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STAMPS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. PART I.

By W. H. VERITY.

STAMPS OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

Cape Colony is a British colony, and was settled by the Dutch in 1652. At first it was only intended as an intermediate station between Holland and their East India possessions; and occupied only a small tract of land on the slopes of Table mountain, and adjoining flats. The tide of emigration set in from Holland, and when the country finally came in possession of the English in 1806, the Dutch had extended their dominion as far east as the mouth of the Great Fish river, and from that point in a waving line across the country to the west, a little south of the Orange river.

Cape Colony proper is bounded on the north by the Orange river, and the Kei. But of late the area of this British possession has been greatly extended by the annexation of districts lying to the northward. The most important of the annexations are that of British Kaffraria, in 1806, of Basutland in 1868, of Fingoland and what is now called Griqusland east in 1875, of Griqusland west in 1876 and of Transvaal in 1877, restored to the Boers in 1881 under British sovereignty.

The area of Cape Colony proper is 181,592 square miles and the population in 1875, over 496,000. The area of the whole country with the newly incorporated districts, (but excluding Transvaal) is estimated at 234,000 square miles and its population at 1,120,163. The constitution of this country after several changes was fixed in the present form, by an act passed in the Colonial legislature in 1872, which provides for responsible government. The confederation of the south African

colonies, so as to include Natal, has been long aimed for but not yet accomplished. The organized part of Cape Colony consists of seven provinces and 30 or 40 districts. There are 2 elective chambers, elected by the colonists having a certain property, qualification or specified annual income. It consists of the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives. The Legislative Council consists of 21 members. The House of Representatives of 72 members. The British crown reserves the right to veto any legislation. The Governor is appointed by the Crown and the administration is vested in the executive council.

Stamps were first issued in this country in 1853, which was a triangular stamp of the following design: Goddess of Hope, the centre, postage to the left, value to the right, Cape of Good Hope at the bottom, ornaments in the three corners. There were four varieties of these stamps issued at that date. One penny red on bluish paper. Four pence blue on bluish paper. 1 penny red and 4 pence blue.

In 1858 two more varieties of these stamps were issued with the same design: Six pence lilac, 1 shilling green.

In 1864 the 1 shilling was printed in emerald green.

In 1861 the famous wood block, (which are so rare) was used, and the following varieties issued: 1 penny red, 1 penny blue, 4 pence blue, 4 pence red.

In 1865 stamps of a new design were issued. Stamp rectangular, Goddess of Hope, anchor and ram upon a "taille douce" background, with Cape of Good Hope above and postage and value below both white and black background, all surrounded by a white line, perforated. There were four varieties of this stamp issued at this time: 1 penny red, 4 pence blue, 6 pence lilac, 1 shilling green.

In 1868, six pence lilac was surcharged four pence.

In 1871, the 1 penny red was issued without frame. Five shilling orange was issued same design as 1865.

In 1864, having run out of 1 penny stamps, the 6 pence lilac was surcharged 1 penny.

In 1876, $\frac{1}{2}$ penny slate was issued.

In 1877, two new varieties: The 1 shilling was surcharged 1 penny, and the 4 pence blue was issued without frame.

In 1879 a new value was deemed necessary and the 4 pence blue was surcharged 3 pence.

In 1880 four pence pink was surcharged 3 pence. A 3 pence was issued in pink, same design as the $\frac{1}{2}$ penny of 1876.

In 1881 another surcharge — a large figure 3 on 3 pence claret.

In 1882, two new stamps, same design as $\frac{1}{2}$ penny of 1876: 2 pence bistre, 3 pence claret.

This gives 27 varieties of adhesive stamps, which with 2 varieties of newspaper stamps and one variety of envelope, makes 30 varieties of stamps from Cape of Good Hope.

PROVINCE OF GRIQUALAND, WEST.

Griqualand east and west are two territories of south Africa recently annexed to Cape Colony, named from the Griquas or a mixed race who inhabit them. Griqualand west lies northeast of Cape Colony. Its chief source of wealth is its diamond fields, which were discovered in 1867. Emigration immediately set in. Settlements were formed and digging was vigorously prosecuted. Diamonds to the value of above twelve million dollars were found between the dates of 1871 and 1880.

Griqualand west was annexed to Cape Colony in 1871. Krimbuley, the chief centre of the diamond industry, is the seat of government. The other chief settlements are De Beer, Du Toits, Pan, Bultfontein, Baskley and Griqua Town. The area of Griqualand west is estimated

at about 16,633 square miles and with a population of about 45,275.

Stamps of Cape Colony were surcharged for this province in 1874. Surcharged "G. W." on 1 penny red, and 4 pence blue (catalogued at \$1.00).

In 1877, large "G." in black was surcharged on the following: 1 penny red, 4 pence blue, 6 pence lilac, 1 shilling green.

Same year large "G." in red was surcharged on the $\frac{1}{2}$ penny slate, 4 pence blue, 6 pence lilac, 1 shilling green, 5 shilling orange.

In 1878 a small "G." was surcharged in black on the following: $\frac{1}{2}$ penny slate, 1 penny red, 4 pence blue, 6 pence lilac, 1 shilling green, 5 shilling orange.

Same year a small "G." was surcharged in red on the following: $\frac{1}{2}$ penny slate, 1 penny red, 4 pence blue, and the 3 pence pink in 1881.

Same year a small "G." was surcharged in black in 1881 on the 3 pence pink and 3 pence violet.

In 1882 on the 2 pence biaste, 3 pence claret.

Griqualand west give us 25 varieties of stamps. But most collectors are afraid to purchase these stamps of which there is no doubt that many which are on the market are counterfeits.

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Written for the U. S. P.

SAVING UP U. S. STAMPS.

By E. P. NEWCOMER.

Saving U. S. stamps has become a very universal habit to the philatelist for some time. U. S. stamps grow in value so much more than foreign stamps seem to, and, therefore, it proves profitable to the collector to save up *all* his United States stamps.

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Splendid exchanges can sometimes be made for old U. S. stamps, and if collectors have any good foreign stamps, we would advise them to exchange for United States stamps everytime; if they do not get its worth in U. S. stamps, still it would prove more profitable to hold these than foreign which you cannot sell.

Collectors should use large envelopes and put in the U. S. stamps you want to save; placing each variety of stamps in different envelopes and writing on the same, the number of stamps contained, the issue and color, also paste on the outside of the envelope one of the stamps so that no mistake can be made as to the kinds of stamp contained.

Stamped envelopes and postal cards should be saved entire, but when the stamped envelope is torn, the stamp should be cut out square, always leaving a large margin.

Much can be learned from old United States stamps and these stamps usually are the most interesting to the U. S. philatelist. The study of the shades and odd varieties of the U. S. stamps is a most interesting pastime and nothing pleases a true philatelist more than to come across some of these varieties.

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Watch for No. 2,

NEW ISSUES.

ANTIOQUIA.—A new 5 cent stamp has just been issued of the current type, red on pale green.

AUSTRIA.—The 15 on 5 soldi, lately reported has not been issued.

BAVARIA.—Some of the stamps are now perforated 15 instead of 12, and it is intended to issue stamps of 30 and 40 pf.

BR. N. BORENEO.—A 5 cent gray has been issued, inscribed "Postage and Revenue."

BULGARIA.—A new series will soon be issued.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The 15 cent letter card exists on both blue and gray card.

HUNGARY.—The 5 Kr. letter card is now carmine on gray.

MONTENEGRO.—Four post cards have been issued with stamps of current type; 2 n. and 2x2 n. carmine on buff, 3 n. and 3x3 n. black on gray.

ROUMANIA.—The 5 and 30 bani unpaid letter stamps are now green.

SHANGHAI.—The 40 and 80 cash are now surcharged, "20 cash" in blue.

URAGUAY.—The new 2 cent post card is blue on white.

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American Philatelist, Semi-Annual Stamp Collector, National Philatelist, Philatelic News, Ohio Philatelist, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic Journal of Ohio, Philatelic Review, Philatelic Herald, Witch City Philatelist, Quaker City Philatelist, Philatelic Midget, The Stamp, Philatelic Tribune, Queen City Philatelist, Stamp Collector's Figaro, Philatelic Gazette, Halifax Philatelist, Western Philatelist, Philatelic Journal of America, Badger State Philatelist, International Philatelic Advertiser, and The Charleston Philatelist.

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Written for the U. S. P.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

BY EDGAR D. MELVILLE.

Our opinion is, judging from evidences, that Mr. James Chalmers is the real inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. It has of late been rumored that it is a sort of an advertising scheme for the benefit of Patrick Chalmers. We do not think this, as it is an honor to be the son of a man who has done his country, ah! more than that, the whole world so much good.

The question among philatelists is: "Ought stamps imported from foreign countries to be dutiable?" We learn that foreign coins are *not* dutiable. Why stamps, which only represent the *printed* value, should be dutiable, and coins, which represent the *actual* value of the metal are not, is more than we are able to understand. Foreign bank notes are imported free of duty and there is not a particle of difference between unused stamps and bank notes. In the case of used stamps, the bank notes are more dutiable.

We think that more attention ought to be paid to the collecting of revenue stamps. It would be wise for every collector to complete their collection of revenues before bothering about other kinds.

One of the grandest things for promoting philately is the organization of local philatelic societies. It has the advantages, such as attracting general attention and giving a chance to learn from advanced philatelists.

Written for the U. S. P.

CANADIAN REVENUE STAMPS.

BY OUR CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT.

There is presented to philatelists, at the present moment, perhaps, no more interesting field of investigation, than that of Canadian revenues. These stamps, which in the past, have been almost unnoticed by the majority of philatelists are to-day fast becoming objects of great interest to both amateur and advanced collectors. The fact that they have laid so long in the dark, is no doubt due to large extent to the difficulties, that have laid in the way of procuring reliable information about them. But the day has dawned which has seen these obstacles removed, and to our wondering gaze there are exhibited between two hundred and fifty and three hundred varieties of these stamps; varieties differing so much in color and design as to make a collection of them well worth a prominent place in our philatelic libraries.

