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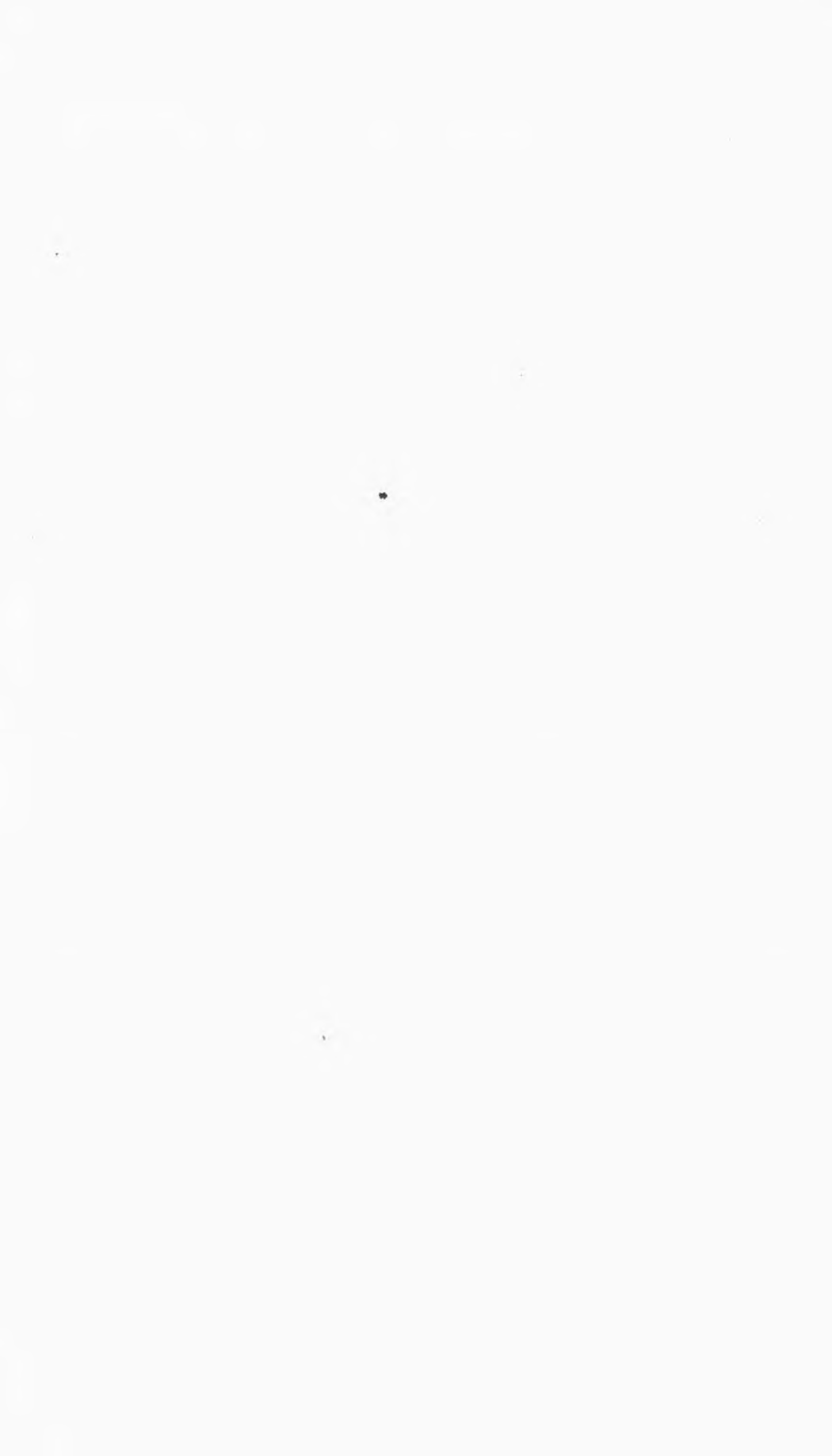




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No. 1.

REVENUES.

Notwithstanding all that has been said against Revenues by a certain few, the number of collectors is steadily increasing, and while the great obstacle in the way of collecting Foreign Revenues (no catalogue) does much to prevent these stamps from being collected generally. Yet in U. S. Revenues the demand is great and will increase the prices very much; even now the large dealers are raising prices of many of the comparatively cheap varieties. I would recommend the collection of Revenues for several reasons, among which are: The Revenue issues are really dying out, but the consolidation of the postal and fiscal stamps are increasing, and I will venture the assertion that in five years time the Countries having a distinct Revenue issue will number less than a score, as things are shaping themselves towards the consolidation of the two branches of stamps. Probably few of us, unless Revenue collectors, have any idea of the magnitude of the monied transactions it has required to use the stamps in an ordinary Revenue collection. Take the U. S. for instance. The \$10.00 stamp means a transaction of business ennobling \$50,000.00; the common \$2.50 Inland Exchange represents \$12,500.00. Just imagine boys, if you had the one tenth of the money the stamps denote, what a collection you would have! The town would not be big enough to hold you. Well content yourself with the thought that if you have not got the substance, you have the shadow. A collector, clerk in one of our large business houses, had his collection at the office one noon and was busily engaged in showing it to some friends. One of the firm came in and stood at the back of the little group, unobserved, when the collection had been admired and closed. The gentleman said to the collector: "Louis, what does all that time fooling represent?" "Why," answered Louis, "Mr. Blank, that collection represents monied transactions amounting in all to *over a million of dollars!*" The business man was astonished that anything of a child pursuit could have any booming upon financial transactions of a business life, and the collection soon gone over with astonishment and care. The merchant has started his two sons into collecting, and

says: "There is more in this stamp collecting than appears on the surface." Some say the head of Washington on the stamps is monotonous, but take a collection of Revenue stamps with its many shades of color and paper, as well as shapes, and you have one of the most striking, as well as pleasing collections of stamps possible to get together. A collector can get a fairly complete collection of document stamps together, which is almost impossible of the U. S. Postage, unless money is no object.

We notice that a collector with a good collection of Revenues is eager to show it and eager to explain, his Revenues are always the last things to show. There are many collectors who can show fine Postage collections, but few have the same in Revenues. It is amusing to one to hear some would-be authority declare: "Revenue stamps are *not* stamps," and urge that the only stamps there are, consist of Postage and *entire envelopes*. Of course we poor Revenue chaps do not know what a stamp is, but we would like to have it explained to us how an entire envelope can be claimed *a stamp*. Especially as some well-known collectors when asked why they do not collect entire envelopes, reply: "That they are not in the junk business," and notwithstanding all that has been written and said in favor of postal cards and entire envelopes, there is nothing that is striking in a collection arranged on sheets of bristol paper, especially is this true of entire envelopes. A collection of that nature becomes very tiresome, and one is heartily glad when the end is reached. Now, I do not mean to run down entire envelopes, because there are many useful things to be learned from them, but nearly all the attacks Revenues have had made upon them, have come from entire envelope collections, and there are far more to be said against them than against Revenues. Another objection put forth is: "There are too many stamps now!" This objector, I consider a mere dabbler in Philately. He is generally the one who makes a collection of stamps and then sells them and proceeds to make another collection for the same purpose, collecting stamps merely for the money he gets out of them.

Of course, the fewer stamps collectable, the easier to make the collection, but to the one who goes into it with the expectation of making a life-time study of stamps, there will always be pleasure in collecting not one branch, but all branches. Very few of the collectors of fifteen or twenty years experience, but who not only tolerate by taking pleasure in adding to their Revenue collections, and but few collectors of U. S. Stamps of any prominence, but who can show not only Document Stamps, but Match, Medicine, Tobacco, Beer, License, etc., and stamps of all descriptions. Revenue collectors, keep right along with your Revenues; they are always salable, and are not near

as plentiful as they have been. Revenues have come to stay, and this is a recognized fact which all true Philatelists will acknowledge.

Wanderer.

CHRONICLE.

Afghanistan—There is a new type of the 1 abassy, measuring 28 mm. in diameter, instead of 26 mm.

Argentine Republic—The new 1c. stamp will bear the effigy of Dr. Velez Sarsfield, and the 20c., Gen. Julio A. Roca. The government not being satisfied with the lithographed stamps, has contracted with the South American Bank Note Co. for a new series, and *Le T. P.* illustrates the 3c., which it says is very well engraved. It has the head of President Celman, above which, in a curve is "Republica Argentina." Below is "Tres Centavos," and in upper corners figures of value.

British Bechuanaland—The 5sh. Cape has been surcharged, and the 1d. and 2d. lilac are now surcharged on her majesty's head with "1d." in black, and "2d." in red. Mr. Campbell has kindly sent us a circular showing that the stamps surcharged "Protectorate" are not for use in Br. Buchuanaland, but for letters posted in the Protectorate and Trans-Protectorate.

Belgium—The 5x5c. card is now of same design as the current 5. with the necessary additions.

Ceylon—The 4c. envelope is now surcharged "Five Cents" in black in two lines above the stamp. The 12c. registered envelope has the surcharge "Fifteen Cents" in large capital letters, also in two lines.

Costa Rica—The new 5c. stamp is surcharged "Guanacasta" in black, in two styles, 16½x4 and 14x3 mm.

Danish W. I.—The *Ph. R.* has the 1 cent stamp in yellow, green and rose.

Denmark—Mr. Rechert has shown us new cards and letter cards. The former are of the type of 1879, 3 ore and 3x3 ore, gray, and 5 ore and 5x5 ore, green, all on white card. The letter cards are headed "Korrespondance-Kort," have the arms at the left and stamp at right. "Til" below with four dotted lines. They are of the value of 4 ore blue and 8 ore carmine or pale buff card, white inside. There are also to be new stamps, including official. Wrappers of 4 and 5 ore, and official cards of 3 and 5 ore.

Faridkot—The stamp of the first type comes in green and in black, and the *I. B. J.* illustrates a new stamp of similar design but clearer and much better engraved. It is blue and perf. 12. *Le T. P.*

also illustrates a new type somewhat resembling the second, and also perf. 12. $\frac{1}{2}$ a. blue, two shades.

Great Britain—The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. band has the instructions now in four lines instead of five. The £1 stamp has now three globes for watermark.

India—*Das P.* says that a 1 rupee stamp, lithographed, and made in India, was in use from the 16th to the 31st July.

Jamaica—There is a wrapper $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green on brown.

Liberia—The cards are now white.

Luxemburg—The 5x5c., 10c. and 10x10c. cards have had the inscription altered, same as the 5c. noted last month.

Martinique—We omitted to note the "01" on 4c.

New South Wales—The 20sh. stamp is about 25mm. square, and bears the portraits of the Governors in 1788 and 1888. Perf. 10, ultramarine blue. A new 1d. card is in preparation with the new type of stamp. The 2d. stamp has appeared. An emu is in the middle of an oval band, inscribed "One Hundred Years. Two pence." Color, blue.

Nicaragua—We have a 50c. stamp almost the same color as the 10c. envelope, and a 10c. envelope with stamp of same design and color as the adhesive.

Orange Free State—The 3d. blue has been surcharged "2d." in black.

Philippine I.—We find two varieties of the surcharge 8c. on 24-8c. In one there is a period after "cent," and there is only a very faint trace of the inner line of the oval.

Salvador—The new 5c. adhesives have figure of Liberty in oval, with "Salvador" on curved band above, and "U. P. U." below. At top "Servicio Postal del," and below "Cinco Centavos," both in white letters on straight labels. The background is a representation of a stone wall. Color, blue (c. c. 43), rouletted. The color of the 11c. envelope is changed to an olive green, considerably more yellowish than (c. c. 37).

Sirmoor—The *A. Ph.* says the 3 pies is now orange.

Switzerland—The 5 and 10c. cards are now inscribed "Côté réservé à l'adresse, Latio riservato all' indirizzo—Nur für die adresse."

Tolima—We have a new 5c. and 10c. and the *I. B. J.* mentions a 50c. and 1 peso. The arms are in the center, and the inscription reads "Republica de Colombia—Departamento del Tolima—Correos," and the colors. The colors are respectively red, green, blue and brown. Perf. 10 1-2.

Tunis—We have received a 1 franc stamp, of same design as the others, and printed in bronze green, same as the French stamp of same value.

Venezuela—*Le T. P.* gives illustrations of the high value Escuelas, made by the American Bank Note Co., 3 bolivars violet, and 10 bolivars brown. The lithographed stamps ceased to be current Aug. 11th, and *Das P.* gives the following list of them:

CORREOS.

Perf. 12, 25c., rouletted, 5c., 25c., 50c., 1 bol.; unperf., 5c., 25c.

ESCUELAS.

Perf. 12, 5c., 25c., 1 bol., rouletted, 5c., 25c., 3 bol.; unperf., 5c., 25c.

The Philatelic World.

A MOUNTAIN POST-OFFICE.

The Letters that Reach It, and the Post-mistress who Reads Them.

A GENTLEMAN who spent a Summer traveling in the Rocky Mountains gives the following account of a little, gray-haired old lady he found living alone in a log cabin of two rooms far up the slope of a most desolate mountain. The cabin was a mile from any other house, and the nearest town was ten miles distant. On the shelves back of a little pine counter in one corner of the room were cans of tomatoes, peas, and corn, a few bars of soap, boxes of matches, and cans of condensed milk.

"I keep a little grocery store, and thread, and needles, and pins, and such things, bein's I'm postmistress," said the old lady in the cheeriest of voices.

"Postmistress?" queried the traveler.

"Oh, yes," was the reply.

"Where are the letters and the office?"

"Here," and she smiling took a cigar-box down from a shelf, and opening it, showed the man a dozen or more letters bearing evidence of having been handled many times.

"The mail comes two times a week, Wednesdays and Saturdays, but most of the boys come 'rond Saturdays."

"The boys?" asked the stranger.

"Yes; the prospectors and miners scattered all 'rond over the hills. There's a good many of 'em but they don't write much nor get many letters. Still, the post-office is comp'ny for me. It brings all the boys to see me once in a while. Are you going up by the Lone Star Mine?"

"No I think not," said the traveler.

"No? Well, if you was, ther's a postal here for Jack Downing. It says on it that he is to come to Denver right off, and I'd like to send it to him as soon as I can. I always read the postals. The boys don't care, and I get real lonesome sometimes."

Just then a miner came along and asked: "Is Bill Heffier's *Weekly* come yet from Denver?"

"Yes," was the reply, "but you tell Bill I'll send it up to-morrow by the stage-driver. I ain't done readin' it myself yet. Bill won't care; he never reads it till Sunday, nohow. If you see Silas Sharpe you tell him that there's a postal here from his wife, and the baby's got the whoopin' cough but it ain't a-whooping yet, an' his wife don't think it'll have it hard.

"Any letters for any of the boys up our way?"

"No, but there's one here for somebody named J. B. Ryder, know any such man?"

"No."

"Neither do I. It's in a thin envelope and I can see by holdin' it up to the light that it's signed 'Your own Sarah,' so I guess he's married, or about to be. If he don't come 'rond soon, I do no but I'll open it and get the address, and send it back to 'his own Sarah,' and tell her that he ain't here."

When the man had gone the old lady said to the traveler:

"Yes, post-office is a sight of comp'ny, speshly when ther's lots o' papers and postals comin' and goin'. Then sometimes I write and read letters for some that can't write. Now here's a letter for John Brice, just come in. He ought to have it right off."

"But it has been opened," said the traveler.

"O, la, yes! I opened it myself. I wrote the letter it's in answer to, and I'll have to read this to John Brice, anyhow. He can't read writin'. And I felt real anxious to know if his letter got to his wife—it had a \$10 bill in it. Here comes Bob Haight. Poor fellow! I declare, if I was alone I'd shut up the post-office and hide some place; for it just makes my heart ache to tell that poor creetur that there ain't no letter yit for him. He's been a comin' for weeks lookin' for a letter from home, and none comes. I'm mighty afraid there's trouble there. Well, well, I'll just have to tell him they ain't no letter, and then chirk him up the best I can. Poor fellow!"—*Denver Tribune.*

REVIEW.

We have not yet seen the *American Collector*.

The Philatelic Herald for November, at hand, with some mixed notes, etc.

The Collectors' Exchange has a Philatelic column, conducted by W. H. Hale. We wish it success.

The Philatelic Press is a four-page, edited by H. G. Manchester, West Wensted, Ct., is small, but interesting.

The first number of *The Alabama Philatelist* is at hand, although very late, for which it gives its reasons. We have learned that "Wanderer" will be associate editor. We wish it success.

The new *Collectors' Comment* is a good news hustler.

The Curiosity Collector is a new one, and hails from South Amboy, J. D. Bartlett, publisher, it contains nothing that interests a philatelist!

The Little Clipper is a small 4 page sheet; it comes from Mendota Ills. It has a Philatelic department.

The American Stamp is announced to appear from Newark, N. J. and will be Edited by D. B. Crockett.

The U. S. Philatelist for November publishes the official report, of the Iowa Philatelic Association. It also gives a complete list of all Philatelic Periodicals giving subscription and advertising rates circulation, etc., which will be of some use to the advertiser.

The International Collector is very late, as we have just received the October Number. It contains the official report of the Philatelic Society of America, which gives a list of nominations. The election will come off some time in January.

The Stamp Collector for December presents a lively appearance. It is rich with notes and comments. Wolsieffer's "Chicago Notes," are, as usual, very interesting and pleasing to read.

The Badger State Philatelist has completed its first volume, which shows credit to the Editor, Mr. Carter. Commencing with the December number, he will publish a series of "Prominent Philatelists," which is now the "rage."

The Philatelic Journal of America has Completed its fourth volume. The December Number is unusually large, it contains 38 pages of interesting matter, and 20 pages of "ads."

The *Philatelic Gazette* of December shows up very early, and presents, as usual, a good appearance.

Mr. Alvah Davison's Article on Oddities is the main feature of this Issue.

The Quaker City Philatelist for December is on time, and shows a marked improvement. European Philatelic doings, translated by Canadensis are very interesting.

EDITORIAL MENTIONS.

"What! Another new one?" The collecting public will say, and yes from the Hoosier State.

After investigating that the Hoosiers never supported a Philatelic Magazine, and in coming to a conclusion that Indiana should be represented with a good Philatelic Magazine; and after receiving many encourageing letters from prominent Philatelists, we decided to issue "THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST," and we trust it will meet with approval of all Philatelists.

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A new D. O. Blood & Co. Local stamp has been discovered in Philadelphia by Mr. McAllister. The stamp is circular in shape with the signature of B. & Co. affixed to a letter dated May 19th, 1843. McAllister values the stamp at \$100.00, which is quite a lucky find.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Secretaries of Philatelic Societies should send us their report of meetings regularly and in return we will send THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST free. All reports must reach us by the 15th of each month.

[Meetings are held on alternate Thursdays, at the Tremont House, at 8 P. M. President, C. R. Gadsden; Secretary and Librarian, P. M. Wolsieffer. For Information address the Secretary, "Drawer 707," Chicago, Ill.]

The fourth special meeting was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, on Wednesday, November 28th, by President Gadsden. Owing to extremely bad weather the attendance was not up to the standard. Those present were Messrs. Drury, Gadsden, Gilbert, Haskell, Holman, Jillson, Kurzweg, Roscike, Start, White and Wolsieffer. Mr. J. Abraham, of the Chalmers Society, favored us with a friendly visit. Minutes of the fifty-fourth regular meeting were approved as read. Applications for passive membership were received from Mr. H. C. Beardsly, St. Joseph, Mo.; Mr. M. G. Bitting, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. G. A. Camp, Lockport, N. Y.; Mr. Chas. A. Townsend, Akron, O. The first named was proposed by Mr. Gadsden, the other three named by Mr. Wolsieffer. On motion the applications were referred to the Executive Committee for approval. It was moved by Mr. Holman, and seconded by Mr. Haskell, that the congratulations of this society be tendered to our fellow member, Mr. E. B. Sterling, on the arrival of the little stranger in his family. Carried. The Executive Committee reported favorably on all applications. Mr. Holman then moved that the rules be suspended and all applicants for passive membership be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Mr. Jillson, and carried. The chair put the question, which resulted in an unanimous vote. President Gadsden then declared Messrs. Beardsly, Bitting, Camp and Townsend duly elected members of the Chicago Philatelic Society. Recess followed, which in turn was followed by the auction sale. The Treasurer having reported the receipts, it was moved and carried to adjourn at 11 p. m.

The fifty-fifth regular meeting was called to order by President Gadsden, on Thursday evening, December 13th, at 8 o'clock sharp. The members present were Messrs. Abraham, Chapman, Danforth, Drury, Fritz, Gadsden, Gilbert, Haskell, Holman, Janssen, Jillson, Kurzweg, McDonald, Massoth, Nelson, Roscike, Start and Wolsieffer. The minutes of the "fourth special" meeting, held Wednesday, November 28th, were approved. Communications received were bills from Exchange Manager Gilbert and E. W. Voute. Also a letter from E. W. Voute, and the resignation of Mr. J. M. Jacobs. The bills were referred to the Executive Committee for endorsement. It was moved that the resignation of Mr. J. M. Jacobs be accepted. Motion second-

ed and carried. A letter received by the Secretary from Exchange Superintendent Henry Clotz was read, giving the Chicago Philatelic Society credit for prompt and quick returns of stamps and settlements. The reading of this letter was received with applause and gratification by all present, as it had been rumored that the "Chicago boys" were *slow* and behind in the settlements of their accounts. Applications for Passive Membership were received from Wm. H. Bacon, West Newton, Mass., proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer; Benn. W. Carrington, Chicago, Ill., proposed by Mr. Holman; W. H. Gehrs, Milwaukee, Wis., proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer; Chas. H. Leutz, Minerva, O., proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer. F.N. Massoth, Jr., Hanover Centre, Ind., made application to have his membership changed from Passive to Active. All applications were referred to the Executive Committee. Mr. Holman moved that the Chicago Philatelic Society, in conjunction with the PHILATELIC GAZETTE, send cards of greeting to Philatelists, Philatelic societies and Philatelic journals all over the world, and that the Secretary be empowered to have cards printed and forwarded. Seconded by Messrs. Chapman, Nelson and Wolsieffer and unanimously carried. Mr. Wolsieffer moved that a committee of three be appointed to revise our Constitution and By-Laws, and that an edition of one thousand be printed, together with the list of members for 1889, said committee to be ready to report at the first meeting in January. Motion was seconded and concurred in. The president appointed Messrs. Wolsieffer, Holman and Jillson to serve on this Committee. The Executive Committee reported in favor of all applications. Mr. Holman was on the floor first with his regulation motion (to save time), that the rules be suspended and all applicants for Passive Membership be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded and carried. The Chair then put the question, which was carried unanimously. President Gadsden then announced Mr. Bacon, No. 96, Mr. Carrington, No. 97, Mr. Gehrs, No. 98, Mr. Leutz, No. 99, duly elected members. Mr. Massoth was balloted for and unanimously elected. He was allowed to retain his old number when Passive Member. Recess was next in order. Auction sale followed, which was of an interesting character. The Treasurer reported \$11.96 receipts from dues and commissions since last meeting. It was moved and carried to adjourn at 11:05. Next meeting, December 27th.

