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## The Adhesive Stamps of Trinidad.

Stamps were first used in Trinidad in 1847. The first was that used by the owner of the vessel *Lady McLeod*, which vessel was named after the wife of the Governor of the Island. This stamp franked letters between San Fernando and Port of Spain, towns on the Island.

This stamp is nicely executed; the chief objects are a vessel sailing to the right, with the monogram "L. McL." underneath. The only known specimen is on the original letter bearing the date of July 15th, 1847. There is no stated value on the stamp; it is printed in blue, on white paper.

The first government issues were prepared by Perkins, Bacon & Co. of London, and were put in use April 4th, 1851; they were similar to the early issues of Barbadoes, and the later issues of Mauritius. They were the following. The paper was changed to a bluish cast by the action of the gum. Vermillion, reddish purple, blue, olive, and greenish slate. The first supply forwarded from England was apparently small, as they ran out in 1852, and were replaced by stamps engraved by a Frenchman residing on the Island. They were similar to the first issues, with crossed line groundwork, and four-pointed star in each corner, unperforated, printed from copper plates, 1852. Blue, blue (on stout pale blue paper), and blue (on yellowish paper), indistinct impressions caused by the plate wearing away. Another lot was forwarded from Perkins, Bacon & Co., upon the arrival of which the blue stamps of native manufacture appear to have been dispensed with, in 1853; all of these are difficult to obtain. The stock from the other country was exhausted in 1856, and lithographs of native manufacture the same as 1853 were used; they were blue in color, and were imperfect impressions. The next stamps used were lithographs of native manufacture from those of 1853, as follows: vermilion and grey. There is no stated value on these stamps, but we infer that the intention was to distinguish

the different values by the color in which they were printed, but it appears that they were all used at the same value. The name and value were engraved on the 1859 series, except on the one penny. The series of 1859 were as follows, printed on white paper, unperforated: carmine, four pence; violet, six pence; green, one shilling; blue black. These stamps were also issued perforated of the same values and colors. The following were printed on thick paper, perforated: carmine, four pence, violet, six pence; green, one shilling; slate.

De La Rue prepared stamps printed on paper with the watermark c. c. & Crown; they were of London manufacture, and were engraved similar to those of Perkins, Bacon & Co., they were issued in 1865, as follows: carmine, four pence; violet, six pence; green, one shilling; dark purple; (there are several varieties of these as regards color); they were perforated. The stamps of 1869 were unperforated, they were carmine, four pence; violet, six pence; green, one shilling; purple. The next stamp had a portrait of Victoria engraved upon it, and was watermarked, crown, and c. c.; they were perforated, and were of the value of five shilling. There were two varieties, deep rosy lake, and pale rosy lake.

A series was issued in 1879 of the same design as 1853, watermarked, crown and c. c., perforated. Vermilion, carmine, four pence; grey, one shilling; yellow. The die of the 1d was printed in lilac in 1879, surcharged *half-penny* in black, perforated.

In 1882 a provisional one penny, surcharged on six pence with a pen, 1d is written in, and the old value is ruled out, the surcharge is found in both black and red ink.

In the May of 1882, the 1d. carmine, was surcharged *one penny* in black, perforated and watermarked, C. A. and crown, also one half of 1d. carmine used as 1/2d.; this one was divided vertically, there was also one divided obliquely. In 1883 there was a four pence grey issued. On the first of the year 1883 the following set, bearing

the head of Victoria and watermarked C. A. and crown was issued; one half penny, green; one penny, carmine; two and a half penny, blue; four pence, grey, 1884; six pence, olive; and one shilling, brown. The six penny is reported to have been used only for several days, when it was withdrawn. There is a set of unpaid stamps in use, but as yet I do not think their use is general, as very few are imported cancelled.

I have not given a description of all the varieties of color of the stamps of this colony, as there are a great many which have changed through age and the action of the gum upon the coloring matter in the ink, so I do not think these can be classed as varieties, and consequently omit them.

### Cancelling Postage Stamps by Electricity.

The method of defrauding the government by cleaning postage stamps and using them over again is one that is practiced to a greater extent than many people have any idea of. The loss which the United States Government suffered in former years from this cause was enormous. A systematic inquiry into the subject lately made by the French postal authorities reveals the fact that the Government Treasury loses as much as £20,000 per annum in this way; and doubtless the fraud has escaped detection in many cases, so that loss may be put down at a higher figure. The number of devices which has been suggested to make the cancelling of postage stamps effectual is very large. All kinds of hand stamps have been made. Some scraped the surface, others perforated it, others used chemicals that decomposed the coloring matter of the ink in the stamp. But the difficulty has always been that the remedy was too good. It would do more than was wanted, and the envelope or the parcel was likely to suffer by it. In this emergency, electricity has been utilized, and a French inventor has brought it to the rescue of the Treasury department by an ingenious application. The idea of M. Chatinet is to use the heating properties of a current of electricity to scorch the stamp. The instrument for stamping has the ordinary form, consisting of a round knob or handle attached to a die. One side carries two small binding posts, which receive the current from a battery by means of a flexible connecting cord, of the kind used in telephone connections. From these

posts the current passes through a switch button, by turning which the current is completed, and the current made to pass through a zig-zag thread of platinum. The platinum forms the cancelling face, or die, of the stamp. By the passage of the current it becomes red hot, and when brought down on the stamp it chars its surface with a zig-zag mark, that is necessarily indelible. By contact with the cool surface of the stamp the platinum wire is chilled, and as the die is immediately removed there is no injury done to the envelope. The stamp can evidently be used in the manner as the ordinary ink stamp. The application of electricity in this case seems very simple, and it looks as though its use ought to be practical.—*The Foreign Stamp Collectors News.* (England.)

### Stamps of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.

In the following article I will endeavor to give some facts in regard to the early issues of stamps that I have gleaned, and which I thought would be acceptable to our patrons. In a publication issued in 1838, in Paris, by M. Piron, Sous Directeur des Postes; under the title of "Du Service des Postes, et de la Taxation des Lettres au Moyen d'un Timbre," is stated that in the reign of Louis XIV., M. De Valayer carried on a private system in 1653, the letters were prepaid with strips of paper wrapped around them with "Postpaid the —— day of ——, 1653 or '54" printed on them, these strips were sold at various places. The same gentleman also issued printed forms to be filled out by the sender, these forms were so worded that they were used for the ordinary business requirements. One addressed to Mademoiselle Scudéry is yet in Paris, it is said to be one of the oldest samples of the local system. M. De Chamouset, a Parisian, started a post in 1758 under Louis XV.; the government however, upon seeing the profit that he derived from his venture deprived him of the right, and conducted it in such a way that it soon fell into disuse. Spain authorized a stamp or seal to be used by the authorities in the transmission of public matter in 1716; this stamp bore the royal arms of Castile and Leon. On June 8th, 1794, by the postal regulations, notice was given that this stamp was only to be used for official business transacted through the mail. They were not used after the beginning of the present century.

Italy (Sardina) issued a sort of official stamped envelope from 1819 to 1836. November 7th, 1818, they were issued under the Directeur des Postes, and were for sale at the post-offices and by tobacco sellers, who received a commission on their sales of them. They were of the following values: fifteen, twenty-five, and fifty centesimi; they were not used much, and were withdrawn March 30th, 1836; the design was a cupid on horse-back with value "c. 50." below, the whole encircled by an octagonal line.

On May 6th, 1840, the idea of having adhesive stamps was put into practical use through the exertions of Mr. Rowland Hill. The plan was bitterly opposed in Parliament in 1837, in which year he first proposed it, but owing to the numerous appeals in favor of the measure, it was finally passed, thus authorizing the first issue of stamps in Great Britain. The above are only a few instances of the early issues of stamps, but serve to show the immense lapse of time from the time they were first thought of until they were put into practical use.

### Notes and Queries.

This column is open to correspondence on all Philatelic subjects.

ATTENTION is called to our Notes and Queries. This department is intended to ask and answer all subjects appertaining to Philately, and we wish to state that no one will be permitted to enter any personal matter, as we do not intend that correspondents shall make us a fence over which to fight their battles. We hold out liberal inducements to correspondents who will write letters from their cities. Please address the Editors.

EACH month we will publish an article of interest to U. S. revenue collectors, as this branch of Philately is no doubt growing very rapidly, as can be seen by the large number sold at the auction sales in New York. Taking, for example, seven sales held between the 15th of March and the 15th of December, 1886, there were nearly 500 U. S. revenues offered for sale, for which we understand good prices were obtained, which shows that the demand must be large for good specimens, and that it is a branch that should not be ignored.

### Record of New Issues.

**United States.** It is rumored that the color of the four cents will be changed to purple, and new one and two cent envelopes issued shortly. The new postal card is now on sale at some offices.

**Bulgaria.** The five stotinki card now has the inscription printed in green.

**Grenada.** Both the 3-2 and 4d. revenue stamps have been surcharged "Postage 1d."

**Nefaul.** The stamps of this country are now printed on native paper.

**Paraguay.** The lately issued official stamps are of the following values and colors. Unperforated: 1 centavo, orange; 2 centavos, violet; 5 centavos, red; 7 centavos, green; 10 centavos, brown; 15 centavos, blue; 20 centavos, carmine. Perforated: 1 centavo, green; 2 centavos, carmine; 5 centavos, red; 10 centavos, claret; 15 centavos, brown; 20 centavos, blue.

**Tonga.** A series of postage stamps is being prepared for this island in the South Pacific. They bear the head of the king with "Tonga" above. The set will be as follows: 1 penny, pink; 2 pence, purple; 6 pence, blue; 2 shilling, green.

**Straits Settlements.** Another provisional has been made by surcharging the five cents claret "Three Cents."

**U. S. of Columbia.** A 5 centavos with bust of Bolivar has been prepared.

**Victoria.** The 2 penny envelopes now have the words "Stamp Duty" at the sides of the oval.

### A Work of Art or Crime?

Officers of the Secret Service recently seized a fac-simile painting of a \$5 United States note as being a violation of the laws against counterfeiting. The painting was on a wooden block, and was so well done that it looked as though the note was lying on the wood and could easily be removed. The Chief of the Secret Service Division thought the painting should be destroyed. The artist, however, protested against this as unjust. He represented that the painting was a work of art and was worth about \$500. Some of the Treasury officials are of opinion that the artist is right. The question has been referred to the Solicitor of the Treasury. It is understood that a number of these paintings are in existence.

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Advertisements for No. 2 should be in by February 10th.

## Editors' Study.

We take pleasure in presenting the initial number of the KEYSTONE STATE PHILATELIST. In placing this magazine before the Philatelic public, we propose to give a first-class publication in every respect; it will be our object to make the various departments as interesting as possible.

We have been fortunate in securing the assistance of some of the best Philatelic writers of the day, who from time to time will favor us with essays. Mr. L. W. Durbin of this city will conduct the new issue department, and it is needless to say that collectors will get the most recent information, as Mr. D. is considered the best informed man on this and all Philatelic subjects. Our subscription price is placed at a low figure, so that the magazine will be in the reach of all. Subscribers to receive twelve numbers, or full amount of subscription will be returned to them.

We have effected a plan by which sample copies will be sent to different Philatelists each month, thus as an advertising medium it will be the *best* magazine extant.

A word about advertisers will not be out of place here. We propose to allow only first-class dealers to enter our columns.

As collecting of revenue stamps has become quite popular, we intend to give an article each month on this very interesting part of Philately.

Thanking our many friends for the generous support and good wishes, and hoping to still merit the same, we beg to remain the public's obedient servants.

## Squibs.

AIN'T it funny, when the P. O. Department *cancel*s a stamp once the stamp dealers *can sell* it again! The P. O. Department declare they will not allow a discount on any amount of stamps purchased, and yet allow a margin on every sheet of one hundred stamps—even one's.

THE design for the new two cent stamp which is to be put into circulation about January 1st has been selected. It was prepared by Tiffany & Co., of New York, and is said to be one of the handsomest specimens yet issued by the Department. The design represents an embossed head of Washington in profile, upon a blue tinted background.

WE are in receipt of a neat and condensed price-list of stamps from A. Lohmeyer of Baltimore, Md. It is interspersed with blank pages for memoranda, and it is quite a novelty in its line.

IT may be worth remembering that two Connecticut Postmaster-Generals respectively originated the use of postage stamps and stamped envelopes in America. Another Connecticut man, Ed. Allan, of Norwich, invented the envelope machine which manufactures 20,000 stamped envelopes per day.

Now is the time to subscribe. A copy for each month of the year guaranteed subscription refunded.

WE regret that the jury failed to convict Fred Stahl (Horace C. Jones) of St. Paul, because he managed to outwit the law upon identification. Much praise is due Mr. Mekeel for his untiring efforts to have Stahl convicted.

### The New Postal Card.

The new postal card which will be issued shortly is of the following description: near the top of the card, and equi-distant from its two side edges, is a profile portrait of Thomas Jefferson, looking to the right, on a shaded background, inclosed within several concentric circles, and resting upon an ornate pedestal engraved in outline. Below this pedestal, in small letters, is the legend, "Nothing but the address to be on this side." Immediately beneath the portrait and within two of the circles appears the denomination "one cent," and on either side on shaded panels with arabesque terminations is the title "Postal Card," in plain Roman letters. Above the whole, inscribed upon a curved ribbon, are the words, "United States." The design is printed in black. The new cards will be of the same size as those in use, and of the same color and quality of paper.

### Our Contemporaries.

*The Western Philatelist* is a new paper hailing from that city (Chicago) of numerous ventures in Philatelic magazines. Although the others failed, we see no reason why this one should; it is backed by a number of members of the C. P. S., and with such men as Messrs. Bradt, Wolsieffer and Gadsen at the helm, we are sure of a successful career for it.

A new paper, to be known as *The Stamp Collector*, is quoted from Germantown, Philadelphia. It will be conducted by Mr. W. B. Adams.

*The Stamp Dealers of the World* is the title of a neat little book published by J. M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H. It contains a complete list of all the dealers in postage and revenue stamps in the world. Price 10 cents.

The following papers are at hand. Publishers please accept thanks, we wish to exchange with all Philatelic papers published:—

*The Chemung Review. Agassiz Commission. Philatelic Journal of America. Mohawk Standard. Empire State Philatelist. Plain Talk. The Stamp. The Buckeye State Philatelist. The Cumberland Collector. The Old Curiosity Shop.*

### Old Stamp Collectors.

"Will you sell me a lot of unused stamps at reduced rates if I promise to paste them in an album and never put them on letters?" hesitatingly asked a queer little man the other day, as he poked his head half-way through one of the windows in the Post Office. The matter-of-fact dispenser of vignettes of Presidents gazed blankly at the speaker and for a moment lost the use of his tongue. Then he made a sharp, clean-cut negative exclamation, and the little chap who has asked the question meekly turned away.

"You jist bet," poetically responded the employe at the stamp window of the Post Office, in reply to the query of a *Times* reporter whether such applications were common. He said he was much troubled by stamp collectors, who labored under the delusion that Post Office employes could procure for them postage stickers of any nationality. They often asked for United States stamps long since extinct and sometimes swore shockingly when they could not be supplied with them. One man recently proposed that a certain number of government officials should be kept constantly at work detaching rare stamps from letters that passed through the mail and marking them to show that the postage had been paid. The stamps thus detached were to be distributed in a fair proportion among the extensive family of collectors. The logic of this was that the average man had no use for stamps and that they might as well be turned into the album of the connoisseur, who had.

### HIGH-PRICED CURIOS.

Stamp collecting used to be a mere schoolboy occupation. It is no longer so. The man spoken of as going to the Post Office pigeon-hole wore whiskers, and it is said that two-thirds of the devotees of the stamp-book are past middle age. Persons who want to have good collections must pay large prices for the stamps, and this in itself places the hobby beyond the reach of children. A few months ago a single book of stamps was sold in Paris for nearly \$10,000, and many persons in this city possess collections worth much more than \$1,000 each. The number of different stamps which it is possible to get is about 6,250. Of these there are some kinds entirely controlled by enthusiasts, who refuse to sell them. In 1852 the French Government issued two different

sorts of cheap stamps for the Reunion Isles, which are now valued at \$50 each. The rarest kind of American stamps are probably the old "locals."