The first of these stamps were issued in 1864. All that have been issued up to the present date may be divided into five classes, viz: Bill, law, assurance, gas inspection, and weights and measures stamps. The first issue of bill stamps was put forth in 1864. This issue consisted of seventeen values, running from 1 cent to \$3. A second issue appeared the following year, consisting also of seventeen values, but nineteen varieties; there being two varieties respectively of the 30 cent and \$1. stamp. A third and last issue was put forth in 1869. Also consisting of seventeen values and nineteen varieties. This issue having two distinct varieties of the 2 cent and \$3 stamp. The designs of these stamps resemble one another considerably. They were all rectangular, printed in color on white paper, with the head of Queen to life. The profile on the first and third issues resembling that on the present issue of postage; that on the third issue similar to that to be found on the 3 and 6 cent stamps of New Foundland. A few of the third issue of these stamps were surcharged "N. S." for use in the province of Nova Scotia. The use of these stamps was repealed by an act of Parliament dated March 4, 1882.

Canadian law stamps may be sub-divided into three classes: (1) Those for use upon law briefs, copies of deeds and etc. (2) Those used upon deeds of the Supreme court. (3) Those used upon deeds when they were filed in the Registry office. The first of these stamps were issued in 1864. Consisting of four groupes distinguished by the surcharged letters at the top of the stamp, viz: (a) "L. C." in red (Lower Canada); (b) "C. F." in blue (Consolidated Fund); (c) "F. F." in yellow (Free Fund); (d) "L. S." in red (Law Society) These were all large green rectangular stamps with the figure of justice in the centre. Of a and c there are to be found fourteen values each, running from 10 cents to \$5; of b there are fifteen values, from 5 cents to \$5; of d, thirteen values, from 20 cents to \$5. The 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1 and \$2 values of these latter

divisions were surcharged in 1876-77 in blue and black respectfully. There is also said to have been issued in 1876-77, a 25c. value of these latter stamps; but I have not been fortunate enough to have come across it.

In 1864 a similar set of these stamps was issued for use in the province of Quebec. They differ from the first, in that they were a smaller sized stamp and they were not surcharged. There were fourteen values issued, also, from 10cts. to \$5. The values up to \$1 are printed in red on white; from \$1 to \$5 in blue on white.

In 1870 there was also issued a set for use in the Province of Ontario, consisting of fourteen values of similar design to the foregoing, (the values running from 5cts. to \$4). These were printed in red on white paper and were not surcharged.

In 1879 a similar stamp was issued for use in the Province of Nova Scotia, color, green; value, 25 cents.

In 1884 a set of four large size rectangular stamps was issued for use in the Province of New Brunswick; they were printed in blue on white, and of the following values, viz: 10c., 20c., 50c. and \$2.00. The design of these stamps was the same as that of the other law stamps. The color of the 20c. stamp has been lately changed to red.

(2.) These stamps, six in number, were issued in 1876. They are large rectangular stamps, printed in red on white. The design is crowned head of the Queen to the left, each stamp is registered by a printed number.

(3.) The first issue of these stamps, three in number, was put forth in 1864. They were square stamps printed in red on white, and encircled in the centre. "Registration, Lower Canada." The values were 5c., 15c. and 30c. In 1876 a new issue consisting of six values appeared (10c., 20c., 25c., 50c., \$1. and \$5.). These were rectangular stamps printed in blue on white. The design was a "Beaver," and the word "Quebec" in the centre of the stamp.

Assurance stamps were used in the Province of Quebec for some four or five years, upon fire, life, and marine insurance policies. These stamps which are large, rectangular ones were issued in 1876. They are inscribed in the centre, "License stamp, Quebec." Fifteen values of them were issued, viz: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 cents, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5. The values up to one dollar, are printed in green on white; from one to five dollars in lilac on white.

Weights and measures stamps were first issued in 1876. Nine varieties appearing. These stamps which are long, narrow, rectangular ones, are used upon certificates given by the Inspector of weights and measures, to those possessing correct ones. The design of these stamps is a crown at the top, value at the bottom, and blank space in the center for the number, date and Inspector's initials. The values issued in 1876 were 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 50cts., \$1, \$1.50 and \$2. They were printed in black, on white. In 1878 the color of the 1 and 2c. was changed again to the original one, black.

Gas Inspection stamps were also issued in 1876 and are of a similar design to the Weights and Measures stamps. Seven values were issued, printed in blue, on white paper. The values are 25, 50cts., \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3 and \$4. These stamps are used upon certificates given by the Inspector, certifying to the correction of the metres.

All Canadian Revenues are, as a rule, to be found perforated, yet there are said to exist several varieties of Law stamps which are simply rouletted. The list that I have given is, I think, complete to the date of writing, but doubtless there are still many varieties of these interesting stamps awaiting the discovery of the ardent collector. When these are brought to light, we will take pleasure in giving you a history of them; for the present we must conclude.

HENRY S. HARTE

Watch and wait for number 2.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

The *Old Curiosity Shop* is now owned by C. R. Orcutt. Mr. Clemens having sold out to him March 7.

A Brattleboro stamp was sold for two hundred and twenty-six dollars, in New York, the other day.

A new philatelic association has come to light, "The Nova Scotia Philatelic Society," of Halifax, N. S.

R. S. Harris & Co., the well known stamp dealers of Dubuque, Iowa, are about to retire from business.

Mr. C. Howard Mekell, editor of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, recently paid \$193.00 for a New Haven envelope.

Mr. Donald A. King now holds down the editorial chair of the *Halifax Philatelist*, A. B. S. Dewolfe, being business manager.

We learn that E. B. Sterling has sent in his resignation as chairman of the American Philatelic Association, to President Tiffany.

The American Philatelic Association has a membership of 457, and 49 applications for membership. There are no flies on the A. P. A.

If the U. S. government wishes to make itself popular with stamp collectors, let it issue a set of jubilee stamps in 1892.—*Charleston Philatelist*.

San Francisco is said to have 3,000 stamp collectors; New York ten times as many (30,000); Chicago and Philadelphia yet to be heard from.

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HOW TO INCREASE YOUR COLLECTION OF U. S. STAMPS.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

Every philatelist who is anywhere up with the times knows that U. S. stamps are increasing rapidly in value and that those that may now seem common to the average philatelist, will before many years rank among rare stamps. If this is true of the present issue of U. S. stamps and neighboring issues, which are now very common. How much will the U. S. stamps classed now as rare be worth in a few years?

The plan which I wish to suggest is to canvass your city for used U. S. stamps of all kinds. Of course those collectors who live in very large cities could not do this but they can canvass a part of the city. The plan is as follows:

Enter a house on your route and state that you are a collector and desire to obtain various issues of U. S. stamps complete and that this is the object of your visit. If the lady of the house is busy at the time, state that you will call on a certain day when she may have them ready, also

state that you will pay cash for all the stamps you take, according to their variety. Of course it is not expected that you pay catalogue prices for the stamps, but it is no more than right that you should pay at least a fourth catalogue value. In the same visit you can inquire for medicine stamps also and you may very often obtain some rare ones for very little money.

We have very often heard collectors express the following desire: "I wish I had all the U. S. stamps that are on old envelopes in this city." Their wish, however, can not expect to be verified unless some effort is made on their part to obtain some of them. To be a successful philatelist requires work and especially in looking after rareties of all kinds.

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BY "ERA."

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The following I have had the pleasure of seeing within the past few days:

1. Two cent on blue, size 5, star on left hand side missing.

2. Two cent of amber, size 4½, shield blurred so as to be indistinct, star on right side missing, the g like the g of the rejected die.

3. Two cent on white, size 5, the first stroke of the N in cents missing causing it to appear cenvts. The two lower strokes of the E in postage gone causing the letter to resemble an inverted L. A portion of the inner line of the frame missing.

4. Two cents on amber, size 6, the T of postage missing.

5. Two cents on white, size 6, similar to No. 1.

6. One cent on manilla, size 6, an albino stamp regularly placed.

7. Two cent on white, size 6, a partial albino. The green showing from the w of two to the s of postage.

8. Two cents on white, size 6, another partial albino. The coloring showing only on the upper right hand, partially covering the s of states, and the pos of postage.

9. Two cent on white, size 4½. The impression placed obliquely in the lower right hand corner.

There are probably many other errors or slight differences. I have

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By our Canadian Correspondent.

The Canadian Philatelist asked us the other day for our opinion of that far-famed (?) publication. We cheerfully gave it, viz: That the very best thing it could do was to suspend publication.

In our article on "Canadian Revenues" in last month's paper, we made no mention of the labels used upon tobacco, cigar-boxes and cigarettes, as it is a question to our mind whether they are worthy or should be classed among revenue stamps. Will philatelists express their opinion upon this matter?

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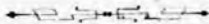
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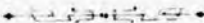
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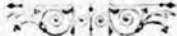


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No collector should be so illiberal as not to share his knowledge with others, but should do all that is possible in making philately more widely known. Of course

you must use your own judgment and taste in the matter of circulating this knowledge, there are many good ways of doing so with very little effort, and it cannot help but do good. And any energetic collector can soon get some interested enough to join the ranks. It is time that the prevailing privacy be thrown aside and the science revealed to the people. Anything that tends to make philately popular is a move in the right direction.

Specialty Collecting.

BY FIG.

There seems to be a great number of collectors now a days who term themselves "specialists." Now the idea in question is what are these specialists and what do they collect? Some will say they are devoting their entire time and attention to the stamps of the United States, another to Great Britain, its colonies, etc; that does not matter. But what I desire to get at is, how do they collect these stamps? Included in these specialties generally you will find that they take anything and everything that could possibly be called a stamp, so long as it hails from the country or countries they have it. Now my advice to a collector is to collect the stamps of all countries and if these seem too many pieces to over-burden the collection, make the specialty by drawing a line on the finest of issues; as for instance (as I was a collector up to a short time ago) an album arranged after a standard catalog and nothing should be accepted by the collector that is issued after the catalog was completed. And so in this way the philatelist may be a general collector and not take everything that comes along. For new issues are coming in so extremely fast that a

collector is almost obliged to hire a number of clerks to arrange the new issues, in his already large collection. Now any kind of an album cannot be made permanent and have the numerous new issues placed in it as fast as they are produced. If a blank album is used new pages have to be inserted constantly or spaces arranged in a supplementary volume, which will not be of a pleasing nature, as a collector to have his stamps, if each country is scattered through a number of volumes might, as the primitive boy collector does, viz. paste each variety side by side in a row as fast as they are obtained, regardless of country, etc.

