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FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST

A Monthly Journal Devoted to Philately.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JANUARY, 1889.

INTRODUCTORY.

EVERY stamp collector, who has learned the difference between a reprint and a remainder, is ambitious to publish a journal in the interest of his favorite pursuit — philately. The writer of this has resisted the temptation to give his researches to an anxious public for several cycles of time, and only yields to the present impulse after having gotten together a collection whose extensiveness will enable him to impart some practical information to collectors. The field of philately seems to be so well represented by the various publications as to render any further contributions to the literature of the science unnecessary, and yet the best things pertaining to this estimable hobby are often neglected or only slightly treated. In this as in other branches of intellectual study, there is always "room at the top" and the editor of the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST will aim to give his readers the highest class of both original and contributed articles at the lowest rate of compensation. Performances, however, are better than promises, and this and future numbers will be permitted to speak for themselves.

The aim of the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST is make a good paper at the start, and while it may seem rather venturesome to attempt walking before creeping, yet the experience of those who have commenced similar publications at a standard too low for popular

appreciation has not been crowned with marked success. The writer has had several years experience in the newspaper business, and hopes that this apprenticeship will prove a sufficient excuse for his ignoring the "creeping" period.

Our advertising rates are placed for the present at a very low schedule, hardly commensurate with the quality or circulation of the paper. Advertisers will not complain of this innovation, but we desire to impress upon their minds that the rate is no just criterion of the value of our space. After this fact has been fully established our advertising patrons will no doubt be willing to pay a higher rate, and the schedule will then be advanced so as to correspond more nearly to the service rendered.

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THE REPRINT.

A Word or Two in It's Favor.



THE MANNER IN WHICH A PERSON WHO DEFENDS THE REPRINT SHOULD BE TREATED ACCORDING TO THE ANTI-REPRINTS.

THIS very prolific topic is now being handled without gloves by every editor, dealer and collector who can get his "stuff" into print in some one of the numerous stamps papers of the day. The most serious feature of the discussion is the way Mr. Wm. P. Brown, of New York City, is made the target for their sarcastic (?) remarks. Mr. Brown is an old well-known dealer—the oldest in the U. S. now in business—and when some "fresh" people get up and make the statement that the reprint is no better than a counterfeit, and collectors should not patronize a dealer who sells such "trash" they, to all appearances, accuse Mr. Brown of being nothing more nor less than a swindler; in short, a sort of S. Allan Taylor. The old saw about a dog's bark being worse than his bite might be made to apply to the aforementioned "fresh" people. It is not our intention to dwell at length on all the salient points of this subject. We shall only say a few words in *defense* of this much-abused article. The A. P. A. by deciding to adopt the harsh, and to many of its members, the arbitrary course of ruling the reprint off all their sheets, and deciding that it is no better than a counterfeit or fac-simile and should not be collected as a postage stamp, is mainly to blame for bringing this interminable argument upon us.

Mr. Brown in the October *American Philatelist* came out with an article entitled "A Word for the Reprint." The main points on which he defended it were; 1. That to the majority of collectors the original stamp is

unattainable from its high monetary value. 2. That it is impossible to distinguish the difference between the original and the reprint. 3. That to depose the reprint from the place it has heretofore held in collections, is mainly due to the "innate selfishness" of a few who possess originals which are cheapened in price by the reprint. 4. The defacement of many collections by removing all reprints.

The main argument which the inaugurators of this crusade advance, or at least that has any bearing on the subject, is that the reprint is simply a copy or forgery, official to be sure, but having no postal value whatever. They go on to say that one might just as well collect counterfeits. We take much the same view of the matter as Mr. Brown. Being enthusiastic collectors, possessing large collections and not being favored by the Fickle Goddess with a large surplus bank account, we decidedly object to a withdrawal of the reprint from the market. Taking our collections, the largest consisting of 9000 varieties, it would remove by actual count, giving the reprint the benefit of the doubt where any exists, just 250 stamps. This would break up sets without number, and in one instance an entire country—Romagna. One glance at a catalogue is convincing of the futility of trying to replace these reprints with originals used; for who would want unused when no one can tell original from reprint. These 250 stamps cost us at a close estimate \$75 and to purchase the same in used originals at least \$1,500.00. We want to ask the promulgators of this latest sensation one question: Are you, individually or collectively capable of taking our collection and marking nine-tenths of the stamps which have been reprinted, so as to separate the chaff from the wheat? We doubt your ability or that of any man to do so, and yet *be certain* of his judgment.