Very often large business houses are invaded by men who want to go through the waste paper baskets and rescue stray stamps from oblivion. Such collectors are not particular, but seize whatever comes along. Firms having extensive foreign connections are the most troubled in this way. Requests from abroad to Consuls at this port for complete sets of stamps are frequent.

#### ORGANIZING A CORNER IN STAMPS.

Innumerable efforts have been made to manipulate the stamp market. A gentleman in Philadelphia is at the present time engaged in securing all the late department stamps possible. He pays very good prices for them, and he already has many thousands. He thinks they cannot depreciate but must increase in value, and by creating a corner he hopes to make about four hundred per cent on his outlay. A great many dealers say that the man's descendants may realize some profit, but that he himself never will.

One of the coarser branches of this particular "profession" is the collecting of revenue stamps from barrels of beer and match boxes. With some persons this is quite a craze. They fumble among the breweries on sufferance, scrape off the broken labels and stick them together as great curiosities. The "match-stamp fiend" hovers around groceries and tries to find stamps which he has not already in his collection. Nobody has ever exactly slain a stamp scavenger, but he is not at all liked in places where matches are sold.

#### The Stamps of Brazil.

Brazil was the second country to issue postage-stamps, they were issued by order of a decree signed by the minister, C. J. d'Arango Viana, on November 29, 1842, they were of the following descriptions. Large figures of value in an oval of crossed lines, the values were 30, 60, and 90 reis, they were printed in black and were engraved by Carlos d'Azevedo and Jose de Faria, the engravers of the Mint, and were printed at the National Treasury. In 1844 a series was issued, the 30, 60, and 90 reis, 1845, 180, 300, and 600 reis, 1846, 10 reis, the numerals were in italics on an engine turned ground, the size was seven-eighths eleven-sixteenths of an inch, with the

corners of the die cut off concavely. The next set was that of 1850, of the following values, 10, 20, 30, 60, 90, 180, 300 and 600 reis, printed in black; 1854, 10 and 30 reis, blue; 1861, 280 reis, red, and 430 reis, yellow; the size of these stamps was three-fourths by five-eighths of an inch, they were all unperforated, but the next series, (the same in design) was perforated, it was issued in 1866, of the following values, and colors; 10, 20, 30, 60, 90, 180, 300 and 600 reis, black; 10 and 30, reis, blue, 280 reis, vermilion, and 430 reis, orange; all of the above stamps were prepared by natives. But in 1865 a contract was entered into with the American Bank Note Company of New York, who produced a beautiful set, which was put into use in 1866; they were printed in various colors, and were of the values of 10, 20, 50, 80, 100, 200 and 500 reis. In 1877 a 300 reis printed in green and orange was issued, it is the workmanship of the Continental Bank Note Company of New York, this stamp was rouletted, as were also the following stamps of the same date of issue, 10, 20, 50, 80, 100, 200 and 500 reis. In 1878 a 300 reis of the same design and colors as the above described one was put into use; in the same year the following stamps were put into use, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 reis. These stamps were of different design from the previous or following issues. In 1879 an 80, 200, 300, 700, and 100 reis; the next series was that of 1881, (small head) 50, 100 and 200 reis, lined ground, 1882, 10 reis, plain ground, 100 reis, (small head), both plain and lined ground, 1883, 100 reis, lined ground (large head), 1884, 50 reis, (large head) 20 reis (value in circle) and 100 reis, (small head), 1885, 10, and 200 reis, and 100 reis (value in circle), the issues of 1878, and 1879, were rouletted, but all after this date were perforated.

The following are the envelope stamps 1867, 100, 200 and 300 reis, on white paper, and 300 reis on buff paper.

The stamps of Brazil are noted for the truthful likeness of Dom Pedro, which so many of them portray. The early issues represent him as a middle aged man, but in the later issues he is represented as the venerable old gentleman that you would find him were you to visit his native country.

#### The Stamp-Collecting Mania.

The mania for collecting postage-stamps seems to be gaining more ground than ever in France. Among the most famous



collectors in France is a man who has over \$1,000,000 postage-stamps preserved in 130. richly bound volumes, and another who keeps two clerks employed in classifying and arranging his enormous collection. Added to this there are in Paris about 150 wholesale firms employed in the trade, and one of the best known of these has lately offered from £20 to £40 for certain stamps of the year 1836. Tuscan postage-stamps dated before 1860 will be paid for at the rate of £6 each, while stamps from Mauritius for the year 1847 bring £80, and France stamps of 1849 are quoted at £1 each.

### The True Story of the Adhesive Postage Stamp.

#### THE CASE OF MR. CHALMERS.

From *Bric-a-Brac, the Stamp Collector's Manual.*

Mr. Patrick Chalmers has published some 'important additional evidence' in behalf of his father's (James Chalmers) claim to be considered the originator of the adhesive postage stamp. That the invention belongs to Sir Rowland Hill has before now been contested, and Mr. Patrick Chalmers has now fairly established his case. Mr. Chalmers quotes from the papers bequeathed to the South Kensington Museum by Sir Henry Cole, and we have 'confirmation strong as Holy Writ' in the letters of Sir Henry Cole and of James Chalmers himself, whose description of the stamp is now brought to light under his own signature, that Chalmers is indisputably entitled to the credit of the invention.

'In February, 1837, a passing allusion was made by Mr. Hill to an adhesive stamp,' says Mr. Patrick Chalmers, 'showing that he had acquired from some quarter the idea of Mr. Chalmers' invention.' February, 1837, was two years and a half after the proved invention of the adhesive stamp by Mr. Chalmers, one of the early postal reformers, the correspondent, amongst others, of Messrs. Knight and Co., who published for Mr. Hill. In his letters of 18th January, 1840, Mr. Hill appears to have pointed out to Mr. Chalmers that his claim could not be admitted, because he, Mr. Hill, first proposed to adopt an adhesive stamp in February, 1837, the first official proposal of his plan. Mr. Chalmers, his letter to Mr. Walker and the House of Commons Committee, having been made only in December of the same year. In answer to this extraordinary pretension on the

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## THE BANNER OFFICE IN NUMBERS.

The Knoxville, Tenn., postmaster issued in 1861 six varieties of stamps—the largest number of any Confederate postoffice. These were all of the value of five cents, but different in design and color. The design was prepared by an engraver at Nashville, and is after the design of the Nashville stamp. A circular stamp, not of engraved design but in a printed frame, was also issued. It is said that the circular stamp was only for temporary use, having been made by a Knoxville printer while the design engraved by the Nashville man was being prepared. The circular stamp was bordered by eleven stars, while in the centre appeared the figure of value and the word "paid." The circle of stars was surrounded by an oval band, inscribed "C. H. Charlton, P. M., Knoxville, Tennessee." Spandrels of ornamental scroll-work, enclosed in a double-line frame, also appeared on this unique stamp. The name of "W. D. McMish, P. M." appeared on the Nashville stamp in the upper circle. The Nashville stamp was issued in values of three, five and ten cents.

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## An Experience of a Philatelist.

Most every collector in the United States has had at some time or other experiences that are both unique and interesting to relate. We have had our share, and shall tell you of one.

A few years ago a lady came to my place of business, and stated that she had come a long distance (way up the country somewhere) to see my collection, and hoped I would oblige her with a *peep* at it. I did not know the party, but, as she looked honest, I let her look at the collection. She was in raptures over it; she had never seen such before, and said that *she* had only 700 or 800 specimens, etc., etc.

You know how women can talk when anything interests them. Well, when they become Philatelists they become cranks on the subject—or at least nine out of ten of them do. Just think of it, reader! that dear creature kept me standing from 2 until 6 P. M. explaining to her the various oddities, freaks, surcharges, etc. She left with profuse thanks, and informed me she would call again.

She came the next day. It is needless to tell you I would not let her look at the collection again. But for all that she managed to keep me talking for three hours.

The third day she came again, and brought her collection with her. She tried to make me believe that it belonged to a small boy at her home, and that she wanted to sell it for him. I saw right through the scheme. Her motive in calling at the various times was to get points, etc. You can imagine that I was provoked. Had she come out at first and told me what she wanted, and saved my time and patience, I should have nothing to say against lady collectors. But I am happy to say, they are not all alike. Among my Philatelic friends I know some ladies who are ardent collectors, and an honor to the Philatelic cause. More anon. NEMO.

## A Word for U. S. Revenues.

Taking into consideration the demand for revenues at present, I think that the time is not far distant when they will be as much sought after as postage stamps. The philatelists in general have not awakened yet to the value and pleasure of collecting these souvenirs of our late war, but sooner or later they are bound to assume their proper place side by side with postage stamps. Then will come the demand, and consequently the advance in price, which will put the high values of document and the now scarce private die stamps, beyond the reach of the majority of collectors.

Some of the following quotations will show the rapid advance in price of some of the moderate-priced stamps: The large 12-cent blue stamp of the San Francisco Match Company, which sold two years ago for 25 cents, is now quoted at \$2.50. The 1-cent vermilion, G. W. H. Davis, a fine specimen of which a friend of mine bought from an approval sheet for ten cents about two years ago, has advanced to \$2. The 10-cent blue proprietary and the 5-cent red proprietary and playing cards of the first issue of document stamps have advanced from 25 cents each to \$2 each; the 6-cent orange proprietary from \$3 to \$10. These are only a few examples of the general advance, but they serve to show the average advance in U. S. revenues.

This branch is no doubt as interesting as postage stamps, for it embraces such a variety of separate divisions, each one of which has its peculiar interest, and each division forms a beautiful collection in itself. There are the document stamps, which produce a beautiful effect if properly displayed, and what can be more pleasing to the eye than a collection of match, medicine, and playing-card stamps, with their

fine productions of engraving and delicate tints of coloring? Another beautiful group are the tin foil tobacco wrappers, when they are mounted on white paper with red lines ruled around them. The match wrappers look remarkably well if displayed in the same way.

In regard to the beer, alcohol, tobacco, and cigar stamps, which are the least sought after of all revenues, I would say that by far the nicest way to prepare them is to mucilage them on heavy white cardboard and rule around them a double line of red, leaving about one-fourth of an inch between the edge of the stamp and the ruling, and if the collector is handy, he can still improve on this, by beveling and gilding the edge of the card, after which the stamp will be ready to arrange in the album. I would advise all collectors of beer, alcohol, tobacco, and cigar stamps to mucilage them tight to some kind of paper before putting them in their albums, as by doing this they are enabled to repair the many little defects which occur in removing such large stamps as these from the packages upon which they are found. Care should be taken to use only the purest mucilage, made from gum arabic, in preparing any kind of revenue stamps, as an inferior article will discolor the paper, and destroy the color of many varieties.

### A Remarkable Collection.

The many collectors of postage stamps may follow the steps of a Benedictine monk, who has solved the mystery of their usefulness, and with them has papered the wall of a room in the monastery in a most ingenious and effective manner. In three months he collected eight hundred thousand stamps, sorted them according to their colors, and then arranged them in a variety of animal and other designs, such as flowers, mottoes and inscriptions, together with the date of the day when the task was finished.

#### OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

We have met with much success—more than we had hoped for. One of our contemporaries states that we promised great things, and that time would tell. We are not aware that we promised any impossibilities—nothing more than any one else would do in our place. We take pleasure in repeating that we intend to give a good magazine, and we have one that we have

just cause to be proud of—one equal to many that have been published for years. It is not our intention to flaunt whole page advertisements about our circulation, etc. We are glad to leave that space to those who will pay for it, and we only ask dealers to give us a trial advertisement, and if they do, they will come to stay.

### Record of New Issues.

**Danish West Indies.** The 3-cent post card is announced, printed in red on buff.

**Grenada.** Another provisional has come over—1d. on 1 shilling, orange.

**Helsingfors.** This town in Finland now uses a post card with stamp of the same design as the latest issue adhesive.

**Lagos.** Stamps of the following values are said to have been issued: 2 shillings and 6 pence, dark blue; 5 shillings, blue; 10 shillings, brown.

**New Republic.** In addition to the stamps already announced, there are two other values—3 and 4 pence, lilac on buff.

**Portugal.** The color of the 5 reis is said to have been changed to green.

**Samoa.** A new issue is making its appearance, having three coconut trees in a circle, "Samoa Postage" above and value below. Three values have thus far been seen, viz.: 2 pence, orange; 4, blue; 1 shilling, red.

**South Australia.** A new 3 pence, olive, has been issued.

**British Honduras.** The color of the 1 shilling stamp has been changed to gray.

In the course of Philatelic events it becomes evident that some of the rogues have succeeded in robbing several societies of their funds. We wish to express our sympathy to the injured parties, and hope that they may soon bring the guilty parties to justice.

Philadelphia has the name of publishing six or seven Philatelic magazines. At the present time it has not been our good fortune to see more than four. If the others are out, they must be hiding somewhere. Come out, brothers; there's always room for more.

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Advertisements for No. 3 should be in by March 15th.

## Editors' Study.

We wish to give our thanks to our patrons, and express our appreciation of their efforts in our behalf. We have made our first effort, and have every reason to believe that our publication has met with general satisfaction. It is true we were late in issuing our first number, but that was due to unavoidable delay with the postal authorities. We expect to be somewhat later than we proposed this month, but will be out promptly with our March number.

No one can appreciate what it is to issue the first number of a publication such as ours without they have had practical experience. Thanking our patrons again for their kind wishes and complimentary remarks, and requesting a continuance of their favors, we remain

THE EDITORS.

We understand that the exchange department of the American Philatelic Association is ready for business. Whilst we do not approve of their manner of organization, we still wish them every success. Official Circular No. 2 is no doubt a good idea to give a list of the members, but we think that they might have omitted the term, "members in good standing," as

that would lead to the inference that those names that appeared on their first list of applicants for membership, and which do not appear on their last list, were persons of bad standing, which would be a great injustice, as a great number of persons whose names appeared on their first list had not made application for membership, and were not desirous of being members.

The article published in our January number entitled "Odd Stamp Collectors" will no doubt excite considerable comment in regard to the garbled information and incorrect statistics. It was an extract from one of the dailies of this city, and no doubt was considered by the writer as very good; but we do not think so; so published it to give an idea of the way the efforts of Philatelists are appreciated by outsiders. Well, we cannot expect every one to see the same as ourselves, for if they did, this would be a strange world indeed.

## Squibs.

We understand that the *American Philatelist*, the official organ of the A. P. A., is out at last, and that it is rather a poor sheet. We hope that it will meet with success, and that it will improve with age.

It is our intention to publish now and then extracts from our contemporaries, as we think an article culled from a friend, with due credit, will be in order at any time.

Our thanks are due to many kind friends who have aided us with their generous support and good cheer in our new enterprise. We know the lot of a publisher is not a happy one at the best, but ours ought to be if the various favorable letters we receive every day amount to anything.

Mr. L. W. Durbin informs us that his new catalogue will be out this month. We look forward to something fine—in fact we hope to see Mr. Durbin excel all his previous efforts as chronicler and compiler.

A number of copies go abroad this month. Will some of our English cousins please exchange with us?

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The first postal card used was issued in Austria, October 1st, 1869. Hungary followed on the 1st of November. In July, 1870, Germany dropped into the ranks.

Do not forget that *now* is the time to subscribe. Remember, twelve numbers or your money refunded. Subscriptions can commence with current number or with No. 1.

The collecting of old hand stamps has come into considerable favor with some collectors. We have several strange souvenirs in this line. They are free, franked, letters to President James K. Polk and some of his Secretaries of Departments. Another variety of collection is prevalent—that is, that of the Union and Confederate war motto envelopes. Some are very curious and scarce, especially the Confederate ones.

It is generally understood that the letter sheet put into use last October was the first venture of the United States Government in this line. This, however, is not the case, as on August 1st, 1861, stamped letter sheets were used, but were not issued after April, 1864. Entire specimens are very seldom met with. The idea does not seem to have met with favor, as we understand the Government has discontinued the printing of the same.

It is surprising what trash some publishers will put in their papers. It seems that if they fill space that is all they care for. We hold that if a party subscribes to a magazine, he wishes to feel that he has something for his money. Some one has said there is nothing much in Philately to write about. This may be true, but we

doubt it; and we propose to give just as much good reading matter as our space will allow.

