, in which, by some remarkable blunder, the name of the empress did not appear. Naturally, William resented this slight to his well beloved consort by refusing to make any reply. He figured at gar-



EMPERESS AUGUSTA.

[From the latest authentic portrait.]

den parties, royal receptions and military reviews, always in company with the empress, and has left the "tight little isle" thoroughly satisfied with his trip.

The pictures of William and Augusta here given are from the latest London photographs.

Material Always of Value.

The economy of material has been reduced almost to an exact science. When a thing ceases to be of value for one purpose it is utilized in some other way. The statement of a Pittsburg cable car magnate is of interest in this connection. Says he: "The ropes on cable roads are as a rule sold as soon as they are put in. The rope upon which we are traveling was sold several weeks ago. The old ropes are sold for inclines, elevators, etc. They are better for that purpose than if they were new. They have become so thoroughly soaked with oil and tar and so stretched that they are seasoned. They will never wear out on inclines or elevators because there is no strain on them compared with that of a cable road, and they have been tested so that they may be relied on. After they have been in use a short time on the cable roads, and before they show signs of wear, they are replaced by new ones."

EDITORIALS AND REVIEWS.

Received from S. R. Bradt & Co., the eighth sale catalogue of a fine collection of U. S. and Foreign stamps, the property of Mr. Charles H. Townsend, of Akron, Ohio, to be sold at auction on Wednesday Oct. 19th, 1892, at 7:30 p. m., at Cobb's Library, 132 Wabash ave., Chicago, Ill. Mr. C. M. Wilbur will conduct the sale catalogued by the S. B. Brant Co. The stamps will be on exhibition at Cobb's Library for one week prior to the sale. Also in New York City at the office of R. F. Albrecht & Co. rooms, 5190 Nassau St., Nov., 5th, 6th and 7th.

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The Sept. number of The Eastern Philatelist came to this office. It is the paper, advertisers!

Come to this office The Stamp, in its 6th number, published by Greiving & Spooner, Long Branch, N. J., containing a few reports of the doings of the conventions of the A. P. A. and the S. of P.

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COIN COLLECTING.

In this country coin collecting is comparatively a new business and very few have any comprehensive idea of the fortune that some collectors of rare coins represent. It is no uncommon occurrence that some old cents which in the daily intercourse would not buy a 1 cent postage stamp, are sold for hundreds of dollars. And coins are often refused as worthless which afterwards find their way into the hands of someone that knows a good thing when he sees it, and sells them as high as \$1,000 each.

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There is one unpopular coin issued by Uncle Sam. It is the half dollar and it has a tendency to work its way back into the treasury vaults where it isn't wanted. As money, no body objects to the half, but the popular fancy is for same value in another form. That is, the average citizen prefers to have two quarters. They are a trifle more convenient, if he wants to pay out half a dollar he can use the half or two quarters with equal convenience, but if twenty five cents is to be paid out the quarter is far the handier coin. This may not seem to be a very important matter but it counts in the long run. Little by little the halves find their way back to the goverment vaults, and there they stay like poor relations. In fact, so far as the coming home in disgrace goes the half dollar is the Prodigal Son of the mints. A very large proportion of the twenty million dollars of fractional silver at Washington is made up of halves. This is the lot Secretary Foster was so anxious to get rid of, and about which he talked with the New York bankers when he made his visit there recently. No body then manifested any wild desire to take the Secretary's load off his shoulders. It is probable that a good many of these halves stored up in Washington will be recoined into quarters and dimes. In that way they will be more convenient for popular use, and Mr. Foster will sleep more comfortable o'nights—which will be a good thing and a benefit all around. Of course, lots of halves are used and

will continue to be used. Their coinage will be kept up and no body will have any more difficulty in getting them than usual. But the proportion of other coins will be increased because the people like them better. The New York sub-treasury has its share of halves on hand, and the other day it tried to work off some of them. It was a day when pension checks were being paid, and nearly everyone was cashed partly in halves. Before the close of the day a good many of the halves were back in the sub-treasury. And they are there yet.