The fifty-sixth regular meeting was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, by President Gadsden, on Thursday evening, December 27th. The members present were Messrs. Abraham, Danforth, Drury, Ford, Gadsden, Gilbert, Holman, Janssen, Jillson, Kurzweg, Leckie, McDonald, Massoth, Mitchell, Roscike, Severn, Start, Thompson, Voute

and Wolsieffer. The minutes of the fifty-fifth meeting were approved. Communications received were, bill of the Stamp Collector Publishing Co., and statement from the Secretary. Under head of Unfinished Business, the amendment offered at the meeting of November 15th, to the effect "that the office of Secretary and Librarian be separated, and to create the additional office of Librarian," was taken up, and on motion unanimously passed. Applications were received as follows: J. T. Percival, Port Huron Mich., for passive membership, proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer; C. E. Severn, Chicago, Ills., for active membership, proposed by Mr. Start; M. A. Thompson, Chicago, Ills., for active membership, proposed by Mr. Gadsden. The applications were referred to the Executive Committee. Mr. Holman made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Leckie, and unanimously carried, that an Auction Department be created, under the supervision of a Manager. The annual election of officers was next in order, and the following gentleman were nominated: For President, A. L. Holman; for Vice-President, Geo. Nelson; for Secretary, P. M. Wolsieffer; for Treasurer, L. A. Haskell; for Librarian, W. F. Jillson; for Executive Committee, C. R. Gadsden, W. C. Kurzweg and Jas. R. Chapman; for Manager of the Auction Department, C. R. Gadsden. As there was no opposition to any of the candidates nominated, they were elected by acclamation. The Executive Committee having reported favorably on all applications, Mr. Holman moved the suspension of the rules in favor of the candidate for passive membership, which was concurred in. Applicants for active membership were balloted for and duly elected. The President then announced Mr. J. T. Percival No. 100, Mr. C. E. Severn, No. 101, and Mr. M. A. Thompson, members of the C. P. S. Mr. Thompson was given his old number, which he had before he left the city. Owing to the large auction sale of one hundred lots, recess was omitted, and the sale began at once, which lasted one hour and a half, and amounted to \$113.59. It was moved to adjourn at 11:05. Next meeting, January 10th.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Sec'y.

AUCTION NOTES.

On the evening of December 27th, the Chicago Philatelic Society held its first Auction Sale, which was a decided success. The bidding was lively and good prices were obtained.

Rare U. S., Department, Newspaper, also choice Foreign are offered for sale.

C. R. Gadsden is Auction Manager, and we will soon look for a larger sale.

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In the whole 3,000 stamps, I found but six specimens of the rejected die, all of these being on white paper. I then looked over about 800 entire envelopes, blue paper, there being all sizes in the lot, and although I occasionally thought I had struck a "rejected" specimen, on closer examination I found I was always mistaken.

This lot of envelopes came from all states in the Union, both from small and large post-offices, but in the lot I found not a single specimen of the rejected die.

The greatest difference between the two dies is in the outside border, the points of this in the "rejected" numbering 72, while in the common die there are but 67; this is an infallible test for those who cannot distinguish the other points, but the differences as shown in the illustrations are so plain that none will need to take the trouble of counting these points.

There are other differences between the two dies, but the ones I have mentioned are those easiest found.

The last lot I looked over in my search was about 1,000 entire oriental buff, and in this lot I found but a single specimen, that being a number five.

I have since found several specimens of the rejected die, but the figures I have given will serve to show how exceedingly scarce these stamps are, only eight specimens having been found in looking over about 5,000 stamps, and if so few can be found now, how rare will they be in a few years?

The commonest specimen, that on white paper, is now sold for 35 cents, and from this the price runs up to \$10.00 for an unused specimen on oriental buff!

The rejected die has been found on white, amber, blue, oriental buff and manila paper, but only in sizes three and five. The many and striking differences in the two dies make really separate issues of them, so no collection will be complete without a "rejected" specimen, and there being hardly enough to go around, the price of them will necessarily go way up; and to those who have been lucky enough to strike a few, my advice is to hold on to them, and especially if the specimens are on blue or buff paper, as these colors are much rarer than the white and amber.

Abrah Davison.

A STANDARD CATALOGUE; SHOULD WE HAVE ONE ?

I have wondered why the A. P. A. and the two Dealers Associations did not join hands and publish a Standard Catalogue; one which will be a credit to all, and give some satisfaction. All the catalogues heretofore gotten up in this country have been by dealers, and while each have some good points, they also have many bad ones. Many collectors wonder why stamps which are priced low are so hard to obtain, while others which are comparatively easy to get hold of, are quoted high. The answer is plain: many of these scarce, cheap stamps are reported "out of stock," while the others are in stock. The collector, after vainly trying for a long time to get certain stamps, tries to buy at auction, bidding catalogue prices, only to find in many cases they run far above his bid, while other stamps he has paid a good price for, sell for about half of catalogue prices. There is something wrong in this, when a price is quoted and the big dealer will not sell while the small dealer cannot. Scott's catalogue is now the recognized standard. Yet it has many weak points in just this way. Another thing, I notice nearly all American collectors are interested in Canadian stamps, and those of us who have read the *Halifax Philatelist* know that a number of varieties were discovered; yet we do not find them catalogued. Allow me to make one or two more statements. We know that the Austrian stamps were first printed on thick, thin and laid paper. Also the 1863 issue comes large and small perforations. We also find in the early French stamps large and small perforations. Now, does Scott catalogue these? No sir. "Oh, but these are all superfluous stamps and we take no interest in them." cries the collector, while the dealer says: "Why, if we were to catalogue all these things it would double the cost of our catalogue." Very well. We find upon turning over to Mexico that we have stamps on thick paper, on thin and ruled paper; also pin perforations. "Constancy, thou art a Jewel." Of course, when a dealer makes a catalogue he is working for his own advantage, regardless of other dealers or collectors, to a great extent, and the dealers who get out catalogues will not be very favorably disposed toward a new one. But a catalogue should be gotten up which represents all classes, and it is a work worthy of the various Associations' attention. THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST will be pleased to publish anything on this subject, for or against, and if the philatelic public think the subject a worthy one, we should be pleased to have them take it up. *Wanderer.*

What is the difference between a bad boy and a postage-stamp? One you lick with a stick and the other you stick with a lick.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic—The stamp on the 1-2c. band has been re-engraved. It can be recognized by the absence of the accent over the "u" of "Republica." The new 1c. made by the S. A. Bank Note Co. was issued on Nov. 3 and has the effigy of Sarsfield in an oval and inscription "Correos y Telegrafos." Color, brown.

Austria—Telephone cards; 30kr. black on green, stamp gray, 50kr., black on orange, stamp gray.

Bavaria—Card, no stamp, small arms, date, "88."

Brazil—New stamp, 700 reis., no particulars yet.

Br. Bechuanaland—Registry envelopes, 4d. blue, surcharged "Protectorate" in black; sizes G. I. K.

Canada—Card 1x1c., gray, wavy line inside the oval.

Cauca—In 1879 stamps were issued by this State for use in the mails on the river Atrato. The arms of the State were printed in black on white. Later, three more stamps were issued, all bearing the letters S. P. in monogram (Solomon Posso, Governor). The first is on thin, rough paper and frame of red ink lines; "5" in each corner. The second is the same, without the figures in corners. The third has frame in lead pencil and is on smooth paper.

Chili—*Der Ph.* notes, 10c. 1852, with blue network.

Cochin China—Unpaid letter stamps, 5c. and 15c. surcharged "20" in black.

Colombia—Official Cubierta, black on white, 105x80mm. Headed "Republica (no '1') de Colombia."

Dominican Republic—Cards, 3c. and 3x3c., surcharged in blue, "Union postale Universelle."

Dutch East Indies—*Der Ph.* notes, 30c. green (c. c. 28). Head type.

Faridkot—Post card, $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}$ a, arms in black. Stamp of third type, black vermilion, blue and green, all perf. 12.

Gibraltar—Registered envelopes, 2d. 131x83 and 152x97mm. with "Thos. de la Rue & Co. Patent," in red.

Guatemala—Envelope, 5c. Head of President, surcharged "Provisional." *I. B. J.*

Holland—Stamps of current type (head of King), 7 1-2c. brown (c. c. 91) 22 1-2c. green (c. c. 21), 1 gulden lilac (c. c. 62).

Italy—Reply paid card, 15c. brown on rose, dated "87."

Luxemburg—The new 5c. card, comes with two varieties of A. in the inscription in Roman letters, (A) and (A.)

Mexico—Card of current issue. 2c. with "Servicio Urbano."

Nevis—New stamp, 6d. brown, C.A. watermark.

N. S. Wales—New stamp, 4d. Head of Capt. Cook, red brown, perf. 10. The 1d. was first watermarked "N. S. W." and crown. It now comes on the fiscal stamp paper, with "N. S. W." only.

Philippine I.—The 50 Mils yellow brown is surcharged 2 4-8c.

Pountch—First issue printed in black for official use.

Queensland—*Der Ph.* notes, the 2sh. blue, 1882, with sometimes a *round* and sometimes an *oval* Q in the watermark.

Salvador—Envelopes, 5c., blue on yellow, 10c. carmine on orange. *P. J. of A.*

Sierra Leone—New stamp, 1sh., red brown.

Switzerland—The 25c. green, perf. 10.

Travancore—Design of upright conch, on ground of horizontal lines. "Travancore Anchel" and native inscriptions. 1 chuckram blue, 2ch. vermilion, 4ch. green, on white laid paper, perf. 12. Also a post card, 8 cash, orange red on yellowish white.

Trinidad—There is a £1, green, current type.

United States—Envelope, 2c. Die A, 1887, on amber manila, No. 3.

Victoria—Envelope, 1d. current type, green on white laid, 146x88 and 120x67 mm.

Wurtemberg—Cards, 5pf. and 5x5pf. lilac on bright yellow. First line nearer the arms, and thicker letters. *R. R. Bogart.*

OUR CANADIAN LETTER.

To the Editor of THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST:

Winter is once more upon us, and although we have so far missed our accustomed snow-piles, and the weather of the past few weeks has been so warm and balmy that we can hardly realize that the "Holidays" are past, and as some old folks say, "the neck of the winter is broken," yet we feel that we, who call ourselves Philatelists, on this side of the "line" have not been idle, and that the unusual weather which we have been having, if it has had any, has had at least a beneficial effect upon our philatelic "bumps," for renewed activity is visible all along the line.

As we cast a casual glance around us, we cannot but see that our ranks are continually being strengthened by the addition of recruits, many of whom are old philatelists who have taken a fresh interest in their hobby of by-gone days. As a rule, these new collectors join our Association, and this is to our mind a convincing proof that the C. P. A. has been instrumental in drawing them into Philately's ranks. Indeed, we cannot help feeling thankful each day we live, for the

blessing we enjoy in having a Canadian Philatelic Association and for the incalculable good it has done and is doing.

Canada has seen its darkest days in re-philately, and we feel confident that much of the zeal and energy that was displayed in the cause of Philately, in the days when she was but a tender and feeble plant, will be freshly displayed as her cause approaches the zenith of its glory.

Canada can boast of being the pioneer in philatelic journalism on this continent, and can claim as her own many of our pioneer philatelists. Should she not then hold a foremost place in the ranks of that hobby that is so dear to many of us? This she will do, and we are all striving to plant the banner of Philately in every corner of our Dominion.

The official journal of the C. P. A., the *Halifax Philatelist*, is going to try and make its mark in the Philatelic World this year. With Vol. III, No. I, it comes before us with some slight changes in its make-up, and backed by the determination of the publishers to spend every cent they receive, and more, too, on improving it. It is the duty of every Canadian philatelist to make the organ of our Association one of equal merit to the *American Philatelist*, and we feel confident that our Canadian brothers will not be wanting in true grit when called upon to aid in this cause.

Early in the month we were favored with a copy of *The Canadian Philatelic Journal*, a four-page 9x12 sheet, published by Mr. H. E. French, St. Catharines, Ont. This paper is a successor to our late lamented (?) friend, the *Canadian Philatelist*. The initial number contains three pages of advertisements and one page of reading matter, and on the whole, nothing of the slightest interest to philatelists. In our estimation, more harm than good is done our cause by publications such as this one.

There is some talk of several new periodicals appearing in our midst during the coming months, but we think that they will not amount to much. Ketcheson publishes the second edition of his catalogue of Canadian stamps shortly, and our own History of Canadian and Revenue Stamps, we hope to see ready for delivery early in March.

Wishing you every success with your publication, I remain,

Yours fraternally, *Henry S. Harle.*

Salisbury, N. B., Jan. 15, 1889.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Everybody seems to be pleased with our new Exchange superintendent, Mr. E. B. Sterling.

We have received a copy of the new Constitution of the A. P. A., revised with the amendments of its third convention. Addresses of members do not appear in this book.

Just as we go to press, we learn the bad news that *The Alabama Philatelist* will discontinue publication, after only issuing two numbers. The South really must be a "rough" place for philatelic journals.

Mr. S. B. Bradt has again returned to Chicago, and, judging from his appearance, greatly improved in health. His many friends will gladly hear the news.

Every stamp collector should have a copy of Rand, McNally's new pocket Atlas, which is very useful and handy in many ways. The price is so low, that even the poorest collector can possess a copy. See advertisement of S. M. Myers.

Mr. Coltz has favored us with a sample sheet of the Staten Island Philatelic Society's new permanent album. Judging from general press comments and the opinions of advanced collectors, we believe this is the best and latest method of mounting a collection tastefully. All those philatelists who believe in a blank album should not fail to apply for a sample sheet and prices, which can be had by writing to the secretary.

Auction sales are getting to be very numerous at present. New York always holds the name for the most and largest sales. Chicago, St. Louis and Philadelphia have each a monthly one.

Our Canadian friends are not "behind the times," and announce a sale to occur in Halifax, by the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association, February 25th, 1889. Many British American rarities are catalogued. No commission is charged for executing bids. Should the first sale be successful, they will be continued monthly.

Voute informs us that the *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* will soon reappear in an altogether new style, consisting of 32 pages and cover. The contents will be, as before, of the highest standard. The reason of this delay is owing to change of printers, and other reasons, which cannot be helped. Hereafter the "old" printer shall print the *Figaro*, and it will be out again promptly every month.

We wish our friend Voute much success, and earnestly hope that he will get out twelve numbers this year. Can you do this, Voute?

EDITORIAL.

It gives us a great deal of pleasure in handing you No. 2, of THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST, and we are assured you will agree with us, that we come out greatly improved over No. 1, which was welcomingly

received. Many complimentary letters have been received, praising our effort.

We shall do our utmost to make THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST up to the standard, and shall only publish articles by standard authors. In order to accomplish this, we must have your support, which is 35 cents for a year's subscription. You will never regret this action, as we guarantee to give you full value for your money.

We have another important announcement to make, which is, that we have secured the services of T. J. Mitchell as associate-editor, who we believe will be of great help to us.

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In the next number we will commence a dealers' directory, and a two-line card will be inserted one year for \$1.50. And to give another inducement to subscribers, will commence (next month) an exchange column, and notices of thirty words or less will be inserted free. Remember, this is to paid-up subscribers only. Send us 35 cents and receive THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST for a whole year.

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In our next number we will open a department called "Answers to Correspondents," which will be edited by Mr. Mitchell. All questions will be answered through that column which may be asked. *Subscribers* to THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST by enclosing a stamp, can have their questions answered by mail. Write plainly, and upon one side of the paper only.

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What do you think about a Standard Catalogue? Let us hear from you.

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In our first number we promised to issue THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST on the first of the month, but find the 15th of the month will be more convenient to us. Hereafter it may be expected at that time.

LITERARY REVIEW.

The American Philatelist for January is, as usual, very large, and its contents to the highest standard.

The Philatelic Herald is dead. The subscription list will be

filled by *The Philatelic Beacon*, which is now the best paper in New England.

The Canada Stamp & Coin Journal for December devotes much space to coin matters. Why not devote it entirely to Philately?

Vol. I, No. I, of *The Flour City Philatelist* has made its appearance. The———of this journal is excellent. Two articles (one comically illustrated) and plenty of notes and comments constitute this number. Some space is given to exposure of approval sheet frauds.

The Alabama Philatelist, No. 2, comes out promptly, and with a new colored cover. There is a good deal of interesting matter beneath it. Wanderer, the associate-editor, has the review table.

The Philatelic Journal of America for January, consists of 128 pages, which is the largest ever issued. This number is largely illustrated and it publishes portraits of twenty-five of the principal dealers of the United States.

The Eureka Philatelist hails from San Francisco and is filled with mostly coin and curiosity matter.

The January *Philatelic Press* is small, but interesting. It tells us something about "Philatelic Journalism," which is a good subject to write on at present. It has changed printers and has a better appearance.

Plain Talk for December has two pages of notes edited by Alvah Davison, which are always eagerly read by all philatelists. Why not give us six or eight pages of philatelic matter?

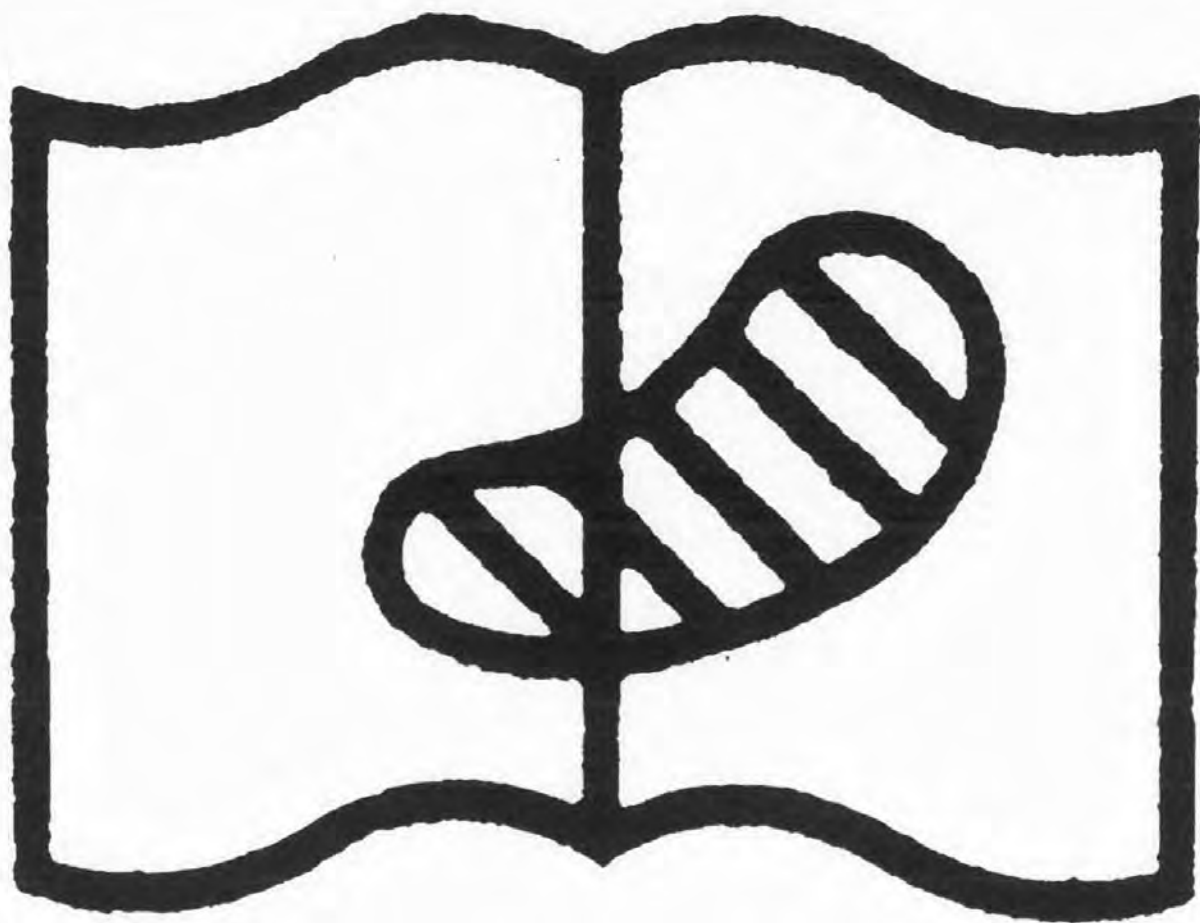
The December number of *The Canadian Philatelic Journal* has very little reading matter. It has somewhat of a lively review of philatelic papers and a few future promises, etc. It claims a larger subscription list than any other journal in America. We do not believe this! Do you?

The Collectors' Friend is a new eight-page sheet, devoted to general collecting. It has a philatelic department, edited by Wm. B. Hale, who conducts departments in different collectors' papers.

The Philatelic Messenger for December is small and badly printed. It has a lively article on "Philatelic Chimera." We do not quite agree with the author. Is he a crank?

The Stamp Collector for January, at hand. H. S. Harte has an article on "Canada Stamps;" Wanderer tells us more about Revenues; Heinsberger has another interesting article on "Foreign Postal Service," and a good deal of space is given to "New Issues," and a few notes completes this number.

The Philatelic Tribune comes out in a new form. The gentleman the editor has charged with slandering him has given us proof of the same charges being made last May in the *Figaro* against Stan-



ton, and which he never refuted or noticed until forced to by a severe note. It looks like a scheme to get some free advertising on the part of Stanton.

The Eastern Philatelist for January at hand; as usual, short, but interesting. Subscription price has been reduced to 10 cents per year.

The November copy of *The International Collector* is at hand. It is filled with interesting matter and gives the Review in a new style. It does not give much news about the P. S. of A., which is pushed very slowly.

The Halifax Philatelist for December, included an artotype plate, illustrating the article on Nova Scotia stamps.

The C. P. A. report is short, but is making good progress. There are now 169 members enrolled, and 10 applications for membership. United States is well represented.

A CENTRAL AMERICAN DIRECTORY.

We have just received a business directory of Central America. The directory contains the names of over 12,000 business and tradesmen. It is published by Wm. J. Dawson & Bro., of San Salvador. Price, \$1.00. The directory represents 75 professions and trades, and is valuable as a means of reaching the business men of Central America. Importers and others wishing to introduce their goods in Central America will find this book a good means of obtaining bona fide addresses. Copies of the above can be obtained from Mr. T. J. Mitchell, at publishers' price, \$1.00 per copy.

TO INDIANA COLLECTORS.

The American Philatelic Association was founded in the interest of stamp collectors (especially Americans), and about seven hundred philatelists, representing many varied occupations and professions, and altogether a splendid lot of men, of all ages, are now enjoying the numerous advantages and benefits belonging only to its members. Almost every state and territory in the Union is represented in the Association.

In our own state of Indiana reside many of the most ardent and successful collectors of the United States, yet we are at present but meagerly represented by less than a dozen members. The following I believe is a full list of all the Indiana adherents to the American Association, with their places of residence in the state: Geo. S. Walters, Washington; G. A. Baas, Batesville; C. L. Zimmermann, Madison; F. N. Massoth, Jr., Hanover Centre; Robert S. Hatcher, La-

fatette; J. L. Brunner, Evansville; Ewd. Schurman, Indianapolis; D. L. Dorsey, Lafayette; R. H. Laumann, Fort Wayne.

In every part of this state there are collectors, both advanced and beginners, and to all of them the A. P. A. would render great service if they would but join.

If you are a Hoosier philatelist, write to Secretary S. B. Bradford, Ottawa, Ill., for a pamphlet containing information relating to the Association; what it aims to do, what it accomplishes and why all philatelists should be numbered among its members. It will be sent gratis.

I am proud of the American Philatelic Association, as it is the largest and most influential body of the kind in the world, and I heartily hope to see Indiana soon more fully represented in it, as it certainly has much more good material available.

If many of my readers had profited as much by joining, as I have done, they would have enrolled themselves long ago.

R. S. Hatcher.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Secretaries of Philatelic Societies should send us their report of meetings regularly and in return we will send THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST free. All reports must reach us by the 15th of each month.

[Meetings are held on alternate Thursdays, at the Grand Pacific Hotel at 8 P. M. President, A. L. Holman; Secretary, P. M. Wolsieffer. For information address the secretary, "Drawer 707," Chicago, Ill.]