I think I have written enough on this subject to show up my ideas in a clear manner, and so will cut short by adding that the form I have mentioned is a pleasant way of making a specialty out of collecting.

Written for this paper.

The Great Philatelist.

BY EDG. D. MELVILLE.

Benjamin Franklin was a philatelist in every sense of the word.

To our knowledge we do not know whether he was a collector of stamps, but with the exception of that, he was an active philatelist and is unsurpassed as one.

He was efficient in developing our postal service. In those early days before Franklin gave his labor towards the advancement of postal service, it was carried on poorly indeed.

The country remained in this state of affairs for a number of years, till the energetic Franklin began to see that what the country most needed was a good postal service.

His diligent labors soon attracted the attention of the public and

they eagerly gave aid in establishing their object.

In 1755 Franklin was deputy postmaster general of the colonies. When the United States took up the postage stamp in 1847 on the first issue was engraved the head of the most laborious worker for the postal system cause—Benjamin Franklin.

Written for this paper.

Stamps.

BY C. M'ARTNEY.

The system of preparing postage by the use of adhesive stamps was originated by Rowland Hill in 1837.

The British government adopted this plan May 6, 1840. Seven years later, or just forty-one years ago, they were introduced into the United States.

The designs vary greatly, not only to the time, but to the nationalities issuing them. Each nation has many varieties; as to the old they are soon discarded for some new design or purpose. Hence the field open to philatelists is very broad. Affording ample ground for search and collecting. The first stamp adopted by the British government contained in the center a profile of the queen. The real value was immediately below this profile, and above was the word, "Postage."

Some of the other countries did not like this design for it seemed like an insult to the queen, by blackening her portrait in cancelling the stamp. On this account the Brazillian government at first used a stamp with just the figure of value on it, but afterwards the profile of the emperor appeared. The Germans seem to use numerals of value encircled by inscriptions. These were first printed in black on colored paper, but these were easily counterfeited and the plan of using colored

ink on white paper was adopted.

Some countries use their coat of arms as the principal design, while others (the U. S. for example) use the portrait of their famous statesmen and philosophers. The varieties issued by the United States government are many; in fact would form a very interesting collection, as at one time there were 127 varieties in actual use. The varieties issued number over 160, thus distancing all other countries.

Great Britain has issued not over 50 kinds and France not over 75. The first U. S. postage stamps consisted of the portrait of Benj. Franklin in the center and the word "postoffice" immediately above it, the letter "U." was in the left hand upper corner and in the right the letter "S." The figure 5 was placed in the two lower corners and the words "Five Cents," below the portrait. Franklin's profile has always been a favorite as it still appears on the one cent stamps and is taken from a profile bust by Rubielit. Stamps were scarcely used in a half dozen countries before postage stamp collecting, as it was called, was commenced. The name for it now is philately and is taken from two Greek words which strictly means loving and tax free.

It is a very interesting and instructive pastime, and philatelists are always innumeral. The benefit derived from it is great, if the collecting is accompanied by a careful study. In taking up a stamp do not be contented until you are fully acquainted with it. Find out the value in U. S. money. Study the position of the country. The customs and manners of the people of the country from which it came, and the probable route it came by.

(To be continued.)

How is it that so many philatelic papers suspend publication during the summer months? Is it because all their contributors are away on their holidays, and they have no articles for their columns? Or is it the worry of their extensive publishing and stamp business, or the heat that effects the editor's brains so much that he is bound to rusticate at the seaside or go camping for a month or two? Or is it because the stamp business being so dull and the advertisers so few that he cannot raise sufficient funds to pay his printer? He is probably like Macawber, "waiting for something to turn up."—"Query" in *Can. Ph.*, Sept. '86.

Written for this paper.

Philatelic and Curiosity Papers.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

The value that the philatelic papers of today do for stamp collecting at large cannot be over-estimated. When an old philatelist compares the number of respectable papers of ten years ago with those of today he is led to exclaim, "surely stamp collecting is growing."

It is the duty of every philatelist to subscribe for at least one philatelic journal and if his money is plenty it would not be out of the way to subscribe for five or six.

I am sometimes surprised to see philatelists taking several curiosity papers and not taking any paper devoted wholly to philately. Philatelists should give their support to journals devoted wholly to their hobby and not subscribe for every paper that is started claiming to be a stamp coin and curiosity paper when in reality a philatelic journal publishes more of interest to stamp collectors in one number than do these papers in one year.

I have seen just three papers

published at present devoted to all hobbies that any one could subscribe for knowing they would receive their money's worth in stamp matter.

Young philatelists are more careless than old ones in subscribing for a paper, but they should give their support to journals that advocate their hobby instead of one which advocates a little of everything and not much of anything.

Where is the *Eastern Philatelist*? Did your 16 pages, finely printed on antique laid paper, and cover of imperial sameness, laid you out? We hope not, but then (excuse the moss-back) the good die young.

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Written for this paper.

Philatelic Notes.

BY P. W. TOURTELLOTT.

One Dime published a piece of poetry(?) by Fig in No. 6.

The *I. P. A.* is progressing finely, twelve have signified their intention of joining.—[Good, Ed.]

Had No. 4. of the *Charleston Philatelist* the typographical appearance of No. 2, we would say it was one of the neatest.

We are sorry to hear that the July issue of the *Agassiz Record* was the last. In it the scientific collector loses his best journal.

In Vol. 2. No. 1. of the *Stamp Collector's Figaro*, Voute says, "Personal disputes will no longer find space in our paper." We fail to see the promise kept, as in No. 2, he was just as bad as ever in his "squabbles" with Mr. Bradt and J. W. Scott.

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Tarvin of the Queen City Philatelist wrote us June 16th informing us the Q. C. P. had not suspended but would be out in a few days.

"Philatelic Honesty," in the July number of the Keystone State Collector is great. Mr. Moore evidently knows what he is talking about.

Brother Wright issued a double number of his International Philatelic Advertiser for June and July. "What I Learned in a Night" was exceedingly good.

Has anyone ever seen a copy of the British American Philatelic Advertiser of Canada? It was announced to appear in March. Could they have meant March, '89?

Hearing that a Mr. Wagner of Howard, Kan., intended publishing a stamp journal, we dropped him a card enquiring style, price, etc. He replied saying he had given it up.

Mr. Hanes of Durbin and Hanes, publishers of the Philatelic Monthly, is cruising about the New England coast inhaling the salt sea breeze, and having a good time generally.

The Stamp gives the Collector's Review up as a bad job. They say the editor goes out buggy riding with a certain young lady too frequently frequent, to attend to the Review. Now if the roads are as dusty and buggy riding (with your girl) as pleasant in Denver as here, you have the sympathy of the entire PHILATELIST force. We've been there.

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Geo. H. Richmond has favored us with a copy of his American Philatelic Press Directory. The directory is a neat little 64 page book, containing a directory of all philatelic journals ever issued; a list of suspended papers, a personal directory, a list of 120 foreign philatelic publications, besides numerous other things, and is worth twice the price—which is 25 cts.

The Chicago Postage Stamp Co., publishers of the Philatelic Chronicle, (a 4 page paper, price 12 cts. a year) have kindly given us permission to use their chronicle of new issues. This will enable us to always have a correct and late list.

The Denver boys have favored us with an invitation to the 3d anniversary banquet of the Denver Stamp Collectors League. Boys, nothing would please us more than to be present. We have actually thought of it but—Denver is too far to walk.

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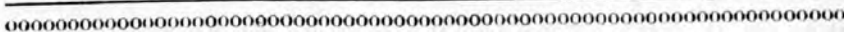
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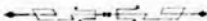
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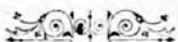
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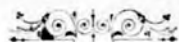
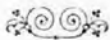
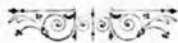
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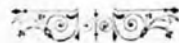
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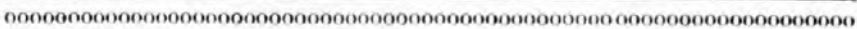
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DOES A CIPHER EXIST?

BY "VEDA"

I had the pleasure a few days ago to call on my old friend Ignatius Dumbell who is, as are most of the philatelists of the great lake metropolis, an ardent supporter of the Chalmers idea. This morning he was more than ever excited, and immediately rushed up to me and grasped me by the hand, and proceeded to execute the pump handle movement with great vigor.

"Why, Ig., what is the matter," I exclaimed as soon as he had allowed me to recover my breath, "you act as if you were well nigh being out of your head. Has your tailor sent in his bill receipted?"

"Ved, old boy, we have got the sceptics who do not support James Chalmers dead to rights. Why, Roplaed Hill in his pamphlet acknowledges it in a cipher, and I have found it. Look here!" and taking a pamphlet down he excitedly opened it and pointed to the first paragraph:

"POSTOFFICE REFORM."

"The last quarterly account shows that the present revenue of the country greatly exceeds the expenditure."

"Don't you see the *c* in office is just nine letters from the beginning and the next ninth letter is an *h*; now of course the next letter in Chalmers is *a* and is the third letter, now see the third letter from the *h* is an *a*; now there are two letters between the *h* and *a* and by equation we find,

$$x=9-2 \text{ or } x=7$$

now the seventh letter from the *a* is an *l*. The balance of the sentence reads,

"There is therefore reason to hope that a reduction may shortly take place."