The florin, one of the most famous of modern coins originated in Florence. Some say that it gave the name to the city, while others assert that it was first so callad because it had on it a fleur de lis, from the station florone, or "flower," for the same reason that an English silver piece is called a "crown," or certain gold pieces in France indifferently a Napoleon, or a "Louis," or the ten dollar gold piece in America an "Eagle." Two countries, Austria and Holland have retained the florin as a unit of monetary value, taking it at a time when it was very universal in Europe, its usage having been rendered general by the financial supremacy of the little states of Northern Italy and the imperfect coinage systems of the other countries of the continent.

The new United States silver half and quarter dollar and dime have appeared. The new coins are radically different from the old ones and are without doubt the handsomest coins ever in use in this country.

E. P. NEWCOMER.

QUEER CLAIMS ON FAME.

PERSONS PROMINENT BEFORE THE PUBLIC FOR NOVEL REASONS.

Fame is not always a matter of endeavor and accomplishment. It often comes to people in curious ways, as witness the cases of the persons mentioned below.

Stephen A. Douglas is a Chicago lawyer of good repute who now fills the position of public prosecutor. He is a son of the "Little Giant," and has inherited to a certain degree the talent of his distinguished father. But neither ability nor parentage is responsible for the fact that Mr. Douglas is one of the best known and most conspicuous men in the World's fair city. People point him out because he is a heavyweight. They first remark to a visiting stranger, "That's Steve Douglas; aint he fat?" And then they add, "Pretty smart fellow too; good lawyer and a chip of the old block."



STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS.

When Mr. Douglas assumed the office of prosecuting attorney under the new Republican administration of the city of Chicago he chose for his assistant his former law partner, Mr. Crawford. The prosecutor weighs 295 pounds, and the assistant 315. They were compelled to have a brace of extra size chairs built so that they might sit in comfort while preparing opinions or cases, and when they go to luncheon they are forced to seek a place where they can sit standing at a high counter. In other respects their flesh does not discommode them, and they are jolly, brainy, and, in the avoirdupois sense of the word, famous.

MGR. IGNATIUS PERSICO.

A Former American Bishop the Head of the Propaganda.

For the first time in the history of the Catholic church a prelate who has been an American bishop has been placed in charge of the Propaganda at Rome. As secretary of the congregation he will hold communication with all the bishops of the world, and his personal influence in the direction of ecclesiastical affairs will be far-reaching and potent. He is Right Rev. Ignatius Persico, who was the fourth bishop of Savannah, and who achieved



REV. IGNATIUS PERSICO.

prominence in the world of politics from the famous papal rescript—that in relation to boycotting and the plan of campaign—following his mission as delegate to Ireland.

The new secretary is a native of Naples. He was born Jan. 30, 1823, studied under the Jesuits, but entered the Capuchin order in 1844 and was ordained in 1846. He came to America in 1867 and labored in and around Charleston. In 1870 he was made bishop of Savannah, which office he resigned in 1873 to perform a mission in Canada in connection with the Laval university and the charges then current concerning the part priests played in elections.

Mgr. Persico has served as chaplain in a British regiment in India, has performed delicate diplomatic missions on three continents, is versed in many languages, and, being extremely well acquainted with American affairs, his appointment will be considered a good one by American Catholics. Cardinal Simeoni is prefect, but Mgr. Persico is the actual head of the congregation. He is today archbishop of Damietta in partibus, and in an office that leads to the cardinalate, so that, leaving out the probability that another red hat will soon come to America, the United States will most likely have three representatives in the next conclave—Cardinal Mazella also being a citizen of the United States.

Mgr. Persico succeeds Mgr. Jacobini, who has been raised to the cardinalate and made nuncio to Portugal.

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I would especially impress the reader of this that it is not the age that gives the coin its value, but certain dates and certain varieties of the same date. For instance, I give here the illustration of the first cents coined in the U. S. Mint, the uninitiated would probably say that all being of the same date they ought to be worth the same price, but nothing could be more erroneous than this, as a slight change in the legend, a different spray of leaves between bust and date, a different wreath on the reverse might make a difference of \$50 or \$100 in the price paid for a coin of the same date, and the same holds true with a great many other dates.

In the early stage of the U. S. Mint, the dies used to break more frequently

than they do now, and this accounts for the innumerable varieties of the same date, as each subsequent die slightly differed from the previous one, and it is especially those varieties some collectors make it a specialty to collect. Dr. Harris has described and catalogued a great many of them and especially the cents of 1794, of which he enumerates about 40 varieties, and nearly the same numbers of the New Jersey and Connecticut cents.