The fifty-seventh regular meeting was called to order by President Gadsden promptly at 8 P. M., on Thursday evening, January 10th. The members present were Messrs. Abraham, Chapinan, Danforth, Drury, Fritz, Gadsden, Gilbert, Haskell, Holman, Janssen, Jillson, Kurzweg, Roscike, Severn, Start, Voute, and Wolsieffer. Mr. Lawrence, A. P. A. member from Le Mars, Iowa, was present as a visitor. Immediately after roll-call President Gadsden arose from the chair, and in a few well-chosen words, installed his successor, President Holman. All the new officers then took their respective places and began the work of 1889. President Holman made a few remarks, referring to the success the Chicago Philatelic Society has attained in the past, and of the kind reception he had received on his recent eastern trip. The minutes of the fifty-sixth meeting were approved as read. Communications were received as follows: Two bills from Messrs. Hack & Anderson, bill from Exchange Manager, resignation of Howard Williams, and a large number of congratulatory letters, New Year's cards and compliments of the season. All bills were referred to the Executive Committee. Mr. Williams' resignation was accepted. Applications for passive membership were received from Mr. G. J. Bailey, Cleveland, Ohio, proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer; from Mr. A. F. Bontecou, New York City, proposed by Mr. Holman; from Mr. S. E. Hood, East Somerville, Mass., proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer. The applications were referred to the Executive Committee. The Treasurer, Exchange Manager and Secretary made their annual reports. The Treasurer's books were handed over to the Executive Committee to be audited. The Executive Com-

mittee reported favorably on all bills and applications. On motion of Mr. Gadsden, seconded by Mr. Wolsieffer, the rules were suspended and all applicants for passive membership elected by acclamation. President Holman then announced Mr. Bailey No. 102, Mr. Bontecou No. 103, and Mr. Hood No. 104 duly elected. Recess was next in order. After recess the Executive Committee reported the Treasurer's accounts for 1888 correct. Mr. Gadsden moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the Brooklyn Philatelic Club by the society, for the courtesy shown our President on his recent visit. Seconded by Mr. Wolsieffer, and unanimously concurred in. The auction sale was next in order, which resulted in the disposal of a number of good lots. It was moved to adjourn at 11.10. Next meeting to be held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, January 24th.

The fifty-eighth regular meeting was called to order at 8:20 p. m., on Thursday evening, January 24th, by President Holman, in Club Room A of the Grand Pacific Hotel. The members present were Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Dunforth, Dilge, Drury, Ford, Fritz, Gadsden, Gilbert, Holman, Janssen, Jillson, Kurzweg, Laubenheimer, McDonald, Massoth, Mitchell, Nelson, Roseike, Severn, Start, Voute and Wolsieffer. The minutes of the fifty-seventh meeting were approved as read. Communications received were New Year's greetings from L. Hirschland, Section Bruxelles I. P. V.; J. B. Moens, Bruxelles, and Herliche Gluckwunche zum Jahreswechsel from Bernhard Blauhuth, Liepsic. The Committee on Revision of the Constitution reported progress. Applications for passive membership were received as follows: From John S. Bixby, Decatur, Ill., proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer; Wm. A. McFadden, Cincinnati, O., proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer; Geo. B. Mason, Delawanna, N. J., proposed by Mr. Gadsden; J. Overton Paine, Jacksonville, Fla., proposed by Mr. Wolsieffer; A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, O., proposed by J. A. Pierce. For active membership, from Phil. H. Dilg, Lake View, Ill., proposed by Mr. Gadsden. All applications were referred to the Executive Committee, who reported favorably. Under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gadsden, seconded by Mr. Wolsieffer, all applicants for passive membership were elected by acclamation, and the applicant for active membership was elected unanimously by ballot. President Holman then announced Mr. Bixby member No. 105, Mr. McFadden No. 106, Mr. Mason No. 107, Mr. Paine, No. 108, Mr. Spencer No. 109, and Mr. Dilg No. 110. A short recess was next in order. After recess the advertised auction sale of ninety-six lots took place, which realized the sum of about \$170.00, and consumed one hour and thirty minutes of time or about one minute per lot. A large number of bids having been received, the competition was lively and spirited. It was moved to adjourn at 11:20. Carried. Next meeting, February 7th. Next advertised auction sale, February 21st.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Secretary.

MEXICAN NOTES.

The 10c. adhesive appears in vermilion as well as carmine.

The 6c. vermilion of the present issue has made its appearance.

Are the 1864 stamps reprints? We give the following, but suppress the names of all concerned; but the gentleman who made the following statement is reliable, and in a position to know:

"———, dealer in stamps, and a certain Mexican custom offi-

cial have reprinted or caused to be reprinted the issues of '74, '78, '79, and '82." Our informant predicts that the market will be flooded with these reprints. If the information is true it is well to know it; if not true, as we use no names, innocent parties will not suffer. But all visiting philatelists agree upon one thing when in Mexico, namely, that the workings of the post-office department are rather "queer." We would advise collectors to be on the look-out for a lot of stamps of these issues which may appear at any time with a story of being stolen from the P. O. Department, etc.

Wanderer.

AUCTION NOTES.

Scott Co.'s eighty-ninth sale was held in New York on the evenings of the 15th and 16th of January. It was a very large sale, and many "gems" for sale. Many buyers were present and the bidding was spirited. Below are a few prices paid:

U. S. Brattleboro, 5c. black on buff.....	\$160.00
“ St. Louis, 5c. die B, very fine.....	54.00
“ Envelope, 1875, 5c. blue on white, die C, full letter.....	21.20
Athens, Ga., 5c. plum, used.....	18.00
Goliad, Tex., 10c. black.....	100.00
Macon, Ga., 5c. black on buff.....	52.00
Nashville, Tenn., 10c. green.....	95.00
Baton Rouge, La., 5c. carmine and green.....	27.00
U. S. of Colombia, Antioqua, 1868, 2½c., used.....	40.00
“ “ “ 1878, 10c. violet.....	34.00

The total of this grand sale amounted to over \$2800.00.

On the evening of January 24th, The Chicago Philatelic Society held their second sale, at their rooms, in the Grand Pacific Hotel. 96 lots were disposed of and the total proceeds of the sale was over \$173.00. The following is what some stamps brought:

U. S. New York, 5c. 2 pairs unsevered.....	\$16.00
“ State, \$2.00.....	2.55
“ Justice, Set.....	5.60
“ 1851, 5c.....	2.00
“ 1857, 90c.....	2.26
“ 1861, 5c. yellow brown.....	2.15
“ Newspaper, \$3.00.....	2.52
Italy, unpaid, 50 L.....	3.00
“ “ 100 L.....	3.01
Perma, 1875, 4 S blue, perf., unused.....	3.50
U. S. of Colombia, Antioqua, 1 P red, unused.....	10.00
“ “ “ Bolivar, 1873, 80c. unused.....	5.50
“ Envelope, Sept. '87, 2c. green on oriental buff. Rej. die.....	7.00
Hooper's list of U. S. envelopes, first edition, cloth.....	5.25
Cosser's U. S. locals, board.....	2.25

The next sale will occur on Thursday evening, March 21st, Mr. W. N. Massoth, Jr., who attends all auctions of the above Society, will execute bids for those who cannot attend, free of charge. Catalogues can be had by addressing him.

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aration, he gave me five shillings for pocket money, which sum was to cover all my expenses that half-year.

I was a tradesman's son and knew something about buying and selling to get along in life, and so I put my wits together to find out how I could obtain more cash to be on a par with other boys who appeared to be better off than I was.

Collecting stamps was on the go, but certainly in its infancy, and as I had a number of acquaintances, who were junior clerks in mercantile offices, I obtained from them a great variety of used postage stamps as a start. One commercial gentleman, who represented a tea and coffee house, was very kind, and sent me envelopes full of Hong Kong, East India and Ceylon stamps, another gentleman in the dry fruit business, gave me Greece, Turkey and Spanish varieties, a third favored me with stamps from British possessions in various parts of the Globe, whilst my fourth opportunity was from letters received at home from the Australian Colonies and adjacent places. So I was highly favored from the commencement.

I was always careful not to place unused stamps in my list, for fear of counterfeit supplies from unscrupulous traders, but in later years, my younger brothers added many pretty specimens "unused" that have since been pronounced *Bourgs* ones, much to my chagrin.

The next thing in importance was to have specimens as little marked as possible, clean and bright looking, and I do not remember seeing any stamps so disfigured with printers' ink as were the New South Wales long years ago, whilst the sensation caused by the brilliant Queensland, with her Majesty, Victoria's likeness on was wonderful.

But the stamps that made the highest figure were such as the Swan river or Western Australia, with graceful Swan, the New Brunswick with steamer and engine, and the orange-colored Canada with a beaver, of five cent and three pence denominations.

I always made it a rule, after gumming a stamp in a book or list, not to take it out for any offer, however tempting, but held a reserve stock for trading or exchange, so that if any boy was fortunate enough to obtain a stamp, such as I did not possess, I was sure to secure it by offering from three to six rare varieties, for such a one according to respective values.

I only recollect one anecdote with reference to stamp collecting which while it amused some hurt others, it was as follows:

SCENE:—in play ground.

First Speaker—(old scholar) addressing a new comer: "I say, what's your name? Do you collect stamps?"

New Comer—Shyly answers, "Yes Sir!"

Scholar, (suddenly placing his nailed shoe on New Comer's foot with great force,) exclaims then "Here's one for you."

New Comer: (hobbles away crying,) having received a stamp he did not want for, and did not want.

During four years at school, I secured over five hundred specimens of used stamps, which I retained more than twenty-five years; and on looking through the list, it was quite like reading a history, to notice the rise and fall of States, Empires, Dominions and Republics, or to call to mind the dethronement of kings and Emperors, and the changed land marks!

I also possessed envelopes that were in use before postage stamps were introduced, the principal ones being white ground with red figures or characters, denoting commerce and styled Mulready envelopes, some of which had fine silk threads woven across.

I always found it more interesting to compile a collection apart from the books issued at one period especially for stamp collectors' use, as they appeared to require too many places filling up, thus leaving many pages almost empty.

From the above it will be evident that I made quite a business of dealing in stamps apart from the mere hobby, and pastime, and the pleasure the collection afforded me. Could I have foreseen, a regular trade being done in buying collections, from my unusually advantageous situation, I might have compiled quite a number of lists for the market, of stamps all out of issue so that the surplus I have wasted, thrown away or destroyed, would have brought me in several hundred dollars now.

At one time there was a craze for red penny English stamps, by thousands. A story having been circulated that a large number, say twenty thousand would entitle the holder to vote for a deaf and dumb patient, or blind person, to gain admission into some institution for life. The truth of which I never could get verified, though I was a votive as far as collecting, and tying up in hundreds thousands of such stamps, but the occupation certainly kept me out of worse mischief, during my six weeks holiday, and when it was discovered that this scheme was of no practical use, we boys lined our school desks, and even the panels of doors with the stamps, some by placing contrasting colors in various patterns produced a very pretty effect.

Some boys tried the experiment of collecting post marks, others stamps monograms and coats of arms, but these never had any money value or formed a basis of much account and soon ceased to obtain any interest.

I would do all in my power and recommend parents and guardians to interest the rising generation, with any harmless hobby, and the best way of using money, in the hope that some may learn habits

of trading, others have their attention drawn from foolish waste or indolence, because if this world is allowed to exist another decade, changes are sure to take place, as important and marked in the History of the World, as during any previous period of twenty-five years'

A BARGAIN.

A certain young Chicago philatelist had a number of unused Switzerland stamps of the 1863-74 issues sent to him at a very low price. Supposing that they were still used for postage he went to a bank which does a business in this line and sold them for face minus the usual commission, and was several dollars ahead. Some time after he found out the true value of the stamps, and now he has to refund the money, and it was not near so great a bargain on his part as he thought it. He is now wondering where the money is coming from to redeem them.

T. J. M.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. S. B. Bradt is again in the stamp business.

Mr. C. S. Wilcox, the Chicago dealer, will discontinue stamp business this month.

The Chicago Philatelic Society is now the largest local society, having over 120 members enrolled. At a recent meeting there were nearly 30 members present, which is a credit to the Chicago boys. The Chicago boys are a "fine set."

The New Brunswick Philatelic Association was formed with the following officers: President, A. N. Hanson; Vice-President, A. Watson; Secretary, H. R. Donohue; Librarian, F. Allwood; Auctioneer, T. Barker; Counterfeit Detector, A. W. D. Knapp.

The new *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* has made its appearance, with 32 pages of matter and cover, although it is a little behind time, but we earnestly hope Mr. Vonte will catch up again. Mr. W. P. Jillson is now the associate-editor.

The exchange department of the A. P. A., under the management of Mr. Sterling, has greatly improved. Sheets are making the circuits in half the time it took under the old management. Mr. Sterling states that the demand for stamps is good, and nearly anything sells.

An envelope that cannot be opened and resealed without showing that it had been tampered with, has been invented in England. The flap is cut so long that it laps over the front side, and after being sealed, the postage stamp is put over the end of the flap.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, of the Western Philatelic Pub. Co., favored me with a copy of the *Library Companion*, which is truly a fine work. It shows a complete record of all philatelic papers published, together with their respective dates and numbers issued up to 1889. Every philatelist who has a library should not fail to secure a copy, the price being only 25 cents, and can be had from the publisher of THE HOOSIER, or we will send you THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST one year and the *Library Companion* for 50 cents.

Exhibitions are getting numerous in foreign countries. The International Philatelic Union proposes to hold an exhibition in London during the present year, probably some time in autumn.

13 prizes are offered for collections. The list is as follows:

1. The best collection of postage stamps from all countries.
2. " largest " " " " " " " " " " " "
3. " neatest " " " " " " " " " " " "
4. " largest " " entire post cards " " " "
5. " " " " " envelopes " " " "
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9. " " " " " " " " " English.
10. " " " " " " " " " Continentals.
11. " best " " " " curiosities.
12. " neatest design composed of foreign stamps in frame.
13. " largest collection of foreign stamps.

The Stamp Collectors' Gazette.

When the A. P. A. held its first convention in Chicago there were only two Hoosiers on the roll. During the last year the number has increased to nearly a dozen, this being one to Mr. R. S. Hatcher, who urged them to join, and he also wrote an article, which appeared in the last number of THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST, again requesting Indiana collectors to join, etc.; and since this article was published two more Hoosiers have applied for admittance. Their names are S. M. Myers, of Hanover Centre and L. A. Wales of Fowler. Let the good work go on and we will soon find Indiana have as many A. P. A. members as some of our big neighboring states.

THE MORGUE OF LETTERS.

There is no silent horror, but only a lively interest, upon entering the Dead Letter Office at Washington.

"Twenty thousand letters received here daily."

This was the information given by the bright and courteous lady who presides over the curiosity room. "And nearly one-half of them can never be sent on or back, because of illegibility of the address or some other cause."

The inclosures are kept two years, then, if still unclaimed, are sold at auc-

tion. The room is lined with cases, in which the curiosities are very artistically arranged.

Here was a fireman's ax. Improper weight and a sharp instrument not properly protected were the reasons for its detention. There were a number of revolvers arranged on the back of the case. It is contrary to law to send fire arms through the mail.

"Oh! here is a human ear," one remarked, wondering at the singular token.

"Yes, that came in a newspaper. We do not know by whom it was sent. Here is an asp, and that is a tarantula—both quite startling creatures to find upon opening a box. They both came through alive," said the attendant, "and that is against the law, you know. We always have live curiosities chloroformed and preserved in liquor. We are quite careful in opening packages, for we never know what sort of pets we are going to find.

"Here are some horned toads. I have had tree-toads for pets for months at a time."

"Snakes!" exclaimed one of our party, pointing toward some large glass cans. "Did they come through alive?"

"Yes, indeed."

En passant, it is very amusing to hear Washingtonians say "Yes, indeed," with the emphasis on "yes," and the "indeed" sliding along as though the expression were one of the pleasures of life.

"Yes, indeed," she answered. "There were sixteen of them, sent from Texas en route for Heidelberg, for scientific purposes. They were in perforated tin cans, were detected and sent here. A boy brought the cans in a bag, but one snake got away. A lady at the chief's desk, three days after, felt something about her feet. Looking down, there was the snake. He had been in one of the drawers of the chief's desk for those three days. Was she frightened? Well, there are few things that we ladies dislike more than snakes, you know."

"Here is a scalp!"

"Yes; it is the scalp of a young Indian girl about 18 or 20 years old. We were told so by an expert in such things—the hair fine and black and straight, you see, prepared with care to be fastened in the belt."

"Here are some balls of opium. You notice they were disguised in a covering of candy. And here is a beautiful large etching, exquisitely done. It seems a pity that it should not have reached its destination, but we could not help it."

She stepped to the desk, and took from one of the drawers a book, opening it for our inspection. In it were pasted the addressed sides of envelopes. Some of these addresses indicated a close acquaintance with phonographic spelling, as "Ti Ti, Ga." was spelled "Tight I, Ga.," and "Springerville, Arizona," was spelled "Spengel Bil, Arizona." Again, others were of a poetical turn, and fame doubt-awaits the composers with open arms. Here is a specimen:

"Now come, locomotive, and get up your steam,
And speed me away o'er valley and stream,
And carry me safely to John James, State of Illinois,
And tell him I have twins, and both of them boys."

—From the *Detroit Free Press*.

E. J. Hyde.

SUPPRESSING AN INSURRECTION.

In the early days of Michigan, when many of the post-offices were carried in the hats of the postmasters, a postmaster in Livingston

county was out in the woods one day and lost several letters from his cat. A day or two after that a pioneer named Bailey came to his house and inquired if there was any mail for him.

"There was a letter for you, Bill, but I've lost it" was the reply.

"When?"

"T'other day in the woods."

"Well, I want that letter."

"But ye can't git it. I'm sorry I lost it, but that's all I can do."

"Then I'll have you removed from office!"

"Look a-here, Bill Bailey," said the official, as he began to skin off his coat, "I was appointed to hold this post-office, and I'm bound to do it. As a private citizen I have no hard feelings agin you; as postmaster I lost a letter writ to you by your sister in York State; as a representative of this great and awful Government I want to say to you that if I hear two more words of sass from your throat I'll suppress the insurrection by hanging you to the nearest tree, so help me God, sir!"

Mr. Bailey was, however, permitted to make a hunt in the woods for his letter, and he found it, and the insurrection was suppressed.

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CHRONICLE.

United States—From Mr. Joseph Rechert we hear of a new official seal. The wording is in three lines:

U. S. Post-office Department.

Officially Sealed.

Opened by Mistake by

Printed in black on flesh colored paper.

Adhesive—Officially sealed; black on flesh. The *Am. Phil.* states that the 2 cents red brown has been discovered on horizontally laid paper.

Belgium—*Der Phil.* announces a new stamp on white paper, perf. 14.

Adhesive—2c., brown-violet. The same paper mentions six new service post-cards for use in various divisions.

British Bechuanaland—*Der Phil.* announces two more surcharges.

Adhesive—One half penny, black on 3d. lilac. ½d., black, with green surcharge.

British Guiana—*Le T. P.* mentions a stamp of the current type in which the word "Postage" at the top is overprinted with the word "Inland," and the word "Revenue" is at the bottom in place of the value, above which is the value, 72 cents, the whole of the overprinting being in black. The same journal announces a new stamp. A registered envelope, size 42, with the imprint of De La Rue and Co. is announced by the *Phil. Rec.*

Adhesive—6 cents, brown, wmk. C. A. and crown. 72 cents mauve and black, new-fiscal stamp used postally; wmk. C. A. and crown, perf. 14.

Registered Envelope—4 cents, vermilion on white, imp. De La Rue & Co.

Bulgaria—A new surcharge is announced.

Adhesive—3 on 5 stot., green and black. New stamps will shortly be issued for this country.

Canada—The *Halifax Phil.* states that they have seen the 5c registered stamps unperforated.

Adhesive—Registered 5 cents, green, unperf.

Ceylon—The *Phil. Rec.* notes the 5 cents on 64c., red brown. Postage and Revenue, with the surcharge inverted, and also a new 1 rupee, 12c., of a type nearly similar to the 2r., 50c.

Adhesive—5 cents on 64c., red brown, surcharge inverted. 1r. 12c., brown, wmk. C. C. and crown; perf. 14.

Chili—*Le T. P.* announces two new post-cards, and *Der Phil.* one.

Post-cards—1 centavo, carmine on green.

2 " red " slate blue.

3 " " light blue.

Curacao—*Le Timbre* (Amsterdam) chronicles four of the new issue of the first of January.

Adhesives--15 cents, gray.
 30 " pearl gray.
 60 " yellowish olive.
 1 fl. 50 " blue in two shades.

Danish West Indies—*Der Phil.* mentions a new post-card.
 Post-card—2c., blue on white.

Egypt—The *Phil. Record* and *Le T. P.* announce new envelopes and wrappers, and a new stamp.

Adhesive—10 piastres, violet.

Envelopes—1 piastre, ultramarine-blue, wmk. *Postes Egyptiennes*.
 2 piastres, orange-red, wmk. *Postes Egyptiennes*.

Wrappers—1 millieme, brown on manilla.

2 " green " "

Faridkot—*Le Timbre* (Amsterdam) chronicles a new stamp of a new type.

Adhesive— $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, vermilion.

Fiji Islands—*Der Phil.* mentions the stamp-duty stamp of 1 shilling, issue 1885, with surcharge Postage 1, used postally.

Adhesive—1 shilling revenue, surcharged and used postally.

Gold Coast—In addition to the new stamps we chronicled last month *Le T. P.* mentions another.

Adhesive—2 shillings, brown.

Guatemala—The *Phil. Record* notes the 5 centavos of the current type with the numeral of value much thicker than formerly.

Adhesive—5 centavos, violet, thick numeral.

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Our new post-master's been discharged;	He distributed the letters,
You ask the reason why;	But shook so all the while
His hump of self-esteem too large?	That stamps flew off in showers,
Too fond of "Rock and Rye?"	And bestrewed the office wilds.
Oh no, you've not the reason;	The villagers were irate
In life's uncertain race	At the "postage dues" they paid,
He was handicapped by ague,	And before most high officials
And failed to hold his place.	All their grievances were laid.
And now a man with ague	
Has joined again life's mob,	
And in a distant city	
Is looking for a job.	

Guy W. Green.

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other, something which only those who have had the experience can tell of; yet even with this against it, I hear almost daily of persons who are adopting the blank albums in preference to the printed ones.

Now let me consider for a moment the cause of it. Is it a good or a bad sign? Is it because collectors as a rule are changeable and require new styles of albums in order to keep up their interest in the pursuit? Not by a jugfull. To my mind the great and increasing demand for blank albums is like the rainbow in the heavens, an omen of clearer skies for the philatelist. Philatelic papers and literature of all kinds have taken a great step forward during a period of only three years, not only in size, but in the contents, and in keeping with this advance the philatelists have made similar strides in the acquisition of knowledge pertaining to the pursuit. This knowledge has led into the collecting of different watermarks, colors of paper, varieties of grill, etc., and is there any printed album made which gives spaces for the proper mounting of these? If so then I have lived in the backwoods and have not heard of it.

The printed albums will always be made, and I for one would not have it otherwise, as they are best for the beginners, many of whom would never start a collection did they not have these aids in arranging and classifying the stamps. After a few years, when their knowledge of philately becomes greater, they will discard the spaces and adopt the improved method.

When the collector reaches that point which induces him to purchase a blank album, then the next question and an important one, is: "How shall I arrange my stamps?" A good method is always preferred to a bad one, and as it is of no more trouble while of infinite more value, a good method should always be chosen at the start when possible.

This brings me to the object of this article, which is to say something about "The Arranging of Stamps in Blank Albums."

There are many ways of arranging, some of which have been described in different papers, and as I have a good opinion of my own method, I am conceited enough to think that it may prove of interest to others.