"Now the next must be an *m*. The number of the first letter is 9, the second is 9 from the first, now add 9 and 9 equals 18, subtracting the 2 (the difference between the second and third letters) we have $18-2=16$. Multiplying by the fourth letter's number we have $16 \times 7=112$; now the fourth letter is in the tenth syllable and 112 plus 10 is 122. Now the difference between the value of the third letter and the fourth is $7-2=5$. Now by my system:

$$m=122 \text{ plus } 5 \text{ or } 127.$$

"Now let us count; don't you see the 127 letter from the *l* is an *m*? Don't that prove that the cipher exists? Chalm—what can that stand for but Chalmers? but wait; the last figure of 122 is 2 and the difference between 5 and 2 is 3, and 127 plus 3 is 130. Now in the next paragraph the 130 letter is *e*; now by combining the figures of 127 and 130 we have 1 plus 2 plus 7 plus 1 plus 3 plus 0=14, and 1 plus 4=5, and the last figure of definite value in 130 is 3; now then 5 plus 3 or 8 will be the next letter and the eighth letter is *r*. Now again, the last figure of worth in 130 is 3, and 3×8 is 24; now then what is the twenty-fourth letter from the *r*? It is an *s*. You see by cipher we have found the letters *C h a l m e r s* in the first two paragraphs of Rowland Hill's "Postoffice Reform." Who is there so sceptical as not to believe Hill placed them there to perpetuate the truth?"

PHILATELIC POINTERS.

BY COL. LECTOR.

It is the *Collector's Standard* now. A good change.

The *Eastern Philatelist* now appears as a bi-monthly, and in new form. Its contents are as good as of yore, however.

August heralds a new departure, in the *Collector's Exchange*, from Springfield, Wis. It contains lots of "flatlicks" and is above the average.

The 5 cent black, stamp issued by Robt. H. Morris, postmaster of New York, on July 14th, 1845, was engraved on copper by Randon, Wright, and Hatch, of New York.

The 1876, Four Krans, yellow of Persia was called from circulation on account of robberies having been committed, and a large quantity of the stamps stolen. They were replaced by the Four Krans, blue, in 1878.

Notwithstanding the hot weather, and the fact that new stamp journals are scarce during the summer months, at least six new ones have sprung into existence. It is, I fear, needless to say that the majority of them will probably spring out before many moons.

With the July number Messrs Mann and Kindig sever their connection with the *Philatelic Gazette*, which passes into the hands of a stock company, of which nearly all the members of the Chicago Philatelic Society are share holders. It is incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois, and has a capital stock of \$1000. We are promised something very fine, for with such men as S. B. Bradt for editor and C. R. Gadson for Business manager, what paper would not be a success.

The 3 cent lilac stamp issued by Bousefield & Poole, Cleveland, O., May 7th, 1867, is worth \$30.

Is not the *Collector's Review* on the downward slope? No. 6 contains nothing of value to philatelists. And where is No. 7?

The 5 cent dark-blue, issued by Hawaii in 1864, was designed by Wm. G. Irwin, head clerk of the Honolulu postoffice. It was printed by the National Bank Note Co.

The National Stamp Dealers' Association are discussing the feasibility of issuing a standard catalogue. That is, one adopted by all members of the Association. Such a work would be of inestimable value to philatelists, and it is to be hoped will be adopted.

I fail to see what earthly sense there is in philatelic editors filling from one-half to a column of their papers with the names of papers received during the month. Reviews are interesting, but a lot of such stuff as *American Philatelist* Vol. 2, No. 8, etc., is enough to disgust anyone. Perhaps I am woefully ignorant, and such a list is a necessity to the philatelic public, but, as before stated, I fail to see it.

Jimmy Jay, it did not pay;
Can't even give your "locals" away.
"Gold and glory" you did not get,
Although you'r striving for it yet.

Jim was such a scheming "kid,"
He onto the public his "locals" slid,
Suckers, though, didn't seem to bite,
And Jimmy had better crawl out of sight.

Now Jimmy Jay got fired out,
For slinging slang at Bro. Voute.
"Mum" is the word in the A. P. A.
So Jim hereafter look out what you say.

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It's the *Philatelic Beacon!* Some ink, paper and light. May your light never grow dim.

There were 175 of the rejected die of '87 found at LeMars, Ia., last week. No. 5 on white.

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Will Vol. 3 of the *American Philatelist* be the same size as Vol. 2? That's what's troubling us.

Mr. Marshall's ad. on 8th page should read "3 cents worth of fine stamps from my sheets" instead of "3 five cent stamps."

Mr. Marshall for lack of time to devote to the work has turned the secretaryship of the P. A. of I. over to Mr. Lawrence.

Where are the *Philatelic Tribune*, *Kentucky Stamp Magazine*, and *Prince Edward Island Philatelist*? Not retired, I hope.

The *Stamp Collector's Figaro* has again appeared. Collectors should avail themselves of our great offer on 3d page of cover.

We are two weeks late with this issue, owing to our printer getting married. We will guarantee that this will not happen again.

The officers, on our ticket are all A. P. A. members except Mr. Marshall. Ackerman is 386, Lawrence 439, Scott 627 and Turtelot 618.

"Lagos," who furnishes us with a monthly review of papers, is evidently off about "Neimands" review. He undoubtedly thought that it would appear, by the time this was published.

The *Curiosity World* is now the *Stamp World*. Say, brother H., didn't you make a mistake in your last issue? The Aug. number was Vol 3, No. 30. The Sept. Vol. 4 No. 31. You'r a year too soon.

ADDENDA TO CLUB LIST: Collector's Exchange 50, 50; Collector and Exchange 50, 35; Collector's Standard 25, 25; Freeman's Fireside Visitor 25, 25, and Little Clipper 15, 20, and the Philatelic Gazette should be 50, 50 instead of 15 25. The other five papers have not answered our letters yet.

THE PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.

BY "LAGOS."

Commencing with this issue I intend to view alphabetically all the stamp journals of the United States. The following is a complete list of all journals up to Sept. 15th:

American Philatelist, American Journal of Philately, Badger State Philatelist, Charleston Philatelist, Collectors' Exchange, Collector and Exchange, Collector's Ledger, Collectors' Magazine, Collectors' Review, Collectors' Standard, Eastern Philatelist, International Collector, International Philatelic Advertiser, Keystone State Collector, Kentucky Stamp Magazine, National Philatelist, Ohio Philatelist, One Dime, Philatelic Gazette, Philatelic Journal of America, Philatelic Journal of Ohio, Philatelic Midget, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic News, Philatelic Tribune and Advertiser, Philatelic World, Philadelphia Philatelist, Philo's Monthly, Quaker City Philatelist, Stamp, Stamp Collector, Stamp Collectors' Figaro, Stamp World; and UNITED STATES PHILATELIST.

The first journal to be reviewed is the *American Philatelist*, the official journal of the American Philatelic Association. The initial number appeared January 10th, 1887 as a 7x10 eight page journal without cover, under the management W. R. Fraser, of Altoona, Pa. Only five issues appeared when it temporarily suspended. It again appeared in October as a 20 page and cover (size 7x11) magazine with Messrs MacCalla, Brock and Stone as editors. It has just completed volume 2, and the twelve numbers, when bound, will make a book to be proud of. It is considered by all as the "finest stamp journal in the world," and it should be, for it has such philatelic writers as J. K. Tiffany, Pres., A. P. A. and St. L. P. S., Major Evans, C. B. Corwin, "Niemand," Capt. C. A. Coolidge, W. W. Thomas, "Wanderer," Robt. S. Hatcher, and

Courtlandt F. Bishop. The New Issue department is conducted by W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass. Courtlandt F. Bishop's "New York Notes," are always interesting. Nemand's review of periodicals, fair, square, and just the thing, and Robt. S. Hatcher's are always first-class, and read with interest by all. The advertising rates are the same for twelve insertions as for one, viz: 50 cts. per inch to A. P. A. members and 75 cts. to others. Its circulation is 1700. The subscription price is 50 cts. per year.

The *American Journal of Philately*, edited by J. Walker Scott and published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., limited of New York is a daisy. Vol. 1, No. 1 of the new series appeared Feb. 15th as a 40 page—6½x9½—and cover magazine. A history of postage stamps of all nations by the editor, is excellent. A Post Card Catalog and an Addenda to their stamp catalogue appears each month. In typographical appearance and general make up it beats any journal in the world. Far excelling our *American Philatelist*, although the latter has the most interesting reading matter. As the *Journals'* advertising rates are a little high—\$10 per inch—they are not overrun with ads.

I will now go for the *Badger State Philatelist*, of Delavan, Wis. This journal first appeared as a four. 6x10, three column to the page sheet last December, with N. E. Carter and Harry Judson as editors and publishers. With No. 2, it changed to a 12 pager, two columns to a page. With No. 3 another change was made,—that of reducing it to eight pages and cover. Mr. Judson also retired with this issue, leaving Mr. Carter sole boss.

[To be continued.]

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

STAMPS.

BY C. MC CARTNEY.

(Continued from last month.)

A good plan is to divide your album into different departments, or countries as you might call them. Take for instance Germany, under this head place all stamps you can obtain from that country. Take Austria, France, and all the other countries and arrange them in a like manner.

If you have no album or if you prefer, take a stiff piece of card board 7 by 6 and glue a row of stamps across the long way of the card. Now leave just below this row a space the same size as occupied by the stamps above. Then paste another row of stamps and leave a space below them as before and so on until you leave three rows of stamps and three corresponding spaces. Divide the blank space now into blocks the same size of a stamp and write or print the city or town from where it came. Next the country and then the value in U. S. money. Take for example a stamp in the first row is from Berlin, Germany, and the value, 50 pfennige. In the space immediately below the stamp, Berlin, Germany, and \$00 119, the value of 50 pfennige in American money would be placed and thus you have all about the stamp in a nut shell. Other plans may be suggested and carried out to suit each collector. Parents should interest and encourage their children in collecting stamps, as it will improve them very much intellectually. Fellow philatelists, if you are collecting stamps, do not become discouraged because your collection grows slowly. Persevere and success must crown your efforts. You will enjoy the labor and it will be an interesting spot in your life to look back upon.

