

THE COLLECTOR.

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Rules and Regulations of the Association . .

As our supply of the circulars containing the Rules and Regulations has nearly given out, the following will hereafter govern the association. —

All stamp-collectors, provided they are members of the "Round Table", are eligible to membership.

Every person who joins shall pay an admittance fee of twenty-five (25) cents in stamps.

No stamps taken that catalogue less than two (2) cents. We so withhold the right to reject any stamps.

Every member shall pay twelve (12) cents in cash each month for printing expenses.

The admittance fee and dues for the month must be sent with the application.

The stamps will be put on sheets numbered from 1 to 7 inclusive:

- No. 1 contains stamps from North America.
- No. 2 " " " South "
- No. 3 " " " Europe.
- No. 4 " " " "
- No. 5 " " " Asia.
- No. 6 " " " Africa.
- No. 7 " " " Oceanica.

Members are to send by postal or letter the number of the sheet that they want, and on receiving it take what stamps they wish, put stamps to the same value in the enclosed envelope and return the sheet IMMEDIATELY. Those taking U. S. stamps must replace them by U. S. stamps. Each member may have one book per week.

A paper will be published every month and will be free to members. Each member is allowed a one-half inch ad. in this paper free.

A list of members who have joined during the month previous to publication will be published in every number.

New rules or amendments will be made when necessary.

(See page 3.)

THE * COLLECTOR.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE

— STAMP ASSOCIATION.

F. W. SNOW, SECRETARY.

SUBSCRIPTION—Free to members, to non-members 10 cents per year.

AN X opposite this paragraph signifies that your monthly assessment is due. — PLEASE REMIT AT ONCE.

ADVERTISING RATES.

8 cts. per 1-2 inch. 75 cts. per column.

15 " " inch. \$1.50 " page.

Exchange Notices 5 cents for each notice not exceeding 25 words.

Briefs 3 cents per line.

All matter for next number must be received by the Sect. not later than Feb. 20.

Editorials.

THIS paper is an amateur production and published by minors. We hope however that anybody wishing to advertise will not hesitate to do so on this account.

IN order to get more advertisements for next month we will make the same offer as we made for this month, viz, two inches for twenty-five cents, or a page for \$1.25.

WE may be obliged to limit the members to a 3-line notice under a separate column from the ads.

IN answering advertisements please mention this paper as we wish to get up a reputation as an

advertising medium. It will be to your interest to do so, because we cannot publish a paper without money, and we don't wish to increase the dues which already have been raised two cents.

BEFORE our next number appears we should have a name, especially if we make it a "Round Table Chapter." The voting didn't work for a cent. How would "Columbian Stamp Exchange" do, or "John K. Tiffany Chapter", or some name like that?

THE members do not seem to be in favor of electing officers, so we will not do that at present.

DON'T forget that all articles and all advertisements for the March number must be sent before Feb. 20.

Wanted!

Articles of Interest to the Association to Publish in Every Issue of THE COLLECTOR. Members are requested to write short stories about stamp-collecting and stamp collectors.

— Address all Letters to the Secretary

If members have friends wishing to join this association, they are invited to fill out the Application Blank on last page.

The monthly assessment is now due; please remit as soon as possible.

Members' List.

Below is a complete list of members and their addresses. Those having a star (*) against their names are sent in their applications but not their admittance fees.

- Bevan, Byron. 323 Monmouth Street, Galesburg, Ill.
 Everett, Cornelia. Altoona, Penn.
 Inland, William L. Altoona, Penn.
 Keith, J. H. 110 2nd. Street, Troy, N. Y.
 Kinkead, E. L. 4 Park Street, Newburyport, Mass.
 Langdon, Porter. 327 Monmouth St. Galesburg, Ill.
 Lillis, C. P. 253 High Street, Newburyport, Mass.
 Selden, W. T. 531 N. Tenth Street, Richmond, Va.
 Snow, F. W. Newburyport, Mass.
 Watts, E. M. 17 Wilnot Street, Portland, Me.

If those members who have not paid their admittance fees, don't do so before Feb. 15 their names will be taken from the list and will not be replaced unless five (5) cents in cash is paid in addition to the regular fee.

We have been necessarily delayed in getting out this number, but please promptness in the next.

Newburyport, Mass.,

Jan. 25, 1894.

F. W. SNOW, sec'y,

Dear Sir,

Can any reader of THE COLLECTOR tell me if a "5-cent parcel despatch" stamp red on yellow is of any value?

Yours respectfully,

Carl P. Rollins.

—If anyone can answer this question, please send it to the secretary. [Ed.]

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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United States Stamps!

REVENUES and POSTAGE.

.. SEND ..

For a Selection to

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 **THE STAMP JOURNAL.** 
10 CTS. A YEAR.

MEMBERS!

We will give you 10 per cent commission on all advertisements. Ask your friends to advertise anything they want to buy or sell; if they won't do that get them to subscribe. They can afford it—10 cents.

Application Blank.