My collection is mounted on sheets of heavy ledger paper, 8x11 inches in size, a border of double lines running around the sheet about half an inch from the outer edge, otherwise they are perfectly blank. The paper is heavy and strong, and although not stiff like card-board it has the advantage of not being so bulky, seventy-five sheets, when filled, being about one inch in height.

My collection consists of U. S. general issue and department of

besives and oddities only, and for the proper mounting of a collection of this kind a printed album could not be found.

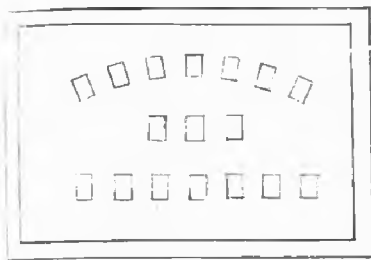


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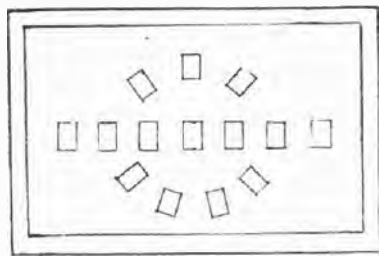


Fig. 2.

In mounting I first take the whole of one issue, a light and dark shade of each stamp, and these I mount in the form of a design, making the arrangement of each set different, and of course giving a whole sheet to each, the specimens only being mounted on one side of the sheets.

To some it might seem a little difficult to make so many designs, but the slight modifying of one will cause it to look very different from the others. Some have a little talent for this work while others have none, and the little I have I will try and use for the benefit of those who have less.

The illustrations are pen copies of pages in my collection, and I ask an indulgent public to remember that they are not made by an artist, but by a philatelist—and be charitable.

It matters little whether the sheets of your album be square, rectangular or oblong shapes as the designs will form a basis on which to start, and in the event of the first two a little contraction of the designs is all that is required to make them fit.

The design of Figure 1 can be arranged by anyone, the top line being on a slight curve, while the lower lines are perfectly straight. Figure 2 consists of a single line of stamps across the center of the sheet with a curved arch above and below.

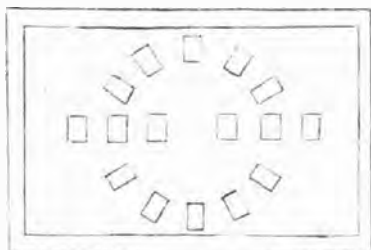


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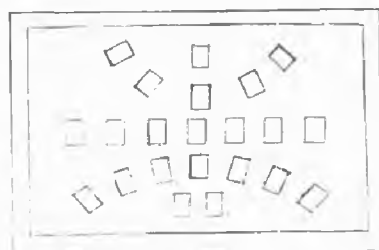


Fig. 4.

In making these designs if the eye of the collector is not sufficiently trained to arrange the straight lines without aid, he can take a wood rule, a long envelope or anything with a straight edge, and

after measuring the proper distances from the edge of the sheet, he can then lay his rule by it and make dots across the sheet at a distance of about an inch. When this is done the stamps should be attached so the upper edge will just hide the dots. In arranging lines of stamps care should be taken that the two ends of the line are at equal distances from the border, otherwise the design will look one-sided and irregular.

Figure 3 shows a straight line of stamps with a space in the center and a circle of stamps around it. Figure 4 is a little more complicated, being a mixture of straight lines and curved arches.

If found necessary the collector will find the pencil compass or divider an excellent aid in making the circles, but these I think unnecessary, the eye being sufficient guide.

In designs such as Figures 1, 2 and 3 the straight lines should always be made first and then the center stamps of the curves or arches should be placed, the others easily falling into place.

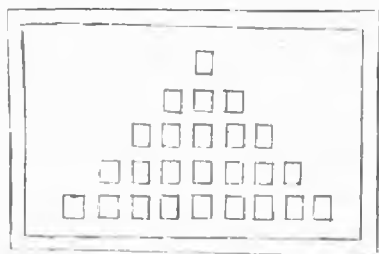


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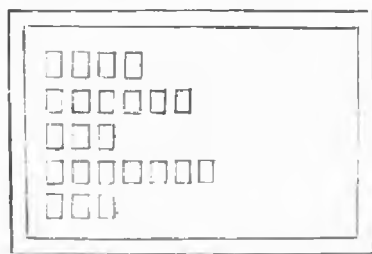


Fig. 6.

It is very important for the beauty of a design that where there is a perpendicular line of stamps that one be directly over the other, perfect symmetry being an essential in any design. Some of the drawings are a little wanting in this respect, but this defect is more easily remedied in mounting than in drawing.

Figure 5 shows a design in the shape of a pyramid, this can be enlarged or reduced to meet the size of the set.

Figure 6 shows the arrangement of a sheet of oddities. The sheets immediately following each set in my collection are devoted to the odd stamps of that set, each stamp being allowed one line or more if necessary. The oddities of a set require at least two of my style of sheets, as not more than five denominations can be put on each, allowing one line for each value, but some of the blank albums would hold more owing to their greater length.

Alvah Davison.

CHRONICLE.

Austria—The *Ph. R.* notes 20 paras on 5 soldi, 1 pi. on 10s., 2 pi. on 20s., 3 pi. on 50s.

Bavaria—The unpaid letter stamps, 10 pf. is perf. 14½.

Brazil—There is an 80 reis. letter card; pink on white.

Br. Bechuanaland—*P. J. of A.* mentions 2d. lilac surcharged "2d." in green.

Bulgaria—The 10 st. card has now the inscriptions in carmine.

Cape of Good Hope—The new ½d. card is brown on white. The stamp is the same as that in the ½d. band.

Ceylon—We have a 4c. surcharged in three lines "Postal—Commission—Three cents," in blue, and *Le T. P.* illustrates a 6c. card surcharged "5 CENTS," and heavy line across original value.

Curacao—Stamps of 1c. and 2c. and unpaid letter are expected.

Cyprus—The registered letter envelopes are now made by De La Rue & Co.

Dutch Indies—There are three varieties of surcharge on the 25c. envelope: "15," "15 cent," "15 cents." The latter is doubtful.

Egypt—There is a slight change in the unpaid letter stamps. The inscriptions in the center are in an oval. 2m. green, 4m. brown, 1 pi. blue, 2 pi. orange.

France—The *Ph. R.* says the 25c. black on red is now surcharged in red, "1 Piast. 1."

Gaboon—The 5c. is surcharged "25" in black.

Gibraltar—The registered envelope of De La Rue are in use.

Halkar—The ¾a. stamp lately mentioned resembles the first issue, but is smaller, and the Rajah wears a species of cap, instead of the jeweled turban.

Indo China—The 35c. 1881 is surcharged "Indo China, 89," and below "R-5-D."

New South Wales—There are official envelopes, 1d. violet, of 1888. "O. S." in angle. Two sizes. Also for registry 6d. violet of 1870 type, "O. S." in angle. The 8d. stamp has a "lyre bird," and the 1 sh. will have a kangaroo. The 4d. registry envelope now comes 227x101 mm. The new 2d. and 3d. cards have a copy of the stamp issued in 1838. At the top, in the center, surrounded by the circular bands inscribed "Design of the first postage stamp," and "In commemoration of the fiftieth year of the issue of postage stamps in the colony." Above is "Jubilee Stamp," and below "1838—1888." The colors are 2d. blue and 3d. green, on thick white card.

Ondeypoor—The foreign journals illustrate a stamp about 30x45 mm., with five lines of inscription in a rectangular frame. It is printed in black on white, and dated 1728.

Philippine I.—The 20c. "Derechos de Firima," brown, is surcharged 2-4-8 in carmine. Also the 200 mil. of 1880, green. *L. T. P.*

Queensland—The card mentioned last month has the stamp at the right, head of queen in oval, and arm at the left. In the centre on a scroll, "Post Card," and "Queensland, Australia." 2d. blue and 3d. mauve, both on buff.

Rajppeepla—There is a new stamp 25x30mm. with crescent in oval band, containing inscriptions and the value in straight line below. One anna orange on white, perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$, 32 varieties.

Roumania—It is the 10b. unpaid letter stamp that is on yellow, and not the white, as stated last month. The official list of stamps on colored paper is as follows: Blue paper, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 5b. Yellow paper 25, 50b., and unpaid letter stamps, 5, 10, 30b. Buff paper, 10, 15b. The other colors, before mentioned, are said to be fraudulent.

Salvador—*P. J. of A.* chronicles a 1c. green and 2c. red that have been ordered in New York, of same type as the 3c.

Sarawak—In addition to the values reported there is a 25c. green and red brown.

Switzerland—The 20c., 40c., 50c., and 1 fr. are perf. 10.

ANNUAL STATISTICS OF THE POST-OFFICE AT NEW YORK CITY.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

Very few people have an idea of the enormous mail received and delivered by the Post-Office of the "Empire City," New York. The postal centre on the American Continent, for all incoming and outgoing mail, from and to all countries on the globe, is the General Post-Office of New York City. A stranger looks with astonishment at that magnificent architectural constructed marble building of the General Post-Office of New York City, but, the interior working, and the entire interior postal outfit has no rival, is not equalled by any other post-office of the world. (Some European Countries, as Germany, France, England, Belgium, have more "Postal Facilities" for the people, this fact I must mention here, and, "Uncle Sam" ought to follow them the sooner the better.) I wish to give a detailed description about the working of the General Post-Office, New York City, and all city branches, during the year 1888, and I hope that the numerous readers and subscribers of the "HOOSIER PHILATELIST" in the U. S. and in Foreign Countries may take special interest in this New York City postal matter. During the year 1888, were received by the New York Post-Office (including all city branches) total, 287,994,464 pieces of mail matter. This mail was divided as follows:

1. Letters received from street letter boxes, numbered 52,094,536 pieces.
2. Parcels, papers, received by street letter boxes, numbered 30,995,086 pieces.
3. Letters, from letter carriers, were 32,310,025 pieces.
4. Parcels, papers, received by postmen, numbered 35,943,203 pieces.

The total number of mail matter, of any kind, handled by the New York Post-Office (including all postal city branches) amounted to 808,375,808 pieces, that is, the gigantic number of 2,457,069 pieces of all kinds of mail matter "daily."

This enormous number was packet.

1. In 962,727 sealed and locked mail bags.
2. In 2,778,491 regular locked mail bags.

Among these mail bags combined 112,101 bags mail matter, received from all Foreign Countries, and 198,309 mail bags contained mail, to be forwarded to Foreign Countries. Further were by the New York Post-Office handled "in Transit" (passing through) to other post-offices on the globe, 155,306 sealed and locked mail bags, and 374,345 regular locked bags. By the "Registry Department" were received during the year 1888, 1,317,168 letters, and parcels, and papers, documents. The "Assortment Department" received for delivery, 519,561,297 pieces of mail matter, divided as follows:

1. New York City letters, 162,065,451.
2. U. S. letters, 31,468,131.
3. Foreign letters, 21,307,055.

The "Money Order Department," executed in 1888, the following orders:

1. At the New York General Post-Office were issued 1,095,913 Money Orders, and received therefore, \$10,230,893 cash, for delivery to the U. S. and to Foreign Countries.

Postal notes were issued 783,872, and received therefore the amount of \$1,263,378 cash.

2. In the 16 city postal branches were issued 220,144 Money Orders, and received therefore, \$3,250,961 in cash. Postal Notes were issued 88,311, and received therefore, the amount of \$174,466 in cash.

The total income of the New York Post-Office during the year 1888, was..... \$5,162,968.

The total expenses, were..... 1,891,982.

That is, "Net Profits" \$3,270,986.

The number of postage employees is 2,425 in all. Among them 1,082 regular postmen (carriers) 130 assistant postmen, and 22

assistant postal clerks. As the new postal law, passed by "Congress" in July, 1888, went into effect, the number of postmen was increased and 345 new regular carriers were engaged. With this new postal law the postal hours (working hours) of the letter carriers, were reduced to eight hours, a day's work. This is the complete 1888 annual statistics of the New York Post-Offices (including city postal branches) and certainly the "Empire City" can be proud of such a postal result. "A clear annual cash profit of over 3 million of dollars."

No "single" post-office of any city on earth has reached such a record! The treasury of "Uncle Sam" will soon become too small in storing all the postal money. And, another question is, what can the people expect? What perfect "right" have the American people to ask for? I should think "More Postal Facilities." !!

Drop that "Postage Due," 1c. on prepaid circulars within the U. S. which cannot be delivered, or which are refused.

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MR. HOOPER AND THE HILL CLAIM.

BY G. L. BLOCK.

Mr. Hooper, in the March number of the *American Journal of Philately*, indulges in a bitter personal attack upon Mr. Alvah Davison. Mr. Hooper's *arguments* (?) have been composed chiefly of abuse. After insulting every American philatelist who leans toward Mr. Chalmers, he resents even a touch of the same nature. We are sorry to see a paper like the *A. J. of P.*—however strong the desire may be to gain supporters for the editor's veins—allow itself to be-

come the instrument of a clique, whose argument is, "Believe what I say and you are fool bribe taker and everything else." Hooper insults the intelligence and the self-respect of every true man when he insinuates that all the leading Chalmers men in this country have been bought. If I wanted to indulge in the same strain I would ask if Mr. Peirson Hill intends to reward his services by helping him upward a round or two in the P. O. ladder; or does he pay so much for every letter that Mr. Hooper writes? Now Hooper will say I have personally attacked and have insulted him. I wish to say I have always tried to keep out of these things, but when Hill's Canadian champion attacks and insults the whole American philatelic public, then, as one of the public, I wish to have my little say. I would ask any fair-minded, liberal man to read the statements of Peirson Hill and Patrick Chalmers. One of the Hill, instead of any proof, says, "I have tried to get Chalmers to bring a suit for slander against me." Great argument because Mr. Chalmers does not wish to plunge into a bad suit. He has no right to claim his father invented the adhesive postage stamp—"because doncherknow, he would sue me, Ba Jove." If Mr. Hill is so anxious to prove a clear title for his father's claim as the inventor of the adhesive stamp, why does he not publish the official correspondence of 1839 and 1840?

Owing a discrepantcy between the several parties as the exact design of the stamp used by Mr. Chalmers in Dundee, the Chalmers' claim should be rejected according to Mr. Peirson Hill. What nonsense. Question three or four men who were eye-witnesses of a certain event, and see how their statements vary. It is impossible to trust to memory of man for anything that is accurate; everyone knows that, and to hold this up as a proof is all bosh. I will close by quoting the following extract from Mr. Patrick Chalmers' pamphlet, "Jubilee of the Penny Post," and wish to say that there has been more than Mr. Chalmers who have asked Mr. Hill for copies of this missing correspondence, but which Peirson Hill dares not produce apparently. Let the public think for themselves and notice the two claims, one (Chalmers) is ready and has produced good evidence and made its claim in a gentlemanly manner. The other (Hill) gives us foul abuse and insulting insinuations for its argument. As it now stands Mr. Chalmers has publicly charged Hill with deceit and falsehood in this correspondence business. Let him clear himself of the charge.

"The official correspondence of 1839 and 1840 is now in the possession of Mr. Pearson Hill, who, in his late pamphlet, has not ventured to publish same, under the excuse that such has been placed in the hands of the president of the London Philatelic Society. On ap-

plication to that gentleman he replies that he has not got this correspondence, and refers me for same to Mr. Pearson Hill! All who have read my publications are aware that I have already done so without being favoured with any reply, my last letter, indeed, having been returned to me unopened. Such, then, is the state of matters. Looking at the manner in which Mr. Pearson Hill has fenced against the production of this correspondence, no impartial person can for a moment doubt the tale same would tell; and that, under all the clouds of sophistry, mystification, and abuse which Mr. Pearson Hill has raised up, he has in reality not a leg to stand upon.—P. C.”

NOTES.

Recently the overcoat belonging to C. A. Burger, of New York, was stolen by a sneak-thief from the rear of his drug store. In the pocket was a wallet containing about \$400.00 worth of rare stamps. Among them were \$200.00 Revenues, several rare New York stamps, and Confederate Locals. Also other foreign rarities. Mr. Burger has already recovered part of his stolen treasures.

R. R. Bogert & Co.'s next sale will occur May 6, 1889, containing State and Periodicals complete. Also rare Confederate Locals, as Baton Rouge, etc., and a fine lot of Philippine Islands. They also announce one about May 20 or 21, containing a collection of stamps in the finest possible condition, as Dominican Rep., first issue, Tasmania, fine lot Ceylon, Tolima, Antioquia, etc., and other rarities.

The Treasury Committee appointed to count the stamps in the vaults of the Internal Bureau has completed its work. The count was necessary by the transfer of the Bureau from Commissioner Miller to Commissioner Mason. Two hundred million stamps of the value of \$45,000,000.00 were counted and every cent was accounted for, and the stamps were found in good condition. Wouldn't that be a nice stock for a dealer?

Mr. L. A. Pratt, of Traverse City, informs us that they have formed the Philatelic Association of Traverse City. E. N. Waitt, Secretary and L. A. Pratt, Exchange Manager.

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with the issue by the post-master of New York city in 1842 of the stamps to carry letters from all parts of the city to the general post-office, then located in City Hall park, opposite the present Brooklyn bridge entrance. The stamps of the United States present a beautiful portrait gallery of honored Americans, and the principal events in the history of the country are here brought before one, from the landing of Columbus to the centennial exhibition at Philadelphia.

The United States stamped envelopes and postal-cards and the United States revenue stamps are also given due attention.

The United States exhibit is followed by specimens of the stamps and envelopes issued by the confederate states during the late war. Some of the envelopes were made of no better material than wall-paper, some of newspaper, and many of them, after being used once, were turned inside out and used over again, so great was the scarcity of paper.

The arrangement of the stamps of foreign countries is alphabetical, and the first country issuing stamps, according to the alphabet, is Angola, the Portuguese colony in Africa. The stamps of Belgium are engraved with excellent portraits of the two kings of that country since they first issued stamps in 1849, Leopold I. and the present king, Leopold II. British Guiana has issued some of the rarest stamps known to philatelists. Canada makes a very interesting exhibit and has many historical portraits on her stamps. Cape Verde islands issued plain enough stamps, but her engraver has made the country an interesting one to collectors, from the fact that he allowed a stamp for the colony of Mozambique, another Portuguese colony, to remain in the plate of Cape Verde stamps. "Ceylon's Isle" is a most beautiful field for stamp collectors, as will be seen by the splendid array set forth for this country.

The stamps of France and her colonies faithfully tell the story of the many changes in her government since their first issue in 1849. Almost its next-door neighbor in the exhibition is the exhibit of the stamps of plain but solid Germany. A little further along is the display of Great Britain, and here is seen the first stamp issued (1840) and stamps as high in face as £5. The queen has here a full monopoly of the portrait business, the first, last, and all intermediate issues bearing her face. In the Spain exhibit is noticed another portrait monopoly for nineteen years in Queen Isabella, whose features adorned those stamps until she was deposed by the revolution of 1868. The fear of counterfeiting made the Spaniards change their stamps every year, and this has made Spain an interesting country to stamp gatherers.

The stamps representing the various Australian colonies are full

of interest and tell of the advance of civilization in these heretofore wild places. The colony of New South Wales has just celebrated her centennial and had a new issue of stamps, one of which bears the view of the capital town of Sydney, the same as shown on the first stamp of this colony. Another of the centennial stamps bears the portrait of Capt. Cook, the great navigator, who was killed by the natives of the Sandwich islands in 1779. One feature of the British colonial postage business is the fact that in most of the colonies a revenue or fiscal stamp will carry a letter the same as a postage stamp.

The exhibition is held under the auspices of the three philatelic clubs in and near New York—the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, the National Philatelic Society of New York, and the Staten Island Philatelic Society.—*Tribune*.

REVIEWS.

BY T. J. MITCHELL.

A NEW INTERNATIONAL ALBUM.

A new international album, published by E. Heitman, Liepsic, Germany, and arranged by H. Schwaneburger, has just reached us. The album is printed in English, and spaces arranged on one side of the paper only. The description and denomination of the stamp is printed below the space, doing away with the necessity of raising the stamp for the description. Also the need of a catalogue in arranging the stamps. The album is illustrated with 2500 cuts of stamps, and 100 coats-of-arms. On the opposite side of the page is a short historical sketch of the country. There are nearly 800 pages, and the album is bound in cloth and gold.

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10	Costa Rica 1882, 5c. on 1sr. new.....	80
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18	" " " " 1883, 10c. blue.....	11
34	" " " " official 10c. orange.....	28
1	Cuba 1855, 2rp. carmine.....	20
8	" " 1856, 2rp. orange red.....	40
83	" " 1879, 1p. brown.....	40
89	" " 1880, 1p. bistre.....	40
18	Cyprus, 1882, 30pa. rose.....	120
26	Denmark 1870, 4ss. purple and br.....	20
34	Dom. Republic 1880, 1p. gold.....	30
6	Dutch Indies 1870, 50c. carmine new.....	25
10	" " " " 1871, 2cl. 50c. new.....	150
49	" " " " Env. 1881, 10c. brown.....	15
16	Ecuador 1881, 20c. slate.....	08
1	Finland 1896, 5k. blue.....	100
10	France 1852, 10c. bistre.....	23
15	" " 1853, 1fr. lake.....	75
78	" " 1877, 5fr. lilac, new.....	150
203	Fr. Colonies Guadeloupe 1884, 25c. on 35c. black on orange new.....	37
274	Fr. Colonies Martinique 1886, 15c. on 20c. red on green.....	39
281	Fr. Colonies Martinique 1888 O 5c. on 20c. red on green new.....	15
501	Fr. Colonies St. Pierre Miquelon 1885, O 5 on 40c. red.....	40
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	Fr. Guiana, 10c. on 75c. carmine.....	120
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8	Great Britain 1854, 6p. violet.....	40
43	" " " " 1878, 4l violet.....	150
69	" " " " 1884, 5sh. rose.....	20
105	" " " " Env. 1841, 1p. pink.....	20
161	" " " " Compound env. 1862, 1sh. green and 2p. blue.....	150
	Gr. Britain, 1p. lilac, red, used postally.....	25
17	Grenada 1886, 1p. on 3p. orange, new.....	23
49	" " " " 1p. on 1sh.....	30
21	" " 1888, 4p. on 2sh.....	20
2	Guadalajara 1867, unred.....	100
18	Guinea 1885, 10r. green new.....	20
49	" " " " 20r. carmine new.....	20
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18	India 1886, 6a. lilac, green sur.....	140
69	" " official 1871, 8r. rose.....	24
93	" " " " 1868, 1/2a. lilac.....	300
126	" " registration env. 1886, 2a. blue.....	20
1	Ionian Isles 1839, 1p. orange, new.....	30
93	Italy 1871, unpaid letter, 5l. blue.....	20
95	" " 1884, " " 50l. green.....	300
96	" " " " 100l. red.....	300
53	Jamaica 1887, 1p. red, used postally.....	20
49	Japan 1877, 20s. blue.....	20
3	Lubeck 1859, 2s. brown.....	20
19	" " " " 1864, 1ss. green, new.....	23
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staff, went on land, and, the natives, (nude fellows), welcomed the American boys, and were much astonished to see, on her Island, the "Star Spangled Banner." The captain, a jolly American, paid a visit to the native chief, who had the proud title "King," and, as a sign of friendship, presented his "brown Majesty" with a

BOTTLE OF WHISKEY.