Let us take a catalogue and compare the difference in price between a reprint and a used original. Selecting three countries at random, Sardinia, Thurn & Taxis and Sicily, taking them in sets by Scott. The first of the three shows a difference in price of fifteen cents in favor of the used. The two others show the reprint to sell *over* the used stamp. What is the reason of this? You will say at once one of two things; either the price quoted for the unused stamp is for the original or remainder; or else the used variety is very common. This wouldn't amount to anything as a reason in a case where it is impossible to distinguish between the reprint and the original, and the second can be answered best by asking you to glance over the collections of eight or ten of your friends and see how the used varieties show up. Well, what is to be done? Quit selling unused stamps of those countries whose stamps have been reprinted? Hardly. The reprint is so thoroughly mixed in with unused originals, both in collections and the stocks of the dealers, that to attempt to sort it out would be infinitely worse than to try and show the exact spot in Jerusalem

on which the Temple stood. Let well enough alone. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Suppose for a moment that the dealer and collector agree to abolish the reprint. What is the direct result? A sudden advance in prices. Three-fourths of the collectors howling for stamps they cannot buy for love or money, even allowing that they have the money to buy with. The dealer with a stock of used originals, or unused which he could prove were such beyond a doubt, would reap such a harvest, that he could retire from business in a year's time. After a certain length of time has elapsed, the reprint would commence to creep into the market again under the name of original, and at the expiration of fifteen or twenty years, the same state of affairs which now exist would again result. To be sure the demand for the reprint having ceased, none would be issued of stamps which had become obsolete during that period. That would be the only direct gain to collectors. We have failed to see, so far as we have read the different arguments on the subject, who would derive any material benefit from such a move, excepting the few who possess exceedingly rare unused originals now cheapened by the reprint. You say the collector, would, by collecting originals only. We say the dealer would by the sudden advance in prices. If this subject was put to the popular vote of every collector after he had read both sides of the argument, we firmly believe the stand the A. P. A., have taken would be rejected by 990 out of every 1000 collectors.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel in an article on this subject in the *P. J. of A.*, of recent date, quotes Major Evans as saying that he never heard of any reprinted stamps of Rómagna, Moldavia and several other countries, which have always been supposed to come under that head, and claims that these so-called reprints are in reality not reprints but *remainders*. If these are remainders they must be considered as originals; but the great stickler in swallowing this theory is why they don't bring the same price as the unused original. What way are they different? Many of them must have been printed on the same sheet as the rare originals if they are remainders. Still they sell for cents while the originals sell for dollars. In regard to Moldavian reprinted stamps we quote N. F. Seebeck in his 1882 issue of his price catalogue. Of the 1858 issue of Moldavia he remarks: "We offer *reprints* of the above, as originals are unattainable." He prices the 81p at \$1.50 and the 108p at \$2.00. Surely Major Evans wouldn't accuse Mr. Seebeck of trying to palm off counterfeits on the public. Now don't try to hedge out by saying the reprint is a counterfeit. If these stamps are remainders they must be originals; and yet we are told that the original is unattainable. Cannot this point as to which countries did and which did not reprint any of their stamps, and which are remainders among the list

Major Evans mentions, be settled by corresponding with the postal authorities of those countries? Any sale of remainders must have been recorded, and likewise the reprinting of any issues.

Now, someone of an inquiring or else argumentive turn of mind comes to the front and wants to know why the U. S. locals which have all been reprinted and are absolutely worthless as such, should not be classed with other reprinted stamps. For a few very simple reasons. 1. The U. S. local was not an official nor Government issue, but simply a private enterprise and could not be used all over the country, but only in one locality. It scarcely deserves the name of postage stamp. For a better illustration of our example take Jimmie Jay's "locals." 2. The plates not belonging to the Government, but to private parties who were compelled by it to discontinue their use, makes the reprinted (?) locals nothing but rank counterfeits, the plates originally having been sold to other parties as a money-making scheme. 3. The local stamp not having any official recognition—the Russian locals excepted—is not collected by many postage stamp collectors, and it is for this reason the German, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish locals are not collected, especially those of the first named country, which are designated as "trash" by our prominent (?) philatelists and ink slingers. We have in our collection letters with this "trash" on them and post cards which have done local service; in short American District Telegraph work under a different name, having the same system of delivery and collection. We consider the U. S. no better than their foreign brethren, and must be included in the same category.

In the December *American Philatelist* Mr. Brown again has a short article, and asks a few terse questions, the meat of which is as follows; 1. Why do the supporters of this movement against reprinted stamps include U. S. reprints as collectable stamps? 2. If it is because they are still good for postage, will the collector be compelled the moment the Government declares them uncurrent, to cease collecting them and tear out all those he has in his album? These are sticklers. Let him answer it who can do so conclusively.