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French scientists are puzzled over a spider which was discovered in a cavity in a stone. It is estimated that the stone must be 4,000 years old; this notwithstanding, however, the spider is quite lively and very youthful in its antics. It is blind and has no mouth.

The largest business in America handled by a woman is the Money Order Department of the Pittsburg post office. Mary Steel has it in charge.

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In past years all dies used for the gold, silver and copper coins were retained at the mint, and accumulated in a room devoted to this purpose. No rule forbidding their use after the year for which they were made has been formulated, hence it was quite natural, when a demand for scarce dates sprung up with the collecting mania, some thirty years ago, that advantage of this lax system should have been taken by a clique of unscrupulous dealers, aided and abetted by thoughtless Mint officials. The result was a surreptitious issue of a number of rare coins, struck from the original dies, among them several 1804 dollars, 1827 quarter dollars, 1804 and 1823 cents, half cents in the 40s, etc., all of which eventually found their way, for a consideration, into the cabinets of the collectors of the period. This nefarious practice finally caused considerable unfavorable comment, if not scandal, and, after a congressional investigation, all the dies which had been preserved were cancelled and destroyed before a committee appointed for the purpose, and it was decided and ordered that in the future all dies prepared for use at the mint should be cancelled and destroyed at the end of each year, thus forever preventing the recurrence of such a condemnable practice.

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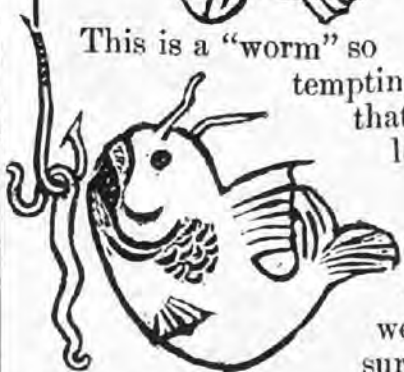
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Notes for Coin Collectors.

The new coins showing Miss Anna L. Williams' pretty profile as Liberty are an improvement on the "cash" which has worn out our pocket books for so many years, but there is still something to be desired. Before the lines of this new Liberty are quite obliterated by circulation would it not be well for the designers and officials who look after the coinage of this young country just to decide on a model for beauty, have her idealized and then cast the die for all time. Although Miss Williams is doubtless a handsome woman, there was no good reason why the designer should have perpetrated her with a swollen jaw, and sent her down to posterity as she appears on the new half-dollar for instance. The Græco-American type is a divine mingling of the classic and affectionate, but perfect regularity of feature as illustrated by Greek art is not lovely in the latter sense save in one solitary instance—the Venus of Milo, who has a profile the world loves to kiss. The other day chance brought me in a prosaic electric car beside a girl whose profile was the most beautiful example of piquant delicacy and regularity possible to conceive. Glances were stolen at her from time to time, and the artistic spirit which animates even the average Bostonian had begun to boil with admiration, when just at that moment she turned her front face and the ideal vision melted into thin air. She was actually ordinary. A sculptor could have told what was the matter with the proportions, but it only proved to the layman's mind that this thing we call beauty exists merely in fractions and that the perfect whole is but a dream of genius

after supping full on many models. Nevertheless, could this lovely profile, which is a possession in itself, be given to the designers of our American Liberty, what a boon it would be to spendthrifts. Instead of parting with their "change" it might then be saved for the sake of the girl who adorned it.

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The new Columbian half-dollar is certainly a thing of beauty. Those bearing the date 1892 are already commanding a premium as so few were issued bearing that date, the majority being issued in the year 1893.

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The new coins out from the mint this year have run against various objections based on æsthetic grounds. It has remained for a Washington man about town to discover that the dimes are a failure from a practical standpoint. He has detected a defect beside which the bullheadedness of the goddess of Liberty and the eagle's attenuated wings are mere trifles. This gentleman dropped into the theater on a recent evening, and being seized with a desire to ascertain whether the diamonds worn by the star were genuine, turned toward the opera glass case attached to the back of the next chair. He fished a new dime from his pocket and was about to drop the same into the slot, according to established usage when he found that his dime would not enter. Further investigation with other dimes and slots in the vicinity showed that the new coinage is a misfit for one of its most universal purposes. The grave question arises: what is to be done with the machines when the old dimes drop out of circulation?