Another advertising cheat is S. M. Bowles, of Woodford, Vt.; \$2 is the amount he owes us.

About May 1st we sent the *Western Philatelist* Pub. Co. of Chicago 15c for a copy of Tiffany's Library Companion; we have never received it. Has it ever been issued?

The *Keystone State Collectors' Club List* is evidently "made up" to make money. They have raised the *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* subscription price to 50c. (35c) and the *Badger State Ph.* to 25c (15c). If the *Collector* would leave out about five pages of trash and devote its columns to philately it would be quite an interesting journal.

The editorial ink-slinger of that first class (?) journal the *Badger State Philatelist* takes up nearly two inches of his valuable (?) space in commenting upon the appearance of the July issue of this journal. Our shape and style has changed, visibly, since then. We hear that Bro. Carter has been dealing in counterfeit stamps of late. This is doubtless the reason he did not notice the change.

The following was received in reply to our enquiry as to whether the *Philatelic Herald* was really dead:

Portland, Maine, Aug. 28.

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GENTS: Yours of the 24th inst received and contents noted. The *Philatelic Herald* is NOT DEAD, but the January number is not out. I intend to issue one number (which is about half printed) which will be for the months of Jan. to Aug.; beginning next month the *Philatelic Herald* will be issued from Freeport, Maine. It will be published by a different party. Hoping the above includes the desired information, I remain,
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A. H. Wagner, Howard, Kan. 200 unused stamps to trade for \$4 worth of stamps by Scott's catalog. They are worth \$6; 50 var. stamps for every 25 revenue stamps sent me, 500 foreign for every 500 U. S. except 1887 issue.

S. Barr, New Brunswick, N. J., 40 foreign stamps for every copper cent, war token, match medicine, special delivery, local, revenue or dept. stamp.

P. W. Tourtellot, Wyoming, Ia. A copy of the Peerless Directory, a 30-page volume containing the addresses of over 800 collectors, hints as how to collect, etc., and Vol 1, No. 1 of the Collector's World, valued at 10 cts. for every four stamp papers with covers.

J. L. Pender, Portsmouth, N. H. Books, games, puzzles, etc., to exchange for stamps; philatelic papers for same. Wanted: Any copy of New England Philat. or Coll's Companion.

F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y., American Philat. Directory, 25c, for 200 square cut U. S. envelopes, match, medicine, playing card, document or revenue stamp or current issue adhesive except one and two cent.

C. F. Eustis, Portland, Me. The "Cruise of the Ghost," by Alden in fine condition, for 80 var. unused stamps.

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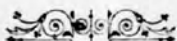


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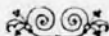
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PHILATELIC CRANKS.

"WANDERER"

Dealers run up against many of these oddities and I will endeavor to give you a brief sketch of some whom I have met, trusting it will interest some of your readers.

No. 1. This P. C. comes into a dealer's office and will look over every album and sheet in the place and finally purchase, after several hour's anxious search, about ten cents worth, and come back probably again the same week and go through the same business.

No. 2 comes in in a business like manner, asks to be shown a good assortment and then tells you what he has got in his collection and after looking over the collection, departs without buying, but with the promise he will come in and see you when he has more time.

No. 3 always has a list of stamps which he wants to fill out his sets. After considerable trouble the stamps are hunted out and examined and number 3 says, "Well, I just wanted to know if you had them. I don't want them now; when I do, I will come down and see if I can make a bargain with you.

No. 4. This is the most provoking crank you are brought into contact with. He sends all over the country for price lists, and then tells you he can buy the stamps for so much less from —, and asks if you cannot give it to him for the same. If the dealer is inexperienced in this class he

will come down in his prices and when selling time comes he will ask you "how much discount he is a-going to allow?" after some haggling the financial part is settled and you are astonished by a request for *some old philatelic papers*. There are several more of this species but we will turn to the sheet cranks.

No. 5 writes for sheets of rare stamps. He is investigated and found O. K. Sheets of rare stamps are sent him but he never buys. This is the most singular specimen of the crank species. What can he want with the stamps? He is honest but never buys. I sent *ten different lots* of stamps to one of these chaps, and he never bought one stamp, but always wanted more sent.

No. 6 is the one who always wants U. S. stamps cheaper than the dealer can buy them, and can buy them from another dealer so much cheaper. To this most common crank I would say: Why don't you buy them from the party you can get them so cheap from and not bother other dealers?

U. S. stamps in fine condition nearly always bring catalog prices and the dealer will not give you his stamps if he cannot make on them. Now if any of these P. C.'s get this paper and read these lines, let them reform as they can now see the way are regarded. We are all more or less cranks, but when our cranky notions affect other people's good nature, we should subdue them for our own good if not for others.

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vote counted in election and becomes a charter member if he further qualifies. Unless otherwise voted, the officers elected will enter up their term of office Nov. 1st, and serve until January 1st, 1890, making the term of office commence with the first of the year. Circular letters were sent out last month to quite a number of Iowa philatelists but as yet few replies have been received. I am pleased to note, however, the interest evinced by those who have thus far written. We have on our application list nearly all of the Iowa A. P. A. members and hope to have them all there soon. Up to Oct. 5th the following had signified their intention of joining: E. R. Marshall, *P. W. Tourtellot, Wyoming; Ed Clay, *A. L. Lawrence, Le Mars; E. P. Newcomer, Ida Grove; *W. A. Ackerman, Marengo; *W. J. Studley, Dallas Centre; *S. C. Scott, Calmar; W. P. Chase, Des Moines; *J. K. Garrett, Burlington; Chas. Glass, Beaman; *Ed L. Raish, Akron; *H. C. Kendall, Emmetsburg; and E. Cornell, Marshalltown. * signifies A. P. A. members. The secretary will be glad to hear from members prospective regarding their choice as to ticket or ideas upon the society in general. Now let me have a word with the Iowa philatelists who have not as yet decided to join. Our dues will be low. The majority favoring an initiation fee of 25 cts. and dues of 50 cts. semi-annually. You will derive benefits exceeding in value the amount you pay in from receiving our official journal and use of the library alone, to say nothing of the philatelic paper exchange together with many other advantages.

This month we will complete our organization by electing our officers and voting on official journal and name of our association. The latter I request as I desire to have electros. of our association heading made and used on all official matter. Election will occur from Oct. 15th to Nov. 1st. Every vote to be counted must be sent me before the last named date, giving voter's name and address and enclosing 25 cts. which amount will be credited on the voter's dues to the association. Please cast your vote as follows: For president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, librarian, exchange supt., and on our official journal, name of association and amount of dues. By the last of October blanks will be sent to every one voting in the election which the secretary desires to have filled out and returned as soon as possible. Those who have signed their intentions of joining, will receive official notice of election by Oct. 25th. However, any Iowa philatelist may, by observing the above, have his

A. L. LAWRENCE,
Sec. Pro tem.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. THE STAMP DEALERS OF AMERICA.

E. R. M.

The demand for philatelic literature is steadily increasing and nearly every stamp collector is forming a library.

The *International Collector* now has the matter of organizing the Philatelic Society of America in charge. It is hardly probable that this society will ever materialize.

After a year and a half of silence and of dismay(?) among its subscribers, the *Arizona Pride of Philately* turns over its subscription list to the *Figaro*. Mr. Browne's conscience has, no doubt, given him many a dig in the meantime, and he has decided that "Honesty is the best policy."

Carter asks "Where is the *Philatelic Midget*?" To the great regret(?) of his many(?) friends and subscribers(?), Jimmy Jay has decided that publishing a stamp(?) paper does not pay when one's untarnished(?) reputation becomes clouded, consequently he has suspended the publication of that interesting(?) and valuable(?) magazine, and at last accounts had (in the language of the poet) crawled into an aperture and pulled the aperture in after him.

The *Stamp* threatens to discontinue their "men of stamp" if philatelists are not more willing to allow their "mugs" to adorn that enterprising journal. We intended on hearing this to forward our photo to the boys for publication, but unfortunately the only likeness in our possession is an old daguerrotype which portrays us in knee-breeches long stockings and a powdered wig, which might be considered by some a little behind the times.

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EDITORIAL FACTS AND FANCIES.

W. W. Thomas, publisher of three different philatelic failures has started a new enterprise. This time it is a weekly prohibition sheet.

We would say to the publishers of the *Philatelic Gazette* that we were merely wondering how, with all the enterprise usually manifested by Chicago people, it should take six months to publish a little twenty-four page pamphlet.

Henry A. Reuss will be the *Ledger's* next victim in the "Prom Phs."

Vol. 1, No. 1 of *Era's Monthly*, a little sheet published by E. R. Aldrich in the interest of his stamp trade has been received.

The *International Collector*, which was sold a few months since to the California Philatelic Society has been repurchased by Mr. Samuels.

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We have secured the services of T. J. Mitchell, ("Wanderer") one of the foremost philatelic writers of the day, who will contribute a page of interesting matter each month under the head of "Wanderer's Corner."

Mr. Patrick Chalmers has our thanks for a copy of his reply to Mr. Pearson Hill.

The *Stamp Collector* Pub. Co. will publish Henry S. Harte's work on "Postage Stamps of Canada." Mr. H. had written us to see if we could print the book but we were unable to do so. Besides printing the UNITED STATES PHILATELIST and a large weekly for himself, our printer has all the job work he can attend to.

We desire to call attention to the fact that our post office box is *lock* box 11, not box 11.

"Niemand" has our hearty thanks for the bundle of magazines he so kindly sent us. By-the-way, when will your review appear, "Niemand?"

The suspending of that insignificant little sheet, the *Philatelic Midget* leaves the UNITED STATES PHILATELIST the only stamp paper in Iowa.

E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa., has favored us with his Oct. price list. We see Mr. P. has purchased the stock formerly owned by Geo. H. Richmond and now has one of the largest stocks in the country.