If the reprint must go, why not the proof also. Of all the valueless things, so far as their use is concerned, that the stamp collector is asked to buy, the proof is the worst. Of no cash value, often only essays which cannot be redeemed or used, even when the originals are current, they should be classed with the balance of the "trash." Look at the valuable collection which a prominent dealer recently sold to a wealthy young man and the price the w. y. m. paid for it. It was just like lighting cigars with \$5 bank notes if the theories of the Anti-Reprint folks are sensible. The proof is issued before the stamp becomes current. The reprint is issued after the stamp becomes uncurrent. Wherein lies the distinction so far as their

comparative claims to legitimacy is concerned? You can buy all of the U. S. adhesive postage stamps—174 varieties—for \$25 in a proof set. One stamp alone is worth in its original form \$60. If the reprint must go, send the proof along to keep it company. How would our young New Jerseyman like such a move? He would feel like the persons who have paid good sums for reprints. The reprint cannot be considered a counterfeit, and the person who makes that statement hasn't good sense. It can be classed with the so-called remainders. The latter article is held in no better light than the reprint. If you don't take our word for it just glance at the price for Romagna remainders and then look up the price for an original.

We have tried to show in this screed the ideas of nine-tenths of the collectors of today. We will be pleased to print any contrary opinions in our columns. Would also like to hear from someone who can give some definite information regarding which countries did and which did not reprint any of their stamps, further than mere hearsay, and we would like to know why the remainder is not an original and why it should not sell at original prices?

THE PRICE OF STAMPS.

ARE THE PRICES OF MANY STAMPS CATALOGUED IN OUR STANDARD AMERICAN CATALOGUES MISLEADING AND FICTITIOUS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRICE AT WHICH THEY WHOLESALE AND THEIR SCARCITY OR ABUNDANCE.

ONE of the most perplexing problems of the many which are continually bobbing up serenely, and which make the average dealer very tired in trying to explain to his customers, is the great disparity in the cost and selling price of many stamps compared with their scarceness or the reverse. Upon first glancing carelessly over the price-list of the wholesale dealer, and instituting a mental comparison with the standard retail catalogues of the day, it immediately occurs to one that every stamp priced on the first list is just 50 per cent less than the retail price. A closer and more careful investigation would show this to be wrong. Let us take the two lists and go over them together. Commencing with our own country we will find that the 1 cent War, new, retails at 2 cents. It can be bought by the 100 at a ½ cent each. The 2 cent brown, 1869 issue, cancelled, is made to sell by the standard retail list at 2 cents. Yet it costs 15 to 18 cents per 10. The 15 cent orange of the 1870 issue is priced at 2 cents. It is hard to get 50 cents per hundred for it. The 90 cent carmine of the same issue retails for 8 cents. At 65 @ 70 cents per 10 it is

never allowed to go begging for takers. Do you begin to see what we are driving at? Let us take a look at the foreign stamps. The 5 soldi Austrian Italy, 1858 issue, retails at 5 cents. It can be purchased in lots of a hundred for 75 cents. The 3 soldi, 1863 is also sold at 5 cents. Yet this stamp is not seen once where you can find the 5 soldi, 1858, five times. Then in Baden it is still worse. The 3 kr 1851 is listed at 5 cents, sells by the hundred at \$1. The 3 kr blue, issued a few years later is only down at 3 cents, but is scarce at \$2 per 100. The 3 kr blue 1861 is sold at 10 cents and the 1 kr of same issue at five, still regardless of that fact, you can buy the two evenly assorted for \$2.50 per hundred. The 10 and 15 novica, Bosnia, bring 5 cents each, but can be bought for 80 cents per 50. In French stamps the 3 centimes gray and the 3 centimes yellow both sell at 1 cent each, but cost 10 cents per 10 at wholesale. The 2 cent green 1876 is sold for 3 cents at retail; at 40 cents a hundred it goes slow at wholesale. In the case of the 20 centimes red on green priced at 3 cents there isn't a wholesale dealer who will attempt to supply you with it in 100 lots at \$2.50. The reprinted (?) Hamburg envelope stamps are catalogued at 3 cents each and only cost 5 cents per set of seven while used varieties of Heliogoland, not by any means common are also sold at 3 cents apiece. The 100 cent Mexico, 1872, is listed at 50 cents, but they are not so scarce as to demand that price, or else a St. Louis dealer could not offer them at retail in any reasonable quantity for 20 cents each. Nova Scotia 3d 1857, bring 50 cents each. They are met with in ten collections to one wherein you will find a 6 cents on the 3d green, 1872 issue, Fiji Islands, for which only 35 cents is asked. This list might be carried on *ad infinitum*. We have picked out the above examples at random. In the buying and selling of wheat the price is regulated by the law of supply and demand. This should be the case with postage stamps. There is no excuse for such a state of things. It is largely due to the haste with which the compiler revises the prices, or to a lack of knowledge on his part of the increased demand or supply as the case may be, or else it may be due to the fact that all our standard catalogues are issued by dealers.