Among the most attractive stamps that have been issued for some time are the last issue of Great Britain. The following have come under our special notice: 1 shilling, green, Postage and Revenue above and One Shilling below;  $\frac{1}{2}$  pence, rose, head in circle, inscription in upper part of circle and value (One Half-Pence) in lower; 4 pence, green and purple; this resembles the Persian stamps, with margin and circle in corners, with value printed in purple; 6 pence, brown on rose surface paper, head in circle at top, enclosed in square, with scroll, with inscription and value below. They are very creditable and beautiful stamps, and make quite a contrast with those which they take the place of.

### The Garfield Envelopes.

There has been a good deal of discussion about the 5-cent stamped envelopes, bust of Garfield, on blue and fawn paper, some even going so far as to say that they were nothing but fancy impressions. The envelopes were not issued for several months after the adhesives made their appearance—perhaps not over six weeks before the expiration of the contract of 1878-82. At some time during these six weeks two hundred of these envelopes on fawn and two hundred and fifty on blue were received at a certain postoffice in the usual way, and were sold in the usual way, most of them being purchased by a gentleman who is well known to us, and who, it seems, had a presentiment that these sizes would be abolished. They were; for No. 3 blue and No. 7 fawn have been so little called for in the past, that the Department decided to discontinue them at the expiration of the contract, and on the schedule issued on January 1st they will not be found. The time (six weeks) is merely a supposition, as we do not know exactly how long it was between the appearance of the Garfield envelopes and the expiration of the contract under which they were made; but this we do know: that the envelopes on blue and fawn paper were regularly made and supplied in the usual way to a postoffice, and sold at that office just as other envelopes are sold.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

### Our Contemporaries.

*The Collector's Companion* is a new paper, published at Pawnee City, Nebraska. It is to be hoped that it will be successful, and that it will not follow in the footsteps of its ill fated namesake.

The *Wayne Times*, although not published in the interest of Philatelists, we cannot pass it by without some mention. It is a very creditable sheet, quite newsy and has many well written articles. Come, and see us often, Brother P.

*The Golden Eclipse* is a well-edited magazine. It is neatly printed and has a very nicely designed cover.

The *Tag World* is published in the interest of collectors of tobacco tags. A person would not think that there would be field enough for such a publication, as it is only the temporary liking of a school-boy, that will pass away with the season, like any other pastime.

*The Philatelic Journal of America*.—Just as we go to press we receive the special number of the above paper. We have not the space nor the time to review it, but would say that our friend Mekell has made a decided success of it, and that we do not believe all that he wishes the Philatelic public to—that is, that there is no money in publishing Philatelic magazines. Just look at this special effort of his if you doubt us.

The proprietors of the *Stamp Collector*, Germantown, Philadelphia, have decided to discontinue it. Word comes to us that a new paper will be issued from that place about March 1st. It will bear the name of the *Germantown Philatelist*, and will be conducted by Messrs. Darrach and Von Utassy.

On the evenings of the 9th and 10th of February, 1887, Mr. J. J. Casey held his eighth auction sale of an excellent collection of stamps and envelopes, the property of a Philadelphia collector, at the auction rooms of Thomas L. Bucken & Co., 817 and 819 Broadway, New York. A fine collection of stamps and an almost complete collection of entire U. S. envelopes were catalogued.

There were about thirty persons present each evening, among whom were Mr. J. J. Casey, the cataloguer of the sale, Mr. E. B. Sterling, Mr. R. R. Bogert, Mr. Henry Collin, Mr. David Prosky, Mr. C. A. Burger, Mr. L. W. Durbin, Joseph Rechert and several others. The bidding was spir-

ited at times, and some good prices were realized. The following are a few of them:

*Postage Stamps*.—Baton Rouge, 5c. sold for \$63; Bolivia, 1871, 500c., black, \$36.50; India, 2, a green perforated, *unused*, \$33; Trinidad, 1847, "Lady McLeod," local, \$25; Roumania (Moldavia), 1858, 54 paras, blue on green, \$24; France, 1849, 1 franc, Venetian red, \$9.50; Nashville, 5c., brown, \$6.

*Revenue Stamps*.—\$200, 1st issue, \$7.50; \$200, 2d issue, \$10; \$50, 2d issue, \$5.

*Foreign Envelopes*.—Mauritius, 1863, 1 shilling, yellow on thin blue paper \$50; Finland, 1860, 10k., carmine, \$25; Confederate States official envelopes, inscriptions printed over 1853, 3c., red on buff, \$15; similar inscriptions over 1853, 10c., green on buff, \$15 Ceylon, 1858, 10p., orange, \$9.05; 2 sh., blue, \$7.80.

*U. S. Envelopes*.—1853, 3c., white, broad label, \$49; 1853, 3c., white, octagon ends, \$47; 1857, 6c., red on buff, official, \$42; 1857, 6c., red on white, official, \$41; 1878, 2c., white, \$15.25; 1857, 4c. (1c. and 3c.), white, \$12; 1853, 3c., white, broad label, note size used, \$10.25; 1878, 1c., orange. (This is a very curious envelope. It is in double, the inner having the stamp without color, the outer having stamp in proper place. Half an inch below this stamp on the outer envelope is another perfect colored impression.) This envelope sold for \$10.25. Horner's "stamped envelopes of the United States," second and revised edition, sold for \$5.25.

GUSTAV AVE.

### Better from the Capital City.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11, 1887.

Washington, though one of the foremost cities in nearly everything of note is certainly behind other cities in Philatelic matters. We have neither a Philatelic society nor a Philatelic paper, and can boast of but really one regular stamp dealer although I'll warrant we have as many collectors as any other city of our size. A Philatelic paper was started here about a year ago, but received but little patronage, and so was very short lived, there being but three numbers issued. However, a stamp journal is not essential to our city, as all the leading ones are largely circulated here; but a society would certainly be of great benefit. Let us hope that an effort will be made to organize one.

Department stamps are steadily increasing in value, and it has become impossible

of late to get them from the government departments, they having given out all they had.

**STAMPS.**—Two tramps were seen to saunter leisurely up to a swell Washington hotel bar and call for drinks. The bartender innocently placed the "patent medicine" before the involuntary tourists, and they imbibed freely. After it was consumed one politely inquired if stamps would be accepted in payment; the bartender answering in the affirmative, they immediately began to beat on the floor with their brogans, much to the amusement of the spectators and to the chagrin of the bartender.

TRIX.

The following papers are at hand, publishers will please accept thanks:

*The International Philatelic Advertiser, No. 1; Peerless Review, No. 2; Empire State Philatelist, Vol. 3, No. 2; Chemung Review, No. 11; Western Philatelist, No. 2; Collector's Review, No. 5; Philatelic Gazette, No. 31; Texas Stamp, No. 2; Curiosity World, No. 5; Philatelic Journal of America, No. 23; Exchange and Mart, Vol. 3, No. 4; Philatelic Monthly, Vol. 13, No. 2; Philatelic Tribune, Vol. 2, No. 17; Youth's Ledger, Vol. 2, No. 14; Cumberland Collector, No. 9; Carson Philatelist, Vol. 2, No. 1; Stamp World, Vol. 7, No. 69; Plain Talk, Vol. 4, No. 4; Philatelic Magazine, Vol. 2, No. 7; Halifax Philatelist, No. 2.*

WE have often been asked the reason why the 7, 12 and 24-cent stamps of the 1870 issue were withdrawn, and quote the following from the *United States Official Postal Guide* of April, 1876:

"The Department is prepared to commence the issue of postage stamps of the denomination of five (5) cents, to meet the new letter rate of postage, under the treaty of Berne, to the following countries, viz: Germany, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Denmark (including Iceland and the Faroe Islands), Egypt, Spain (including the Balearic Islands, the Canary Islands, the Spanish possessions on the northern coast of Africa, and the postal establishments of Spain on the western coast of Morocco), Great Britain (including the Island of Malta), Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal (including the Island of Madeira and the Azores), Roumania, Russia (including the Grand Duchy of Finland), Servia, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

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a bust of General Zachary Taylor, in full face, and printed in dark blue color.

"The changes in foreign postages will render unnecessary the further issue of the 7, 12 and 24-cent stamps and stamped envelopes, and they will accordingly be discontinued.

"In order to avoid the liability to mistakes caused by the near similarity in color between the 2-cent and 10-cent stamps, the former will in future be printed in vermilion, the color of the discontinued 7-cent stamp."

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Two cents, green.

Five cents, green.

Five cents, blue.

Ten cents, blue.

Ten cents, red.

On the two-cent stamp appeared a fair likeness of Andrew Jackson. The head of Jefferson Davis was engraved on the two five-cent stamps, the design being made from a fine photograph furnished by Mr. Davis. The ten-cent stamps bore the head of James Madison.

#### AN ENGLISH CONTRACT SOUGHT.

Early in 1862 the government dispatched an agent to England to form a contract with De La Rue & Co. for the manufacture of one and five-cent stamps. The stamps were electrotyped and the sheets contained one hundred impressions each. The plates and a large quantity of stamps were shipped on board a steamer bound to Wilmington, N. C. The steamer was captured and the stamps confiscated by the United States Government. A second attempt was more successful, and duplicate plates, with some 400,000 sheets of stamps, were safely shipped to Richmond and did duty with those lithographed by Noyer & Ludwig.

The portrait of Calhoun on the one-cent being imperfect, this stamp was never used by the department, and the rate of postage being changed before their arrival from England there was no need of a further issue of this value. The lithographed stamps of Noyer & Ludwig not meeting the requirements of the government, a new contract was granted to Archer & Daly, engravers, of Richmond, Va., in 1863. The dies of the stamps of the 1861 issue were subsequently ordered destroyed by the President, Jefferson Davis.

#### THE NEW SERIES.

The new series were of finer design than the original issue and compare favorably with the well-executed specimens of the postage stamp of to-day. The 1863 issue consisted of the following :

One cent, orange.

Two cents, red.

Five cents, blue.

Ten cents, blue.

Twenty cents, green.

The head of Calhoun appears upon the one-cent stamp and is a fair likeness. Jackson's face is on the two-cent stamp ; while a portrait of Jefferson Davis, similar to that on the 1861 issue, covers the face of the five and ten-cent stamps. The head of Washington is on the twenty-cent stamp. The twenty-cent stamp was prepared by M. Halpin, an English engraver residing in Richmond.

The supply of the small five-cent stamps engraved by De La Rue becoming exhausted, the plates were delivered to Archer & Daly, who struck off a new supply. The stamps printed in London were finely executed, but those printed in Richmond were badly smudged and printed in a much darker shade of blue. Archer & Daly failing to comply with the terms of their contract, a new one was entered into with Keating & Ball, of Columbia, S. C., and the plates were delivered to them. This firm never engraved stamps for the Confederacy, but printed them from the plates prepared in Richmond.

#### STAMPS JEALOUSLY GUARDED.

For the better convenience in separating the stamps Keating & Ball engraved a line between them on the plates of the ten-cent value. They also fixed their imprint upon the plates to decide the responsibility of issue. None of the Confederate stamps were perforated. The great fire at Columbia, which occurred a few weeks prior to the evacuation of Richmond, destroyed all the dies, rolls, plates and stamps in possession of Keating & Ball. When the Union soldiers entered the Southern towns the unused stamps and dies were either destroyed or turned over to the authorities at Washington, together with Confederate notes and bonds. What stamps are now in existence that tell upon their face the story of the war are either preserved in museums or jealously guarded by private collectors.

#### Forging Postage Stamps.

Facts Which Ought to Interest a Great Many Philadelphia Collectors.

"The forgery of postage stamps, both used and unused, is now," says Mr. Palmer, the London dealer, "punishable



by fine. Until the recent act, which imposed a penalty not exceeding £20 for each offense, was passed, the manufacture of forged stamps was a brisk and profitable business, and it was conducted with such skill that the most beautifully executed designs of the Bank Note Company of America were imitated so closely that only experts could detect some of the spurious labels. Germany has been, and indeed still is, a great sinner in this matter of forgeries. Some of the stamp journals of that country send out as illustrations reproductions of rare stamps that would take in any but the most suspicious dealer or collector."

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WE are in receipt, through the kindness of Mr. E. B. Sterling of Trenton, of the catalogue of a sale to be held in the rooms of Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., New York, April 2d, 1887. The sale comprises Postage and Revenue Stamps, U. S. Envelopes, Fractional Currency, Birds' Eggs, Coins, Curiosities, Etc., and is catalogued by Ed. Frossard. The catalogue looks well, and it bids fair to be an interesting sale.

## Record of New Issues.

**Brazil.** Two new stamps have been issued, viz.: 300 reis, blue, and 500 reis, olive.

**British Bechaunaland.** The ½d. is met with the surcharge in both black and red.

**Ceylon.** A new postal card is announced: 5 cents, blue on buff.

**Cochin China.** The 2c. of the 1881 issue of French Colonies has been surcharged "C. H. 5."

**Grenada.** The 1d. stamp now bears the inscription, "Postage and Revenue."

**India.** The 4 annas and 6 pies, green, of the new issue is out.

**Macan.** A new series is in preparation, of the late type of Portugese Colonies.

**Mauritius.** The color of the 50 cents is said to have been changed to orange.

**New Republic.** Two more values are announced, viz.: 6 pence and 1 shilling, both printed in lilac on buff.

**Perak.** A 1 cent postal card has been made by surcharging the Straits Settlement card of that value, "Perak" in black.

**South Australia.** Stamps of the value of 2 shilling and 6 pence, lilac, and 5 shilling, rose, are now in use. They are larger than the ordinary, and are inscribed "Postage and Revenue."

**Timor.** Stamps of the new type are being prepared.

**Transvaal.** The 3d. lilac has been surcharged "2d." in black.

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## Editors' Study.

WITH our April number will appear the first of a series of articles descriptive of the postage stamps of this country, with the data and matters of interest connected with the various issues. We think that it will be of interest and advantage in supplying information that would perhaps never come under the notice of the collector, as great pains has been taken in compiling, and special attention paid to the correctness of the assertions made.

THANKS, Brother Editors for your very complimentary remarks, and we hope that we may always merit the same.

WE are in receipt of an approval book from Mr. E. R. Hasbrouck of Newburgh, N. Y. It is quite an innovation in its way, for cheapness and neatness.

## Squibs.

HONOR to whom honor is due. The article entitled War Stamps from *The Times*, Philadelphia, was taken from the *Philatelic Magazine*, (Vol. I., No. 1, page 2) almost verbatim. We haste to make the error right, and regret that it should

have occurred, but as we took it from *The Times* of an old date, we supposed it was original with them, and thus gave them the credit for it.

IT is very amusing, some of the offers made publishers of Philatelic Magazines, viz one good fellow wants his paper sent for one year, and if he is satisfied with it he will pay the subscription. Another a little more generous wants it for six months. Verily some people want the earth, or else they have very small confidence in publishers.

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WE are in receipt of Stanton's American Philatelic Directory; it is one of the best since the days of Handford's, the printing might have been better, but it looks well, and a very complete list of names of both Collectors and Dealers. Price twenty-five cents, to be had of the publisher.

A party by the name of F. E. Marshall, of this city, has defrauded a number of dealers out of approval sheets, etc. His mode of operation is to write for sheets and have them sent to the General Delivery Philadelphia P. O. We would advise dealers to be on the lookout for this fellow if he is the party we think, he managed to defraud a dealer in this city of quite a good sum.

WE understand that our friend Mr. Handford is at work on a Directory of Collectors in New York State. We wish him all possible success.

CAN any of our readers give us the present address of Mr. Geo. Lowe, late of Toronto, Canada. Letters and papers addressed to him at 42 Trinity Square have been returned, and we should be thankful for any information of his present whereabouts.

THE daily papers of this city lately published some very interesting articles on Philately. *The Evening News*, of a recent date, came out with the information that a number of Philatelists of this city have collections varying in value from \$5,000 to \$8,000, which is quite a surprise to some of the parties named, but they are happy to know somebody is kind enough to set a value on their collections.

WE should be pleased to correspond with parties in western cities, especially Chicago. Wont some our friends send us letters of the doings of Philatelists in their cities. We hold out good inducements to all who will write for us. Address the Editors.

WE hold out no inducements to subscribers but the one mentioned elsewhere. We think the Magazine well worth the amount asked, and do not intend to give prizes as it were, as it has always been our idea that in such cases to avoid the publications offering the same.

THE A. P. A. is doing much good in showing up some of the frauds that infest our country.