This splendid donation was a surprise for the "King," and all natives, and, great was their joy! The whole lot, "Americans and Natives, sat down under a "Bread Fruit Tree," and a friendly conversation began, when the bottle went around." Things went smoothly, and after a while, the American captain asked his brown darky Majesty, if he would give his consent, that the "Great Republic of the United States" could use the "Port of Pago-Pago" (Samoa). The native King proudly said: "Most certainly, the American's can use the Port of Pago-Pago, as a 'Coaling Station,' as long they please, and, specially if they would bring along always some good things to 'drink'." As the captain of the American Man-of-War came back to Washington, he informed "Uncle Sam" about the Samoan Islands, her people, and about the Port of Pago-Pago, which he, in the name of U. S., had acquired as a coaling station. "Uncle Sam" heard the tidings and accepted it. A ship with coals was at once sent to Pago-Pago, (Samoa), and, an American Counsel was stationed at the Samoan captial "Apia." Further, "Brother Jonathan" made a treaty of peace, and a friendship with the "wild men" of Samoa. All this has happened some 20 years ago, and, that Port of Pago-Pago "once" has been used as an American coaling station, and thats all! Now, (February), 1889, a second American ship with coals is on route to "Pago-Pago," (Samoa), to renew that "rotton" stock of old time coal! In the Samoan captial, "Apia," still is an American Counsel, but only three American business firms of importance, are in Samoa, and they are in Apia. These "facts" are the origin of the American interest in Samoa. Now, I will interest the readers of the "HOOSIER PHILATELIST" with the full description of the Mail Service, and the postage stamps of Samoa. As I mentioned above, the government of Samoa is since the year 1879, under a municipality directed by the Counsels of Germany, Great Britain, United States. Since the year 1877, the steamship lines running to the different Samoa Islands, to forward freight, and the triffling number of mail matter, began to issues "private" postage stamps of Samoa, so called "Express Stamps" of Samoa, but, all these "private" stamps have "no philatelic value," as postage stamps, because those private express stamps were issued by foreign tradesmen (Shipping Express Co.) Those "Express

Postage Stamps" of Samoa, (trash), are as follows: issues 1877 to 1883.

1877, 1 penny blue, 3 penny carmine, 6 penny purple.

1 shilling yellow, 2 shilling chocolate, 5 shilling green.

1883, 2 penny brown, 9 penny lake.

The above "Express Stamps" of Samoa are all perforated. On top is the inscription "Samoa," amid of the stamps the word "Express," and below is the value (English language). The interior of these stamps is ornamented. In the year 1866 a regular post-office in the American-European style was opened in the Samoa capital "Apia," and is controlled by Germany. In the year 1887 "regular" Postage Stamps of Samoa were issued, with the consent of the native "King Malietoa," but under the supervision of Germany, Great Britian and the United States. These "Regular Postage Stamps of Samoa" are as follows.

1887, $\frac{1}{2}$ penny brown-violet, 1 penny green.

2 penny orange, 4 penny blue, 1 shilling rose.

2 shilling-6 pence, violet.

These "regular" stamps of Samoa are perforated. On top is the inscription "Samoan Postage," amid of the stamps is the design of a "Bread Fruit Tree," and below is the value (English language.) This 1887 issue of Samoa stamps is used by the post-office at Apia, (Samoa), for domestic and foreign correspondence, and the German post authorities at the "Apia post-office," sells also "German Postage Stamps" for mail matter, which is forwarded by the North German Lloyd Steamship Company.

CHICAGO NOTES.

The sixth auction sale held under the auspices of the Chicago Philatelic Society, May 16th, was comprised wholly of U. S. Postage Envelope and Revenue Stamps.

The attendance was somewhat lighter than usual, about twenty persons being present. Very few items of note were offered; among them being a \$20 Probate of Will, which brought \$10, and an unwater-marked 2c. envelope which Mr. Start bought for \$5.25. These sales are held at the second meeting of each month. Persons desiring catalogues of forthcoming sales, can procure them by addressing the Secretary of the Chicago Philatelic Society. Bids will be executed free of charge by any member of the Society. The writer will give careful attention to any bids entrusted to him.

"Figaro Voute" was obliged to pass an hour in a police station

cell one evening recently. He was on his way to a meeting of the C. P. S., but stopped to witness a dog fight in the street, and got "run in" as an abetter of the struggle. A friendly officer released him after a brief incarceration.

The club rooms recently fitted up by the Chicago Philatelic Society are visited daily by nearly all the members doing business downtown. Between the hours of 12 and 2, nearly all of the "workers" in the Society may be found there. Philatelists visiting the city are cordially invited to make the rooms their Headquarters while in the city. The costodian, Mr. S. B. Bradt, will be found at the rooms daily from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Room 6, 78 La Salle St.

The list of A. P. A. members has been published at last, and contains the names and address of about 700 members. It is published from Ottawa, Ill., by the Secretary of the A. P. A.

A. P. A. members here are much pleased with the appointment of Prest. Holman to the office of Third Purchasing Agent, A. P. A. The appointment cannot but give general satisfaction.

I have been assured that the suspension of the *Ottawa Stamp Collector* is but a temporary one, the managers having been too busy to give the necessary time to the journal. I trust they will soon get to work at it once more.

The Official Board of the A. P. A. have appointed Mr. W. Sellschopp, of San Francisco, to the long vacant office of First Purchasing Agent. From all I can learn the appointment is an exceedingly good one. This is the first appointment made from the Pacific coast members.

Mr. Corwin's attack on the management of the A. P. A., has brought forth a torrent of replies and involved that gentlemen in a discussion that will give him more to attend to than the office he refused to accept. In spite, Mr. C's reiterated statements that he makes a fair and just criticism, the article reads plainly enough that he is making a personal attack on Mr. Sterling. This latter gentleman is able to take care of himself and also to ram his department in a manner satisfactory to the the participants in it. Mr. Corwin's "boycott" plan is utterly unworthy of him and surely will be wanting in supporters. By the way, Corwin the dealer has sent to the exchange manager of the Chicago Society, to *sell on commission*, a large batch of stamps amounting to several hundred dollars. These, of course, do not go through the Society's hands as a branch, but through the manager's hands in his individual capacity, just as any other dealer would send one of his agents a batch of stamps to sell on commission.

Yet Mr. Corwin is not a dealer, why bless you, not at all, only a collector!

At the Boston Convention of the A. P. A. James C. Jay, a member, was expelled from the Association, in secret session, upon charge submitted by the Board of Trustees in its annual report. Mr. Jay claims that the charges were utterly unfounded and that he is able to prove such to be the case. In the interest of simple justice, Mr. Jay should be allowed to put in his defence; and if he has been wrongly judged such reparation as can be made at this late day should be extended.

Mr. H. B. Seagrave, Treasurer of the American Philatelic Association has sent in his resignation, and it is likely that an election of to fill the vacancy will soon be called. The Association will regret the loss of so efficient an officer.

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Editor HOOSIER PHILATELIST :

In the March Number of H. P., I saw an article on Silk Threads on Swiss Stamps.

I may say that I have in my own collection, 5 Rap. ochre White Thread; 40 Rap. green no Thread. Also the 3c. present issue may be found in both kinds of paper as you will see by referring to Messrs. Stanley, Gibbons & Co's Catalogue, 6th Edition.

Mr. Coolridge does not catalogue the 5 Rap. and costs about on the other two, hence my reason for writing you. *Wilson Wilby.*

MR. STERLING vs. MR. CORWIN.

I have been reading for some months letters and kicks of a certain Mr. Corwin, of New York. He has been attacking far better men than himself for some time, and doing it in the most violent and abusive manner, showing himself to be unworthy of being classed as a gentleman. By the way who is this man, Corwin? What is he? A Daniel come to judgment? From what I have been able to learn, he is a wealthy business-man, who is desirous of posing as the *only* true philatelist in America. From what I have read of his *articles*, etc., would say he was the most *egotistical* sorehead alive. One of

the men whom it would be well to buy at your own valuation and sell at his own. From Mr. Tiffany's letter we can see him in his true light. His desire of certain offices and the failure of the board to comply with such desires caused the latter attack. This man is railing against the dealers, and probably does a larger business in stamps than many of them. He wants to be the representative collector, but the long ears show him to be the representative *sorehead* of this country. What great work has he done for the collectors he desires to be considered the champion of? What are his contributions to the knowledge and welfare of Philately? Probably the *exhaustive* article on "Confederate Stamps" in some paper (I have forgotten where I read it) is one of his stamps, a boy fourteen years old, with the same material, could have done better, and given us some information; as it is, we have only his views of the matter, and they amount to nothing. Instead of claiming so many hundred varieties, why did he not describe them, giving the differences. I make use of this article as it is apparently the only one that has any stamps at enlarging a philatelic treasure. I have just resumed collecting for a little over a year, and the greatest help in U. S. stamps has been from the catalogues of a man whom Mr. C. has insulted in every way—Mr. E. B. Sterling, who has done more for U. S. stamps than any one man in America. He has not hidden his knowledge in order to take advantage of the ignorant ones, but openly in the light of day spreads it forth, giving us all a chance to become acquainted with the value of our stamps. Poor man as he is, I would rather stand in Mr. Sterling's shoes to-day than the wealthy Mr. Corwin's. When in the East, some time ago I heard it said Mr. Clotz, allowed the Scott Co. to take advantage of the exchange of the A. P. A. and get all the bargains. But it appears from Mr. Tiffany's letter is was Mr. Corwin who was indulging in this direction from the letter of the President of the A. P. A. The board has acted in the best interest of the Society, and the Society should uphold them.

As Mr. Corwin had a soft snap, no wonder he is angry that Mr. Sterling should have the exchange, especially as the latter does not care for foreign stamps, and they are at the service of the first posted collector who finds them. The charge brought against Mr. Sterling by Mr. Corwin is denied in full and branded as a lie. Mr. C. should be made prove his charge or crawl into some far corner of the earth and hide. Instead of the fable of belling the cat it is the fable of the mountain that labored, and after convulsing the earth's surface with mutterings and distant thunder, finally brought forth a mouse. It shows Mr. Corwin not a kicker, but a *sorehead*. The thanks of the philatelic public should be given Mr. Tiffany for his dragging of

the lion's skin and the exposure of the long-eared animal underneath. Perhaps Mr. C. was laying plans for some great object. At all events they are "in the soup" with Mr. C. *Jno. N. Caldwell*

REVIEWS.

BY T. J. MITCHELL, 348 Fulton Street, Chicago.

McLean's Stamp Collectors guide is out at last. The appearance and contents fully repay the delay with which it appeared. It contains a large number of articles from the pens of the most prominent philatelic writers. A directory of over 2000 stamp collectors; A black list; Directory of American Philatelic Societies, also a list of Philatelic Periodicals. The price is 30 cents per copy and it should be in the hands of every philatelist.

The Philatelic Journal of America for May contains articles on the reprinted stamps of Farsmania; The twelve pence Canada; Capt. Coolidge on watermarks; a continuation of the Philatelic Catalogue and U. S. Envelope list; a criticism from the Editor on Mr. Corwin's late letter and quite a number of other interesting notes, which help to make it one of the best journals we have seen for the month of May.

The Philatelic Gazette has filled all its available space with letters, jumping on Mr. Corwin. Mr. Wolsiefer takes occasion to pay Mr. Hooper a few compliments, which the latter will no doubt appreciate.

The Stamp World for April contains an article on Washington and his successors, and a fine full page illustration of all our President's. Bro. Hubbard is quite severe with Corwin and pays his compliments to the Editors "of Philately." *The Stamp World* always has something that will interest the Philatelist even when it jars against some of his pet fancies.

The Eastern Press for May asks that the dealers send their lists of frauds; do so by all means, but try and settle first with your delinquents. If that fails then give them the notoriety they desire.

Brother Davidson leans toward Mr. Corwin's late charges in the May number of *Plain Talk*.

In *The American Journal* for May are the History of Postage Stamps by J. W. Scott; Proofs and Essays by J. K. Tiffany; The New Caledonian Stamps by C. B. Corwin; An account of a Roumanian Swindler; A sketch of the New York Stamp Exhibition, Illustrated; Communications, Auction Sales and Notes.

The Halifax Philatelist for April give the reports of the officers

of the Canadian Philatelic Association, which are interesting to those of us who are members and want to know how the Association stands.

Philately for May has articles on the stamps of Antigua, and the Origin of the Indian Postage stamps. In the editorial, the Editors manages to get in a slur against the American Philatelist, while trying to get a chance to jump on Mr. Corwin with the balance of mankind. Thus leaving much of the force with which the editorial commenced.

The International Collector is another of the papers which admire Mr. Corwin, and uphold his veins well all support in time of trouble is appreciated, and as the Editor gives his honest convictions, he should be respected accordingly.

The National Philatelist appears with a cover, well filled with reading matter, and also propose to expose frauds. The exposure through the columns of the press is the only way these pests can be weeded out, and we wish all papers would have a black list column.

We have just received the *Curiosity Collector* for March. It has a continued article on an European stamp Swindle; Some Philatelic Notes by E. P. Newcomb; And a new Philatelic Poet gets off some verses on reprints.

Herdman's Miscellany for April is filled with the International Philatelic Unions doings and notes. This Society is gaining ground rapidly in England and bids fair to make its influence felt.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic—The new 5c. has head of Rivadavia in circle, with "Correos y Telégrafos" above.

Bavaria—The 3 and 5 pf. unpaid, are perf. 14½ and the 10 pf. cash has "89."

Bhopal—The ¼a. green, with B. L. C. I., has been re-engraved. There are two errors, SAH and NEWA. They are unperf. and perf. 6. There is also a new ¼a. black, square, 32 var. BECAM, except one which is EECAM.

Bulgaria—*Le T. P.* tells us the 3 on 5 st. was never issued by the Government.

Cape of Good Hope—The Registry Envelope is now made by De La Rue & Co.

Ceylon—The 4c. both violet and rose are surcharged TWO over

the word **FOUR**, and there are of course, several errors and double surcharges.

Congo Free State--There is a new 25c. blue, type of the 5 per. also two new cards, 10c. black on white and 15c. carmine on buff. Finally the 5 fc. is surcharged "Colis Postanx-Fr. 3.50." in rectangular frame.

Denmark--The 5 öre cards, have smaller figures in the corner of the stamp.

Faridkot--The ½a. of 1882, is re-engraved for the second time. Blue on white, Unperf.

French Colonies--Mons. Maury has bands of 4c. and 5c.

Greece--Mr. Rechert shows us the 1 lipton. Athens impression.

Grvalior--*The Ph. R.* notes the ½a. envelope, surcharged in red, and arms in blue.

Indo China--A second type of surcharges has "1889" below "Indo Chine." 50c. on 35c.

Jamaica--Two new stamps have been issued, 1d. and 2d. Head of Queen in circular band inscribed "Jamaica" above, and "Postage and Revenue" at the sides. Below is an octagonal label with large figure of value. The 1d. is lilac and rose, and the 2d. green, wmk. C. A. Perf. 14.

Nabha--The ½a. is surcharged in black, also the official ½a. and 4a. The ½a. card has the arms in black.

Natal--The 5sh. maroon has wmk. C. A.

Norway--Card, 10x10 öre, carmine on white. Form 1. No frame.

New South Wales--Mr. Vindin sends us the new 5sh. stamp. A map of Australia is in an octagonal frame, inscribed "New South Wales Postage" and "Five Shillings." Color, purple, wmk. figure of value, perf. 11.

Paraguay--There is a 15c. stamp, violet, with cap, star and wreath in oblong frame, with figures of value at corners.

Phillippine I.--The 10c. green is surcharged 2 4-8c.

St. Vincent--We have received the 5sh., with C. A. watermark, perf. 14.

Swinam--New Stamps, 15c. gray; 20c. green; 30c. red-brown; unpaid letter, 30c., 50c., lilac and black. Cards 2½c. and 2½x2½c. carmine on rose, 5c. and 5x5c. violet on blue.

Sweden--Post Card 10 öre, carmine on white, with "Sverige-Sud," inserted in frame at top and other changes in the inscriptions.



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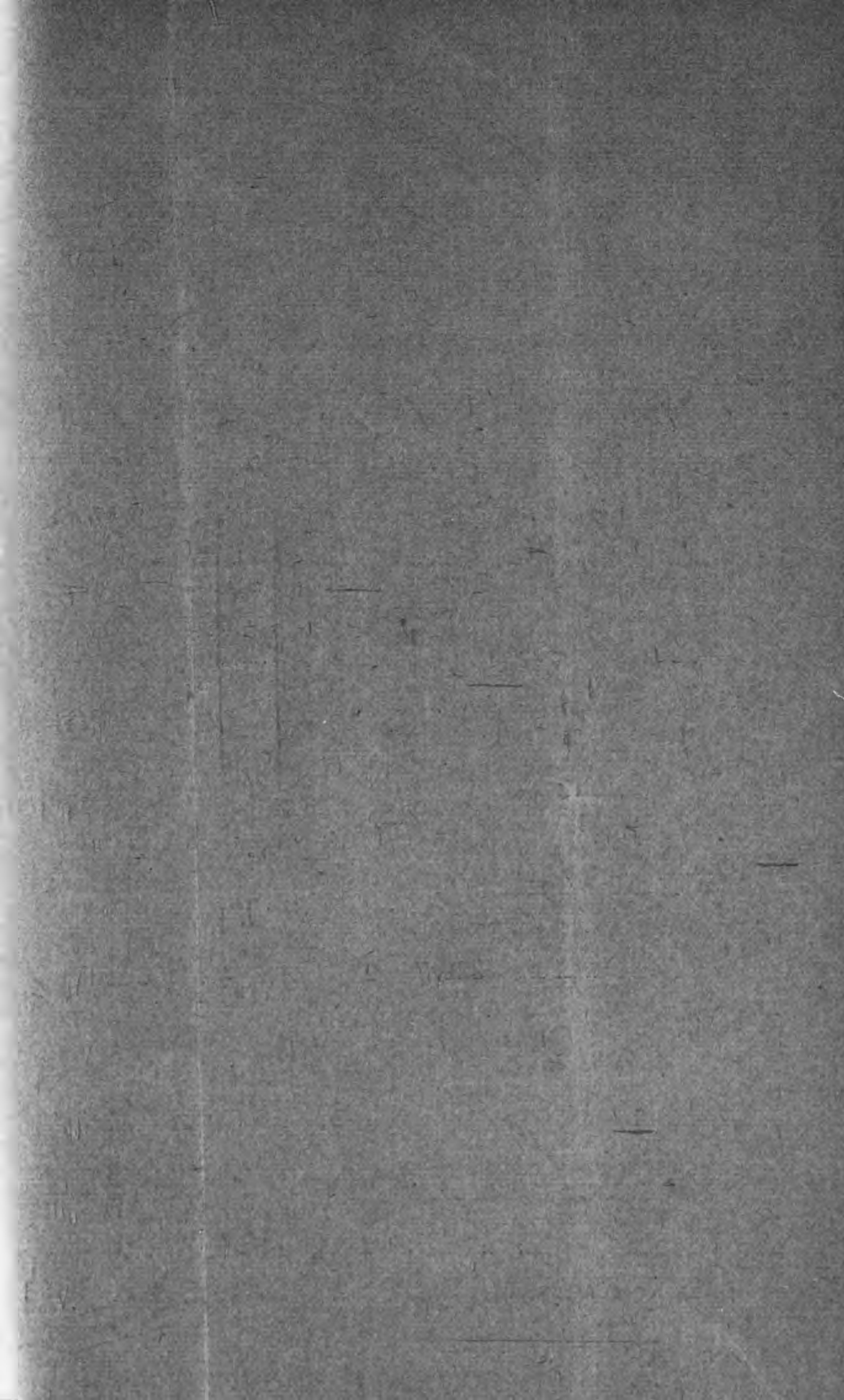
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THE MOUNTING OF STAMPS IN BLANK ALBUMS.

SECOND PAPER.

At the stamp exhibit of the American Philatelic Association at Boston last year, there were shown among others, some sheets from the collection of Mr. G. B. Woodward. They were of cardboard about 12x15 inches in size, and on each was drawn a design, the stamps occupying a portion of it, while some had a photograph in the center. The arrangement showed great skill and a fertile brain for designing, and they looked beautiful, but to my mind the arrangement was wrong.

Upon examining them my eye was first caught by the photograph in the center of the sheet; from this it wandered to the exquisitely drawn design, and lastly I noticed the stamps, which occupied but a small portion of the sheet. It was fine, very fine, but it seemed to me that the stamps played but a secondary part, when they should have been the most prominent.

Stamps, and especially those of our own country, are beautiful in themselves and they need nothing around them to enhance their charms. To put a black border around them, to me seems altogether unnecessary, as they look much better standing alone, and this is the point I claim for my plan, as whatever of beauty there is in the arrangement is made by the stamps and them only.

You can shape them into circles, triangles, stars, anchors or whatever you please, but it should be remembered that it is a collection of stamps, and in exhibiting them, you want the *stamps* to be admired, and the visitors' attention attracted only to them.

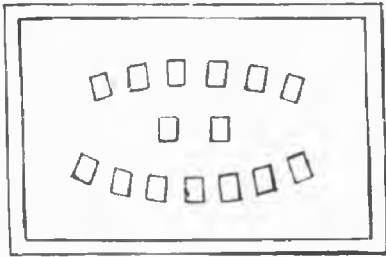
When a person collects the stamps of all countries, it would prove somewhat difficult to mount them in blank albums allowing one sheet for each set, as the sets now number between one and ten thousand, and it would require more time than the average collector has at his disposal.

Specialism is growing rapidly and it must continue to do so, for to form anything like a complete collection of the stamps of all countries, is out of the question for all but those who have an unlimited amount of cash.

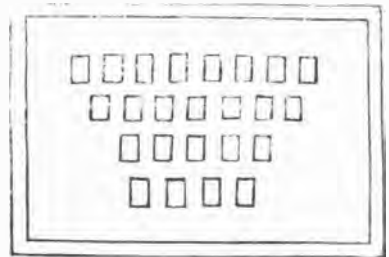
And right here I would add my voice to the hundreds before me, in advising collectors to confine themselves to a certain portion of the globe. You will get more pleasure out of it and have the satisfaction of knowing that you can complete your collection.

□ Aside from the nine or ten thousand distinct varieties of stamps given in our catalogues, there are new varieties, such as water-marks, grills, and so forth, being constantly added.

Figure 7 of the illustrations shows a straight line of stamps in



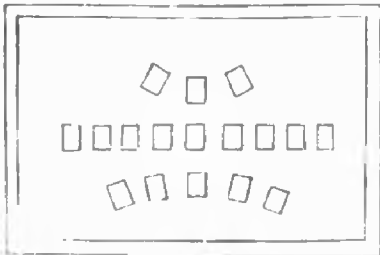
[Fig. 7.]



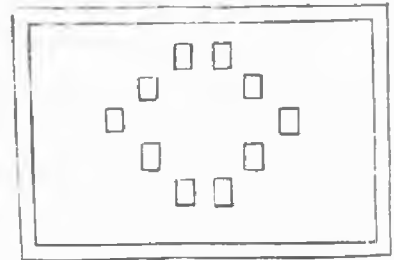
[Fig. 8.]

the center and a curved arch above and below. These lines, both straight and curved, can of course, be made longer or shorter to suit the number of stamps in a set.

The 1872 issue of the U. S. with a shade variety of each, numbers about twenty-four stamps, and this set I have arranged as shown in figure 8. Large sets like this can be arranged very nicely in a double circle, one inside the other, with possibly a single stamp as a center point.



[Fig. 9.]

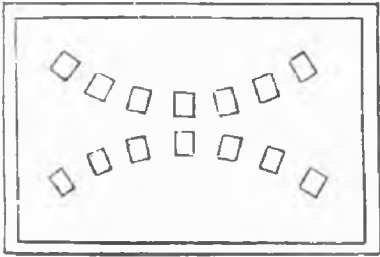


[Fig. 10.]