In our last issue we stated we had heard that N. E. Carter, editor of the *Badger State Philatelist* was dealing in bogus stamps. The following is an extract from a letter received a few days ago from W. S. Kinzer, the stamp dealer and publisher, of Wooster, Ohio. "In the Sept. number of your paper I see you mention Carter, of Delavan, as a dealer in counterfeits. I can say the same of him as I had an exchange with him some time ago, and the stamps on his sheet were *very rank* counterfeits.

Quite a number of neat little four-page sheets have appeared in the last month. Among them may be mentioned the *Park City Collector*. Bennett & Hunt publishers.

The *Stamp* has published the photos of Messrs Mitchell, Cuno, Seagrave, Lighthstone, Harris, Clotz, Feldwisch, Bogert, Stone, Brock, Osgood, Nicholson, Bradford and Rechert. The *Collectors' Ledger*, Messrs Mekell, Sterling, Holton, Davidson, Frazer, Aue, Kuenstler, Deats, Gamba Hubbard, Moorehead, Aldrich, Bixby, Pinkham, Lohmeyer, Nienstadt, Calman, and next month Reuss, total, 32.

The July-August *Toronto Philatelic Journal* is out at last. Bad luck? Hot weather? Oh! no. only a little scheme of its editor who was after the C. P. A. secretaryship,—but he didn't get it.

We are informed that Maurice V. Samuels, of the *Inter. Coll.*, is only 14 years old. Yet how can this be when Mr. S. is a member of the N. S. D. A. and we understand that unless you were over 21 you can not be admitted.

Publishing stamp papers must be a "gold lined snap" by the way new papers are springing up. Over a dozen within the last month.

E. R. M. in his "Notes and Comments" says: "Philatelic literature is increasing and all are starting libraries. He is about right for that is what's ailing the editor of this highly interesting but poorly paying concern. See list of papers wanted.

The Sept. number of Jewetts old paper at hand. This paper is still a little backward about being

forward, as the first issue was one month late. It consists of twelve well filled pages and is topped off with a tasty cover. Bro. Jewett is hard at work upon Vol. 5, No. 1, which will consist of forty pages.

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TO OUR PATRONS.

The following is the list of contents for the December number (out Dec. 20th) of this journal.

- 1 Wanderer's Corner, T. J. Mitchell.
- 2 Official report Phil. Ass'n. of Iowa.
- 3 Interesting Stamp Articles, clipped.
- 4 Complete list Philatelic Papers
- 5 Canadian Notes, Henry S. Harte.
- 6 Editor's Comments, S. C. Scott
- 7 Ex. Column and Business Directory.
- 8 Advertisements.

Pages 2, 3 and 4 of cover devoted to advts. One of our features will be a page of interesting stamp articles clipped from various philatelic magazines. We shall select the best and due credit will always be given. This page will undoubtedly be of interest to most of our readers as few collectors subscribe to the fifty and one stamp magazines published in United States and Canada. Another feature is our list of stamp journals. This list is carefully revised each month and it is the only complete list extant. We would also say that our Canadian Notes are conducted by Henry S. Harte. Wanderer's Corner is conducted by the prominent philatelist, Mr. T. J. Mitchell, and in saying this we say all that is necessary. Together with the official report of the Iowa Association, editorials, reviews and the exchange column. We flatter ourselves our journal is worth the price asked for a year's subscription.

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WANDERER'S CORNER.

Those who are trying to have revenues declared non-collectable would be astonished if they knew that many of the apparently common stamps are almost non-procurable, but it is a fact. Such stamps as the two-cent express, orange, are getting very scarce and sell at double catalogue prices; the same is true of the six-cent Inland exchange and a number of others. We also notice that Sterling's prices are accepted as the standard and Scott's are neglected. If Mr. Sterling had put his revenue catalogue down to his old price—25 cts.—he would sell four or five where he now sells one.

And now the country is saved for four years more. Let us take up our stamps and drop politics. We notice that F. J. Stanton, the fellow who runs that black-mailing sheet, the Philatelic Tribune, has an editorial making an appeal to the philatelists to support the republican ticket; his powerful argument is that "the republican party will reduce postage to one cent." The brain of this intellectual giant of Smyrna must have been severely tasked in the composition of this editorial. Confine yourself to bringing false charges against reputable dealers and always forget to send them copies of such charges, which cannot be substantiated. This is more in your line, which will sometime settle you with a few lines and perhaps a striped suit.

During the early part of September Messrs Wilcox and Mitchell presented a case to the post

office department against A. M. Andrews Jr., L. L. Tredger and etc. of Boston, Mass., for using the mails for fraudulent purposes. We understand this party has been arrested and is in jail. Anyone who has been swindled by one W. L. R. Tillow, Pontiac, Mich., will do well to communicate to T. J. Mitchell.

Messrs. Wilcox & Tower have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by Mr. Wilcox at the old stand, No. 70, State-st, room 312, where he will be pleased to see any philatelist who may be passing through Chicago.

We understand certain eastern firms are buying up all the U. S. revenues they can, so they can reap the benefit of a corner. The revenue collector should not pay any attention to the claims that revenues are to be discarded. Revenues, especially U. S., have *come to stay*, notwithstanding the reports to the contrary. If you doubt my word try and buy some at wholesale prices *if you can*.

The 3-cent 1870-2 which have only three sides perforated, come in that condition from the post office department. It is caused by the cutting of the sheets. Nevertheless the stamps are part perforated and are worthy of a place in your album; especially when the stamps show a portion of another stamp. I have one stamp, 1871 issue, which has portions of the adjoining stamps on both sides and a fair margin on the top and bottom. This may be an unperforated specimen but I am not fully assured of it yet.

PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.—OFFICIAL.

Result of the P. A. of I. election held Oct. 15th to Nov. 1st. Blank votes given below marked with *.

President, W. A. Ackerman	16	1*
Vice Pres., E. R. Marshall	15	1*
W. P. Chase	1	
Secretary, A. L. Lawrence	16	
W. P. Chase	1	
Treasurer, S. C. Scott	16	
H. C. Kendall	1	
Stamp Ex Supt., E. L. Raish	9	1*
P. W. Tourtellot	5	
H. C. Kendall	2	
Official Jn'l., U. S. Philatelist	16	1*
Name, Philat. Ass'n. of Iowa	10	
Iowa Philat. Ass'n.	7	
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" \$1 " No fee	4	
" .50 " Fee 25 cts.	4	
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One vote cast for non-member is registered above as blank.

Our election is over and the Philatelic Association of Iowa is no longer prospective but is an actuality. But do not construe this as meaning that we can now let matters shape themselves. On the contrary there is now work for everyone of us, both officers and members. For the former of getting the affairs of their respective offices in shape as speedily as possible, and for the latter of aiding in obtaining new members. A philatelic association will never flourish except the members work in conjunction.

Our charter membership with official numbers is as below, numbers being in rotation as votes were received, 1, 2 and 3 reserved for the members of the organizing committee. The charter members will be entitled to membership cards when their names, with

references, have been published one month and their formal application filed with the secretary—the A. P. A.'s plan of admission being adopted entire.

1	E. R. Marshall, Wyoming.
2	W. A. Ackerman, Marengo.
3	A. L. Lawrence, Le Mars.
4	W. P. Chase, Des Moines.
5	E. Cornell, Marshalltown.
6	Ed L. Raish, Akron.
7	Ed G. Clay, Le Mars.
8	W. J. Studley, Dallas Centre.
9	E. P. Newcomer, Ida Grove.
10	J. A. Schiller, Ida Grove.
11	J. K. Garrett, Burlington.
12	H. C. Kendall, Emmetsburg.
13	P. W. Tourtellot, Wyoming.
14	Henry Elvidge, Decorah.
15	E. R. Johnson, Lenox.
16	S. C. Scott, Calmar.
17	W. A. Chadwick, Des Moines.

Much to my regret through a misunderstanding between Mr. Scott and myself, there was an error in the election notice as regards the U. S. PHILATELIST ticket, but which, I am glad to say, worked no evil. In this connection let me state the election was held only for the offices named in the call and did not include those of Librarian or Paper exchange Superintendent.

Already, I am glad to note, the P. A. of I. has been instrumental in awakening into activity one or two Iowa Philatelists.

The application blanks are not out of press to date, but I hope to have them for distribution within a few days. I will also endeavor to prepare and circulate as speedily as possible drafts of constitution and by-laws for note of members which, I trust, will have your prompt attention.

A. L. LAWRENCE, Secretary.
Le Mars, Nov. 5th.

OUR REVIEW TABLE.

The October Philatelic Herald appeared the 20th, and the November number the 10th. Now you are on time and we hope you may be able to "stay there."

The last Philatelic Tribune—double No.—is a miserable looking sheet; nothing of interest in it to collectors.

The Badger State Philatelist will present a photo of some collector in each issue commencing with the December number.

The Charleston Philatelist says if we are for Hill we should change our name as all *United States Philatelists* are for Chalmers. So are we.

The American Collector is a new 8-page and cover monthly. We see the editor, S. Estele Miller, admires "unpretentious papers." He had evidently been reading Hubbard's last Stamp World. But it is needless to say we sent him a copy by return mail.

We are to have two Stamp Worlds. If Brother Hubbard will bind and cut the leaves of his journal, the other journal will have hard work to beat him.

Why the Quaker City Philatelist and Toronto Philatelic Journal won't exchange with us is a mystery. What have we done?

Where are the Philatelic Journal of Ohio, Collector's Magazine, Keystone State Collector, Ohio Philatelist, Canada Philatelist and Prince Edward Island Philatelist?

Our New Jersey friend, the Exchangers' Monthly has commenced its fourth volume. It starts out well—32 pages and cover.

The Old Curiosity Shop is again on deck; E. M. Haight is editor. C. R. Orcutt publisher.

The May-June Minnesota Philatelist has been dated October and sent out. It's refreshing to read May news in November. If the Minn. Philat. will only come out regularly hereafter it is sure to succeed.

The Collector's Review has been discontinued but as friend Babb desires to air his opinions occasionally, he issues a 4-page sheet which he calls the Collector's Comment.]