MUCH credit is due to our esteemed contemporary *Plain Talk*, who publishes *The Philatelic Lighthouse* each month. We would advise all dealers to read it, and thus save themselves much time, trouble, and money.

WE would thank our advertisers to send their amounts of ads. carefully sealed up, as we have received several which have not been sealed, and the senders kindly request us to find enclosed the amount, but we were unable to find anything but empty

## Playing Card Stamps.

These stamps are very interesting to collect, and form a very beautiful collection, being of such a variety of designs, and diversity of color; they are as follows: General series issued by the Government for private parties, A. Dougherty, two-cent, orange; four-cent, black; five-cent, blue (large die); five-cent, blue (small die); and ten-cent, blue; Eagle Card Co., five-cent, black; Chas. Goodall, five-cent, black; Samuel Hart & Co., five-cent, black; Lawrence & Cohen, two-cent, blue, and five-cent, green; Jno. J. Levy, five-cent, black; Victor E. Manger & Petrie, five-cent, blue; New York Consolidated Card Co., five-cent, black; Paper Fabrique Co., five-cent, black; Russell, Morgan & Co., five-cent, black. These stamps are found printed on paper of old manufacture, silk thread paper, experimental pink paper of 1878, and watermarked paper; some varieties are found printed on several varieties of these papers, such as old silk and pink, or silk pink and watermarked paper. There was a stamp printed for Caterson, Brontz & Co., but was not delivered to them for use; this stamp is very scarce, it is printed in brown, and bears the value of five cents. The watermarked varieties contain the watermark U. S. I. R., it cannot be seen unless on large sheets of stamps. An interesting branch is the surcharged first series of Document and the second series of Proprietary; they are surcharged by the names or initials of the firms being printed over the face of the stamps. There is still another branch, the proofs printed from the original plates as specimens before the stamps are delivered to the firms for which they are intended; these are very few, the following being all that I can find record of: A. Dougherty, four-cent, black; five-cent, blue, and ten-cent, blue; Goodall & Co., five cent, blue, and five-cent, orange; Jno. J. Levy, five-cent, black; Lawrence & Cohen, two-cent, blue, and five-cent, green, and four-cent, green; this is a late discovery and is considered very scarce. These stamps are not collected generally, because of the objections that some collectors have to them, claiming that they should not be classed as stamps, but principally on account of their scarcity and expensiveness, there being only a very limited number, in some cases there being only one; they are generally fine impressions, because of their being struck off as specimens.—ALF. FITLER HENKELS.

### Our Contemporaries.

*The Germantown Philatelist* is at hand, looks well, and the publisher's deserve credit for their enterprise. We feel confident with such a brilliant staff it cannot fail. Success and long life to it. This makes the fifth Philatelic Magazine published in this good old Quaker city. We can well remember when there was but one, and it was rather dry. It looks as if Philadelphia was fast taking the lead.

*The Stamp Collectors' Figaro.* Another new magazine for public favor. It is published by Mr. E. W. Voute of Chicago; it is rather quaint looking, and contains some very interesting reading. We like the style of the cover page, as it can be said to be truly Philatelic in its design. We have known Mr. Voute as a writer and a philatelist for a number of years and we think he is made of the right kind of stuff to make a success of *The Figaro*. He has our well wishes.

*The Review Rock Island* has made its debut to Philatelists, also the *Witch City Collector*.

*The Philatelic Herald* comes to us in a new form

*The Youth's Ledger* is one of the brightest of our exchanges, and we regret that Mr. Davidson has to retire from the editorship, but we hope that Mr. Aue will still keep up its standard.

The following papers are at hand, publishers will please accept thanks:

*The Stamp*, Vol. 2, No. 1; *Common Sense*, Vol. 1, No. 1; *Curiosity World*, No. 6; *Northern Star*, Vol. 2, No. 3; *Philatelic Journal of America*, Vol. 2, No. 4; *Philatelic*, Vol. 2, No. 18; *Peerless Review*, No. 3; *Eclipse*, No. 10; *Agassiz Companion*, Vol. 2, No. 2; *International Philatelic Advertiser*, No. 2; *Texas Stamp*, No. 3; *Philatelic Gazette*, Vol. 3, No. 32; *Halifax Philatelist*, Vol. 1, No. 3; *Plain Talk*, Vol. 4, No. 5; *Leisure Hour*, No. 2; *Young Barbarian*, Vol. 2, No. 3; *Philatelist Monthly*, Vol. 13, No. 3; *Stamp World*, Vol. 7, No. 70; *Philatelic World*, Vol. 5, No. 2; *Cumberland Collector*, No. 11.

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The issue of 1868 comprised all of the above varieties from 1868 to 1866, inclusive, excepting the 3 cent vermilion and 5 cent yellow. Those of the 1868 issue had a grilled, oblong and square on the back, and in the case of the 3 cent there are varieties with the grill covering the entire back of the stamp; such stamps are very rare. I have only seen one specimen, and that was in a very poor state of preservation. The 5 cent of the 1868 issue appeared printed in both brown and red-brown. Some varieties of the 5 cent stamp of 1868 are also found printed in red-brown. There are also some other varieties in light and dark shades, tinted surface paper, etc., but I think it is unnecessary to go into a detailed description of all these little points, as they are not recognized by some collectors, and again, those interested are generally advanced collectors, and understand the various peculiarities of this class of collections much better than I could explain them.

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### Match Stamps.

Since this government has removed the tax on matches, which necessarily did away with the match stamps, it is no wonder they have been much sought after by revenue collectors, and that they have won many new patrons from the ranks of postage collectors, who, whilst they were in use, considered them as too insignificant to claim even a portion of their attention, but now as they are no longer in use are only too glad to treasure them up, not only for their intrinsic value, but also for the sake of the pleasure that they afford; for I think, and there are a great many of the same mind, who will agree with me in saying that they form when well arranged one of the prettiest collections that the stamp-loving genius can gather. I arranged my own collection in a very good way. I got sheets of bristle-board about thirteen inches long by nine inches wide with a red line ruled

three-quarters of an inch from the edges, with spaces arranged for the stamps ruled in black just a little larger than the perforations. First, I had pages ruled for the old varieties, then the silk, pink and then the water-marked. I give these suggestions for the benefit of those who think that the trouble is worth while, for having fixed my own in this way I can vouch for the improvement that this makes in a collection.

But to come back to my original intention of giving a general idea of the various, most notable match stamps. The Barber Match Company's stamps, the 1 cent, blue, and the 3-cent, black, are both of very neat design.

These are comparatively common, and no doubt many of my readers have broken many a one in using matches. But the most scarce ones were those of the previous firms, those of Geo. & O. C. Barber and Barber & Peckham, which rank among the scarcest to obtain. The American Match Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, used some of the best known stamps; the 1 and 3 cent were not very prepossessing, but the 1 cent with the eagle is a very pretty design, and the one that very few of us have had the chance of possessing, or even seeing is the 3-cent, green, of the American Match Company, of Rock Island, which brings all the way from \$25.00 to \$50.00. A pretty design is that of Bagley & Dunham and Bowers & Dunham with a star design in the centre, which is similar in design to that of the Star Match Corporation.

Bents & Lear, manufacturers of the Eureka Parlor Matches, used a very creditable design which has become quite scarce, especially the silk thread variety, which brings upwards of \$5.00. A. Beecher & Son used a stamp with the flowing American flag in an oval in the centre, with initials A. B. & S. in the four corners; the same design was used by the Swift, Courtney & Beecher Company, the only difference being that that of A. Beecher & Son was printed in orange, whilst that of the Swift, Courtney & Beecher Company was in black; the last mentioned company also used a 1-cent blue stamp on their diamond parlor matches. There was also a very pretty stamp used on Alexander's matches printed in both orange and blue, the blue design being very scarce; they were the same as those of J. W. Eisenhart, having a chandelier for a design, with the name in an oval which surrounds him.



with the usual inscription in bands at the four edges. B. Bendel used another pretty design in both the 1-cent and 12-cent, as also H. Bendel, which latter stamps bear the inscription in small letters: "H. Bendel, doing business as," and then the name of B. Bendel as in the first one; they are all printed in brown, the 12-cent ones are very large, being 72x47 millimetres in size; they are becoming quite scarce.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

We wish to state a few facts to the American Philatelic Association, as we think they are ignorant of the manner in which they obtained my name as an applicant for membership, as we do not think that any of the gentlemen connected with the organization would take the stand that they have, unless they conscientiously thought that they were in the right. I never sent in an application for membership; but the Philadelphia portion of the committee sent the entire list of membership of the Quaker City Philatelic Society without asking the consent of a number of members, and I happened to be one of those members whose consent was not asked. I do not think that their inference in their March number was merited by me under the circumstances, and I trust that they will look into the matter and make the necessary explanations for their actions

A. F. HENKELS.

### Records of New Issues.

BY L. W. DURBIN.

- Antigua.** The 1½d. post card now bears a stamp with head in a circle.
- Barbados.** The double 1½d. card has changed color to lilac to correspond with the single card.
- Bolivia.** Four values of the new series have come to hand, viz., 1c., lake; 2c., purple; 5c., blue; 10c., orange.
- Bulgaria.** The value of the 1 franc stamp has been changed to 1 leva.
- Dutch Indies.** The 5c. card is now green on white and the stamp is of the type with numeral in the centre.
- Faridkote.** India envelopes and post cards have been enlarged for use in this Indian State.
- Gibraltar.** The following of the new issues are out: 1 shilling, adhesive brown; ½d. wrapper, green on brown; 2d. registered envelope, red on white.

**Hong Kong.** The 3c. card is now printed in brown on white.

**Labuan.** The color of the 10c. stamp has been changed to dark brown and the 16c. to gray.

**Wurtemberg.** The international cards are now inscribed, "Deutschland—Allemaque—Wurtemberg."

### The New U. S. Postage Stamps.

The Post Office Department officials have prepared a series of new designs of embossed stamps for stamped envelopes of the one, two, four and five cent denominations. The general design of the new series is uniform. On the upper side and following the oval shape of the stamp is the legend, "United States Postage," instead of "U. S. Postage," as on the stamps now in use. The new series will be on sale at all the principal post offices about May 1st. The border of the one cent adhesive stamp has been slightly modified to conform to the design of the two-cent stamp.

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### The Potent Little Stamp.

BY YUM YUM.

"The pen is mightier than the sword,"  
Says Bulwer in his play,  
Yet there is a small printed label  
More potent still than they.  
When placed secure upon a letter  
It travels far and near,  
It has no dread of the bigot's frown,—  
For wind and waves no fear.

The weakest need not fawn or tremble,  
Its might is not of blood,  
It has won more peaceful victories  
Than monarchs since the flood;  
Like the seed of the honest farmer,  
Which in the ground is sown,  
On whatever soil it has fallen,  
Has taken root and grown.

Should despots try to curb it  
Their efforts would be vain,  
As well try to stop air and sunshine,  
Or spring time's gentle rain;  
It is aiding human advancement,  
Like press and lightning wire,  
And is doing more good for nations  
Than cannon's deadly fire.

It is the faithful servant of bard,  
Philanthropist and sage;  
The friend of commerce, art and progress,  
And hobby of the age;  
Then God bless all the men of science,  
Like Franklin, Morse and Hill,  
Who were sent on the peaceful mission  
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## Editors' Study.

WE are in receipt from Mr. E. B. Sterling of a printed apology for not coming out with his new catalogue at the time he stated but we think that his many friends will find that their patience has been well rewarded, as we understand that Mr. Sterling has prepared a list of all U. S. locals, a very necessary addition to his already complete list of postage and revenue stamps, and stamped envelopes.

MESSRS. R. B. BOGERT & Co. have issued a fine catalogue of postage stamps, envelopes, postal cards, etc., that will be offered at public sale on April 25th and 26th, 1887.

ABOUT the neatest thing in the way of a pamphlet that we have seen is the catalogue of U. S. Stamps Complete, published by Messrs. Hancock & Hempstead of this city; price, 10 cents. Can be had of the publishers, or at this office.

WE are in receipt of Mr. P. Chalmer's latest effusion on the adhesive postage stamp, showing with what success he has met with at home and abroad. What is Mr. C. after? Is it fame, or a gigantic advertising scheme? Can any one tell?

WE should like to have reports from all philatelic societies. Secretaries please forward same to us and we will place your name on our complimentary list and send you two copies of each issue. All matter should be with us before the 15th of each month.

SOME one has suggested that the *Texas Stamp* get a new printer, proof reader and editor. Well, that is the most "unkindest cut of all," but we are glad to see that our little friend still struggles onward and improves with each issue. Some people forget that great oaks from little acorns grow.

WE see that the writing, proof-reading, etc., of the *American Philatelist* for April was done with one eye, and that badly inflamed. Are we to understand by that, that our worthy friend Fraser has been and painted the town a rosey hue, or has he had a set-to with his other half—which?

FEW magazines can boast of the subscription list that we have secured in so short a time. We are asked every day how can we give so much for so little money. The reason is that philatelists as a rule are rather prone to support and subscribe to magazines of the art, so we put it at a price that is in the reach of all. If you have not subscribed yet now is the time. You can commence with No. 1, or current number just as you wish.

WE beg the indulgence of our friends and patrons for the delay in getting out this number. The cause is due to the change of printers. We have no doubt that the change in the appearance of the magazine will be noticed, and it is hoped that we shall be as well liked in our new dress as the old. Another feature is the two months combined. That is done only for the purpose of catching up, and will not affect subscribers at all. They will get their twelve numbers as guaranteed.

Dealers will please notice the change in our advertising rates. We have found it necessary to make the advance, as any one can readily see that it will not pay to publish a magazine like ours at such low rates. We made them low from the beginning, as we wished the trade to test our magazine as an advertising medium.

and we now have ample proof from many dealers that it is the best they have ever used. This advance will not effect parties who have placed contracts with us, but new dealers will have to come in under the new rates with the June number.

THERE is a Philatelic Society not a thousand miles from this office which is taking quite a decided stand against the claims of Mr. Patrick Chalmers, and we also see that others are fast taking the same view of the matter. Mr. C.'s claims took this country by storm, but older and sober headed Philatelists now look on it like a rocket, which goes up quick but comes down quicker; as for us, we do not care who invented the adhesive postage stamp only as a matter of history, of course. We are satisfied that we live in the 19th Century, and that our hobby is to collect stamps regardless of who invented them.

### Our Contemporaries.

THE *Texas Philatelist* comes to us brimful of good things.

THE useful *Instructor* is a new paper from Halifax, N. S. It is quite interesting, and is something out of the general run of philatelic papers.

THE *Empire State Philatelist* for April, makes two very good offers to the A. P. A. We would suggest that if they accept either, let it be the first and then we would see a Philatelic magazine of the first magnitude.

THE *Philatelic Fortnightly* may be justly claimed the smallest philatelic paper published, but it bids fair to grow in favor and size. This, we think, is the first attempt in this country to issue a bi-monthly, and we hope that our friend Aldrich will give all the success he merits.

THE *Illustrated Briefmarken Journal*, published by Senf Bros., Leipzig, is one of the handsomest of our exchanges, the illustrations all being in their true colors. We are of the opinion that this firm are the great sinners in the counterfeiting line, as they sent us a \$5 State Department that would almost defy any one to tell it from genuine.

WE beg to take exception to the comments made by the *Western Philatelist* on our February number. We stated that we intended to cull now and then from our contemporaries. In our estimation culling is where you copy with *due credit* for the same, but cribbing is nothing more nor less than stealing. We hope our western friend does not infer that we would be guilty of that.

THE following Papers at hand. Publishers will please accept our thanks for the same.