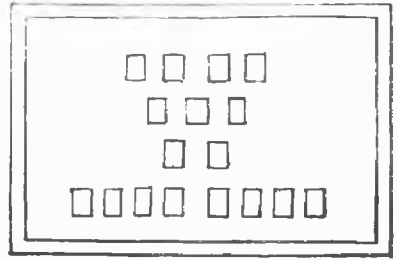
Another, and perhaps the strongest, reason for my liking this mode of arranging stamps without a drawn design, is that a set may be only partly completed, and yet in looking over the collection this fact would hardly be noticed, owing to there being no ruled spaces left vacant. In my method there would, of course, be spaces left blank, but when they occurred on the end of a line, as they often do, they would not be noticed. Figure 9 is an illustration of this, as the set requires another stamp on each end of the upper arch. Figure 10 shows the arrangement of a set in a circle, only having each stamp in a perpendicular position. The circle should be widened a little more than shown, in order to cover more of the sheet.

When mounting, if I have but a portion of a set, I use enough others to fill out the required number. I first lay the stamps on the sheet in the shape of the design intended, and then fasten the stamps of the set only, in their places. When these are in, the others are removed, thus leaving the main portion of the design made, and as the missing stamps of the set are obtained, they can readily be put in place.

Figure 11 shows two curved lines of stamps running toward each other in the center. Any of the department sets look well, arranged in this style, or if it is a large set, additional lines of stamps can be put above and below.



[Fig. 11.]



[Fig. 12.]

Figure 12 is a small inverted pyramid with a straight line of stamps running along the bottom.

The illustrations in this article do not begin to show the beauty of the pages when arranged as shown. The various colors of the stamps add a beauty which it is impossible to imitate in these rude drawings.

I have attempted only to give a few designs easy of execution and different in character, as from these the collector can make any number, changing them as much and as often as he pleases. Any one of the designs can be worked into twenty different shapes, my object being only to give the foundations, and let the collectors work them out for themselves, an undertaking in which they will find much pleasure if no profit.

If the student desires to show the name and date of issue of each set, the top of the sheets just outside the border lines is a good place for it.

As soon as I place a new stamp in my collection, mounted, of course, with a gummed hinge at the top, I write under it with a pencil the catalogue value. When a new catalogue is issued I run over the prices and if there are any changes I draw a line through the old price and place the new one under it. The figures are hid by the stamps so they do not mar the looks of the page. The benefits of this system of marking, it seems to me, more than repay for the small amount of trouble it takes.

We all like to look back and see whether the prices of our stamps have increased or decreased, and after this method of

marking has been pursued for a few years, we have the fluctuations in the prices of our stamps for all that time, and to see it we have simply to turn up one of the specimens. Sometimes the prices will go up and occasionally they go down, as I found by pricing my collection with Scott's fiftieth edition. With the rise and fall of prices the collection amounted to just about the same as with the forty-ninth edition.

When the prices are put under the stamps, a total can readily be kept at the end and the prices of new ones added as put in. This will show at any time the value of your collection, a point on which very few collectors are posted.

Some collectors write under their stamps the year in which they obtain them. This, in connection with the prices, would give a great deal of information regarding each specimen, and after an interval of a few years, the collector would think his time had been well spent in keeping up the record.

That this description of my method of mounting, with the few thoughts added thereto, may be of interest and perhaps profit to some of my brother collectors is the earnest wish of

Alvah Davison.

NEW SALVADOR STAMPS.

From a correspondent in San Salvador we learn that a contract has been concluded between Mr. N. T. Seebeck, Secretary of the Hamilton Bank Note Co. of New York, and Mr. Salvador J. Carazo, Director General of the Posts of Salvador.

The Bank Note Co. agrees to engrave and furnish Salvador, for the period of ten years, all the postage and revenue stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards and newspaper wrappers of the following denominations:

Adhesive Postage stamps, 1ct., 2ct., 3ct., 5ct., 10ct., 20ct., 25ct., 50ct., and \$1.00.

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Wrappers, 3ct., 6ct., 12½ct., and 25ct.

Fiscals, 5ct., 10ct., 11ct., 20ct., and 25ct.

The Bank Note Co. agrees to furnish the above free, and at the end of each year the government is to turn over to the Hamilton Co., all the stamps that remain unsold, also to permit the company to reprint any quantity they may desire to supply dealers and collectors. Each year a new design will be issued. Our correspondent makes the following prediction: "I believe if the dealers procure large quantities of the stamps while in use here, that the Bank Note Co. will sell low. If, on the contrary the sales should be small, they will charge high prices for them in order that they may make something from the transaction."

and as they are the sole holders of the remainders and the plates, they will have matters pretty much in their own hands, and put their own prices on their stamps.

Our impression is, however that it will hurt the sale of the unused stamps, as the buyers will never know how the Bank Note Co. will act. If the dealers buy large quantities the company may put their prices down so that the dealers could not compete with them. As the cost of printing them is but small, they could undersell dealers to such an extent that the dealers' loss would be heavy. Another thing—the Bolivar stamps were issued on just about the same plan. Most of the collectors procure one set and let the balance go. Of course if the design is changed each year, it will be more probable that many collectors will collect each issue; but there will never be any fancy prices paid for these stamps, unless there should happen to be a few errors mixed in. How is that, engraver? Cannot you turn an S over, or reverse a letter or two; and cannot the Bank Note Co. bring in a few varieties of paper on us, such as laid, wove, water-marked, and water-marked and lined paper and so forth. They may just as well. Of course the Republic of Salvador will have to have a few Provisionals; and yet we gather them all into our arms, saying, gratefully, "Thank you, thank you, give us more." We presume the balance of the Central American Republics will enter into the same arrangement and it will increase to such an extent that the engraving companies will be paying a premium to furnish stamps, or every large dealer will have some country to which he will furnish stamps on the same basis as the one between Salvador and the Hamilton Company. Where it will go, and to what extremes it will reach, is only a matter of conjecture. It will either make stamp collecting one of the leading pursuits or ruin it completely. Time will tell which—we are not hazard an opinion.

T. J. Mitchell.

NOTE. The one cent green Salvador 1879, having been entirely exhausted, and the specimens that are being made in New York not coming until the latter part of the year, the Director General of Posts has ordered some reprints of the one cent green to be made to meet the necessities of the service. The reprints differ from the old ones in being printed on thinner paper and lighter green. The specimens we have seen are unguined.



NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—We understand that the *Figaro*, published by E. W. Voute, has at last given up the fight. The publisher deserves credit, at least, for the long fight he has made. Well, we are rather sorry to see the paper go. Although we were not in sympathy with many of the views taken by the Editor, yet we always admired the cheek and utter recklessness with which he would take people to task. He has made a name as editor in Philatelic Journalism, second to no one. The *Stamp* we hear will succeed to the lists, etc.

—We are making arrangements with several well known Foreign Philatelists to contribute to the HOOSIER. We also expect to appear regularly about the middle of the month, and to effect this, have changed our printer-man. After next issue we will appear from the 15th to the 20th of the month.

—Mr. Wm. P. Brown and Mr. Thomas of New York contemplate starting a new philatelic paper in New York this fall. But ah! how W. P. B. will pitch into some certain parties. He has got a rod in pickle for some and he very likely will use it. Well, we wish them success, even if we do get a touch of the rod ourselves.

—H. B. Wilber expects to issue the *Philatelic News* on Aug. 15th and intends to make it at first an 8p.—2 column paper—we trust he will come and stay in the ranks.

—We have seen the statement made by several papers that the Reprint Carrier (eagle) was perforated. While this is true it would lead the average collector to suppose that all those stamps which are unperforated are originals. This is not so, as there are large quantities of these reprints unperforated. While all the perforated Carriers are reprints, the unperforated ones—printed in a light blue, are also reprints. They can be easily distinguished from the dark blue of the original. The paper is smoother also, as can be easily seen with a magnifying glass.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the HOOSIER PHILATELIST,

SIR,—In your April number there appears an effusion by a person of the name of Block. I do not wish to say one word in my own defense, as his remarks concerning myself are beneath my notice, but I wish to draw the attention of all Chalmerites to one sentence in Mr. Block's letter that I heartily agree in, and for it I forgive him for all the hard things he has said of me. The sentence is as follows:—"*It is impossible to trust to memory of man for anything that is accurate; every one knows that, and to hold this up as a proof is all bosh.*" Now, these are Mr. Block's exact words, and just what the whole Chalmers claim rests on—the memory of two old men, who have contradicted themselves over and over again. I am glad that there is one Chalmerite so sincere.

Yours for truth,

John J. Hooper.

C. P. A. No. 1; A. P. S. No. 42.

NO MORE GREEN TWO-CENT STAMPS.

The specifications issued to-day by Postmaster General Wanamaker, for the guidance of bidders under the next contract for postage stamps, provide for bids for two series of stamps of different sizes—one of them being the size now in use, the other about one-third smaller. If stamps of the larger size should be determined on when the bids are in, the colors and profiles on the several denomination of stamps will be as follows: One-cent—Profile, Franklin; color, ultramarine blue. Two-cent—Profile, Washington; color, metallic red. Three-cent—Profile, Washington; color, vermillion. Four-cent—Profile, Jackson; color, milori green. Five-cent—Profile, Garfield; color, chocolate. Six-cent—Profile, Lincoln; color, dark red. Ten-cent—Profile, Jefferson; color, light brown. Fifteen-cent—Profile, Webster; color, orange. Thirty-cent—Profile, Hamilton; color, black. Ninety-cent—Profile, Commodore Perry; color, carmine. If stamps of the smaller size should be preferred, the colors will be as follows, the profiles on each denomination remaining the same as on the larger size,

unless the Postmaster General in his discretion changes some of them, which, at present, is not considered probable: One-cent, ultramarine blue; 2-cent, carmine; 3-cent, royal purple; 4-cent, chocolate; 5-cent, light brown; 6-cent, vermillion; 10-cent, milori green; 15-cent, steel blue; 30-cent, black; 90-cent, orange. It will be noticed that metallic red or carmine, according to size finally determined upon, is substituted for the present green two-cent stamp. It is probable the smaller sized stamp will be adopted by the government.

Herald.

REVIEWS.

BY T. J. MITCHELL, 348 Fulton Street, Chicago.

The Flour City Philatelist for May was a little late, but the contents amply repays the long wait. Its black list is one of the best published. Other papers have taken up the idea, which will do more to decrease stamp stealing than anything else. We are sorry that we are only to get it every two months in future, as we cannot see such papers too often, in our opinion.

The International Collector appears with the Constitution of the P. S. of A. The Editors appear to have a little trouble with N. E. Carter.

The Halifax Philatelist for June contains an account of the detection of W. S. Kinzer of Wooster, Ohio, of changing stamps on the C. P. A. sheets. As the proof appears good, the executive Committee of the C. P. A. have expelled Kinzer. We notice that our old friend, P. M. was one of the sufferers in the changing.

The American Philatelist gives the reprint of Hoover's list of Envelopes, and Tiffany's list of Foreign Envelopes, as main articles for June.

The New York Philatelist is a new candidate for the public's favors. It is an eight page paper. We wish them success.

We have received a copy of the *Philatelic Leader*—dated March the 10th, '89. Where has it been for so long? It arrived in June. It is the Organ of the P. S. C. League.

The Rhode Island Philatelist comes to us for May, the best eight page paper we have seen for the month. Keep it up.

The Stamp is late, but it always has its little ax sharpened and hewing straight to the mark. We miss its prompt appearance—brace up boys and get out on time.

The Stamp World gives us the portrait and sketch of Sir Rowland Hill. While we do not believe him to be the inventor of the stamp, yet we do think he was the practical man who was quick to see and apply everything in his great aim, and to whom too much credit can not be given.

The Philatelic Gazette is still full of the American Philatelic Association's affairs, but it appears Mr. Corwin stands alone in his views.

A supplement to the *California Philatelist* is at hand, containing a notice of the removal of E. F. Gambs to 39 Sutter St., San Francisco.

We have also received copies of the *Welt-post*, *Bargain Secker*, *Briefmarker Zeitung*, *Le Courrier du Timbropple*, *L'echo de la Timbrologie*, *Spindle City Youth*, catalogue of R. R. Bogart's fifteenth auction sale; also of the twentieth auction sale of Geo. A. Leavitt & Co.; Price List of Canadian Copper Coins, by P. C. Jones, Belleville Ont.; Fifth edition of W. F. Greany's list, 827 Brannan St., San Francisco, Cal.; Illustrated Catalogue of Edward M. Ruben, Copenhagen, Denmark.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine—There is a new ½c. band, slightly different from the last.

Bulgaria—The new 5c. is noted, with lion in small oval at top, and figure of value in a right rectangle below. Color, green. Perf. 13. The 10s card is now white and the 10 plus 10s, with inscription in rose.

Columbia—There is a new registry stamp, red on white, "R" at left "Columbia" at top, "10 Centavos" below.

Congo—Two reply paid cards, 10 plus 5, brown on white and 15 plus 10, black on green.

Finland—Card 10 plus 10 p. pink on pale buff. Map of Finland, in upper, left corner of reply card.

French Colonies—The *A. J. P.* says the perforations on the letter cards now meet at the bottom instead of extending to the sides.

Gaboon—The *Ph. R.* says the 5c. and 20c. unpaid letter stamps have been signed "15" and "25" to do duty for ordinary postage purposes. They bear also "Gabon" at the top, and "Timbre" over the scroll.

Gold Coast—The *I. B. J.* says the 6d. has been surcharged "One — Penny" in two lines in black.

Greece—The 20 and 25 l. have been locally printed.

Guadeloupe—The *A. J. P.* says that it is the 40c. which is surcharged 10c. The 30c. is surcharged 15c. and the 30c. is surcharged 25c. and not as noted last month.

Madagascar—*Le T. P.* notes the 40c. surcharged with "25" in black and used at Tamatave.

Newfoundland—The *A. J. P.* illustrates a provisional card, the 1c. being surcharged across the stamp "2 cents" with two heavy lines above, and "2" in the two lower corners.

New South Wales—There is a 1d. official envelope, with stamp of same design as adhesive, but with letters "O-S" in upper angles. Violet on white laid paper.

New Zealand—*Le T. P.* has the official stamp, crown and "Postage Free" in Greek frame, printed in black on pale blue, perf. 13.

Peru—The *A. Ph.* publishes a decree providing for the surcharge of the old 1 and 10c. green stamps, the former with a red triangle, and the latter with a red oval "Union Postal Universal—Plata—Lima." It is further stated "as soon as the stamps ordered in New York arrive, all stamps will be surcharged. As we have 23 different districts, there will be about 161 different stamps."

Phillippine I.—The *Ph. R.* says, that the $6\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ blue, that had been surcharged "Recargo de Consumas—Habeletado", has been reissued as a postage stamp. No change in value.

Queensland—The lines on the 1d. card have almost entirely disappeared, and the card is cut larger than formerly.

Russia—Stamps of a new design have been issued. The usual arms in an oval are enclosed in a horse-shoe and this in turn in an octagonal frame. 4K carmine, 10K blue, 20K blue and red, 50K lilac and green, 1 rouble, brown and orange. The 14 K envelope has been met with of ladies' note size.

Shanghai—The *P. J. A.* has advices that the new issue with watermark is on the way from England. There are two new surcharges. The 100 yellow is surcharged "20 cash" in black, in rectangular frame containing same value in Chinese characters, and a second surcharge in red, "100 cash", diagonally across the stamp. On May 6 the 100 cash blue was surcharged in red "20 cash", horizontally, and Chinese characters below.

Sweden—The 10 plus 10 ore card is now rose instead of red. New stamps of 5, 10, 20 ore are expected, also letter cards.

Tasmania—The 1d orange of current type is issued, also the 1d. has been locally printed in vermilion.

Turkey—Mr. Galvany writes to the *Ph. R.* that the Turkish stamps are to be printed on watermarked paper and the postcard is to be white.

Zululand—There are two varieties of the 1d. of Natal. One with period and one without.

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Lot.	U. S.	No. of Pieces.
1.	New York 5c. black. fine specimen.....	1
2.	Adams Express. 2c. buff paper, and 5c. 1847, good specimens.....	2
3.	City Despatch Post 3c. green, very fine.	1
4.	5c. brown, 1847.....	1
5.	Confederate 5c. green, 1861, fine.....	1
6.	" 5c. blue, 1862, ".....	1
7.	" 10c. " 1861, ".....	1

FOREIGN.

8.	Canada 1852, 6d., fine.....	1
9.	Cape of G. H., 4d. blue, 1857.....	1
10.	Wes. F. a n 1d., receipt. lilac, large..	1
11.	Orange, 2d. on 3d., blue.....	1
12.	Tasmania 3d. and 6d. Fiscals.....	2

U. S. POSTAGE AND OFFICIAL.

13.	Set of Executives (specimen).....	5
14.	1847, 10c. black.....	1
15.	1868, 1c., 2c., 3c., 10c. and 12c.....	5
16.	1869, 1c. 2c. 3c. 6c. 70. 1c. 2c. 3c. emb..	8
17.	1872, Complete 1c. to 90.....	11
18.	State Dept. Proofs, 1 to 90c.....	11
19.	1857, 5c. red brown, good specimen.....	1
20.	\$1.92 Periodical Pen Cancellation.....	1

U. S. REVENUES.

21.	2c. Proprietary, orange 2c. Certificate blue.....	2
22.	25c. warehouse. cert., protest unper....	3
23.	\$1 manifest mortg., \$5 manifest unper..	3
24.	\$15 mortgage unper.....	1
25.	\$50 U. S. Inter. Reven., unper.....	1
26.	1c. to 500 per. fine lot.....	64
27.	\$20 Conveyance per. 2 var.....	2

LOCK SEAL STAMPS.

28.	\$20, 3rd issue, fine.....	1
29.	Sterling, 4 black green numbers.....	1
30.	not cat., " red ".....	1
31.	Unsevered strip of 6 stamps same as no. 30.....	6

Lot.	No. of Pieces.
32.	Beer stamps, 1871, 12½c., unsev. pair...2
33.	" " " 25c. " " ..2
34.	Cape of G. H., 1857, 4d. " " ..2
35.	" " " 1d. " " ..2
36.	Gt. Britain, 1841, 1d. " " ..2
37.	" 1841, 2d. " " ..2

FOREIGN STAMPS.

38.	Canada, 1858, 3d. red.....	1
39.	" law, L. C. complete.....	14
40.	" Bill 1869, 1c. to 50c.....	14
41.	" " 1865, \$2 red and purple centers.....	2
41.	" " \$1 green and red \$1 red and green.....	2
42.	Bohama \$1, light pen cancellation....	1
43.	Tasmania, 2d. 1880, unwatermarked unused.....	1
44.	Argentine, 60c. black, official.....	1
45.	Brunswick, ½ gro., black on green perforated, unused.....	1
LOTS, BIDS FOR WHOLE LIST.		
46.	U. S. off. sealed, 1879, unused.....	10
47.	" " " 1888, " ..	10
48.	P. O. Dept. Env. unused and entire..	10
49.	" " " " " " ..	25
50.	Newspaper, 1c. black.....	5
51.	U. S., 1851, 3c.....	200
52.	" 1861, 3c.....	500
53.	" 1857, 3c.....	200
54.	" " 3c., outer line.....	5
55.	" 1872, 3c. green.....	5000
56.	" 1875, 2c. vermilion.....	2000
57.	" 1870, 1c. grilled.....	8
58.	" 1870, 2c. " ..	15
59.	" 1870, 3c. " ..	40
60.	Due, 1 and 2c.....	100
61.	J. C. Ayer, 4c., on silk.....	20
62.	Cyprus Band, 1d., unused and entire	20
62.	Peru Env., 50c., unused and entire....	8
63.	Persia " 12 sh. " " " ..	5

Choice Newfoundland Stamps.

—1859 and 1863.—

	new.	used.		new.	used.
3 pence green, 12.....	.25	.15	9 pence, lake 22.....	.60	.60
1 pence, lake 15.....	.35	.35	6 1/2 pence, lake 22		
5 pence brown			8 pence, lake 32		
red 20.....	.50	.50	1 sh. lake 38.....		
5 pence chocolate,			1868 1ct. blue, perf.	.15	.15
50.....	.50	.50	1868 6 cent rose,		
1866 2 cents green			10.....	.05	.05
perf., 8.....	.05	.05	1870 3 ct. Vermillion	.08	.08
1866 5 cents brown			1 sh. lake 38.....	.05	.05
perf.....	1.10	1.10	1870 2 kbls (orange)	.05	.05
1866 10 cent black			1870 2 cent green	.05	.05
perf., 15.....	.10	.10	Rouletted, 8.....	.05	.05
1866 15 cents pink.....	.12	.12	1870 3 cent blue, 2		
1866 13 cents orange			kbls (orange)	.05	.05
18.....	.16	.16	1870 2 cent blue	.08	.08
1886 24 cents blue 30	.55	.55	Rouletted, 8.....	.08	.08
1880 1, 2, 3 & 5 the set			1868, 5 cent black,		
set, 18.....	.08	.08	perf., 50.....	.50	.50
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In modern times, some shrewd men have utilized pigeons for business purposes. The millionaire banker, Rothschild, of London, England, laid the foundation of his immense wealth, ("Little Vanderbilt"), through the agency of pigeons. He established a pigeon post between the cities of Paris, France, and London, England, with several relay stations, by means of which he received early information of the rise and fall in the Exchange market, several days in advance of the regular mail stage. (At that time there was no "rapid," improved telegraph, or rail, or steamer communication). Many of the numerous readers and subscribers of the HOOSIER PHILATELIST in the United States, and in foreign countries, probably will remember what an important role carrier pigeons played in the history of the "Franco-German" war, and, in fact, they may be said to date from the "Siege of Paris" in 1870—71. When Paris was besieged by the victorious German troops, and all communication with the outer world cut off,—in these memorable days—pigeons were employed, and all available birds in Paris, not necessary for food, were placed at the disposal of the French government. These pigeons left Paris in balloons. Constant communication was thus kept up between Paris, and the city of Tours, the temporary seat of the fugitive French government. From the 15th of September to the 11th of December 1870, about two hundred nine pigeons were sent out, and although the majority of birds were lost, shot by the German soldiers, or struck by hawks, copies of all government dispatches reached Paris in safety. Each time five pigeons were liberated, all carrying the same despatches. When the French fugitive government *must remove* to Bordeaux, France, difficulties increased on account of the greater distances, and the severity of the weather. (It was a very severe winter). From December 11th, 1870 to February 21st, 1871 when "Paris capitulated", eighty-three more birds were liberated at Bordeaux by the government, but few reached Paris. In all, three hundred sixty-three pigeons were sent out of Paris by balloon, and also two hundred three pigeons were liberated, out of which number only seventy-three pigeons reached Paris. And on February 21st, 1871, as the victorious German soldiers were marching on the streets of capitulated Paris and were playing the German national tune, "The Watch on the Rhine River" (Die Wacht am Rhein) in those memorable days, the inhabitants of the French capital, Paris, could eat "no pigeons", but must eat "dogs, cats and rats!" (Historical fact)!

As mentioned above, since 1870 the pigeon post was used as a military institution, by all nations of Europe. France, Germany, Belgium, Portugal, Italy, Russia, Austria, all those states have a pigeon post. In France all principal stations on the frontier are connected with the French capital, Paris, by pigeon posts.

maintained by the French government, and, in addition, there are three hundred pigeon societies, regularly enrolled by the French government, to aid, in case of necessity. The government of Germany owns six thousand pigeons, flying between all important frontier forts and the German capitol, Berlin. Besides these, it has control of over one hundred thousand pigeons, owned by three hundred fifty private societies, that have placed their pigeons at the disposal of the German government and those societies form the "Pigeon Postal Union of Germany." In Spain, the birds are used on naval vessels and revenue cutters, communicating with the nearest Spanish military posts, in addition to being used on land. The Dutch Indies government is about to organize a post pigeon service in the country "Acheen," (Isle of Sumaura, Dutch Indies, Oceanica), and the Minister for the Colonies has ordered fifty pigeons in the mother country, Holland, for this purpose.