We learn through the Philatelic Gazette of the suspension of Philo's Monthly, owing to the condition of Mr. Bradt's health. The Gazette fills the unexpired subscriptions.

The November number of the Philatelic Journal of America consists of 48 pages and cover. 25 pages of advertisements.]

The Eureka Philatelist, published by the Eureka Stamp Co., 1613 Bush-St., San Francisco, is at hand. It is the size of One Dime.

"How I Made \$1000" in No. 2 of the Philatelic Press is good. The Press is an interesting little sheet.

The Stamp Collector's Journal, England, for October, consists of 28 pages and cover.

E. J. Smith will soon revive the Buckeye State Collector. Good, there is always room for one more.

Common Sense has suspended—sixteen numbers have been published. It was always quite interesting but it is impossible to bind it as it changed its size too often.

PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

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- American Collector.** S. E. Miller, Oak Hill, Ohio, sub. 20c, adv. 40c, circ. 1000, 8 p and e, mo.
- American Journal of Philately.** Scott, Stamp & Coin Co, 721 Br adway, New York city, sub 50c, adv \$1, cir 3000, 32 p and e mo.
- American Philatelist.** box 287 Philadelphia, sub 50c, adv 75c, cir 2750, 32 to 40 p and e mo.
- Badger State Philatelist.** N. E. Carter box 314 Delavan, Wis, sub 25, adv 40c, cir 1400, 8 p and c, mo.
- Black Hawk Philatelist.** Philatelist Pub Co, Rock Island, Ills, sub 10c, adv 35c, cir 500, 4 p mo.
- Canada Stamp and Coin Journal.** Maritime Printing Co, Halifax, N. S, sub 25c, adv 50c, circ 2000, 8 p and e mo.
- Charleston Philatelist.** G. J. Lubn, Jr, 65 Vanderhorst-st, Charleston, S. C. sub 10c, adv rates on app, circ 1200, 12 p and c, quarterly.
- Collectors Comment.** H. A. Babb, box 2081 Denver, Col, sub 10c, adv 65c, circ 2000 4 p mo.
- Collector's Exchange.** Frank Eames, Jr, Elkhorn, Wis, sub 25c, adv 40c, circ 500, 8 p mo.
- Collector and Exchange.** H. S. Fickett & Co, 115 10th-st Buffalo, N. Y., sub 25c, adv 50c, circ 1500, 12 p mo.
- Collector's Ledger.** Gustave and Wm H. Aue, Bloomfield, N. J., sub 35c, adv 65c, circ 2000, 16 p and c, mo.
- Collectors Magazine.** Col. Pub. Co., box 271, Paterson, N. J., sub 50, adv, 50c, circ —, 16 p and c, mo.
- Collector's Standard.** C. D. Smith, Delta, N. Y., sub 25c, adv 50c, circ 1000 4 p and e, mo.
- Eastern Philatelist.** W. H. Goodrich, 151 Main-st Fitchburg, Mass., sub 25c, adv 60c, circ 1100, 8 p and c, bi-mo.
- Eureka Philatelist.** Eureka Stamp Co 1613 Bush-st, San Francisco, sub 10c, adv 25c, circ 500, 4 p and e, mo.
- Halifax Philatelist.** Hal. Phil. Pub. Co. box 219 Halifax, N. S., sub 25c, adv 50c, circ 1200 to 2000, 16 p and e, mo.
- International Collector.** Col. Pub. Co. 2219 Scott-st, San Francisco, sub 50c, adv 40c, circ 1000, 8 p and e mo.
- Keystone State Collector.** A. W. Weikell, box 478, Philadelphia, sub 25c, adv 35c, circ 1000, 8 p mo.
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- Ontario Stamp Journal.** M. H. Bigger Niagara Falls, St. Ontario, Canada, sub 10c, adv 25c, circ 1000, 6 p mo.
- Park City Collector.** Bennet & Hunt 717 Main-st, Bridgeport, Ct, sub 10 c, adv 40c, circ 500, 4 p mo.
- Philatelic Beacon.** Chas E. Hutchinson, box 259 Newtonville, Mass, sub 25c, adv 50c, circ —, 8 p and c, mo.
- Philatelic Gazette.** Western Phil. Pub. Co, box 577 Chicago, sub 50c, adv \$1 25, circ —, 16 p and c, mo.
- Philatelic Herald.** Phil. Herald Pub. Co. Freeport, Maine, sub 25c, adv 50c, circ —, 12 p and c, mo.
- Philatelic Journal of America.** C. H. Mekeel, Turner, Bldg. St. Louis, Mo., sub. 50c, adv \$1.25, circ 3500, 32 p and c, mo.
- Philatelic Monthly.** Durbin & Hanes 138 So 7th-st, Philadelphia, Pa, sub 25c, no ads taken, circ 8 p mo.
- Philatelic News.** W. B. Brockway, Jamestown, N. Y., sub 25c, adv 50c, circ 1000, 8 p mo.
- Philatelic Press.** H. G. Manchester, West Winsted, Ct., Sub 25c, adv 50c, circ 1000, 4 p mo.
- Philatelic Tribune and Advertiser.** F. J. Stanton, Smyna, N. Y., sub 25c, adv 60c, circ 1000, 4 p mo.
- Philatelic World.** R. R. Bogert & Co room 37, Tribune bldg, New York, sub 25c, no ads taken, circ — 1 p mo.
- Stamp, Stamp Pub. Co.,** box 2922, Denver, ol., sub 25c, adv 50c, circ 1500, 20 p and e, mo.
- Stamp Collector.** Ottawa, Ill., sub 50c, adv rates on app, circ — 16 p and c.
- Stamp Collector's Figaro.** E. W. Voute, box 233, Chicago, Ill., sub 35c, adv 80c, circ 20000 per annum, 16 p and c, mo.
- Stamp World.** John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H., sub 25c, adv 50c, circ 2000, 16 p and c, mo.
- Hoosier Philatelist.** F. N. Massoth Jr., Hanover Centre, Ind., sub free, adv rates on app, circ —, mo.
- Quaker City Philatelist.** Q. C. Phil. Pub. Co., box 1153, Philadelphia, sub 15c, adv 75c, circ 2500, 16 p and c, mo.
- United States Philatelist.** S. C. Scott, lock box 11, Calmar, Ia., sub 15c, adv, 35c, circ 15000 per annum, 8 p and c, mo.

CANADIAN NOTES.

The first annual convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association is now a thing of the past. The election resulted in several changes in the list of officers—which we hope will be for the better. We are glad that the name of Henry Hechler heads the list; in our estimation he is the most worthy philatelist in Canada to hold the position of president of our association, and one who will spare no pains to make the C. P. A. a successful organization. The Halifax Philatelist is now the official organ and we trust that the change may be beneficial to the interests of the association.

The Ontario Stamp Journal is the title of a modest sheet that we received about the middle of Sept. We trust the publisher will not be too hard on us if we presume to review the initial number of his journal. Well, No. 1 hails from Niagra Falls South, Ontario, and is dated Oct., 1888. It consists of six about 6x9 pages. When we looked at the title and the superscription we fully expected to see something in it that would be of interest to collectors, but imagine our surprise when we found the following to be its contents: About four pages of advts., one column of editorials, a letter about the Halifax Ferry Tokens, a C. P. A. ticket, two-thirds of a column devoted to abusing Mr. Geo. A. Lowe, a one-half column of premium offers and a third of a column headed "Notes." The enterprising (?) publisher of this journal is Mr. M. H. Bigger, and we hardly feel up to wishing him "fool luck."

We are watching for Vol. 2, No. 1 of the Canadian Philatelist and are wondering whether it will be

a credit or not to Canadian philatelic journalism, Niagara Falls, South, judging from past and present appearances, seems to be a rather unhealthy place for stamp magazines; however, let us hope that Mr. French may have learned something by experience and will issue a journal that will be a credit and not a disgrace to our cause.

It has often struck me as being very strange that the attempts that have been made in the past in the way of publishing stamp papers in Canada seems to have amounted to so little. There are surely sufficiently well-informed philatelists in our Dominion to in issuing at least one or two first-class papers, and yet we have only one publication that can in any way be called a representative journal. May we soon see a change in the present state of affairs.

As the writer draws nigh the end, philatelic matters are looking up in Canada. Old collectors are taking a fresh interest in their hobby and new ones are being added to our ranks. Our association will no doubt be instrumental in drawing many into the ranks of philately, and cementing the bond of union that exists between Canadian philatelists.

HENRY S. HARTE.

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Mr. Joseph J. Casey has our thanks for a copy of the last auction sale of the Edwin Collection held in New York Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

We have reduced our subscription price to 15 cts. per year, thinking two subscribers at 15 cts. better than one at 25 cts. Our advertising rates are now 35 cts. per inch instead of 50 cts. Send in a trial advertisement for the December number. We shall mail 1450 copies the 20th of December.

The lists of stamp papers published in the last Philatelic Literature Collector and Philo's Monthly were far from being complete. Now we can say that ours *is complete* up to date, Nov. 20th. Remember this list is revised each month, and that it is the *only complete list* published.

We would say to Messrs. Clay, Asseln, Kendall, Crosby, Brown and others who have subscribed to the Stamp Collector's Figaro and this journal at club rates, that their subscription has been sent the editor of that journal and we have his acknowledgement. By the way, the September (the 15th) number of the Figaro was the last one to appear up to date. We understand Voute will issue number 16 in a few days.

The following was received a few days ago: "In the Oct number of UNITED STATES PHILATELIST I saw a letter from W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, Ohio, in which he states I sent him counterfeit stamps. Now I wish to say a few words in reply. Mr. K. is not an honorable man and I can prove it by letters received from him. He solicited exchanging in a number of advertisements in various papers. I sent him a selection of stamps in reply, upon receiving them he retained a number of the stamps and in return sent me a lot of

trash that he thought (?) equal in value. I asked him to return them, he replied by asking me to send more. I put his name in the columns of the Badger State Philatelist as a fraud. This I suppose aroused him to take revenge by saying he had received counterfits from me which is an infamous lie. Thanking you for space given. I remain respectfully, N. E. CARTER.