- Western Philatelist*, No. 4.
  - Texas Stamp*, No. 4.
  - Stamp Collectors Figaro*, No. 2.
  - Bay State Amateur*, No. 7.
  - The Eclipse*, No. 11.
  - The Young Geologist*, No. 1.
  - Philatelic Annual*.
  - Halifax Philatelist*, No. 4.
  - Philatelic Tribune*, Vol. 4, No. 19.
  - Agassiz Companion*, Vol. 2, No. 3.
  - The Stamp*, Vol. 2, No. 2.
  - The Cumberland Collector*, Vol. 1, No. 12.
  - Philatelic Fortnightly*, No. 2.
  - The Collector's Review*, No. 6.
  - Le Commercant*.
  - The International Philatelic Adv.*, No. 3.
  - The Philatelic Magazine*, Vol. 2, No. 8.
  - Plain Talk*, No. 25.
  - The Philatelic Monthly*.
  - The Empire State Philatelist*, Vol. 3, No. 4.
  - The Youth's Ledger*, Vol. 2, No. 17.
  - The Collector's Aid*, Nos. 2, 5, 6.
  - Common Sense*, No. 2.
  - The American Numismatist*, No. 5.
  - The Curiosity World*, No. 8.
  - The Philatelic Gazette*, Vol. 3, No. 33.
  - The Exchanger's Monthly*, Vol. 2, No. 6.
  - The Swiss Cross*, No. 1.
  - The American Philatelist*, No. 4.
  - The Old Curiosity Shop*, No. 11.
  - The Philatelic Century*, No. 1.
  - The Philatelic Journal of America*, Vol. 3, No. 25.
  - The Philatelic Science*, No. 1.
  - The Review*, No. 2.
  - The Rock Island Philatelist*, No. 1.
  - The Southern Collector*, No. 1.
- With this month's notice of reviews we see six new papers for public favor, we regret that lack of space will not allow us to review their contents, but we extend them a cordial welcome and say, "come on brothers, there's always room at the top of the heap, and if you persevere you may get there."

## HISTORY OF THE PHILADELPHIA POST OFFICE.

### Mail Service in Early Times.

The sale of the old Post-office building, on Chestnut street, below Fifth, and the announcement of the intended improvements upon that spot, makes it certain that another landmark on the principal street will entirely disappear. The Post-office at that place was opened for business on the 23d of February, 1863, during the Postmastership of Cornelius A. Walborn. It was an altered building, being composed of two brick houses, which had been originally constructed as fashionable residences, and which finally yielded to the demands of business, and had been for more than thirty years in use as stores and for other purposes.

### The First Letter Service.

Six years before William Penn settled his colony in Pennsylvania, something like a Public Messenger Service was established in the Province of New York, of which New Jersey and Pennsylvania were appertaining territories, under the Duke of York's law. That act provided for the forwarding and despatch of letters. In the service of the Governor, by the Constables of the various townships, who were to receive and forward letters or power, to impress men and horses for the occasion. In the Great Law of 1681, enacted at Chester, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and Constables were directed to pass to and for the Governor. These arrangements were for public convenience only. It is said the first post-office was set up by William Penn, in July, 1681, and that Henry Waldy, of Tacony, was the first Postmaster. The rates were only settled for carriage of letters between the Falls of Delaware (at Trenton), Philadelphia, Chester, New Castle and Maryland. They were, according to distance, from two-pence to nine-pence for the extreme distance.

The Royal Government in Great Britain was not slow to perceive the advantages which might result, pecuniarily and otherwise, by control of the post office in America. In 1691 William and Mary granted to Thomas Neale and his assigns, for twenty-one years, the full right of conducting a post-office in the North American colony. Neale construed this authority to be merely a permission to make what he could out of the office. He did not trouble himself by coming to America to

establish routes and manage the details of the service. He appointed Andrew Hamilton, of New Jersey, his deputy to manage postal affairs throughout the continent and islands adjacent thereto. Hamilton made application to the Governor of Pennsylvania for encouragement 1697, and an act was passed for the establishment of a General Letter Office within the town of Philadelphia. The rates were as follows: From Boston or Rhode Island to Philadelphia, 18 pence; from Philadelphia to Piscatawa or towns to the eastward of Boston, 1 shillings; lesser rates for shorter distances, and to or from Maryland or Virginia, 18 pence.

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Hamilton appointed as his deputy in Philadelphia Henry Flower. When Hamilton died, in 1709, the British Government superseded the grant to Neale, and managed the post-office under royal authority. Andrew Bradford, printer, who commenced the publication of the *American Weekly Mercury* in 1719, fully awake to the importance of his business as a publisher of having access to the earliest information and news from all parts of the world, managed to have himself appointed postmaster in the city as early as 1725. Another newspaper man, Benjamin Franklin wrested the prize from him by appointment received in 1737. In 1753 Franklin was appointed Postmaster General for the Northern Colonies, and William Hunter, of Virginia, for the Southern Colonies.—*To be Continued.*



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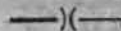
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the new letter rate of postage under Treaty of Berne. . . . The new 5-cent stamp is designed from a bust of Gen. Zachary Taylor, in full face, and printed in dark blue color."

In regard to the withdrawal of the 7, 12 and 24-cent stamps, the order goes on to say:

"The changes in foreign postage will render unnecessary the further issue of 7, 12 and 24-cent stamps, and stamped envelopes, and they will accordingly be discontinued.

"In order to avoid the liability to mistake, caused by near similarity in color between the 2-cent and 10-cent stamps, the former will in future be printed in vermilion, the color of the discontinued 7-cent stamp."

During 1882, the five-cent brown stamp with portrait of Garfield was used, this stamp is also found printed in stone color; and the 1, 6 and 10-cent of the 1870 series were re-engraved, and printed in a little different shades: the 1-cent was in very light blue; the 6-cent in dull carmine; and the 10-cent in a different shade of brown. During 1883, the 2-cent claret, and 4-cent green, of the present series were issued.

The latest venture in adhesives is the 10-cent Special Delivery stamp, which does not seem to be a very profitable venture, and in design does not come up to other work, turned out by the Government, neither is the engraving of the same standard. There is some talk of changing the color of the present issue, but nothing definite is known as yet.

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## Match Stamps.

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A very attractive stamp is that of Wm. Bond & Co.; the face value is 4 cents; they are printed in both green and black, with an anchor and rope in an oval for a medallion. The specimens that I had in my collection were evenly perforated and beautifully printed; they struck me as being particularly neat.

Bousfield & Poole used a 1-cent lilac, 3-cent brown, 1-cent black, and 3-cent black; the 1-cent varieties are neat designs, but the 3-cents are the prettiest, as the inscription in the ribbon engraved on this stamp gives it a very odd and attractive appearance. B. & N., or Bocket & Newton, F. E. C., (Frank E. Clark), Clark Match Co., and F. P. Newton, all used

stamps of the same design, the only difference being a slight changing of the various scroll work to suit the different titles of the various mentioned firms.

The stamps of Byam, Cariton & Co. were neat in design; there is a 1-cent variety with two heads to left, and also a variety with perforations on two sides only. The 1-cent with two heads to left is particularly scarce. I have not had the pleasure of seeing one as yet. The Cannon Match Co. and W. D. Curtis both used stamps of the same design; they were diamond-shaped, with a deer in the centre, and altogether are a very beautiful design. G. W. H. Davis, 1-cent red and 1-cent black, and Griggs & Scott, 1-cent black, are both of the same design; the 1 cent red of G. W. H. Davis is the scarcest one. W. E. Henry & Co., 1-cent red and 1-cent black, are stamps of good design. I was spending a short time in the neighborhood where these matches were manufactured some time ago, and happened to see a couple of them on a box at the house where I was staying, and upon inquiry found out where the headquarters for them was. I got quite a number of boxes at 2 cents each, and on each box there were three stamps; they sell now for 20 cents each.

Ives Matches, and P. T. Ives, both were the same in design; there is a 1-cent of the latter named manufacturer which is rouletted, and is considered quite a rarity, but the 8-cent stamp is the scarcest, and sells from \$5 upwards.

John Lochr, Joseph Lochr, and Cramer & Kemp used the same design stamps printed in blue, and Cramer & Kemp also used a stamp of the same design printed in black. The New York Match Co. used a very pretty stamp with a shield of the United States in the centre, and the 1-cent green which was a much larger stamp, was plain, but very neat in general appearance; there is also a 5-cent blue, also a large stamp, which is very scarce. The N. Y. Match Co. used a very pretty stamp, printed in vermilion, which is of the same design as that of B. & H. D. Howard, with an eagle in the centre with flowing streamers with inscriptions around the circle. Another pretty pair are those of the Park City Match Co., 1-cent green and 3-cent orange. The Orono Match Co. and Allen & Powers, both of the same designs, with a pine tree in an oval, are neat and attractive stamps. D. M. Richardson, 1-cent red, 1-cent black, 3-cent vermilion, and 3 cent blue, are all stamps

of fine design; the 1-cent red and 3-cent vermilion are very scarce. The Richardson Match Co. used a 1-cent black and 3-cent blue of the same design as those of corresponding color and value of D. M. Richardson.

The San Francisco Match Co.'s 12-cent blue stamp is the finest piece of workmanship and design of any match stamp that was used; the size is 72x47 millimetres, which is rather a large stamp to obtain perfect, but I had one that was perfect in every respect; the perforations were all as even as when turned from the government, and altogether I think that this specimen was the prettiest stamp that I have ever seen. Some other good designs are those of the Standard Match Co., Trenton Match Co., Schmith & Schmitt-diel, R. C. & W. (Rayder, Crouse & Welch), Reid & Thompson, and the Penn Match Co., Limited. The Washington Match Co.'s stamp has a very good portrait of George Washington, and is a remarkably attractive stamp. The Wilmington Parlor Match manufactory used a pretty stamp, which is becoming quite scarce.

The stamps that I have mentioned are the most attractive ones, but in many cases are not the scarcest, and again there are many which I have not mentioned which are of very beautiful design, but I have tried to give a general idea. I have not quoted many prices, as they vary according to the kind of paper that they are printed on, as in the case of the Wilmington Parlor Match, the silk varieties of which are five times more valuable than the varieties on old paper; but, generally speaking, where the same stamp is printed on several kinds of paper, the pink paper varieties are the scarcest. This pink paper was an experimental venture of the Government in 1878; they were not long in use, as the idea was abandoned. They will soon be very scarce, as there was not many of them printed. They are not much in favor amongst revenue collectors in general, on account of the easiness with which the commoner water marked varieties can be colored to so closely resemble the genuine as to be very hard to detect, even by the most experienced collectors.

Another branch of match stamps which are not collected very much on account of their scarcity is that of proof copies. These are always very choice impressions, generally printed on India paper, which gives them a very soft, fine ap-

pearance; they are also generally printed in entirely different colors from the ones used by the firms for which they are intended, and often are printed with margins of several inches, which gives them a very good effect.

The match wrappers were used by Byam, Carlton & Co., the Portland Match Co., of 82 Commercial street, Portland, Me., V. R. Powell, manufacturer of telegraph matches, Troy, N. Y., and the National Union Match Co., Boston Highlands. Those used by the latter named firm were not issued by the Government. These match wrappers were used to envelope the entire block of matches, as they were printed on tissue paper both white and buff. Some of them are quite scarce, as the early ones of Byam, Carlton & Co., are quoted at \$5 and \$10 each.

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## United States Envelopes.

ISSUE OF 1886.

*For the Keystone State Philatelist.*

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The Water-mark is "U S" in monogram, 1½ by 1½ in., at a distance of 3½ in. from each other. They are all gummed excepting Nos. 4 and 6. The denominations, designs and colors, are 1-cent blue, Franklin; 2-cent brown, Washington; 4-cent green, Jackson; and 5-cent black-brown, Garfield, of the same dies as the issue of 1884-5.

They are manufactured by the Morgan Envelope Co. and Plimpton Manufacturing Co. of Hartford, Conn., their contract with the U. S. Government commencing October 1st, 1886, and lasting four years. Of the newspaper wrappers there are two varieties, of the envelopes, 13 varieties of the 1-cent, 42 varieties of the 2-cent (one being an error), 12 varieties of the 4-cent and 4 varieties of the 5-cent, making in all 73 varieties, as follows:

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## The Editor's Study.

WHAT does the stamp say to the envelope? I'm stuck on you.

ONE of our esteemed contemporaries way down East is just out for February. Well, that is rather behind time, but our brother makes up with a goodly store of reading matter. Better late than never.

THE Quaker City Society is catching it hot and heavy for their stand against the Chalmers' affair; our sympathy is with the society, and we say let the good work go on, and others will sooner or later come to think as we do.

WE have before us a list of approval sheet frauds, that it will be our good pleasure to expose in our next issue. A copy of this number goes to each of these parties, and if they do not remit by June 20th, we shall then proceed as we have stated.

THE most quaint conceit that we can think of are some of the headlines in the *American Philatelist*, Via The Cradle, The Altar, The Hospital, The Grave—a whole career as it were; under these curious headlines will be found articles of interest to Philatelists.

THE *Germantown Philatelist* for April and May is at hand. There has been a change in the management of this bright little magazine. We wish Bro. Watson good speed on the stormy sea of newspaperdom. We regret to see such an article as theirs on Chalmers, thrown away.

MR. BERGER, of the firm of C. A. Berger & Co., New York, was in this city a few days since. We had the pleasure of looking at some very rare U. S. and Revenue stamps that he had with him, via the U. S. mail—pink and yellow, several rare New York locals, also the \$200 Internal Revenues of the first and second issues.

OUR thanks are due to Mr. Richmond for his very neat Directory of Philatelic papers published in the United States. Although not complete, it is a fair list; the publisher informs us that it is not his fault that the list is not full; the reason is that publishers of magazines and papers failed to come forward with the information desired.

NO one could help but admire the promptness of our friend the Figaro, in announcing the death of the *American Philatelist*. We have no doubt but that a so-called Philatelic paper will claim the honor of first making the announcement. We saw their notice, but gave it no credence, as it is noted for its tall stories, you know.

WE recently saw an envelope that had been addressed to a naval officer at Washington and then forwarded to Yokohama, Japan; it was then returned to the writer at Philadelphia. The whole face of the envelope is post-marked and covered with Japanese figures, making it one of the most curious novelties that we have seen since the days that postal cards made trips around the world.

JUST as No. 4 went to press, Mr. F. Henckels retired from active service on this magazine. We regret the loss of our friend's assistance; we are glad to state that we do not lose him altogether, as he will still continue as a contributor. Mr. H. is a writer of known ability; he has been an advocate for revenue collections for years, and at one time possessed one of the finest collections in this country; therefore our readers may look forward to a number of very interesting articles on this now very popular branch of Philately.

An Old Stamp Collector

BY C. E. RANKIN.

While walking through the Chinese quarter in San Francisco recently, I was much surprised in passing the show window of a Chinese provision store, to see sitting at a table, a Chinaman busily engaged in looking over a "Scott Stamp Album." Being a stamp dealer, my curiosity was immediately aroused and passing on the inside of the store I questioned the Chinaman regarding his collection. He being one of the civilized Chinaman, who could speak English, informed me that while attending a school where he was taught the English language, the teacher being interested in collecting postage stamps used to bring her album to school, and requested the Chinese scholars to bring her any foreign stamps that they might get, explaining at the same time what use she would make of them, she having a collection.

Some of the Chinese being of the wealthy class, immediately took up the idea of forming a collection and through the aid of the teacher purchased "Scott Stamp Albums."

After having explained how he had obtained the idea of making a collection (for I knew it could not have been original) he allowed me to look over his collection, which numbered about 600 stamps. The stamps of Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Japan being finely represented. Of the United States he had a few of the old issues which he said he had obtained by exchanging with the teacher and other Chinese boys.

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A. F. HENKELS.

### ARTICLE SECOND.—DEPARTMENT STAMPS.

#### *U. S. Department Stamps.*

This subject is pretty nigh worn threadbare, but there may be found something interesting in the following descriptions and notes of this interesting branch of philately. Whilst we know that the issuing of such a great number of stamps was unnecessary on the part of the government, still we feel grateful to those who were guilty of this unnecessary outlay, when we run over a collection of these stamps and see the beautiful effect they produce when arranged in their proper order. I will endeavor in the following account to give a general summary of the chief points of interest, and although I may make a number of omissions, still, I will endeavor to give such points that I think will be of interest to my readers.

The franking privilege having been repealed in 1873, made necessary the issuing of the department stamps, although one set of designs might have been used by all of the departments, and would have served the purpose equally as well as the large number that were issued for each department. But instead of this, we find 92 distinct varieties of dies of adhesives, and 17 varieties of stamped envelopes.

These stamps were of the same general design as the general issue of 1870, except in the case of those used by the Post Office Department. They had large figures of value in the centre inclosed by a framework of engraving.

The total number of department stamps that were issued by all of the departments combined was 3,374,746, of these 86,800, were issued to the Department of Agriculture, consisting of stamps of the following values: 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, and 30 cents, they were printed in dark straw colored ink.