The above "Resume" of the history of "homing pigeons" will show, to what a great extent the bird is at present used as a messenger. If we take in consideration the trifling outlays that are connected with the establishment of a carrier pigeon service, and the material benefit, which might be derived from inaugurating a service of such aerial mail-carriers, I believe it would be worth while for "Uncle Sam," for instance, to give the scheme a trial! The average speed for a "homing pigeon" is about forty-five miles per hour, but the birds are known to make better time than the electric telegraph, especially for short distances, owing to the unavoidable loss of time, while the messages are being carried to and from telegraph offices by messenger boys. The endurance displayed by a "well trained homing pigeon," is remarkable. It can easily travel a distance of from four hundred to five hundred miles during one day. Yes, it has made as much as six hundred fifty miles a day. To judge from the frequent reports which I find published in foreign political papers, and from which I learn that the aerial mail-carriers have even been introduced into the "French-Congo", (Africa), there is no reason to doubt why the establishment of a carrier pigeon postal service between New York and the ports on the Pacific Coast, should not prove a thoroughly successful enterprise. I think the suggestion is completely feasible! The United States, though a peaceable country, might need, perhaps, at some future day, the pigeon postal service for "Government Despatches". Aerial mail service is not used by the people, but readers of THE HOOSIER PHILATELIST may try the scheme, if they are in possession of such qualified homing pigeons.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. R. S. Hatcher informs us that he will on August 9th sail from New York for Europe.

Mr. C. W. Stutesman, of Bunker Hill, Ind., has favored us with a copy of his hand-book of stamps, coins, and relics. The book is neatly gotten up and is of value to the general collector. The price is only ten cents.

It is reported that Mr. Chas. Gregory, of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, has been elected Treasurer of the American Philatelic Association. Mr. Gregory is a thorough gentleman and one of the oldest philatelists in the country. As to our opinion, the election will meet with the highest approval everywhere.

Owing to the change and slowness of former printers, the publishing of the HOOSIER PHILATELIST has been somewhat delayed for several months past. Our new printer assures us that he can get our paper out promptly and the editors will do all that is in their power to make H. P. one of the best. The August number will yet appear this month, and with the September number we will probably enlarge to twenty pages.

The second convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association will take place in Halifax July 31, 1889. The annual election of officers will also take place there. The successful ticket will probably be:

- A. J. Craig, Pictou, N. S., President.
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- D. A. King, Halifax, Secretary.
- F. Burnett, Brantford, Treasurer.
- J. R. Hooper, Librarian.

CHICAGO NOTES.

At the C. P. S. meeting of July 3rd, the members had a rare treat. Mr. C. B. Corwin, who is a passive member of the society, very kindly forwarded that part of his collection which he had mounted for the inspection of the Society. Pres. Holman acted as exhibitor and lecturer, Mr. Corwin having sent explanatory notes with the collection, and a couple of hours was very pleasantly spent in viewing the treasures. The lot included the Ceylon and Confederate portions of the collection. I fear that some of the members present must certainly have violated the tenth commandment. The Chicago Society are very grateful for the treat afforded them.

The Society's rooms have been visited by a number of traveling philatelists since my last writing. Mr. W. R. King, of Grand Island, Neb., and his friend, Mr. L. T. Douglas; spent several days in the city, and met most of our members at the rooms during their stay. Other visitors were Mr. B. A. Cottlow, Shelbyville, Ill., and Mr. W. P. Crosby, Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Chapman, while on his summer vacation, made it a point to ransack his eastern home in the search for old stamps. He was successful in bringing to light a 3c. 1861, *unperforated*. As the stamp was on the original envelope and had never left the possession of the lady to whom it was addressed, there can be no doubt of its authenticity.

In my last communication to your journal, I did an injustice to the "prince of kickers", Mr. C. B. Corwin. Now, while Mr. Corwin will submit quietly to the epithet of "kicker", yet he asserts his kicking propensity when one tries to make him out a dealer. In the proper sense of the word, Mr. Corwin is most assuredly not a dealer, and my endeavor to make him appear in that light, was certainly unjust. I would like to see Mr. Corwin make as earnest an effort to correct some misstatements of his relating to Mr. Sterling as I am earnest in my endeavor to correct the misstatement I made concerning Mr. C. I think Mr. C. is fully justified in much of his kicking, but the only point he can hold against our able exchange superintendent is the fact that he exhibited stamps for sale during the session at Boston. Mr. Sterling is the right man in the right place, as all who patronize the Exchange Department will testify.

Philo.

REVENUE STAMPS IN 1874.

I came across the following article in an old stamp paper published in 1874, and it seems as if the same objections against were always urged. I was interested and give it in full to the readers of the HOOSIER, thinking perhaps it might also interest them.

A PLEA FOR REVENUE STAMPS!

Under the above title, an article appeared, some years ago, in a leading Philatelic paper, advocating and pleading for the collecting of revenue stamps. I like the title so much, that I want to adopt it as mine, for precisely what I wish to do, is to plead for revenue stamps. Why is it? What right have postage stamps to have the monopoly? Do you speak of beauty, of delicacy of engraving, of richness of color? Be careful, there are revenue stamps that cast far in the shade the most beautiful of postage stamps.

Do you speak of ugliness, of rough, uncouth wood-cuts? we can show them to you.

Do you mention age? Revenue stamps were in use hundreds of years before postage stamps were ever dreamed of. As there are cheap, common, yet interesting stamps to fill up the postage stamp albums, so there are fine revenue stamps, easy to obtain and fair to look upon. Do you want expensive, rare stamps? We have some so scarce, that not half a dozen collectors have ever beheld them. I have heard the remark made, that there are so many revenue stamps, that a complete collection can not be formed. I ask, in return, are you able to gather a complete collection of postage stamps? Completeness, though an essential aim in stamp collecting, should not be the sole aim. Compare the three or four thousand of revenue stamps, with the millions of coins tried to be collected, and do not despair. Then what a chance for research revenue stamps afford. The fields of postage stamps have been so ploughed and harrowed, so dug up and scraped over, that it is difficult to obtain entirely new information about them, but in revenue stamps what a glorious opportunity is offered for study. For those who have not the time or inclination to study deeply in revenue's, there are sets that can be obtained with no trouble but that of paying for them, while for those who love a little difficulty in any pursuit, there are many countries of whose stamps we are either entirely ignorant, or at best, have but incomplete knowledge. In short, and to conclude, any objections that may be raised against revenue stamps, rebound with far greater force against postage stamps, and all arguments for postage stamps, apply with much more justice to revenue stamps. Moral and parting advice, *Collect Revenue Stamps.*

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13	" "	" " buff,	.05
18	" "	2 E " white,	.35
19	" "	" " buff,	.20
39	1860,	" on buff,	.20
54	1861,	" white, patent lines	.15
55	" "	" buff, " "	.15
59	" "	" white,	.04
60	" "	" buff,	.04
87	1864,	" white,	.03
90	" "	" buff,	.03
95	" "	" white pat. lines,	.15
96	" "	" buff, "	.15
98	" "	" white,	.05
5c. blue, Taylor's, on white and amber, 1 unused pair, .30			
2c. 1888, rejected die, size 3 white, .25			
2c. " " " " amber, .50			
The pair, .60			

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" " a strip of 3 " "	.40
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Post Office Department, complete,	1.00
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" " " 30c. used,	.08
" " " 24c. used	.25

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" complete, 7 var.,	.20
Belgium Packet Postage, 8 var.,	.20
Br. Honduras, 10 on 4 large surch., used	.15
" " 1-2 of 2 on 1. used as 1c.	
" " on part of env.,	.50
" " 1889, 20c. large	.40
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" " 50 "	.15
" 10 var.	.20
Costa Rica, 1889, 5c. rev. used for postage,	.25
Cuba, 1888 1-2 mil. to 10c. comp. 8 var.	.08
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Iceland, 10 var.	.35
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" on H. M. S. comp. old issues,	.25
Mexico, 1886, 25 brown,	.08
" 1888, 20c. carmine	.12
" 25 var. 1, 2, 5, and 10 and 10c. on ruled paper,	.15
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Newfoundland, 7 var.	.15
Paraguay, off. complete,	2.00
Salvador, 3, 5, and 10c. new issue,	.06
Switzerland 1884, 5-500, 6 var. □	.20
Tasmania. 1855, 1d., 5d., 1, 6d., 1sh., and 1, 6d., rev. used as post. 6 var.	.20
Tobago, 1879, 1, 3, 6d. and 1sh. and '81 5sh. set	1.65
U. S. Columbia, 1864, 10c. blue,	.20
" " 66, 5c. yellow,	.18
" " 10c. violet,	.08
" " 1 peso unused,	1.00
" 1881, 20c. blue on green paper, unused,	1.00
" 1881, 1c. on buff paper, unused	.10
" 1883, 20c. unused,	.25
Antioquia, '85, 5c. used,	.08
" '87, " "	.10
" '88, 2 1-2c. violet, unused,	.10
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The first stamp issued in 1877, is of the value "one Paisa," blue, and is rectangular. The printing is badly executed. The paper is white and smooth, unperforated, and on the back side, "ungummed". In regard to the native inscription of these stamps, I mention that it is in the "Persian" language, but the inscription on the outside circle is in the "Goormookhee" language. Amid the stamps are two circles, and the inscription around both is the same. That is:

"Riasat-i-Faridkot (Faridkot State). At the bottom of the stamp, in a straight line are the words: "Ticket-i-ek-paisa." That is the value, "one Paisa" ($\frac{1}{4}$ c.)

In the year 1877 a second stamp was issued. That is, the "same" stamp, but in another color. The paper of the stamp is "ribbed", and the color is a kind of grayish one. (This stamp is very scarce). The second issue was in the year 1878. The first stamp is of a small size, and of blue color. The shape is a long rectangular one, and the printing is badly executed. The inscriptions are: "Riasat-i-Faridkot, Ticket-i-ek-fulus" (Faridkot State, Value, one fulus). A "Fulus" is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. U. S., and is a coin of the natives.

In the year 1878 was also issued the value of $\frac{1}{2}$ Anna. The colors are blue, red, green, and black, all different, as it is the custom in the native Indian states that "each city" should have a separate color for the same stamp. People can prove from the color the place from which the letter comes, (contrary to U. S. custom). This stamp, $\frac{1}{2}$ Anna, is of a "square size". Amid, are the words: "Ticket-Faridkot-sambat, 1934," (Faridkot State stamp of the year 1934, the "Hindoo year"). Between the Hindoo calender and the Christian calendar, is a difference of fifty-six years. Also, in this case, the $\frac{1}{2}$ Anna stamp was issued in the Christian year, 1878.

The third issue of the Faridkot stamp was issued in the year 1886. It is of the value "one Paiso", ($\frac{3}{4}$ c. U. S.) This stamp was made on a new plate, and the design is handsome, and much better executed than the former stamps; the color is blue. The shape is a rectangular one.

The fourth issue of the Faridkot stamps was made in the year 1888, and the stamps of this issue are very nicely executed; a sign of progress. The value is "one Paisa", and another value is "one Fulus". Inscriptions are the same as former ones. Both stamps are issued in dark blue, and light gray blue color. The value of $\frac{1}{2}$ Annais issued in black, green, and in red color. I mention here, for the benefit of my readers, that this value, $\frac{1}{2}$ Anna, is "slightly gummed"; the perforation is 12; and the "watermark" of this

value shows a springing lion, holding in his clutch a little flag with the words in latin letters: "Reliance". (This watermark can be seen only on a whole sheet with this stamp.) It is not known if this watermark is official, or if it is only the trade-mark of the paper manufacturer.

This is a complete description of "all stamps" of the native Indian state, Faridkot; but, as no cuts can be given here, it will be to the interest of the reader to peruse carefully this article, because this "authentic" description is entirely different from the description of these stamps published in American stamp catalogues.

Besides the native post-offices in Faridkot, there is also a British-Indian post-office there, from which all mail-matter from Faridkot is forwarded to other states in India, and to foreign countries. The stamps issued by this post-office are, "East India stamps" surcharged, with the words "Faridkot State." I omit a description of these stamps, as they can be easily understood.

LIST OF NATIVE STAMPS OF FARIDKOT.

1877,	1	Piasa,	blue,	on white paper.
"	"	"	gray.	
1878,	1	Fulus,	blue.	
"	$\frac{1}{2}$	Anna,	blue.	
"	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	red.	
"	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	black.	
"	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	green.	
1886,	1	Piasa,	blue.	
1888,	1	Piasa,	dark blue.	
"	"	"	light "	
"	1	Fulus,	dark blue.	
"	"	"	light "	
"	$\frac{1}{2}$	Anna	black.	
"	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	red.	
"	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	green.	

THE C. P. A. STAMP EXHIBITION.

The exhibition was held Friday afternoon. A fine display of stamps were shown. Owing to the fact that most of the exhibition was provincial collections, the display of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick rarities were particularly strong. Not less than three N. B. shillings, and almost all the rare provincial stamps of N. S. and N. B. were to be seen on the original envelopes.

A large card, heavily framed, 24 by 30, was show by O. Larsen. Almost every stamp issuing country was represented by one of its finest specimens, selected for artistic effect.

Mr. Stone showed 9 cards representing every stamp issuing country in the world; also two of the U. S. brass and cotton stamps.

Mr. Goodrich's display of complete Guatemala was much admired.

Mr. D. A. King showed several sheets of very fine provincials, and other British colonials.

Mr. F. C. Kayne's exhibit attracted attention for its nice arrangement, and completeness.

Mr. A. J. Craig made the largest display, showing twenty-four sheets with stamps arranged in a great variety of designs a—la—Woodward, Canada. Almost complete, Nova Scotia; complete, both postal and revenue, and many other rarities.

Altogether, the display was fine, and called forth many expressions of approval.

SALVADOR STAMPS.

We are indebted to Mr. Samuel C. Dawson for the following errors in the current issue of Salvador stamps.

3c. brown unperforated.

It is said that several sheets were issued unperforated.

U. P. U. Postal Card 3c. blue without seal in corner.

“ “ “ 3 times 2, blue, error—2c. instead of 3c.

The 1c. stamps of 1879 being exhausted, the 3c. has been surcharged (1 centavo) to meet the necessities of the P. O.

The new 1c. and 2c. have been received from the Bank Note Co. at Salvador, but owing to the Note Co. changing the legend “Servicio Postal Del Salvador” for that of “Union Postal Del Salvador,” the stamps are being altered to the former legend.

“NOTE”—The first of the attempts to put a lot of “Errors” on the philatelic public.

T. J. MITCHELL.

MINUTES OF C. P. A. CONVENTION.

C. P. A. Convention held at Halifax, July 31—Aug. 2nd and 3rd, 1889. Convention called to order by President Heckler. The following members were present: D. A. King, F. C. Kayne, I. De Wolf, W. C. Stone, W. L. Emory, W. H. Goodrich, Theo. Larsen, H. L. Hart, A. J. Craig, O. Larsen, and A. E. Jubien.

First order of business was preliminary roll call, which was proceeded with. Moved and seconded by W. H. Goodrich, that the members holding proxies hand them in to an investigating committee to report for afternoon session. Mr. F. C. Kayne being the only member of the Executive Committee present, therefore Mr. Stone and O. Larsen were appointed to assist Mr. Kayne, in counting the ballots.

Second Session. Convention called to order by President Heckler, at 2:30. Committee on Credentials was called on to give its report, which was as follows:—

Chairman Larsen reported Mr. Stone holding 20 proxies; A. J. Craig, 13; D. A. King, 2; H. Heckler, 1. Total 40.

Moved by Mr. Stone, and seconded by Mr. Craig, that committee report be received.

and adopted—carried. Moved by Mr. Goodrich, and seconded by Mr. Stone, that reading of minutes of last meeting be dispensed with. Carried.

It was moved and carried, that the rules which governed the last convention, be again adopted.

Mr. A. J. Craig brought up under order of Business Communication, the question, Why an English collector was not permitted to become a member of the Association, Ex. Com. having ruled that only one person in a foreign country could become a member of the Association. By motion, this matter was laid over until secretaries produced paper.

The President then made his annual address, in which he referred to necessary changes in by-laws, etc. Also, in a feeling manner, he referred to the loss the association had sustained in the death of Mr. Geo. A. Walker, late Vice President for Ontario.

The Secretary then read his report.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance in the treasury, of \$90.00, at date, and a prospect revenue of \$100.00 more for the balance of the year. The report was received and adopted.

Exchange Sup't report was then read, which showed 92 books in circulation from September, 1888, to July, 1889. Value, \$4,343.48; stamps removed from 72 books \$1053.46; 20 books yet returnable; exchange sheets sold, 625; value, \$30.75; contra, account, \$36.87, leaving a balance of \$6.12 due the Exchange Sup't.

Moved and seconded that vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Greany, for his report, and able management of this department.

No reports were received from Librarian, Purchasing Agent, or Counterfeit Detector. Mr. F. C. Kayne, in behalf of Mr. Hooper, Chairman of the Executive Committee, handed in a list of the complaints which had come before the committee during the year. It was received and adopted.

The President appointed the following committees:

Finance and Official Organ—W. L. Emory, D. A. King, T. Larsen.

Library—Craig, Goodrich, T. Larsen.

Exchange and Purchasing Dep't—Kayne, Hart, Larsen.

Constitution and by-laws—Stone, Hart, Emory, Craig.

Adjourned until 10:30 A. M., Thursday.

Third Session. President Heckler called the convention to order at 10:30 sharp. The roll call was dispensed with.

Under unfinished business the matter of foreign membership was taken up. After considerable discussion of the report of the Executive Committee in March number of the *Halfpuz Philatelist*, it was moved and seconded that the action of the Executive Committee be disapproved of, as that ruling is not in accordance with Article 2, of the Constitution.

The place for next meeting came up for discussion. A vote was taken, and resulted in 47 votes for Montreal, and 3 for Niagara Falls. It was moved that the time of meeting be decided by the Executive Board, at least three months in advance, and notice be published in official organ. Carried.

Mr. Stone presented a resolution offered by Mr. Deats, that all members in arrears to the Exchange Dep't, over one month after having received statement of account, shall have his name, with amount due the Dep't, put in the *Official Journal*, the same to remain in print until the account is settled. Also a resolution of K. C. Miner was read and was referred to Exchange Dep't.

Adjourned until afternoon.

Fourth session. Convention called to order at 3:30 P. M. Finance Committee reported Treasurer's report correct. It was moved and seconded that the revised constitution be printed in official organ, and submitted to a mail vote of the association, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Adjourned until Friday morning.

Fifth session. Called to order, 11:15 A. M. Roll call, on motion, was dispensed with. Reading of minutes was also dispensed with. The committee appointed to count votes reported: Qualified voters, 115. Votes cast, 77. For President—Craig, 52; Heckler, 21; Hart, 2. Vice President—Parker, 71. Secretary—D. A. King, 77; Treasurer, C. E. Cameron, 76.

Sufficient votes were not cast to amend the constitution as proposed, regarding abolition of Vice Presidents for the different provinces. Voted that ballots be destroyed. The committee on constitution then proceeded to complete its report on by-laws, which was read and adopted. Mr. Stone presented resolutions of

disapproval of the Hamilton Bank Note Co's. contract with Central American Countries. Carried.

The Chalmers question, which was laid over last year, for this convention to deal with, was taken up. A motion was made that the matter be laid over for another year. Carried.

Moved by A. J. Craig, and seconded by Kayne, that the thanks of the Association be tendered to Messrs. Stone, Emory, and Goodrich, for their material assistance and help at this convention. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Goodrich, seconded by T. Larsen, that this convention adjourn to meet again at Montreal, at the call of the official board. Carried.

CHICAGO NOTES.

President Tiffany recently made us a visit and renewed his acquaintance with his many friends in this city. He appears able to hold his office at the head of the A. P. A. for an indefinite length of time.

Purchasing Agent Sellschop, of San Francisco, called on us while passing through the city on his way east. He expects to spend some months abroad.

Mr. H. E. Deats spent several days with us last month. He attended a meeting of the Chicago Society, and exhibited his fine collection of proofs to the members present.

The east, west, and centre of the country were represented in the C. P. S. rooms one day last month, in the persons of Messrs. Tiffany, Sellschop and Deats. All three arrived at nearly the same time and it made us think the A. P. A. had put up a surprise party on us.

The St. Louis Convention opens on Monday, October 7th. I shall, as usual, be in attendance and will be pleased to act for any member who desires to send me his proxy. Those for whom I have acted in the past three conventions are particularly requested to let me act for them again. I am a dealer and gain my livelihood from stamps—don't forget that—but I expect to work for the good of the Association at St. Louis, as I have in the past.

Mr. Ed J. Stebbins, of Adrian, Mich., spent a few days with us recently. He says he hopes to be with the crowd at St. Louis.

Pres. Holman of the C. P. S. has recently returned from a trip east, where he reports seeing any amount of fine stamps. One can go a great deal farther than Chicago and then not see anything finer than Mr. Holman's elegant collection of U. S. stamps in the following revenue, match and medicine, very nearly complete.

Mr. T. E. Carstarphen of Denver made us a brief call recently. He expects Denver will be represented at the St. Louis Convention.

We are not often favored with callers from the Hoosier State and were therefore much pleased to meet Mr. A. J. Gillett, of Indianapolis, who recently spent a few days in our city. When Mr. Gillett departed we had his application in both the A. P. A. and C. P. S.

The Chicago Philatelic Society has appointed a committee of five to make all necessary arrangements for our attending the St. Louis Convention. We hope to send a delegation of twenty. Passive members of the C. P. S. are invited to stop over in Chicago, and continue the journey with our members.

Be cautious about giving your proxy this year. It is reported that some members in New York are planning to change the Constitution so that all elective offices may be chosen from one locality—New York City, of course. Any such move as this would reduce the A. P. A. to a mere local society, and be fatal to its national character. The Brooklyn Club and the National Society of New York have appointed Messrs. J. W. Scott and C. B. Corwin as delegates to the Convention, and are urgently soliciting proxies for them. Both these gentlemen are said to be leaders in the plan for centralizing the offices of the Association and an uninstructed proxy given them means a vote against the good of the A. P. A. Better follow the advice of Editor Brock in the last *American Philatelist* and send your proxy to Pres. Tiffany. He is a man who has proven to be a disinterested worker for the general good, and a proxy given him will surely be used to the best advantage.

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OUR CANADIAN LETTER.

to the Editor of the HOOSIER PHILATELIST:

The summer of 1889 has not been an uneventful one in the story of Canadian Philately, if not a very remarkable one. It marked the entrance of a number of recruits into, and the withdrawal of several prominent names from, the ranks of philately. We have felt sorry to lose any adherents from our cause, but we trust that our young members will fully compensate us for the loss we have suffered.

Our association still flourishes and bids fair to do so as the days go by. We feel, however, that there is still room for improvement in many quarters, and trust that in the coming year, under the

able supervision of President Craig we may see our bounds much enlarged.

We are sorry to hear that the *Halifax Philatelist* has suspended, but trust that its publication will soon be resumed. The *Dominion Philatelist* will for the present hold the position of C. P. A. Official Organ. The *Niagara Falls Philatelist* has been revived and is now issued as a fortnightly. This scraggy four page sheet is a disgrace to Canadian Philatelic Journalism, and we feel sure will ere long be numbered with the departed.

Hooper and Stanton's Catalogue of Canadian Stamps is out, and although a good one in some ways, comes far short of what we expected. We had looked for better things at the hands of our esteemed friends.