Let us glance for a moment at the price of used originals as compared with reprints, many of the latter being of a most doubtful character. Thurn & Taxis is a fair example. Heliogoland, Sardinia, Saxony, Modena and Oldenburg, last issue, are other good exam-

ples. In nearly every case they are quoted the same. One or two instances the reprint sells over the used original. We defend the reprint and firmly believe in collecting it, but the price should always be at least 50 per cent below the used original. If one were to send an order composed mainly of stamps which have been reprinted and was to specify "used varieties only," how many dealers in this country outside of four or five large concerns, could or would be willing to fill the order with originals at reprint prices? Isn't it good reasoning to suppose that a collector would sooner pay more for a used original than for a reprint? And carrying this line of argument to the main objective point, wouldn't the dealer sooner sell him a reprint at the price of a used original? It is as plain as the nose on a man's face. It makes a difference of from 50 to 150 per cent in his profits. The demand for postage stamps is constantly growing greater. The time is rapidly approaching when the line between the reprint and the used original will be drawn very plainly. It is on this point and not that of the reprint vs the unused original that the battle will be fought.

If the A. P. A. want to gain something more than mere notoriety and strengthen their hold on the stamp collectors of this country let them get out a standard catalogue. Appoint a committee composed of members with collections numbering from 12 to 18,000 and catalogue every stamp known, and price them according to the demand and supply. It cannot be expected, so long as we depend on dealers for our standard catalogues, to get an unprejudiced price catalogue. This is a question which will strike every collector in his weakest spot—his pocket-book, excepting a few who have been favored with a greater supply of "filthy lucre" than of common horse sense.

MINNESOTA NOTES.

The Minnesota Philatelic Toboggan Club which there was some talk of organizing earlier in the winter, is a dead goose. The absence of snow is mainly to blame for its failure to mature. People living in the East or South can scarcely believe it possible for a winter to pass in Minnesota without an abundance of the "beautiful." The stamp collectors can-



not get their minds settled down on stamps during such warm weather. As a last resort, the students of philately should organize a tennis or swimming club. Something has got to be done.

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The FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST starts out with over sixty subscribers in the "North Star" State.

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Duluth is a pretty well-favored town having not less than fifteen active collectors. James W. Lynn, the stamp clerk in the post office, has the largest and best collection.

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Collectors in the "Banana Belt" have scarcely given stamps a thought; but now the Holidays being past, the hundred or two Minnesota "cranks" will commence to get the stamp fever again.

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The Minnesota Branch of the A. P. A. is not creating much of a ripple on the sea of Philately just now. In our next issue we hope to be able to give some news about the recent doings of this body.

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The Minneapolis Philatelic Society are going to get out a blank album, which will differ from other similar books by being arranged so as to allow the removal of any page in the book without disturbing the other pages.

† † †

Max Skoll is one of the younger generation of Flour City collectors. He runs a small local paper called the *City Item* with a free circulation. He has a very good collection and deals in stamps in a small way.

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The new 10 cent Special Delivery stamp is on sale at the postoffice in this city. Also the 3 cent red, 5 cent blue and 30 cent brown. The 4 cent carmine and the 4 cent envelopes on two colors of paper will be put on sale February 15th.

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Walton Mitchell, son of the Rev. E. C. Mitchell of St. Paul, is one of the most enthusiastic collectors in the Northwest. He has only been collecting a year, but his collection would make many an older collector turn green with envy. His United States are especially fine and embrace many choice specimens.

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The Minneapolis Philatelic Society have entirely reorganized and all except active collectors have been released from membership. The following are the names of the officers and members: President, A. V. Chamberlin; Vice-President, Dana Coolidge; Treasurer, Geo. Achard; Secretary,

Leroy Clark; Librarian, Clifford Whitall; Max Skoll, Chapin Brackett, Bert May, Fred Moore, Harry Swenson, Chas. Trabert and Fred Williams.

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Alfred Owre is the greatest "crank" on oddities and varieties we have ever met. He carries his hobby to such an extreme that he has been known to eat frog-on-toast and then blow his breath on a stamp and cause hops to appear on the face of it.

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It is quite unnecessary to state that Mr. E. R. Aldrich is the leading philatelist of this state. A member of half a dozen societies, a dealer old in experience and the possessor of a large collection, combined with a most extended knowledge about everything relating to philately, certainly entitles him to the first place in the ranks of Minnesota collectors.

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David Sanford Jr., a prominent lawyer residing in St. Paul, is one of the shining lights among the collectors of our state. He is an A. P. A. man, and a member of several other societies. His collection is a very large and valuable one and is mounted on blank sheets of cardboard. His specialties are the different South American countries, having spent over three years there. He is a jovial companion and a Democrat.

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Fred Heckrich, president of the Deutsch Philatelic Verein, is the leading spirit among our German collectors. His collection is a gem and is complete lacking a few—thousand rarities. Mr. Heckrich can converse in the five leading languages of the day, viz: English, German, St. Paul, East Minneapolis and Welsh. He is about to become a benedict, and has signified his intention of bringing up his children (prospective) as ardent stamp collectors.