The Executive Department received but

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A. F. HENKELS.

### ARTICLE SECOND.—DEPARTMENT STAMPS.

#### *U. S. Department Stamps.*

This subject is pretty nigh worn thread-bare, but there may be found something interesting in the following descriptions and notes of this interesting branch of philately. Whilst we know that the issuing of such a great number of stamps was unnecessary on the part of the government, still we feel grateful to those who were guilty of this unnecessary outlay, when we run over a collection of these stamps and see the beautiful effect they produce when arranged in their proper order. I will endeavor in the following account to give a general summary of the chief points of interest, and although I may make a number of omissions, still, I will endeavor to give such points that I think will be of interest to my readers.

The franking privilege having been repealed in 1873, made necessary the issuing of the department stamps, although one set of designs might be used by all of the departments, and would have served the purpose equally as well as the large number that were issued for each department. But instead of this, we find 92 distinct varieties of dies of adhesives, and 17 varieties of stamped envelopes.

These stamps were of the same general design as the general issue of 1870, except in the case of those used by the Post Office Department. They had large figures of value in the centre inclosed by a framework of engraving.

The total number of department stamps that were issued by all of the departments combined was 3,374,746, of these 86,800, were issued to the Department of Agriculture, consisting of stamps of the following values: 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, and 30 cents, they were printed in dark straw colored ink.

The Executive Department received but

1,800 stamps of the following values: 1, 2, 3, 6, and 10 cents, they form a very beautiful set, being printed in carmine ink, and are very scarce on account of the small number of them that were issued. Any collector who has been fortunate enough to obtain a set of them will find before a great while that they are the most desirable department stamps excepting the high values that were used by the State Departments.

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Of the War Department stamps there were 1,144,573 issued; they were of the values of 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents, and were printed in red ink. They are comparatively more plentiful than those of the other departments, the 7 and 90-cent are getting quite scarce, the 7-cent in particular.

The Treasury Department received more stamps than any other department there having been 1,442,650 issued in all. They were printed in brown ink and were of the following values: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents, the 24-cent variety of this series is the scarcest, the 7-cent is also becoming quite scarce.

The Post-Office Department used a great many stamps but I have not the number, but suppose it must have been large owing to the immense amount of official correspondence carried on by this department. They were printed in black with the value in large numerals in the centre. They are found printed on both white and bluish surfaced paper.

There are a great many reprints of all of the department stamps offered for sale, and it is very difficult to tell them from the genuine stamps. But the best plan to follow in making a collection is to take nothing but cancelled varieties, avoiding all those with pen cancellation, although you may find some trouble in getting varieties without the whole surface of the stamp being covered by an indelible smear of black. The delight of postal authorities seem to have been not only to cancel these stamps, but to also thoroughly destroy them. Any person following this plan will find that they will have a much more desirable collection than if they had attempted to obtain a collection of unused varieties, for in the latter case they would unavoidably have gotten some of these reprints into their possession.

I saw some time ago a counterfeit \$5.00 stamp of the State Department which was very well executed, and was put out as part of an advertisement by a person from that land of counterfeits, Germany. I think that Germany is entitled to this name above all other countries, for did not those counterfeit periodical stamps come from Germany? So when we hear of anything new in the counterfeit line we naturally look to Germany as the source from which they came.

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MR. GEO. VON UTASSY, of Germantown, Philadelphia, will make quite an extended tour abroad this summer.

## History of the Philadelphia Post-Office.

(CONTINUED.)

Franklin appointed his son, William, postmaster at Philadelphia in 1753; his brother, Peter Franklin, in 1757, and Thomas Foxcroft, a relative of his wife, in 1767. When the troubles between America and England commenced, about 1775, William Goddard, printer of the *Pennsylvania Chronicle*, on the ground that the royal authority was gone, attempted to set up an independent enterprise, which he called the *Constitutional Post*. It did not succeed, however.

### Under Continental and Federal Authority.

Benjamin Franklin, Postmaster-General under the British crown up to 1775, was elected Postmaster-General by the Continental Congress, and immediately appointed his son-in-law, Richard Bache, deputy at Philadelphia. Bache became in 1776 Postmaster-General in place of Franklin, and Peter Baynton was the local postmaster. In 1782, Ebenezer Hazard being Postmaster-General, James Bryson was appointed here, and remained in office until 1789. After the organization of the Federal Government, President Washington appointed Col. Robert Patton, an old Revolutionary officer, to the management of affairs in this city. The general post-office, under Samuel Osgood, Postmaster-General, and Jonathan Burrall, his deputy, was at 9 South Water street. Patton had the pleasure of holding the office at a time when the pressure for place was not so heavy as it is now. He was in office for twenty-five years, and until his death. Since that happy time the terms of postmasters have been usually short. Richard Bache, Jr., grandson of Dr. Franklin, was lucky enough to have a term of eleven years. The other occupants have not been so much favored.

### A Succession of Postmasters.

Since the time of Patton, who died January 3d, 1814, the occupants of the office in this city have been as follows: 1814, February 14, Michael Leib; 1817, February 26, Richard Bache; 1828, April 16, Thomas Sergeant; 1833, April 11, James Page; 1841, March 23, John C. Montgomery; 1844, June 26, James Hoy, Jr.; 1845, May 5, Dr. George F. Lehman; 1849, May 9, William J. P. White; 1853, April 1, John Miller; 1857, March 19, Gideon G. Westcott; 1859, March 30, Nathaniel B. Browne; 1861, April 20,

Cornelius A. Walborn; 1866, October, Charles M. Hall; 1867, March 23, Henry H. Bingham; 1872, December 10, George W. Fairman; 1876, December 11, A. Loudon Snowden; 1879, February 17, John F. Hartranft; 1880, July 18, James T. Bingham (appointed by Hartranft's sureties, according to act of Congress); 1880, December, Henry S. Huidekoper; 1885, November 17, William F. Harrity.

#### Location of City Offices.

The location of the city post-offices in early times was usually at the business place of the postmaster. Thus, in 1728, the office was at Andrew Bradford's house, in Second street, and in 1737 at Franklin's house, in Market street; in 1771 at Foxcroft's house. From 1782 to 1799 there were six houses or stores in Front street, between Market and Chestnut, including the corners at each street, occupied for the receipt and delivery of letters. Col. Robert Patton, in 1799, went to 27 South Third street, third house below Elbow lane. Under Michael Leib, in 1816, the place was still at 116 Chestnut street, on the south side, between Third and Fourth streets. In 1828, Postmaster Sergeant removed to 107 Chestnut street, at the northeast corner of Franklin place, on the site now occupied by the First National Bank. A great improvement was supposed to have been made when, in 1834, the post office was established on the north side of of the Exchange building, on Dock street. It remained there for twenty years, and then removed to Jayne's building, immediately opposite, on the north side of Dock street. In the course of nine years it was removed to the building about to be torn down, which was the first building owned by the United States for postal purposes in this city. Eleven years carried it to the magnificent structure at Ninth and Chestnut streets, which is intended, subject to the restless desire for change incident to the American character, to be permanent.

#### Mail Transportation.

Carrying the mail was a slow matter in old times. In 1717 Jonathan Dickinson wrote to a friend that "by the settled post now is carried from Virginia and Maryland to Boston in four weeks in the favorable seasons of the year, and between December and March in eight weeks." Ten years later the mail was carried from Philadelphia to Annapolis once in two weeks in summer, and once a month in winter. The mail to New York was carried in 1729, once a week in the summer

months, and once in two weeks in winter. Ten years later the post-rider between Philadelphia and Newport, in Virginia, set out on the first of each month, and managed to get back, if he had good fortune, in twenty-four days. Franklin, in 1754, sent the mails three times a week to New York in summer, and once a week in winter, and three or four years after it was mentioned as an extraordinary fact that a letter could be sent to Boston and an answer returned in three weeks. Whenever stages were established for the carriage of passengers post-riders were superseded. The "Flying Machine" in 1765 reduced the time to New York in summer to the short period of two days. Even after steamboats had become comparatively swift and railroads thoroughly established progress was slow. In 1828 the *United States Gazette* announced that it had received the New York papers on the day that they had been printed, in over nine hours. Long after the Camden and Amboy Railroad was in full operation the trip to New York occupied from four to five hours.

#### Record of New Issues.

BY L. W. DURBIN.

**COCHIN CHINA.**—The 25-cent of Krause, black on flesh, has been surcharged for Cochin China.

**GAMBIA.**—The color of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  pence has been changed to green; the 1 pence to carmine, and the 2 pence to orange.

**MADAGASCAR.**—The complete set of the new type is as follows: 1,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 3, 4,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , 6, 8, 9 pence; 1 shilling, 1 shilling and 6 pence; 2 shillings.

**NEW REPUBLIC.**—Envelopes as well as adhesives are in use in this new State.

**NORTH BORNEO.**—A new value has made its appearance, viz., 3-cent purple.

**NORWAY.**—The 10-ore card has come out with the same border as the 5-ore lately mentioned.

**PORTUGAL.**—Letter cards of the value of 25 and 50 rels have been prepared.

**PARAGUAY.**—A new type of the 5-cent-avo color blue, is out. It bears the arms in an oval at the top, numeral below, and Paraguay at the bottom.

**SAMOA.**—There is said to be a violet 2 shilling and 6 penny stamp in the new issue.

**ST. LOUISA.**—The 6 pence of the new type has been issued. The color is lilac.



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## The Editor's Study.

WE have a few Nos. 3, 4, 5 that we will sell for 5 cents each.

THE cry goes up where is the *Empire State Philatelist*? The last number that visited this sanctum was April. "Not gone where the woodbine twineth it is to be hoped."

HUBBARD thinks of changing his paper into a bi-monthly. We hope he will succeed with it as well as he has in the past. By the way, this same party has a very blunt way of expressing himself as will be seen in the June No. of the *Curiosity World*.

A TWO-FOR-A-CENT magazine states that we are declining. Go slow young man, you are not in position to poke fun at us and our old fashioned ways; we may not be up to the rising West, but we are glad to say that we have a better record to back us than you have.

THE *Collector's Journal*, Brooklyn, N. Y., is announced for this month; from the look of the cover and list of contents, it will be quite an acquisition to the Philatelic Press of this country, it is backed by a company. Mr. Geo. Richmond will have charge of the adv. dept.

PLEASE notice the change in our address. All communications should be addressed to the editor as above. We should like our correspondents to bear in mind that we prefer postal notes and money orders any time to postage stamps, also that subscriptions *must* begin with current numbers.

A DEALER in this city is quoted with saying that he placed a three-months advertisement with us at the same rate as he paid for one month in a so-called leading magazine, and that he received ten times as many answers from one insertion in our magazine than he did from the big fellow. Isn't that funny? We don't feel a bit puffed up about it, we know it pays to advertise with us.

WE owe an apology to our subscribers and advertisers for the bad appearance of Number 4; the only thing we can say is that it was no fault of ours, but the result of a blunder on the part of our printer. We regret it very much, but we have the matter fully fixed now, and our patrons shall not have cause to find fault either with tardiness or a bad looking number again, as we propose to keep it fully up to its standard.

THE topic of the day is the fight among members of the A.P.A., in regard to an official organ and its editor, as we are outside of their fence we do not like to comment on this subject too freely as many of our brother editors have, but we would say that we liked the *American Philatelic* (what there was of it), and we rather liked Fraser and his writings. Which ever magazine they do select we hope that it will be satisfactory to all concerned even the "Philadelphia kickers."

APROPOS the remarks by a western contemporary, "we should like to say a few words about a fellow called Philatelic." Don't you think it about time that that worthy was put on the shelf to dry up and blow away. The Philatelic Public can well afford to cry "hold enough." The points brought out in his letters are well taken provided they were put into proper reading shape. No one wants to sit down and read such trash as it is now presented. Sabe?

DEALERS in this city report trade dull. There are two causes for this: one is the pleasant weather, base ball, cricket, etc.;

the other is that dealers knowing that at this season of the year the youthful philatelist hies himself away to such sports as we have enumerated above, becomes neglectful, and fails to keep his name before the public. We tell you candidly that nothing booms trade like advertising; it is like making love to a widow; it cannot be overdone. Moral: advertise in the K. S. P., the rates are low, and copies go the right place every time.

BRIC-A-BRAC is the name of a very neat little paper published by J. W. Palmer, 281 Strand, London. It is out for June with a jubilee number. Among many other good things is an ode to Her Majesty, the Queen; also a portrait of James Chalmers. Mr. Palmer has succeeded in getting a bill through the post office department for the suppression of the sale of forged stamps; and we have it from good authority that certain dealers in Germany and England would like to knock Mr. P. into—well, never mind where, so long as he continues to keep up the agitation against such vermin.

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ANOTHER feature to mark this half-year number is the merging of the *German-town Philatelist* and this magazine. Arrangements have been made by which we shall fill out the unexpired subscription list of the above paper. Subscribers to that paper will receive the K. S. P. from this number for their unexpired subscription. We shall have the support of Mr. Watson late editor of the G. P., who has made many friends with his successful little paper. Lack of time to attend to it properly compelled him to suspend publication. We hope to merit the same success with our new friends as we have with the old, and that they shall be pleased with the transfer.

WITH this number we are six months old, quite an infant from an age standpoint. We hope to walk soon and bid fair to live to a good old age. This fact must be rather rough on those dear fellows who said "wait and see, time will tell," etc., time has told in this case. We have come to stay and have taken such a hold on the Philatelic Public that we venture to say that they would not like to do without us. In the past six months we have spared no pains to make this venture of ours a success, and if fate will allow, we shall do more in the next six of this year, but we shall not make any rash promise, we shall come to you promptly on the fifteenth of each month, laden down with a goodly store of interesting reading matter.

### Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR:—In the "sixties" there were few catalogues of the "revenues," and the dealers in postage stamps generally poooh pooohed the idea of collecting them; therefore, we few lovers of them were often taxed to "the utmost" to secure stamps which are now, in some cases, quite common.

I once gave to a collector of postage the only 4-cent red D. S. Barnes I had, because he admired it, and I thought I could easily get another, as I had removed it from a bottle of medicine one of the boys in the store was taking "for his liver." It was four years before I saw another, which I noticed in a lot a postage dealer had; he also had a 1-cent black McLean's Liver Pills stamp, and told me to give him what I pleased, as he cared nothing for them. I chucked him a quarter for the two, telling him he might just as well have had a dollar for each.

In the summer of 1866 I was in Ohio, when I called in the store of an acquaintance and seeing a familiar stamp on some matches I asked the price, when my friend said, "why Pete, what the dence do you want with matches, you are no smoker?" I told him I desired the stamps only, when he requested me to take all I could get off. I think I removed at least a dozen stamps, and have had offers of \$2.50 each for them; they were the 1-cent blue Geo. & O. C. Barber.

About the same time I was asked for my opinion as to the genuineness of a counterfeit fifty cent note, which was mended with two pieces of a green stamp, which two pieces I captured. The stamp

had been cut into three pieces, and the centre one was missing, but backs of two bears were visible, and at the bottom of the stamp I noticed a letter T on the left and an N on the right hand piece. Upon examination of "Webster" I learned the coat-of-arms of the State of Missouri contained two bears, and turning to our "report book" (so called by business people, as it contained their standing). I found the name of Thomas Allen, manufacturer of matches at St. Louis, to whom I wrote and got the stamp complete.

Very truly, A. P. J.

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1-cent blue, on Manilla paper, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6.

1-cent blue, on third quality Manilla paper, No. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

1-cent blue, on third quality Amber Manilla paper, No. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 6.

2-cent brown, on first quality White, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.\*

2-cent brown on White wove paper, no water-mark (error), No. 5.

2-cent brown on first quality Amber paper, Nos. 2, 3, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 7, 8, 9.

2-cent brown on second quality Blue paper, Nos. 3, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 7, 8, 9.

2-cent brown on second quality Oriental Buff, Nos. 3, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 7, 8, 9.

2-cent brown on third quality Manilla paper, Nos. 3, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 7, 8, 9.

2-cent brown on third quality Amber Manilla, Nos. 3, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 7, 8, 9.

4-cent green on first quality White paper, Nos. 5, 9.

4-cent green on first quality Amber paper, Nos. 5, 9.

4-cent green on third quality Manilla paper, Nos. 5, 7, 8, 9.