No doubt many of our friends are beginning to think that our History of Canadian Stamps is going to be a fizzle, but we will some day show them otherwise. Its publication has been delayed owing to several unavoidable causes, but we trust to see PART I of it issued before the end of the year.

Time will not permit us now to write at length about many items of interest concerning our Canadian Brothers and their doings, but we trust throughout the coming season to keep you posted as to their welfare.

Yours in the cause of Philately,
HENRY S. HARTE.

LARGER POSTAL CARDS.

Acting Postmaster General Clarkson has awarded the contract for furnishing postal cards for the four years beginning the 1st of October next, to Albert Daggelt, the lowest bidder under the recent call for proposals. There is a material reduction in the cost by the change of contract, although the cards in the new contract are superior to those in the old one, and, besides, the public will be afforded better facilities by the addition of two new sizes. No. 1 measures 2 15-16 by 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches, and will cost 37 cents a thousand. No. 2 is of the same dimensions as the present card, and will cost 35 cents a thousand. No. 3 measures 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches, and will cost 50 cents a thousand. The average weight of the three sizes is a little over six and two thirds pounds, and the average cost is about 40 cents a thousand. This is a reduction of nearly 17 per cent in the price of the cards, and an increase of about 27 per cent in the weight. Allowing for the difference in weight, the cards are about one-third cheaper in the new contract than in the old one, the average price of the cards being about nine cents a pound in the old contract and about six cents a pound in the new one. The estimated number of cards to be required during the four years of the contract term is 2,000,000,000, at a cost of about \$800,000. The reduction in cost for the four years will amount to fully \$150,000. The postage on the estimated quantity of cards to be called for during the four years will amount to \$20,000,000. The use of postal cards was first introduced into this country in 1873, and the issue for the first year was about 100,000,000 cards. The contract price was \$1.30 $\frac{1}{2}$ a thousand, or about three and a half times as much as the average price in the new contract.

NOTES.

The proceedings of the C. P. A. Convention, which appear in this number, were reported to us by Mr. A. J. Craig. Although there were only a few in attendance, it was a harmonious affair. We judge more so than the A. P. A.

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The Official Board of the P. S. of A. nominated our editor Purchasing Agent of P. S. of A., but we regret to say, that he had to decline the honor, as his time is too much occupied with other duties.

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Mr. Colding, of Savannah, Ga., informs us that the collectors of their city, have formed the Savannah Philatelic Association, with the following officers:

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THE GREAT "CONTROVERSY."

On the Chalmers—Hill controversy I have always kept silent, not that I have no opinion in the matter; but because I have ever thought, in the temper displayed by the opposing forces, that the least said, the better all around. But now I notice a disposition — if I may judge from a few remarks in the September number of the *Quaker City Philatelist*—to foist the question again upon the members of the A. P. A. at their session in St. Louis, now near at hand.

Although not a member of this Association, I have too much interest in its welfare, and too much respect for these two great men, and—yes—too much love for our hobby to have this question brought up at this time, and shall be disappointed if the members present do not *sit down heavily* on it in the beginning.

It is said that skulls of Columbus are shown at both Genoa and Rome, and the only explanation vouchsafed the perplexed traveller, is, that one of them was that of the great navigator when he was *small*. In like manner, if this controversy comes up spasmodically, for settlement in the councils of the A. P. A. will the archives of the association have to be labelled, "opinion of the A. P. A. on the Chalmers—Hill controversy when a year old; do. do. when five years old; do. do. when eight years old;" etc., etc.

I fail to see anything to be gained by this agitation, either in our literature or our societies. Most of us that care anything about the question have long since made up our minds one way or the other, and there is not, in all probability, any new evidence above suspicion, that can be produced to alter these views.

It is not reasonable to suppose that the minority will yield to the majority with any better grace than they did when the vote was taken in Chicago in 1887. Again, what will be minority today, may easily be—under the proxy system—the majority to-morrow. No, the question is a conscience question and cannot be settled satisfactorily to both parties in this way.

We talk of the Chalmers—Hill Controversy. Was there any controversy between the principals, and would there be to-day were they living? I fancy not; but the controversy seems rather to be between their descendants and their friends. I may have been in a Rip Van Winkle sleep, but I must say I never heard of this controversy up to 1875; indeed, it has been only within the past five years that I have heard much of it. Have we made any progress in its settlement in this time? On the contrary, are we not getting deeper in the mire? Isn't it about time to quit? These are questions every philatelist having the true interests of his collection at heart, should ponder over. Is it necessary for me to state, that the followers of either calling the others insane, crazy, liars, frauds, and other pet names, is not conducive to a peaceable settlement of this question, even if it were possible?

But the time has not yet come for a settlement in the manner proposed, and that time will not come, until the champions of either side can sit down and carefully, thoughtfully, and candidly view this whole matter from an impartial stand-point.

That the ordinary philatelist may know when matters are ripe for such an occurrence, I would state that about this time several important phenomena will take place, and by these signs shall ye know them. Hooper will become a *Chalmerite* and Wolsifer a follower of *Hill*. The lion and the lamb (Scott and Calman) will lie down *peacefully*, side by side, and T. J. Mitchell and Adenaw will have *stopped collecting* and *talking* about *revenue stamps*. Philatelic papers will *suspend no more*, S. Allan Taylor sell no more *counterfeits*, and Corwin quit his *kicking*.

Just about this time, too, old Gabriel will have just aroused himself from his long slumber and be burnishing up his rusty horn for the final toot, and the millenium be about to dawn.

There are some questions forever to remain open and unsettled. Philately has a few, and this is one of them. All are not followers of the Nazarene, nor Mahomet, nor Zoroaster, nor Confucius; all do not believe in Republican principals, all are not in sympathy Monarchical. All do not believe Columbus was the first to discover America; others dispute honors claimed for Morse, Stephenson, Bell and Jackson, and many say that Napoleon and Grant were only "lucky" men. So we, as philatelists, but follow the customs of the world, since the "morning stars sang together," when we fail to agree on the merits of James Chalmers and Rowland Hill. But, failing to agree, is there not some neutral ground on which we *can* meet, and give both of these eminent men the honor due them for what they have done, and let their ashes rest in peace.

GEO. F. HEATH.

NEW STAMPS AND POSTAL CARDS OF SURVINAM.

By Ph. Heinsberger, New York.

That small country situated in South America east of British Guiana, is called Survinam, or Dutch Guiana. The name is taken from the River Survinam which runs through the country.

Reader! A Dutchman is a native of Holland, (Netherlands) and is *not* a German, as most American people believe.

The Dutch navigators landed in Survinam in 1580, as discoverers of part of South America, and took possession of Survinam and British Guiana, (at that time both countries were called Dutch Guiana). But, in consequence of political events, the Dutchmen, in the year 1814, ceded to Great Britain a part of Dutch Guiana, which is now called British Guiana. The area of Survinam is 46,000 square miles, with a population of 70,000, among them 60,000 negros "alias" niggers. The capital and main seaport is Paramaibo, which has a population of 30,000. The country is ruled by a governor (appointed by the Dutch Crown), and a colonial assembly. Survinam is situated between British Guiana and French Guiana. The principal export products of Survinam are cocoa, coffee, cotton, and sugar.

The business is in the hands of the Dutchmen and Germans. Railway and telegraph lines are all over the country, and the mail service is of no importance, because correspondence is slow. (The niggers can't write, but work). Now, you numerous readers of the HOOSIER PHILATELIST, in the U. S. and foreign countries, I want to inform you that Survinam has recently delivered some sons and daughters to the family of Philatelia. The new stamps, issued in 1889, are as follows:

15 cent	Dutch gray.
20 "	light-green.
30 "	red-brown.
40 "	gray-brown.
1 Gulden	red-brown and gray.

All stamps bear the profile of "Willem III, King of the Netherlands". On the top is the word "Survanam," in a straight line. At the bottom is the value, and the letters Ct. (cent) and between both is a springing lion (arms of Holland). The corners of all stamps are filled out with fancy designs. The perforation is 11½. Further were issued "Unpaid Letter Stamps", value 30c., violet and black, and 50c. rose and carmine. On the top of these stamps are the words "Te Betalen." About in the center of the stamp, in a white oval, is the value in large type. At the bottom of the stamps is the word "Port", in a straight line. The other "postal children" are the new issued postal cards. Value, 2½c. single, and 2½c. double card, both, for interior correspondence,

and of rose and light rose color. The cards have no margin, and bear on the right side the portrait of the king, and on the left side the arms of the Netherlands. In the center of the card are the words "Brief Kart", and below this the word "Adreszijde." They have also five dotted lines to write the address on. The front part of the card is rose and the back part is of a lightrose, almost white, color. Another postal card was issued, (1889) in value 5c. and a double card also for 5c. The front of the card is blue and the back is white. On the address side of the card are written in four lines some words in the Dutch and French languages signifying that the 5c. card is for Universal Postal Union purpose.

BLACK LISTS AND FRAUDS.

I think the majority of Philatelists will agree with me that there is more dishonesty among stamp people to-day, than there has been for several years. In many instances we have only ourselves to blame for being victimized; but that does not make the fact that it is done any less conspicuous. After all that has been said and done, this thing still goes on. The Philatelic press to-day is doing a good work for the public in general, by publishing the names of all they find who are guilty of beating either collector or dealer out of stamps, and the various societies should avail themselves of their lists, and have a black-list for reference, into which the names should be copied, and when application is made for membership, they should look into the book and see if there is any one of a similar name upon its pages. The trustees of the A. P. A. could do this to an advantage, as there have been members proposed and elected who have been publicly exposed in the papers during the last eighteen months. If they had a list of all who have been publicly listed, they would then not only have a list of immense value to themselves, but make their department a Bureau of Information not exceeded in importance by any in the A. P. A. And following out this plan, I would suggest that collectors could adopt it with immense advantage to themselves, and it may be a means of saving them a few dollars in exchanging. Probably few collectors but have had more or less sharp work done on them, or more or less loss, and in many cases it has been done by those who have an unsavory record, and have been visited by some victim.

That is the reason I am in favor of collectors keeping a black-list. I would suggest that members who are taken in by these dead-beats, would report the same to Mr. Scott, Secretary of the board of Trustees—that he can put them down, and so, perhaps, be the means of catching them in some of their fine work.

While advising the above I would say, be sure that you are right, and give the accused the benefit of a doubt, because the best of us can make a mistake, and nothing is certain. Letters will get *lost*, there is no question of that; and we have to take it as a matter of course. A special delivery stamp is not equal to a ten-cent stamp on a registered letter. One you can trace; the other, if it is mislaid, lost, or stolen before it reaches the office, is practically the same as an ordinary letter.

When you receive suspicious stamps,—such as chemically changed, bogus grills, etc.—send them to the trustees, if you are an A. P. A. member; and if you are not, to some prominent Philatelist, and inform the sender of the disposition you have made of the stamps. By doing this, you will give the one you refer the matter to a chance to find out who it is that is placing the stuff in the market, and the chances are that the guilty one will be brought to account.

If this plan were followed, we would have less 2c. Canada, brown, P. O. Dept., white paper, to contend with. And now, one word about punishment.

The Postal Laws are very severe; but the great trouble is, that in cases where proof is conclusive, the great cost of bringing witnesses from all over the country makes it almost impossible to get the inspectors to take hold of a case. Here is a sample:

One Wm. M. Intosh, Jr., Duluth, Minn. was charged with procuring stamps from dealers all over the U. S. His story is, that some one else forged his name to postal cards and letters, and had the stamps sent to him, and he returned them all. As some were sent by registered mail we know that he received them. But, as none ever came back, the inference is that they could scarcely all be lost, and that he is guilty.

The District Attorney at Chicago—when the case was presented to him—took this view of it; and the matter was put into the hands of the Inspector of the district, who said he would have one of his men look into it, and there the matter rests.

The best way is to have a black-list, and any one who appears on its pages should be shunned. If the party accused is innocent, he will try and prove it; but as a usual thing there is never a word said.

MY HOUR OF REST.

When wearied by writing or reading,
 When aside all my papers I lay,
 And at last the day's tasks I am leaving,
 To rest from the cares of the day,
 By the fireside sitting in comfort,
 My album I take on my knee,
 And then, as in prearranged concert,
 My stamps, in their joy, welcome me.

I gaze on the volumn in transport,
 My eyes on its pages I feast,
 I glance once again o'er its relics
 From north and from south, west and east.
 I forget for a time cares of business,
 The problem of loss and of gain,
 And rejoice that once more I'm permitted
 To be with my treasures again.

GUY W. GREEN.

CHRONICLE.

Barbadoes.—The registry envelopes are made by DeLalrue.

Br. Guiana.—We have the current stamp printed in lilac, but without value in the lower label. It is surcharged at top, "Inland" and at bottom, "Revenue", in black, and "2 cents?" just below the ship. There are other values, from 1c. to 72c. all of the same color. We are informed that the 2c. was in use only one week, as it was discovered that dishonest persons printed a 7 before the 2, thus increasing the value. The stamps remaining were surcharged with a figure 2 in red in the center.

Br. North Borneo.—The *Ph. R.* describes four cards, 1c. ochre; 3c. purple brown; 6c. blue; 8c. green; all on white. There are frames on all, and the stamp on the two lower values are of the type of 1886, while the others have large stamps, $31\frac{1}{2} \times 20$ mm. with numerical of value in oval band.

Columbia.—A $\frac{1}{2}$ c. stamp, black, has been issued for local use in Bogota. It contains an eagle on a shield, with "Correo Urbano de Bogota" above. Perf. $13\frac{1}{2}$ on white wove paper.

Cuba.—*Le T. P.* notes "Cuba—Impress", $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1c. black, and says that in 1890-91 stamps will be issued with the bust of Alphonso XIII.

Fernando Po.—There is a 10c. "de peso" of current type, brown.

Gaboon.—The 10c. black on lilac is surcharged "25", according to *Le T. P.*, and the same journal describes two stamps, 15c. black on rose and 22c. black on green inscribed at top "Gabon—Congo".

Great Britain.—The *Ph. R.* notes a registry envelope, with an envelope stamp 4d. vermilion, on the flap. It was intended for Br. Bechuanaland, but by accident, the Castouche, with the name of that colony, was omitted.

Greece.—A few sheets of 20 lepta have been perforated $33\frac{1}{2}$, by the new machine.

Grenada.—The Registry envelopes are made by DeLalrue.

Liberia.—A new 8c. ultramarine, perf. "14," differs slightly from the 1882 issue.

Mexico.—We have seen the 10d. brown, and the 25c. red brown, of 1882 type, on thick paper. Possibly errors.

Natal.—The 1d. is reported in maroon.

New South Wales.—The 2d. envelope with new stamp, blue, has appeared. 138×18 mm. Laid paper.

Philippine I.—There are three new stamps. "Impresos", 1 mill, rose; 2 mills, blue; 5 mills, brown. The postage stamp of 1890-91 will have the bust of Alphonso XIII, and the telegraph stamp will have the arms of Spain.

Porto Rico.—The issue of 1890-91 will bear the portrait of the young king.

Rajpeepla.—In addition to the 1 arma, blue, noted by us, Mons. Mocus has this value in green.

Salvador.—The *A. Ph.* has received the 4c. on their batonne linen paper.

Sierra Leone.—The 2d. is changed in color, and is now red violet, water-marked "C A."

Tobago.—Several of our exchanges chronicle the 1d. and 3d. of 1879 issue with CA watermark. These are all revenue stamps,—only the CC watermark can be classed with the postage stamps.

Turkey I.—The $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. red brown is surcharged "one penny."

ADDITIONAL CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic,—Another new $\frac{1}{2}$ c. band. The post horn is omitted, and the envelope is at the bottom. Brown on buff.

Brazil,—The new color of the journal stamps are, 10r. olive; 20r. green; 50r. pale orange; 100r. red; 200r. black; 300r. pale rose; 500r. dark green; 700r. blue; 1000r. maroon.

Bulgaria,—There is a 1 lev. red, of the new type.

Denmark,—The 8 ore letter card has an inscription at the bottom.

Faridkot,—The 2r. registry envelope is surcharged for this state.

Gaboon,—The 10c. is surcharged "15," also the 1 franc; and the 30c. unpaid is surcharged with the same value, also for postal purposes.

Gambia,—The 2d. is orange, and the 6d. blue.

Gibraltar,—Mr. Ludwig writes that on August 1st the current stamps were issued, surcharged "Centimos", viz: 5c. on $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 10c. on 1d.; 20c. on 2d.; 25c. on $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; 40c. on 4d.; 50c. on 6d.; 75c. on 1sh. The surcharge is in black.

Italy,—The following were issued Aug. 1st. Stamps of 40c., 45c., 60c., 1 lira, 5 liras. Post Card, 5c. Letter Cards, 5c., 20c. Postal Packet Cards, from 25c. to 2l. 70c. The 45c. stamp is greenish gray (C C 38); the 1 lira has the head and inscriptions in brown, and the frame is buff. The 5c. card has stamp with arms in oval, and figures of value in corners. It measures only 110x70 mm; is dark green on red brown. The 5c. letter card has the same stamp, green on gray, but is larger, 140x80 mm. The others we have not yet seen. The *I. B. J.* states that after Jan. 1, 1890 the 5c. adhesive will bear the arms of Italy instead of the king's head.

Madagascar,—The 10c. has been surcharged ".05".

New Zealand,—The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. band has a wavy border around the instructions, and *fleurs de lys* at the angles.

Norway,—Three unpaid letter stamps have been issued. Figures of value and "at betale" in center, "norge" above, and "Portomaerke" below. 1 ore, gray brown; 10 ore, carmine; 50 ore, violet.

Nassi-Be,—This French colony on the N. E. coast of Madagascar has surcharged the 40c. of 1877 and 1881, "25" in blue.

Peru,—The new 1c. has the black horseshoe as well as the red triangle. Mr. De Jonge has information now that the new stamps will not be surcharged.

Phillippine I.,—The 2c. rare postage stamp and the 24-8 yellow brown telegraph stamp which had been surcharged in black, "Recargo de Consumas" are doing duty for postal purposes.

Russia,—There is a 4 kop. card with the new type of stamp. Carmine on buff.

Salvador,—*L'Echo de la T.* chronicles a new 3c. card, blue, but of the type of the 2c. rose.

Sweden,—The same journal says, M. Hoffmann has seen the 5 ore, green; 10 ore, rose; and 20 ore, blue, almost identical with the current.

Salvador,—The new 1c. Salvador, color green, has appeared. In design it is almost identical with the 3c. brown of 1888, the difference being the word "Union" in place of "Servicio", pending the change of the word "Union to Servicio." The postal authorities have obliterated the inscription at the top of the stamp, "Union Postal del" with a broad, heavy line. T. MITCHELL.

10 ore. The letter cards will have at the right an octagon, with the figures 5, 10, or 20.

Switzerland,—Mr. Lohmeyer has shown us a variety of the 10c. card of 1875, (without frame). The dash below "Carte—Correspondence" is missing.

United States,—The new post cards are to be of three sizes. No. 1, pearl gray, for ladies' use will be about 117x74 mm. No. 2, same size as present, 131x77 mm. No. 3, for advertising and other business purposes, 155x95 mm.

Zululand,—The $\frac{2}{3}$ d. and 5d. Jubilee stamps of Great Britain have been surcharged "Zululand."

Great Britain,—Mr. A. G. Gardner informs us as following: New post card of 3d. is about to be issued for G. Britain (to Australia). The color is vermilion-red on buff. The stamp contains full-length portrait of the Queen, "postage" at the top, and "three pence" at the bottom.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

About a year ago the firm of William L. Kimball Co., of Rochester, N. Y., began packing in their cigarettes, pictures of foreign postage stamps. The stamps were lithographed in colors, on cards about the size of the package, and were pretty good pictures of the originals. The writer at that time suggested to Messrs. Kimball & Co., the idea of putting genuine foreign stamps in the packages, instead of simply pictures. They, however, thought the plan impracticable and nothing came of it. Now, the large firm of W. Duke's Sons' & Co., of Durham, N. C. have adopted the idea, and are putting in their "Best" brand of cigarettes, a cancelled foreign stamp. The *Evening World* of Sept. 20 contained an advertisement covering an entire page, the wording of which was as follows: Try Duke's Best Cigarettes. Quality unequaled! A Genuine Foreign Postage Stamp in each package, ranging in value from one cent to two dollars and a half each!"

Here now is a chance for the boys to get rarities at small cost—but don't smoke the cigarettes.

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Among the western members of the A. P. A. there is a story going the rounds which is vouched for as truth by some of the leading lights of the Association. It runs somewhat thusly: A few months since, a meeting of the National Society was held, at which A. P. A. matters were directed in true New York style. Mr. C. B. Corwin, "collector's champion", "boss kicker", and "general knocker-out" was present and had somewhat to say on that subject himself. This far, all was well: but the story goes—when Mr. Corwin arose the next morning and attempted to place his hat upon his head, he found that it would not go on. An examination as to the cause of the difficulty, disclosed the fact that a bee—one of the real presidential kind—had lodged therein. This is why—so say these members—Mr. Corwin is moving the earth itself to show his power at the St. Louis convention. I do not vouch for the story; but as a news-gatherer, simply fulfill my duty in giving news as it comes.

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Mr. R. R. Bogert will be in the "Pullman Vestibule" which the New York contingent will occupy in the journey to St. Louis. Bro. B. will keep his eye open for any reprint discussion which may come up during the proceedings.

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Superintendent of Exchange Sterling will have a quantity of the Association sheets with him at the convention, in order that members may look them over during the recesses.

The Chicago Society will lead the record in being sociable. They request members of the A. P. A. to stop off at their city, and—if notice is given beforehand—they will be met at the depot. That's what I call a fraternal feeling! It is interesting to note that this society has now close upon two hundred members.

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Has any one seen the stamp paper which S. Allan Taylor had in mind to print some time ago? If issued, a copy of it will be a treat; as Taylor can lay it on awful hard when he wants to, and and he has several grudges to square up yet. Now that Voute has stepped down we need some one to give us a good shaking up about once a month—just to keep the mould from forming on us. Possibly Allan is waiting for the next convention in order to get matter for his paper; still he will hardly trust himself down in that warm climate, as the boys might make it hot for him.

ALVAH DAVISON.

EDITORIAL.

With this issue we commence a dealer's directory, and trust that our readers will extend their kind patronage to the new department. The price has been placed at \$1.00 for 12 insertions. The space is limited to 2 lines. No dealer should fail to be represented.

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Our readers this month, will doubtless be surprised to see us come out with the *Figaro* engraved cover. This means that *The Stamp Collector's Figaro* has been purchased by us, and we have

consolidated it with the HOOSIER PHILATELIST; and with the consolidation we will fill the subscription lists of the former and latter, and all subscribers can reply on getting all the numbers there are due them.

Mr. E. W. Voute will remain on the staff as associate editor, so his friends may expect more of his productions, and he will do all in his might to make matter interesting to our readers. His ability as an editor can not be doubted. We sincerely trust that all old patrons of the *Figaro* will again extend their kind patronage to the new *Figaro*.

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Mr. Victor H. Young, of Montreal, and a member of the Canadian Philatelic Association suggests a novel scheme.

The plan is to obtain a photograph of each member of the association and have them arranged and mounted on a card from which a photo. can be taken of the whole, and from this copy to have some 200 photos. taken which will be 11 inches deep by 14 inches wide, and mounted on a card 14 by 17 inches, thus leaving a margin all around for framing purposes. The name and number will be placed under photo.

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trated, and a very good paper.

The Stamp Collectors' Review is a very spicy and
independent paper, but rather coarse in language,
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Space will not permit us to review all journals
this month—the following received with thanks:
The Philatelic News, The Philatelic Monthly,
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an almost unnecessary requisite. His letters had
been sent to Mr. S. East Clyde street, Glasgow. He had an
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