[The above notice was paid for by the gentleman in question at the rate of 25 cents per line, and any similar ones will be printed at the same price, invariably in advance.]

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We must ask the gentle reader to overlook the omission of the articles and notes on the subject of birds, Eggs, Relics, etc., but its absence from this issue is due entirely to the illness of the gentleman who was to have taken charge of that department. Next issue will have a good department on these subject.

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are asked to give our paper a trial. Rates lowest in America. Service rendered equal to the best. Rates will be advanced soon. 24 pages next time. Copy must be in our hands by March 1st. One inch for 25 cents.

NEW YORK NOTES.



Young people do not realize the change that has taken place in the postage system of the U. S. during the present century, nor the advantages we daily experience from cheap and rapid transportation of letters. In 1792 the New York City Directory for that year contained the following rates of postage: "Postage for any letter, not exceeding 30 miles, 6 cents; 60 miles, 8 cents; 150 miles, 12 cents; 350 miles, 20 cents; 450 miles, 25 cents. Every double letter shall pay double said rates."

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Mr. L. S. Morton is now Secretary of the National Philatelic Society, and Mr. Corwin is Manager of the Exchange Department.

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The 9th International album appeared the 15th of last month. It is a great improvement in former issues and does credit to the publishers.

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R. R. Bogert and Co., hold an auction January 28th., at the rooms of Leavitt & Co. 582 lots will be sold among which are: U. S. \$200 revenue; Complete sets of proofs; sets of departments; Bolivia 5000 9 stars; Charleston 5c; Vancouver 10c unperf; British Guiana 1d prov. 1862, and many rare Phillipines, etc.

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Nearly all dealers complain of the dull business of the last three months, the presidential election together with the preparations for the holidays seeming to paralyze the trade. The outlook however for the coming season is very bright and dealers are looking forward to a large increase over last winter which was an exceedingly good season and much better than previous years.

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The Scott Co., recently sold Mr. Thorne of this city, a block of four 24 cent 1869 issue with inverted medallion at the stated price of \$200. It is said these were bought in Europe. A specimen of this stamp which probably came from the same sheet as the block of four, it being quite unlikely that more than one sheet of this error was issued, was recently offered to several Nassau street dealers and bought by Mr. R. R. Bogert, who quickly disposed of it for \$60. The question which naturally arises is—where are

the balance of these stamps? Certainly but few are known of and seldom run across. Are they all destroyed or are they hidden in old trunks and attics awaiting to be claimed?

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 Scott & Co., hold their monthly auction January 15th and 16th which comprises 1100 lots and will be auctioned off by Bangs & Co. Among the rarities is an original Brattleboro, the bidding on which promises to be very spirited as the last one sold at auction brought \$226. Other rarities are: New Haven reprint signed; St. Louis, 5 & 10 cents, die B; 2, 5, 10 and 20 dollars State dept.; 5c Athens, 5c Baton Rouge; 10c Goliad; 5c buff Macon. Many rare foreign too numerous to mention are also catalogued.

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 Here is a good one on Corwin as told me by a well-known dealer in the City: "An absurd thing happened in my store the other day when Mr. Corwin brought in four Carrier stamps, Franklin, blue on pink, two of them valued at 15 cents each and the other two at \$15 to \$18 each, with the asseveration from the sender that they were originals. As our Government had the original plates and found some of the old pink paper lying around, of course the reprints are identical and the only difference is in the pedigree of the stamp. He was worried for fear of losing an original worth \$15. I laughed at him and told him if he would lay the brighter-looking reprints in the sun a little while, they would look as pale as the others and nobody could tell the difference.

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 The American Postage Stamp Exchange which was started last winter in this city, has gone to an early grave. It was started by a few enterprising dealers and collectors to give those members having large quantities of stamps on hand a chance to sell and exchange at a very small cost. The first few meetings a fair attendance was on hand and some business was done until a membership of 19 was on the books. The originator and secretary then resigned and the president's chair conspicuous for his absence, left a few remaining attendants to come miles from their homes to attend meetings of no benefit to themselves or anyone else. There is no doubt a postage stamp Exchange could be made a success here as well as in Europe, if a number of the prominent dealers would take the matter in hand and run it on a business basis. Often a dealer has quantities of stamps of which he cannot dispose without writing to a large number of dealers, which could easily be disposed of in an exchange, saving him much expense and time.

MANHATTAN.

CHICAGO NOTES.

This is a good copy from an instantaneous photograph of our Charlie. Don't know who our Charlie is? Well! Where were you born? Why, bless your dear, innocent little heart, our Charlie is none other than Charlie R. Gadsden, the world-famed auctioneer of the Chicago Philatelic Society.



Our Charley makes a good auctioneer, but he has to shake the boys up when he makes his last call and one of them sings out "5 more." "Charley, Get a Gun, Get a Gun."

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 Mr. T. J. Mitchell has the Reay 1c 1870, ult. blue on white, and wants to know who else has one in this color.