4-cent green on third quality Amber Manilla, Nos. 5, 7, 8, 9.

5-cent black-brown on first quality White paper, Nos. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5.

5-cent black-brown on first quality Amber paper, Nos. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5.

\* Mr. Theo. Seddall has shown us the 2-cent on white paper, the new size 2 with the old water-mark, "U. S. P. O. D." and "82;" also the 10-cent brown, size 7 on buff, blue, third quality amber and manilla.

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Below will be found a list of parties who are indebted to us, and the amounts due. Any one who will give information regarding any name in this list and can help us in this matter, we shall be obliged and shall make it worth their while to ferret out these frauds.

## LIST.

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C. C. Beckett, 1.80, 343 Sabbatis St., Lewiston, Me.

David Bisset, .77, Kittanning, Pa.

W. B. Fandlo, .31, 1901 Grace Street, Lynchburg, Va.

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Geo. C. Baldwin, .74, 221 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Robt. E. Smith, 1.09, Piermont, N. Y.

Robt. Ehrle, .24, 121 Scott St., Cleveland, Ohio.

W. S. Carterwaith, .64, 59 Dorance St., Providence, R. I.

Thos. Carrol, .82, 1509 16th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Frank Howard, 3.17, Notre Dame, Ind.

Wm. C. Hays, .91, Ridley Park, Pa.

Arthur H. Mitchell, .73, Box 255, Alexandria, Va.

G. R. Sandon, 1.05, Ithaca, N. Y.

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### ARTICLE THIRD.—ENVELOPE STAMPS.

In the following article I will endeavor to give a general idea of the stamped envelopes issued by the United States government.

They are collected by some persons in the entire envelope unused, which, with the large variety of sizes and watermarks, the different shapes that the tips of some of them are cut, as also the various shaped gummings, make a very large and expensive collection; and I doubt if there exists a collection that is complete in this branch, as our knowledge is rather limited as to what all the government has really issued in this line.

The favorite way to collect envelope stamps with most collectors is to cut them square, leaving a good margin all around the stamp. But, of course, in collecting them in this manner, watermarks and sizes are out of the question.

In collecting the square cut varieties, it is well to avoid the unused bright colored specimens of the early issues; for though they may be all right in many instances, still there are many reprints, which are likely to deceive the unwary purchaser.

There is in possession of the French government a complete series of United States envelopes, excepting the issues of the last few years. They are unused, of course, and are marked specimen, but even in this condition they would be very acceptable to some of our collectors.

But to begin with the review of the stamped envelopes. I will take them first in the point of view of the collector of square cut specimens, and of the entire envelopes, watermarks, etc., I will speak hereon.

The United States envelope stamps are divided as follows: Those used from 1863 to 1868, inclusive, are the Nesbitt issue; from 1870 to 1874, inclusive, are the Rey-

issue, and those issued from 1874 to date are the Plimpton issues.

The Nesbitt dies were as follows: In 1853 there were issued six distinct dies of the 3-cent red bust of Washington. The whole six were issued on both white and buff paper. The dies are distinguished as follows: No. 1 is a full, clear impression. Of No. 2 there are five varieties, known as dies, A, B, C, D and E. Die B is the scarcest variety. There are also a 6-cent green and 6-cent red, as also two distinct dies of the 10-cent green, known as dies 1 and 2. These last two values are also found printed on both white and buff. There are twenty distinct varieties of dies of this issue.

The next issue was that of 1857-60, of which there were the following varieties, 1-cent blue, Franklin (there are two dies of this stamp, printed on buff paper only). The next value is 3-cent red, Washington, on both white and buff paper. There is also what is known as the 4-cent, which is a 3 and 1-cent stamp printed on the same envelope. These, with the 6-cent red and 10-cent green, both with bust of Washington, which are found on both white and buff paper, constitute the series of 1857-60.

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### ARTICLE THIRD.—ENVELOPE STAMPS.

In the following article I will endeavor to give a general idea of the stamped envelopes issued by the United States government.

They are collected by some persons in the entire envelope unused, which, with the large variety of sizes and watermarks, the different shapes that the tips of some of them are cut, as also the various shaped gummings, make a very large and expensive collection; and I doubt if there exists a collection that is complete in this branch, as our knowledge is rather limited as to what all the government has really issued in this line.

The favorite way to collect envelope stamps with most collectors is to cut them square, leaving a good margin all around the stamp. But, of course, in collecting them in this manner, watermarks and sizes are out of the question.

In collecting the square cut varieties it is well to avoid the unused bright colored specimens of the early issues; for though they may be all right in many instances, still there are many reprints, which are likely to deceive the unwary purchaser.

There is in possession of the French government a complete series of United States envelopes, excepting the issues of the last few years. They are unused, of course, and are marked specimen, but even in this condition they would be very acceptable to some of our collectors.

But to begin with the review of the stamped envelopes. I will take them first from the point of view of the collector of square cut specimens, and of the entire envelopes, watermarks, etc., I will speak later on.

The United States envelope stamps are divided as follows: Those used from 1853 to 1868, inclusive, are the Nesbitt issue; from 1870 to 1873, inclusive, are the Reay

issue, and those issued from 1874 to date are the Plimpton issues.

The Nesbitt dies were as follows: In 1853 there were issued six distinct dies of the 3-cent red bust of Washington. The whole six were issued on both white and buff paper. The dies are distinguished as follows: No. 1 is a full, clear impression. Of No. 2 there are five varieties, known as dies, A, B, C, D and E. Die B is the scarcest variety. There are also a 6-cent green and 6-cent red, as also two distinct dies of the 10-cent green, known as dies 1 and 2. These last two values are also found printed on both white and buff. There are twenty distinct varieties of dies of this issue.

The next issue was that of 1857-60, of which there were the following varieties. 1-cent blue, Franklin (there are two dies of this stamp, printed on buff paper only). The next value is 3-cent red, Washington, on both white and buff paper. There is also what is known as the 4-cent, which is a 3 and 1-cent stamp printed on the same envelope. These, with the 6-cent red and 10-cent green, both with bust of Washington, which are found on both white and buff paper, constitute the series of 1857-60.

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The series of 1866 consisted of a 3-cent brown and 6-cent purple on straw paper, a 9-cent yellow on straw, 9-cent orange on buff, a 12-cent stone on straw, 12-cent claret on buff paper, 18-cent red, 24-cent blue, 30-cent green and 40-cent rose on buff paper. They all bear the bust of Washington. This was the last series of the Nesbitt issues; which issues, although they were not of the same fine workmanship as those later, were, nevertheless, very pretty, both in general design and selection of colors.

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### Report of Section Philadelphia.

Believing that our readers will be interested in reading of the doings of the first Section of the Internationaler P. V. Dresden organized in this country, we publish them in full.

Once more has Philadelphia proved that its claims to philatelic prominence rest on a solid foundation, this time, by the formation of the first Section of the Internationaler Philatelisten-Verein Dresden on this continent. The Section Philadelphia was organized July 7th, 1887, and held its first regular meeting on August 13th, with nine regular members at the first meeting, and more who have presented their names makes a showing of which Philadelphia may well be proud. And we are.

This is the first American Section, but I have the authority of a prominent New Yorker to the effect that "New York will be heard from in the fall."

We would respectfully suggest to our New York friends that a Section New York is totally needless, as the Constitution of the Section Philadelphia allows the privileges of membership to any member of the Dresden residing within one hundred miles of this city. New York being within the charmed circle, we see no earthly reason for such a Section being instituted, since we invite all who are desirous of having the honor of membership in America's first Section to send their names to Secretary W. H. Corfield, who will be happy to present the same at our next meeting, which occurs on the 10th of September.

The Q. C. P. has the honor of being the official organ of the Section Philadelphia. We did our best for the Keystone State; but as the Quaker had three representatives in the persons of their editors, while the Keystone had but one (Mr. D. having left to "see a man"), the former pulled in by a handsome majority. We compliment our lively rival on its success, and promise to do it up in like style if we get half a chance.

To all who have not joined the Dresden we give the following pointers:

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That every member, after due nomination, shall receive postpaid:

(a) Card of membership, to be exchanged in the month of January of each year for a new one of another color

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That each member have the right:

(f) To use the Society's library, subject to the rules and regulations made specially for the purpose.

(g) Of access to the place appointed for authenticating stamps, etc., subject to its rules and regulations.

(h) Of attendance to all the Society's meetings.

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(m) Of access to the "black book" for reference.

(n) In so much as possible of participation in the exchange of duplicate stamps, etc.

Of these, I would call your attention to b, e, k, m, and n. Of the five, I would especially recommend n as being extremely valuable.

The cost of membership is but slight, being \$1.20 to the Dresden and 50 cents to the Section in this country, if there is a Section near you. With this you are left to your reflections—\$1.70 or \$1.20, as the case may be, balanced by the benefits partially shown in the extract from the Constitution given. If you wish to join the Dresden, send your application to President Lynde of the Section Philadelphia, who will forward it to the proper authorities.

WATSON.

The first regular meeting of the Section Philadelphia I. P. V. D. was held at 1321 Arch Street, August 13th.

Meeting called to order at 8.45.

President Lynde in the chair.

Messrs. MacCalla, Lynde, McAllister, Watson, Siddall, Richards, and Corfield present.

Motion made and carried that the Constitution be adopted as read.

Motion made and carried that the *Quaker City Philatelist* be the official journal.

Mr. Watson informed members of the death of Mr. Durbin.

Adjourned, 9.27 P. M.

W. H. CORFIELD,  
Secretary.

### The Coming Envelope Album.

In a recent number of the *Stamp Collector's Figaro* I noticed the plea of a contributor for an envelope album, but as he did not give any suggestion as to how such a thing could be accomplished, and as I do not think the subject is given the attention by philatelists that it deserves, I shall endeavor to express my views thereon. No doubt there are many older and more advanced philatelists who can greatly improve upon the ideas herein given, and if so, I am satisfied that all brother and sister philatelists of this branch, as well as myself, would be pleased to have them express themselves through the columns of this, or any other leading publication devoted to the advancement of philately.

In the first place I would suggest an album consisting of large pages of rather heavy paper, as broad, for instance, as the length of the largest envelope issued, and let the book be well provided with guards, or stubs, to prevent it from bulging when filled. The greatest consideration in our mind, however, is as to how the envelopes may be attached to the leaves; the album might be arranged for this purpose similar to a photograph album, but what I would consider a much better plan, would be to provide the leaves with slits or loops, arranged in proper order, and of suitable length, that the flaps of the various sized envelopes could be tucked through and underneath; thus the entire face of the envelope would be exposed to view. Either of these methods would possess the one great advantage that the envelopes might be removed at will without damage to either them or the album.

One more suggestion and I am done. I believe that the majority of advanced collectors would prefer to have all of their albums blank (excepting the border ruling, and general statistics), as the dark wood cut engravings generally mar the good effect of the beautifully contrasted colors of the stamp. Again I say, collectors, give the subject the agitation it deserves, and ere long we shall have envelope albums of the first magnitude.

NEMO.

THE most egotistical party we can call to mind is a dealer in London, England, who styles himself as "The Greatest Dealer in the World," and always prefixes "Mr." to his name. That may do very well on the other side, as it is quite English, but it is hard for his American cousins to take it all the same.

THE new one-cent stamp will very much resemble the old one. The centre of the stamp consists of a profile bust of Benjamin Franklin (after the original by Caracci), looking to the left, in an oval disk with shaded background, the lower portion of the oval being bordered with pearls, and the upper portion with a curved panel, containing, in small white letters, the words "United States Postage." The whole is engraved in line upon a shield-shaped tablet with a truncated pyramidal base, bearing on it the words: "one" and "cent" on either side of the figure "1." The color of the stamp is ultramarine blue.



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insurance, Annuity and Trust Company. He had his mail directed to the general delivery, and by this means he was arrested. He had obtained about \$75 worth of goods. Young Wolf, when taken before Inspector Barrett, made a confession of his operations. He was accordingly held in \$500 bail to answer at court.

S. ALLEN TAYLOR, Boston, Mass., has also been arrested for making and selling forged stamps. The worthy old rascal has skipped his bail and is supposed to be in Canada.

THE Gratz (Phila.) collection was sold last July. It was one of the finest in this city; but few philatelists really knew what it contained until it was catalogued. One cannot help but regret to see a fine collection go to pieces. We have no knowledge of what the result of the sale was, but we may safely say that there were many good prices.

THERE are a few "dealers" in this country that we have an eye on, and if they do not look out there will be a very Vesuvian open upon them and their dealings.

MR. ROBERT BARRIE, of this city, is now making a tour of the world, when last heard from he was in Venice. He expects to next visit Persia and India and to reach South America, via Australia, visiting the smaller islands of that part of the globe.

#### Our Contemporaries.

The *Texas Philatelic Journal*, has appeared. It is a four-page paper and has a number of good articles; although small, they are of some worth, and we should like to see our friend Neville succeed. Many thanks, brother, for your good wishes.

The *Buckeye State Collector* and the *Witch City Philatelist* are two new papers.

The *Old Curiosity Shop* looks well in its new dress.

W. K. Moorhead, Xenia, Ohio, has issued a handy-book for collectors of Indian and Mound-Builders' relics. It contains twenty-four pages and is profusely illustrated. The prices of many of the relics are marvelously cheap. Please notice advertisement in this issue.

Where is the *Figaro* for July?

Mr. E. B. Sterling informs us he has resigned his position as note teller of the Trenton Banking Co., and that he will hereafter devote all his time to the stamp business; also, the real estate and bank-stock brokerage.

So the "Lively West" has been beaten again, and by Philadelphia. Oh, the gall and wormwood! We think we hear the gritting of teeth beyond the Alleghenys amidst preparations for a bloody reprisal.

It is said that the meeting of the convention A. P. A., held in Chicago, was not so peaceful as the reports given would lead the public to think. Certain it is that certain parts of the proceedings were dropped from the minutes; charges made by certain dealers that the "other fellow" sold counterfeits, which accusations were quickly smothered for obvious reasons; and that in addition a prominent New York company was charged with selling reprints as originals. Strenuous efforts have been made to keep this quiet, but it shows all the worse for its enforced seclusion.

We hear rumors of extensive changes in United States stamps and stamped envelopes; that the entire series of adhesives is to be changed in colors, but with the present designs; that the 30 and 90 cent envelopes are to be reissued, the 30 in brown and the 90 in purple, and that new designs of 1, 2, 4 and 5 cent envelopes, with altered colors, will soon be issued, and that the Department will soon issue envelopes on variously tinted papers, in different sizes, for ladies' use.

No mention is made of the return postal card, the issue of which was ordered by Congress in 1879. The new series of envelopes has been announced for October, 1886, January, March, May, June and August of this year, and now is fixed for September 10. The new special 10 cent, with amended wording, is as far off as ever, and we do not expect anything new, with the trademark "U. S." on until we see it in substance.

"I'll put a head on you," said the postage stamp to the letter. "All right," said the letter; "but you will be stuck on me before you get through. We have cornered many fellows of your stamp."

Behold! it is here, What? Why, the *Empire State Philatelist* for June. We were afraid it had gone up the flue; but we are glad to see that it is alive. Did the esteemed contemporary honor us with an exchange copy? Oh no, we received it through our news agent. We regret to see that the above paper has become so exclusive; but if the publisher does not wish to exchange with us, why we will stand on our dignity, too, and give him the cold shoulder, *i. e.*, cut him from our exchange list, and if other publishers would do likewise it might have the effect of bringing the E. C. to its senses.

The Phila. Stamp and Coin Co., 936 N. 10th street, will open a down town branch on September 1st, on Chestnut street, between 5th and 6th streets, opposite Independence Hall; where they will have for sale a large assortment of stamps, coins, curiosities, etc.

### U. S. Medicine Stamps.

BY CHIFFONNIER.