T. J. Mitchell and Henry S. Harte are regular contributors to this journal.

We shall mail 1450 copies of this journal Dec. 20th. Send us a trial adv. Rates 35 cts. per inch.

We take great pleasure (?) in announcing that James C. Jay's excellent (?) Philatelic (?) Midget is not dead. The October number has appeared.

We see that Jimmy Jay denies writing a letter to E. W. Voute. He says a Mr. Geo. W. Caviness wrote it, also other letters in his name. Also that Caviness has skipped to Montana, taking along his collection of stamps. Now we have heard that Jay and Caviness were the same person. Does any one know?

As the list of stamp papers published in Philo's Monthly seemed to take well, and as that journal is now out of existence, we shall publish a revised list each month of all the philatelic papers published in the United States and Canada. This will be invaluable to any wishing to subscribe or advertise in any stamp journal published as the name, address, subscription price, advertising rates, and circulation is always given.

EXCHANGE COLUMN.

(Open to all wishing to exchange anything philatelic. Limit 25 words.)

Erastus Cornell, box 409, Marshalltown, Iowa. Large pennies, Jackson tokens, nickels without cents and other coins for U. S. medicine, document or other revenue stamps, or for silver 3 cent pieces.

A. L. Lawrence, box 1334, LeMars, Iowa: philatelic magazines for same; send list. An original U. S. local for every 2 stamp papers with covers in good condition.

N. E. Carter, box 314, Delavan, Wis. Unused South American stamps for every 3 var. philatelic papers sent me. Not less than 30 wanted at a time.

Geo. H. Young, 18 Richards ave., Portsmouth, N. H. Philatelic papers wanted; send lists of what you have to exchange and I will inform you on what terms I will exchange.

J. L. Pender, box 954, Portsmouth, N. H. 50 foreign stamps for every philatelic or collector's paper sent me. Duplicates taken; No sample copies wanted.

H. I. Brown, Mason City, Iowa. Stamp, tag, coin and natural history papers for coins and currency, also stamps and tags for coins.

S. C. Scott, Calmar, Iowa. A year's subscription to this paper for any one of the following journals: Halifax Philatelist vol. 2 no. 1. Philatelic Gazette vol. 1, nos. 3 and 5; vol. 2, nos. 2 and 3. Vade Mecum vol. 1, nos. 1 and 2

M. Brill, 207 E. 57th-st, New York, U. S. foreign, match, medicine and revenue stamps for same. The 90c Arg. Rep. surcharged "official" for the 12 or 24c 1857 or 6c executive.

T. Mayer, 233 Andrews-st, Rochester N. Y. Postage and revenue stamps, such as D. S. Barnes, Comstock, Helmbold, Jaynes and others, for others not in my collection.

A. W. Ferree, box 107, Constantine, Mich. Watch valued at \$6 and revolver at \$2 for best offer of stamps, also stamps for stamps.

S. B. Bradt, Grand Crossing, Ill. Philatelic papers brought sold and exchanged. I will give 50 varieties foreign stamps for a copy of every stamp paper devoted wholly to the interest of stamp collecting.

L. Howard, 306 Vermont-st, Buffalo, N. Y. About 240 U. S. and 1400 foreign stamps neatly hinged in a Scott's International Album, many rare, for best offer collection of coins.

A. H. Wagner, A. P. A. 599, Howard Kansas. 100 unused stamps value \$2.25 by Scott, for rare U. S. or good foreign stamps.

F. S. Goldebury, box 4, Barre, Vt. 1000 foreign stamps for 40 philatelic papers. 3 var. U. S. postal cards for every paper sent me.

Robt. S. Hatcher, Lafayette, Ind. I want to buy rare U. S. match, medicine, document and other revenue and postage stamps of this government for my collection.

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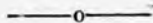
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Notes from the Dominion.

THE parties who are in the habit of changing stamps on the C. P. A exchange sheets are playing a dangerous game. The sooner an example is made of them the better it will be for the interests of our association.

IT is our intention to issue March 1st, the initial number of the *Dominion Philatelist*, which we intend to be a first class journal in every way. It will contain at least twelve pages of Philatelic matter each month, from the pens of our best writers.

I CAME across, the other day, a specimen of the 2 cent Canadian Bill stamp, second issue, printed on *very thin* white paper.

IT is surprising that collecting *Franked* envelopes is not more strongly advocated than what it is. The Canadian Post Office, and other government departments can furnish numerous varieties of these envelopes, a collection which can not but be interesting.

QUITE a stir has been caused in Postal Circles, by the discovery that numbers of merchants, living along the United States border, make a habit of mailing their letters in the United States, thus saving considerable in the way of postage. This discovery may be the means of causing our Postmaster General to reduce our rate of postage to two cents.

PROVINCIAL stamps, especially those of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick are in great demand. These stamps must become very rare ere the laps of many years. Collectors would do well to complete their collections of them at as early a date as possible.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to reduce the letter rate to England from five to three cents. If such a change should be made, specimens of our present five cent stamps, used, would, after a while become quite scarce. More anon.

—Rev. Henry S. Harte.

Collecting Oddities.

IT SEEMS to be the proper thing to abuse the collector who goes into any special line of collecting; as for instance, Mr. Bacon's remarks in the *American Philatelist* for January, where he calls certain collectors, "Lunatics, Cranks," etc. Now, I have had a few years experience in the stamp line myself, and I fail to see anything but what is in favor of collections of everything pertaining to stamps. It is through these cranks who bore you into the matter of culling small varieties, that we have made many discoveries, and Philately many gains. I fail to see why any collector should be bound to follow any other crank's opinion. Almost every outsider will say, "You are all a parcel of fools in my opinion, and have more money than brains."

If a collector wishes to get all the different numbers on the Mexican stamps, why not? he is spending his own money, collecting for his own pleasure, and as long as he admires his collection and is satisfied, who should find fault? If collectors would give us more information in regard to their stamps, and find less fault with their neighbors' collections, the cause would be more benefited, and they would understand more about stamps. While I may not care for many things which give others pleas-

ure, yet I have my own little stock of weakness, and have some few things which others may dispise and hold up to public contempt. I have enough Christian charity to be lineant with any of my brothers' weaknesses in this respect, but can not hold any for the one who wishes simply to hold up to ridicule things which he does not understand, and only pity for the one who tries to stand on a pedestal and cry "fools" to the ones who are below. Perhaps they have not reached the ripe experience of the one who possesses judgement, and perhaps they have passed him, but it is not the size of the collection that makes the Philatelist. No, it is the amount of knowledge he possesses and can impart.

—T. J. Mitchell.

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—A. L. LAWRENCE, SECRETARY.

An Open Letter.

Smyrna, N. Y., Jan. 11th. 1889.

Editor "PHILATELIST,"

I have this very evening, for the first time, read the slanderous and utterly false charges made against me, and my paper the *Philatelic Tribune*, by "Wanderer" in your November issue. The fact of my being away from home during nearly all of the months of Nov. and Dec. accounts for my not having noticed the article before. Now, I desire to say, that I will give the writer of that article \$25.00 for each and every instance wherein I have made false charges against any dealer, reputable or not. I have written T. J. Mitchell, whom I believe to be the author, to make good his assertions, or to publicly retract them in this paper, or I shall brand him as he deserves to be branded—a slanderer and a falsifier. F. J. STANTON

Our Editor's Impressions.

OWING to a change of printers, we were unable to get out our December and January issues, and having an abhorrence of double numbers, we concluded to date Number 5, February, instead of December. During the coming year we shall appear promptly on the 10th of each month and shall increase our size to 16 pages and cover, in a few months. Hereafter only standard articles will appear in our columns, consisting of bright original matter from the pens of the leading philatelists of the day, including J. Walter Scott, Lieut. J. M. T. Partello, T. J. Mitchell, Henry S. Harte, Capt. C. A. Coolidge, U. S. A., Alvah Davidson, K. Brewster Cox, C. Elmer Roe, John R. Hooper, Ph. Heinsberger, A. Churchill Roberts, Wm. Seeligberg and Will M. Clemens, making our list of contributors equalled by few and excelled by none. As an advertising medium the UNITED STATES PHILATELIST is one of the best and cheapest, if not the cheapest stamp advertiser extant. Our rates are 35 cents per inch, \$3.00 per page with 25% off on 3 insertions, while our monthly circulation is never less than 1500. Dealers cannot afford to advertise in any but a paying paper and an ad. in *this paper pays*.

S. ALLAN TAYLOR intends to republish the *Stamp Collector's Record*. As this was the first collector's paper published in the United States, its appearance will be hailed with delight by the collecting fraternity. As the noted Allan says, "It will as of yore, deal with things relating to stamp sticking, in its own fashion and will toy breezily with individuals doing business under false names."

THE *Collector's Standard* has been sold to Mr. E. R. Marshall, Vice-President P. A. of I., Wyoming, Iowa, who will continue it under that name. Its former publisher, Mr. G. D. Smith will act in the capacity of associate editor.

OUR thanks are due the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Chicago Philatelic Society, R. R. Bogert & Co., and J. J. Casey for catalogues of auction sales. Stevens & Co., and Wm. P. Brown for coin catalogues. The Colo. Philatelic Co., for the 2d edition of the Stamp Dealers of the U. S., and to John S. Bixby and Chicago Philatelic Society for New Year cards.

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THE *Flour City Philatelist* have just issued number 1. It is a sixteen page and cover, monthly, published by the Bell Publishing Co., Minneapolis. The *Dominion Philatelist* will appear in March with the Rev. Henry S. Harte as publisher.

THE *Philatelic Journal of America*, Volume 5, Number 49 was a superb number. Seventy-eight pages of reading matter, and fifty pages and cover of advertisements. It also contained the photos of twenty-six of our leading Stamp Dealers, and thirty-four page advertisements. The *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* now appears in new form with twenty-five pages of reading matter, and seven and cover of advertisements. A new wrinkle of the publishers is, "only advertisements of a half column or over are taken,"

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