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 Catalogues for any of the Chicago Auction sales can be obtained free by writing to Mr. T. J. Mitchell, 356 Fulton street, this city, who will also execute bids for out-of-town collectors, free of charge.

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 Our friend Woodworth of Denver has a livery stable in addition to other things. He has sold out his business to a stamp company of which he is the manager; the other parties interested are also well known Denver boys.

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 We have seen the advance sheets of a new album published by Edwin Heitmann. It is in many respects superior to the Senf, and is sold at the same price. We cannot give space to an extended description of the book.

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 Mr. James D. Jay of La Hoyt, Iowa, was in town a few weeks ago. He was "loaded for b'ar" and the editor of a well-known paper, who has been giving Jimmie some free advertising which has caused a frigid coolness to spring up between them.

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 "Have you any oriental buffs" is now the salutation of the Gang. The writer was one of the Gang who did not get a portion. I can imagine the feelings of the P. M. who had the inside track and could have corralled the entire lot at 50 cents each and didn't take it.

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 We understand that the publisher of the *Figaro* did not get out enough copies of his paper to go around his advertisers. When a

paper gets such an extensive advertising patronage that the issue won't go round it is about time to get the circulation into three figures.

Frank Kurzwig dropped into our place just after Xmas expecting to find a box of diamonds from some unknown party and when we told him nothing had been left with us, he consoled himself by remarking: "Oh, well, just wait until after the auction and I'll have that \$5,000 beauty up on State street."

At the annual election of the Chalmers Society the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., T. J. Mitchell; Vice Pres., J. W. Start, Sec'y., W. H. Higginson; Treas., Chas. S. Wilcox; Librarian, B. Abrahamson; Executive Committee, Sam'l. Brown Jr., Wm. Scarlett and C. H. Horst.

The Chicago Philatelic Society held its annual election a short time ago with the following result: Pres., A. L. Holman; Vice Pres., Geo. Nelson; Sec'y., P. M. Wolsieffer; Treas., L. A. Haskell; Librarian, W. F. Jillson. Auctioneer, C. E. Gadsden; Executive Committee, Messrs. Gadsden, Chapman and Kurzwig.

The last auction sale of the Chicago Society was held Thursday, December 7th., at their rooms in the Tremont house. Auctioneer C. R. Gadsden officiated. Only local lights were present. 100 lots were disposed of. The total proceeds were over \$115. The following were among the best prices paid:

Pierce Match Co., 1c green old paper	\$14.10
Chicago Match Co. 3c black old "	4.01
Jaynes 1c blue uncut watermarked	1.20
" 4c green " pink paper	2.45
2c br'n on white env Oct. '86 unwtmk	\$7.75
2c red on fawn env no. 3 shape Y star	1.25
2c claret on amber no. 2 Nov. '83. "	1.25
2c red on fawn no. 3, " "	2.10
9c yellow on straw official	1.26
3c Clark's Centennial Exp. to Bl'k Hills	1.36
30c 1870 Reay black on white cut sq.	2.05
1c Executive used	.80
1c Gov. Dispatch bl'k, horseman, on env	2.50
3c U. S. City Disp'ch Post glazed paper	3.50

A certain publisher sent a bill of 50 cents to a Chicago dealer for an one inch advertisement and not receiving a prompt reply the following was sent:

Mr. _____

DEAR SIR:

Do you know that by not promptly paying your bill of 50 cents you are imperiling the existence of my paper?

Yours Truly,

It is needless to say that the 50 cents was

sent at once, and we suppose the paper will appear again and from the correspondence that a down town dealer has received from one of the "best" it would appear that a couple of dollars was all that stood between it and bankruptcy.

CANADIAN ECHOS.

CANADENSIS.

The 2 cent carmine registry stamp is being issued to various offices. There is, however, a large stock of the orange color on hand at the supply offices.

A very interesting article by the writer of this column about British Colonial stamps has been forced out of this number owing to lack of space. It will be printed next month in full.

Mr. Jno. R. Hooper, of Ottawa, is organizing a new society, to be a branch of the C. P. A. we suppose, as well as a supporter of Rowland Hill, as the sole originator of the adhesive postage stamp.

The annual report of the Post Office Department shows that amounts have been paid for re-entering 2c dies of both the postage and registration stamps, thus accounting for the "recut dies" we have heard so much talk about.

I observed in one of my notes written for an Eastern stamp paper that the *Toronto Philatelic Journal, Ontario Stamp Journal* and the *Cahada Philatelist* had not appeared for sometime and I hoped they wouldn't die. Since then the last named paper has been issued and if the succeeding numbers of this handbill and the prospective numbers of the other two papers are to resemble this, I am almost sorry they didn't give up the ghost.

Heard at a meeting of a prominent philatelic society:

Mr. President (in a burst of enthusiasm)

—What's the matter with Sir Rowland Hill?