This branch of revenue stamp collecting is interesting, not only on account of the large number of varieties and beauty of many of these stamps, but on account of the strange shape of many of them, and the pleasing sight they make when well arranged. The large size of many of them admit of a display of engraved designs which could not be done on the smaller stamps of the other branches of philately. The size of one of the largest, that of Lawrence & Martin, 4 cents, black, is 190x20 mm's in size; and in regard to shape some of the strangest shaped stamps are as follows: The first that attracts our attention in running through the catalogue are those of J. C. Ayer & Co., cut in the shape of a star. This shape was used to cover the cork of the bottle upon which they were used, and the points were gummed down over the neck of the bottle. J. W. Campion & Co., E. W. Hoyt & Co., Dr. D. Jayne & Co., Dr. D. H. Seelye & Co., James Swaim and William Swaim, all used stamps of similar shape, although some of them used by some of the firms were larger than those used by others, but they were all of the same general shape, broad in the middle and tapering towards both ends. Another strange shaped stamp is that used on Ring's Vegetable Ambrosia. It is similar to that of J. C. Ayer & Co., only it has a great

many more points on the star. Edward Wilder used strange shaped stamps; they were oblong. George W. Laird used a stamp with the top in an arch to fit on the sides of the bottles on which they were used.

Some of the most beautiful colors used in printing any stamps were used in the preparation of this class of revenues, and among these occur some of the scarcest stamps amongst U. S. revenues.

The following will show the prices of some of the scarcest. The 4-cent vermilion of J. C. Ayer & Co., which is valued at \$50.00; another 4-cent vermilion of D. S. Barnes is valued at \$25.00. In fact all of the stamps of D. S. Barnes, Demas Barnes and Demas Barnes & Co., are becoming very scarce; as a set of old paper varieties would cost, were they purchased at catalogue prices, \$58.00 for twelve varieties on old paper, whilst the two varieties on silk thread paper would cost five dollars each.

The same design as the stamps of Demas Barnes & Co. were used by P. H. Drake & Co., and the Lyon Manufacturing Co. The 2-cent variety of P. H. Drake & Co., is valued at \$25.00.

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T. W. Marsden's 2-cent blue is valued at \$35.00; their 4-cent black is valued at \$5.00. Mercado & Sculley used a large sized stamp, 148x18 mm's in size; this stamp is valued at \$25.00.

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BY A. F. HENKELS.

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There are several dies of some of the stamps of the following issue, which issue is known as the Plimpton issue. I will not attempt an explanation of the various dies, but will merely remark the 3 ct. varieties, of which there are ten distinct varieties; the scarcest is the one known as the bull-neck head of Washington, which is very rare. The Plimpton issue was of the same general design as the Reay issue, the only difference being slight alterations in the engraving of the dies, but in general they are very similar. They are divided into the following series: 1874 and 1875-82. Of the 1874 there was the 1-2-3 and 10 ct. printed on white paper, the 1-2-3 and 10 ct. on amber, 1 ct. light and dark blue on orange, and 3 ct. 6 cream paper.

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Mr. E. B. Sterling, in his excellent catalogue of United States revenue stamps, speaks of quite a number of "doubtful unperforated," that he "cannot class as genuine until their genuineness be proved by data, and the verification of the proprietors and collectors." I also think that such stamps as he mentions are very doubtful, as I have seen many medicine stamps that, by a little trimming off of the perforations, would make perfect unperforated specimens. And again, they might possibly be all right, as there might have been a few sheets of some stamps passed over in the perforating process.

Another large class of varieties are the surcharged stamps, that have the initials of the firms by which they were used and dates surcharged on the face of the stamps. These are too numerous to comment on at length, but I think they should be recognized, as separate varieties, just the same as the surcharged stamps of foreign countries are recognized.

### Chronicle.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

ANTIGUA.—The 2½d. is now blue and the 4d. red-brown.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The 1c. of 1873 is reported rouletted.

BAVARIA.—Both the 2pf. and 5pf. cards come with date "81" at the left.

BR. BECHUANALAND.—The "Ph. R." reports the ½d. and 1d. wrappers and the 1d. card with surcharge in two lines, 7 and 14mm. long.

CASHMERE.—The ½d. of current type is printed in blue.

CEYLON.—The surcharge "15c." on the 12c. envelope is now in two lines.

COCHIN CHINA.—The 30c. unpaid letter stamp is said to be surcharged for use as 20c. and 1f.

DANISH W. I.—The 3c. card is now on buff, and there is a 2x2c. blue on white.

FRENCH GUIANA.—In addition to the surcharges issued in December "L'U. de T." mentions three others with date "Avril 1887," viz: 0.05 on 2c. 1881; 0.20 on 35c. 1881 and 0.25 on 30c. Liberty.

GRENADA.—It is stated that the 1d., 6d. and 2sh. revenues have been surcharged "Postage—1d."

HOLLAND.—The 5c. and 10c. unpaid letter stamps of the new design are out.

HUNGARY.—There is a new 5kr. envelope, carmine on gray. The stamp is oval and contains the figure of value with crown and post-horn.

LABUAN.—The 4c. card now measures 121x89mm.

PARAGUAY.—The "Ph. R." has a series of stamps of similar design as the 5c. lately reported. 1c. green, 2c. carmine, 7c. chocolate, 10c. purple, 15c. orange, 20c. pink.

PORTO RICO.—Of the 3c. card on brown, we have three minor varieties in the setting up of the inscriptions.

PORTUGAL.—A new 20 reis rose was issued July 1st. Effigy ¾ to right with relief, also a card with same stamp. The 500 reis is now lilac instead of black.

ROUMANIA.—The color of the unpaid letter stamps is to be changed.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—New cards with head in circle have been issued; 1d. carmine on buff and 1½d. brown on buff.

SWITZERLAND.—It is said stamps are to be issued without embossing.

BOKHARA.—"Le Timbre Poste" has a communication from Teheran, stating that, there are three stamps in use there: 11 poul, red, 22 poul, green; 65 poul, lilac. The money of Bokhara is the Tenga, or 25 kopecs of Russia, equal to 65 poul.

COLOMBIA.—The new 2c. stamp represents Marshal Siare, the 20c. General Narinos (Don Antonio) both heroes of the war of Independence. The latter was the first Dictator of Colombia, born at Bogota in 1769, and died at Cadiz about 1822. The 20c. stamp reads "Repulica" instead of "Republica."

PARAGUAY.—According to "Le Timbre Poste" 2c. bands and 5c. envelopes are in use.

PORTUAL.—A new 25 reis, bright violet has been issued, somewhat resembling the 25 reis brown.

VENEZUELA.—The 5c. escuelas is now lithographed instead of engraved. It is printed in pale green.

### Our Contemporaries.

The following papers at hand. Publishers please accept our thanks for the same:

- The American Philatelist.*
- The Bay State Collector.*
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- The Philatelic Gazette.*
- The Halifax Philatelist.*
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- The Philatelic Fortnightly.*
- The Young Barbarian.*
- The Germantown Philatelist.*
- Plain Talk.*
- Our Monthly Visitor.*
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Also the following:

Stanley, Gibbons & Co.'s May and June Price List.

*Relics from the Rockies*, by H. H. Tammer, Denver, Col.

*The American Philatelic Press Directory.*

*The Philatelic Catalogue*, by Maj. E. B. Evans, published by C. H. Mekeel.

E. T. Parker's new 8 paged Price List.  
Reese & Neville's wholesale Price List.

Our hobby has often been used for peculiar ideas, as has been noted by a correspondent of the *Western Philatelist*, via

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### SECTION PHILADELPHIA.

The regular meeting of Philadelphia Section I. P. V. of Dresden, was held Sep. 10th, 1321 Arch st. at 8.45 p. m., Pres. Lynde in the chair, and Messrs. MacCalla, McAllester, Siddall, Durborow and Corfield present. It was resolved that in the death not only our loss, but that to Philately in general. Mr. Siddall stated that he had received a letter from Herr Blauhuth enclosing copies of the exchange rules, which he requested us to have translated if possible, request was laid on the table until the next meeting. After the usual routine business, section adjourned at 9.20 p. m. WM. H. CORFIELD, Sec.

We would like to have a full collection of dealer's price lists, etc. Many of our brothers have favored us, and we hope the rest of the profession will also.

On October 15th the *Eastern Philatelist* is announced to appear; it will be published by a company, and hails from Fitchburg, Mass.

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Advertisements for No. 9 should be in by Oct. 30th.

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### The Editor's Study.

Both of ye Editors now have the honor of belonging to the I. P. V. of Dresden.

A pleasant little incident is related in the *Figaro* for Sept., "On the Much-Abused Postage-Stamp."

Mr. George Von Utassey has just returned from abroad, and has brought over many good things, and tells some very interesting stories of his travels and the Philatelists he met.

We send out an extra large number of sample copies this month, and with the November number we shall increase our circulation to 2000, and hope by the January number to come out with 4000 copies, and with a new and beautifully illustrated cover, designed expressly for us by a member of the Q. C. P. Society.

Recently we had the pleasure of attending a stamp party. The affair was held at the residence of one of Philadelphia's brightest Philatelic lights, who had purchased about 13,000 stamps, and wishing to assort them, invited a few friends in to help him, which made quite a party. The evening was spent with much pleasure, the young ladies helping and adding to the fun,

We know a number of young ladies who collect stamps and make pretty designs on plaques, vases, etc. The stamps are pasted down with good glue, and then varnished, which makes them have a pretty effect. We have seen the tops of tables laid out in the design of a checker-board, the stamps being used as the squares.

To the dealers who have not tried our magazine as an advertising medium, we would say that we consider our magazine the *best*. We can say with pardonable pride that it is, as we know it has been, well tried and never found wanting, and all we ask is a fair trial. Place a small advertisement with us, from one to three months, and be convinced of the fact.

Mr. Robert C. H. Brock has been appointed head of the literary board of the A. P. A., and consequently will have charge of the official journal, the *Am. Philatelist*, which will be published in this city. Mr. Brock is a bright and successful young lawyer, and the Asst. is to be congratulated on its choice of so able a man to fill the position of chairman and editor.

We have made arrangements with Mr. William M. Clems, publisher of the *Old Curiosity Shop*, by which we are able to offer the above paper and the K. S. P. for one year for the remarkable small amount of 30 cents. To the first five subscribers for the two magazines we will give free 100 choice pieces of words and music complete. If you have any music in your souls, now's your chance.

During our celebration we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. W. V. Nicholson, of Erie, Penna., who came here with his regiment, the 14th N. G. P. He impressed us as a very frank and courteous young man, and the boys of the Q. C. P. made his short visit as pleasant as his time would allow, and it will be a long time before any of us forget those few hours we spent together.

The new U. S. stamps are out, as follows: 1 ct. blue, 2 cts. light green; also 1 and 2 cts. envelopes, same colors. The new adhesives are very pretty, quite so in contrast with the old style; the one cent being a bright blue, and the two a light green. The envelopes are of a new design, and give promise of many varieties, as we have seen several. Mr. C. C. Gallagher has presented us with a two-cent

that has the letter E in CENTS almost blotted out, and making it spell CRNTS.

The great Harvey has gone, and we wail and gnash our teeth at our loss. The meetings of the Quaker City Philatelic Society seem as if a funeral pall had fallen on them, for he was such a punster, and his poems were perfection, and his essays—well, they just threw you into convulsions; for example, take the Stamps of Tit-ti-pu-hoo and of Moses. Poor fellow; some one sat on him one night, and he never felt well afterwards. We hope that he will succeed in forming a Symposium in the next Society that he may join.

“Editor Miron” has been catching it hot lately. Mr. Hubbard must laugh in his sleeve at the remarks aimed at him through Miron. We would state to the suffering public that Miron and Hubbard are one: that is, Miron is but Hubbard’s middle name used as a nom de plume.

We see that J. W. Jewett has caught the same fever. We would advise him to desist, as Jewett answers the same purposes as well as Walker. By the way, this party is slowly catching up: we have the June No. of the *Philatelic Herald* just at hand.

In the address delivered by President Tiffany, at the Chicago Convention, he states that the first thing the Association did was to turn its attention towards the counterfeiters and dealers in the same, and that the Association had been the means of exterminating many of these pests. Allow us to ask when and where did any of the above take place? We are of the opinion that they, “the Association,” are rather too lax on those pesky fellows, and that it has not done one-quarter in the past year that the fearless and outspoken Philatelic press has, but the A. P. A. still continues to be a good thing, and we shout with the crowd—“Boom it.”

Mr. Theo. Siddall, of this city, the enterprising dealer in United States stamps, had a very fine display of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, post cards, and oddities at the late Pennsylvania State Fair. They were tastefully arranged in a large showcase; in the centre of this was a raised square, on which appeared stamps representing 188 stamp-issuing countries. Around this were stamped envelopes of

all sizes, varying in price from 1 ct. to 90 cts. Notable among the exhibit was a double strip of 15 and 30 ct. Treasuries, about 25 in a line, making 50 stamps unsevered, and all cancelled with a series of lines running across the entire length; also many rare and unique post cards, Wells, Fargo Co.’s Express, on Mexican stamped envelopes, and Blood’s Despatch, and many others.

Our thanks are due to the publishers of the *Western Philatelist* for the very courteous and polite manner in which they criticize our Sept. No. We would state in the first place that nothing better could be expected from a city composed of Blowers, Bluffers and Blatherskites. The assertion that “all was not harmony” at the late Chicago Convention was made by a member of the A. P. A. who was there, and he is a man whose word is not to be doubted; but, be that as it may, we don’t care a nickel; but we do object to their assertion that “it is only another evidence of our ill will towards the Asst.” We have none personally, and should be glad to see peace and harmony reign supreme,—a thing that has been foreign to the Asst. from its beginning till now. The latter part of the comment we do not care to reply to, as it is of a personal nature, and suffice to say, an insult to us. We would suggest to our E. C. that they keep within the bounds of professional criticism in the future, and that they will find us ever ready to defend ourselves.

#### ⓂRe ⒺdⓂtor’s Ⓔable.

The *American Philatelic Record* has ceased publication. We regret to see the end of such a bright paper so soon.

The *Philatelic Gazette* commences its new volume with a very artistic cover, designed by W. Alfred Warner, of New York City.

The *International Collector* comes all the way from the Pacific slope, and is well filled with good articles on Philately, numismatics, mineralogy, etc.

The *Collector’s Review* appears in a new and tastily designed cover. Few papers have made as rapid strides as our friend the *Review* has in its first volume.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Ketcheson, Belleville, Ont., for his standard Catalogue of Canadian Stamps; also, to the Western

Philatelic Publishing Company for a copy of President Tiffany's address, delivered at Chicago in August.

*The Collector's Journal.* We are somewhat disappointed in this journal. We had expected something finer. It is illustrated and has a well executed cover. It contains a good article on the New York Local Posts, by W. W. Thomas.

*The Niagara Falls Philatelist* is a new candidate from Canada, and is well gotten up, all but the funny part, that could be disposed with very well. What has Uncle Zip's Evidence to do with Philately? Stir yourselves, boys, and give us something of more worth.

*Vinden's Philatelic Monthly*, Nos. 1 and 2, are at hand. It may be well to state that this little sheet is published by D. A. Vinden, of Sydney, New South Wales. No doubt the name sounds familiar. It is an exact copy of the late Mr. Durbin's paper, and Mr. V. pays Mr. D. a very pretty compliment in No. 1 about imitation being the best form of flattery, etc. They contain the doings of the Philatelic Society of Australia, which seems to have a pretty firm basis.

*The American Philatelist*, Volume II, No. 1, is out, and is a decided improvement on the old volume. It is on the right road to fame and fortune, and we see nothing in its contents that any member of the A. P. A. can take exception to. It contains, beside the official business reports, etc., an article on the genuine and counterfeit Sandwich Island stamps, from "Album Weeds;" also, a cut and description of the newly-discovered Greenwood Local; also, a list of new issues, etc.

### A Good Afternoon's Work.

Mr. John Becker, Bloomington's noted philatelist, or coin and stamp fancier and dealer, made a neat haul the other day. He obtained from Mr. A. Brokaw permission to examine his files of old letters stacked away in the garret of the Brokaw residence and take the old stamps from the envelopes. He spent a whole afternoon at the work and obtained about 1,200 specimens, some of which are over thirty years old. He figures that the afternoon's work will net him about \$50. Six of the stamps—a peculiar and rare issue—are worth \$1.50 each.

Postage stamps bearing the effigy of the Comte de Chambord have been seen in France. The stamps are blue, and are made on the Belgian model, having the sum "Ten Centimes" printed to the right and left of the royal head, instead of at the bottom of the stamp according to the French style. Henry V is represented in three-quarter length, the Bourbon fleurs-de-lis ornament each corner, while "Postes" is engraved at the top and "France" at the bottom.



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