F. W. SNOW, Sec'y,
SIR,

Enclosed find 25 cents in stamps, for which please enroll me as a member of The Association.

I also send dues (12 cents) for

NAME

Address

Street or P. O. Box

Age Reference

THIS PAPER is printed by Ernest Foss & Co., 5 Spring Street, Newburyport, Mass.; but it's not the only thing they print. If you need Note-Head Envelopes, Cards, Labels, Circulars, or anything of that kind, let them know. It can do no harm and might save you money.

THE COLLECTOR.

[Vol. I]

NEWBURYPORT, MASS., MARCH 1894.

[No. 3.]

POSTAGE STAMPS.

THAT a stamp collection is a good thing and has a value of its own, is shown by the fact that thousands of people of all ages find the greatest pleasure in gathering and preserving these interesting bits of paper.

We will not consider their money value, although we know that they are valuable by the prices obtained for rare stamps. For instance, a single "Confederate Local" stamp of Livingston, Alabama brought more than \$700 at auction last winter.

One of the best things about stamps, however, is that so many of them can be obtained at small cost. Fine collections of coins and medallions can be made by the wealthy only, but many fine stamp collections have been made with but a small outlay of money. This, combined with their value as means of giving wholesome and

profitable pleasure, accounts for the great and growing popularity of stamp collecting in this country and Europe.

The educational value of this pastime, as a teacher of History, cannot be overestimated. There is scarcely a stamp issuing country which does not exhibit on its stamps the changes of government since it began its issue.

Nations are now providing commemorative issues upon the anniversaries of great events. The young collector who can remember that Columbus discovered America in 1492, but who cannot so easily recall the exact date, will have it fixed in his memory if he can secure the Argentine commemorative stamp which was issued and used on one day only, the 12th. of October, 1892.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

THE above is taken from an essay delivered before the Newburyport High School on Feb. 26. At its close the principal said, "I never heard a better argument about stamps."

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Editorials.

DURING the last year the Dead Letter Department of the Post Office received 7,320,038 pieces of mail, containing money, post office orders, drafts, etc., amounting to \$2,346,170.

THE membership of the Philatelic Sons of America is four hundred and twenty.

THE Western Union Telegraph franks for 1894 are brown.

THE following is an extract from the Weekly Philatelist:—

“An excellent way in which to tell the watermark of a stamp is to apply a little benzine with a brush

on the reverse side of the stamp. The watermark can be plainly seen. The benzine dries up at once and does not injure the stamp at all applied in moderate quantities. The above plan was tried but did not seem to work. Perhaps it was the fault of the experimenter.

A COLLECTOR who is a member of the Newburyport High School is collecting the twenty-two sizes of Columbian envelopes. What is the sense of getting so many?

WE understand that the Stamp Journal is soon to publish the lives of several local philatelists. There are not a great many.

WHAT has become of the Newburyport Stamp Exchange?

WE MUST have fifty new subscribers at once, or discontinue this paper. If we secure second class rates of postage, the price will be 10c. per year. Otherwise it will have to be 15c.

Every member should feel enough interest to get five new subscribers at least.

VARIETIES OF THE COLUMBIAN ENVELOPES.

The following are some of the many varieties found in the Columbus-stamped envelopes.

The first variety or die 1, as I shall call it, has a period after the words CENTS. and AMERICA. This one is very common.

Die two has no period after the words CENTS and AMERICA. This is not so common as die one.

Die three has a small curved line coming from the top of Columbus' head to the back of his neck. It forms a very plain loop.

Die four has no loop, the space back of the head being plain.

Die five has very small round stars or ornaments at the sides. This is about the scarcest of all.

Die six has a little larger star than die five, and it is shaped like an egg.

Die seven has a large oval ornament, the top and bottom lines extending a long way from the center.

Die eight has rings in the center of the stars instead of dots.

Die nine has one ring and one dot. Sometimes the ring is on one side and sometimes on the other.

There are many others, but I think a description of them would be very tiresome; yet at some other time I will take up the other kinds.

C. HOWARD NASH.

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 Pearson, E. L. 4 Park Street, Newburyport, Mass.
 * Pierpoint, Porter. 323 Monmouth St. Galeburg, Ill.
 Rollins, C. P. 253 High Street, Newburyport, Mass.
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17 DIE A. AND DIE B.

What is the difference between die A. and die B. of the 1887 envelopes? How many can answer this? Not many I believe. The only difference as mentioned in the catalogue is the price. They think collectors should know all small things like that.

Well to come to the point, the only difference is that in die A. (the one you can't buy) the ornaments at the sides are ROUND, and in die B. they are OVAL.

Now why was not this put in the catalogue? It would not have taken up much room, and would have been a great help to collectors.

C. HOWARD NASH.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

AFTER March 20, all the matters relating to the stamp dues, etc., must be addressed to— **C. H. NASH,**

110 2nd. St., Troy, N. Y.

ALL matter concerning this paper must be addressed to— **F. W. SNOW,**

Newburyport, Mass.