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A Journalistic View.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

A question which has been much pondered by the collecting fraternity of this country, who are both philatelists and numismatists, is why the ranks of philatelic journals are constantly being recruited by new papers and magazines of from four to forty pages while on the other hand there are so few journals published, or even attempted, devoted solely to numismatics. There is certainly as much fascination in the latter pursuit; there is the same spirit of progression, and the pages of the few journals that are published in the interest of Numismatia's cause are eloquent arguments towards showing that we have as learned writers and diffusers of knowledge in our ranks, as in our closely allied hobby—stamp collecting.

In every city of note in this broad land of ours, within the past decade, there has been published, if only for a brief while, a journal, be it large or small, devoted to *philately*, yet in that same time there has hardly been enough papers published devoted to *numismatics* to give one to each state, let alone dividing them up between the cities.

And this is one of the causes, perhaps the prime cause why so little is known of our hobby outside of our own association and beyond our own ranks. It is certainly true that within the past three or four years our philatelic brothers have gained more publicity than have we.

It seems their every effort has been to get into the prominent metropolitan dailies with an interview on stamp sub-

jects or some elaborate banquet or great find, anything to gain prominence. Our own leaders seem rather to be trying to retain the old members and devoting all their energies in this direction rather than attracting new converts to our pursuit.

There are so very few papers published in our interests that the uninitiated rarely, if ever, have a chance to glance beneath the cover of a really good numismatic journal and peruse the interesting articles which would possibly interest him in the good work and gain his hearty support. Why is it that my numismatic brothers in New York and Brooklyn, Philadelphia or Chicago form a company and publish a small magazine full of numismatic dainties and "hunks of wisdom," and by leaving copies at hotels, depot waiting rooms, public libraries, etc., who can say what great additions might be made to our ranks?

There are many like myself, who are willing to let their light shine, feeble though it may be, and will do anything we can in writing and trying to interest and instruct Numismatia's followers. The papers, however, are "the one thing needful." We'll furnish the oil but must have a lamp, else our light shall not shine.

It may be that these thoughts of mine in regard to the nearly total absence of representative journals of our pursuit have been shared by others, and I trust they'll unite with me in agitating this question and getting others interested who will seek to build up our hobby by starting the publication of good, reada-

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Editorials and Reviews.

Received, *The Yankee Philatelist*, edited and published by J. F. Williams, 18 Pinckney St., Boston, Mass. Mr. Williams is the secretary of the Stamp Collectors' Union organized Nov. 1891. D. E. Hazen, of *The Florida Philatelist*, is the president.

Lack of space prevents a review of other papers. We have received the following: *International Philatelist*, *Eastern Philatelist*, *Weekly Philatelist*, *Youth's Magazine*, devoted to collectors' news; *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, *One Dime*, *American Magazine of Natural Science*, from Sac City, Iowa; *Washington Philatelist*, *The Post Office*, *The Illinois Philatelist*, *Long Island Philatelist*, *The Canadian Philatelist*. Also the following lists: C. H. Mekeel, wholesale list; E. F. Parker, No. 59; The Collector.

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which was about three-eighths of an inch shorter than the usual length. He examined the bill more minutely and discovered that a small piece was missing from a place almost in the center of the note. Thinking that this might have torn out accidentally nothing more was thought of the occurrence until a few days later another bill of the same denomination turned up, short in length to the same extent as the first. The piece missing from this bill, however, it was noticed, was from another portion of the note. Suspicion was aroused and a careful scrutiny of the bill was made, whereupon it was discovered that the missing piece had been cut out. But the work had been done so cleverly and accurately that no person but an expert banker would notice the deficiency.

The detective department was communicated with and the short bills which continued to come in were handed over to them. It was several months before they were able to understand how the perpetrators of the fraud could be benefited. At last they had nine of these short bills, and an analysis of the different places where the cutting operation had been performed solved for them the problem. There had been enough paper taken from these nine bills to make, if properly put together, a tenth note, almost as long as the others, which pass anywhere undetected. The detectives knew that the work was going on and an officer was put on the case especially some months ago. Several weeks ago he suspected that the operator was a woman, and close watch was kept over her.

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