Grand Chorus—He's all right!

Mr. President—And they all cried—

Grand Chorus—GOOD!!

Small piping voice from rear of the room—

What's the matter with James Chalmers?

Small-sized riot takes place. Loud cries of "Kill him!" "Take it away!" "Rats!" and "Throw him out the window!" followed by a sound similar to the whiz! of a rocket through the air and the noise of some heavy substance is heard to strike the pavement, five stories down, with a dull, sickening thud, after which the meeting again comes to order and discusses the "annexation" question.

Canadian Postal Notes.

HENRY S. HARTE.

Registration stamps can only be used in payment of registration fees, and must not be used in payment of postage.

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When the postage on letters is insufficiently prepaid, they are forwarded to their address charged with double the amount unpaid.

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When franked and free mail matter is required to be registered, the fee of 2 cents must be prepaid by the registration stamp.

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Stamps, whether cancelled or otherwise, are not allowed to pass through the mails unless letter rate of postage is paid on them.

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Half-cent stamps are for use upon transient newspapers and periodicals addressed to any place within the Dominion when not over an ounce in weight.

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No cards posted within the Dominion can pass as post cards except such as are issued by the Canada post-office and British and foreign reply cards.

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British newspapers and periodicals brought by mail to Canadian booksellers and news agents and reposted by them to regular subscribers may be mailed free of charge.

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It is not lawful for any other than a postmaster to exercise the business of selling stamps or stamped envelopes to the public, unless licensed by the Postmaster General.

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Correspondence for Russia should have the name of the place of destination written in French or German, as well as English, and the Province in which the town is situated.

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The sender of a registered letter to the United Kingdom or any country in the Postal Union, may obtain acknowledgement of its receipt by the addressee on payment of five cents at the time of registration.

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The charge on dead letters returned to the writer is 3 cents for each letter in addition to any postage due thereon. The envelopes in which dead letters are returned would form an interesting addition to one's stamp collection.

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Postmasters are instructed that all letters posted having stamps on them which appear to have been previously cancelled are to be postmarked and sent to the Postmaster-General, the words "stamp previously used" being written across the face of the letter.

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When any printed matter originating in the United States is brought into Canada and posted there for destinations in the United States to evade the postage rates of such matter in that country, the postal rules require prepayment of same at double the domestic rate.

NOTES IN GENERAL.



The organization of the Bridgeport Philatelic Society was completed December 5th, and the following officers were elected to serve through the ensuing year:

- Pres—F. Cook.
- Vice Pres—W. C. Hunt.
- Sec'y—W. H. Shelton.
- Treas—E. Bassick.
- Librarian—E. I. Kingman.
- Exchange Man'g'r—W. H. Shelton.

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Mr. Wm. B. Hale, the popular dealer of Williamsville, Mass., has purchased the well-known Feree collection.

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Somebody kindly pull the string and let the "Great Envelope Swindle" drop into the bottomless pit of oblivion.

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What has become of the mysterious will-o-the-whisp Miss Krimington-King-Greene etc? Keep cool, my friends, keep cool. Uncle Sammie moves slowly, but he gets there just the same.

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We would like to let our gentle, innocent gaze rest for a few moments on the dealer who doesn't and wouldn't sell reprints while he can make a few cents by selling them. Don't all speak at once.

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Canada is coming the retaliation act on us. The fee for registering letters to the States has been raised from 2 to 5 cents. If she would only shut off the hords of cloth peddlers who inflict their undesired presence on "us peoples," no one in this neck of the woods would object.

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As all the papers have spoken their little piece about the reprint, we thought we would speak too, and accordingly loaded the machine to the muzzle with all the philatelic literature and stamp catalogues obtainable and ground it out the other end. The result of our labors is printed on another page of this issue.

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The different stamp papers have set the style of publishing portraits and sketches of prominent philatelists with such a decided

lock-jaw grip, that now every stamp collector in the country is waiting anxiously to hear the magnetic cry of "next" and have a cut of him run that, would do credit to a "Rogues' Gallery in a police headquarters."

It has been a long time now since Voute has belched forth any sulphurous smoke about the Rothfuchs-Houston-Henderson imbroglio. Is the herculean task of the pigmy (Voute) trying to kill the giant (Scott & Co.) by shooting putty balls at him sufficiently arduous. What we would like to know is how much Calman pays Voute to "roast" him?

No, the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST will not give each new subscriber a stamp worth \$1, nor every 50th one a packet of 500 all different stamps. None of these go with us, but to our subscribers we will give 12 pages of GOOD reading. We send this paper to all non-subscribers ONCE only. Our lists of persons who will receive a sample copy number over 6000 and are continually growing.

There is a certain dealer (?) in New York who is continually sending out blanket sheets of cheap stamps to collectors, unrequested. Although asked to stop, he still continues to send them. It generally costs him as much as the stamps are worth to get them returned after a time. But he never takes a tumble to himself and doesn't remember that sometimes even patience ceases to be a virtue.

We are constantly receiving dodgers and gutter-snipes labelled with such names as the "Philatelic Gem," "Philatelists' Companion," etc., run by 15 year-old kids, of which one or two "numbers" are issued after which they founder in the sea of oblivion and are heard from no more. This two-act farce might be aptly be termed "The Quick or the yre Dead"—the better for a long afflicted public.

We see announcements to the effect that another directory will shortly be thrust upon us at 25 cents per thrust. It is to contain 3000 names and all kinds of information pertaining to stamps to suit the most fastidious. Still, it remains a mystery to us that out of 100,000 active collectors in America today, the "directory" compilers cannot obtain over 3000. Spend a little more money, gentlemen, and you can surely get 10,000 names.

Special attention is called to our list of approval sheet frauds on page 14 of this issue. That there is no well-defined law for the suppression of these VERMIN is a deplorable fact. A boy or man who will steal a sheet of stamps

of small value is actually more depraved than one who will steal a valuable lot. There is absolutely no excuse for the former; a boy who will steal a sheet of stamps worth from 75 cents to \$3, places himself on a par with sneak thief who "lifts" your handkerchief or gloves on the street, and will grow up with a tendency to steal whenever he gets a chance. It is more to expose this class that we have adopted this method. We sincerely request every dealer to give us his support and the result can only be a great success.

On January 3rd, the active stamp collectors of Cincinnati, Ohio, met and formed a stamp society, to be known as the Cincinnati Philatelic Society, and drew a constitution and by-laws and elected officers. The following is a list of the officers for 1889 and the charter members; Pres., A. N. Spencer; Vice Pres., H. F. Kellogg; Sec'y., & Librarian, J. A. Pierce; Treas. J. L. Stephenston; Exec. Committee, H. G. Hess, F. L. Mills and Jas. D. Case; H. S. Spencer, W. A. McFaddon, S. A. Rolle, Frank Barkley, R. L. Crigler, Paul V. Loth and Chas. M. Stout. Corresponding member, P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago. Meetings held every other Thursday from the time of organization. We will try and furnish our readers a column of Cincinnati notes in our next issue.

OUR EXCHANGES.



If the *Stamp* still feels unkindly toward Mr. S. B. Bradt, of Chicago, why don't it come out boldly and say so, instead of taking such a roundabout way as it did in its last issue in the item, which would appear to the unsophisticated reader to be a cold roast of the *Stamp Collector* of Ottawa, Ill.

The *Philatelic Review* published last winter at Rock Island, Ill., is announced to appear again in—the gloaming.

We are pleased to see Mr. Richmond at the head of *Plain Talk*. The only thing we don't like is the stopping of the publication of the approval sheet swindlers.

The *Eastern Press* for January says editorially: "We are sure that our paper is one of the leading ones in circulation, cheapness and quality." You may think so, gentlemen;

but shouldn't "and" have come before the word cheapness and "of" been put in where "and" now is?

The *Stamp Collector* is especially brilliant in the "kind" things it says of its exchanges. "Go 'way, chile, or I'll cut yo' deep."

The *Evreka Philatelist* should fire the riddle business. Run funeral notices if you are short of matter. They would be much funnier.

The *Alabama Philatelist* should do one of two things: Either hire a proof reader or else quit using a sausage machine to set up the paper.

The *Collector's Ledger* for October printed a picture of G. B. Calman which was without exception the best looking portrait of any philatelist yet run in any paper.

Commencing last September and up to the present time there have been no less than ten new stamp papers started. So says the *Stamp World* for December, and of the ten but three are alive now.

We acknowledge receipt of the *Philatelic Beacon* published by Hutchinson II, a fourth cousin of "Old Hutch," of whom you've all heard tell. The paper and its contents are of the highest grade. Here's luck to you.

It is a sad but too true fact, that Uncle Straight Cut Scott of the *U. S. Philatelist* is engaged in a stand-up-and-knock-him-out-the-man-with-the-biggest-mouth-wins fight with Never 'Ert me Carter of the *Badger State*.

The *Philatelic Literature Collector* is another new venture. Mr. H. C. Beardsley is editor and publisher and he furnishes news pertaining to stamp literature which every person interested in that branch of the science should read.

The *Charleston Philatelist* gives it to W. H. Keller and J. R. Findley "right in the neck." At least this is the way Editor Luhn puts it in an article in his paper; which, after having read, compels the average reader to go out and consult a soothsaver to find out what Gussie is talking about.

The *Stamp* remarks that the *Minnesota Philatelist* hasn't imbibed enough of the bracing oxygen of a 40 below Minnesota winter to keep its friends and subscribers aware of its existence. This is all wrong. It's non-

appearance is entirely due to the active part its editor-in chief took in the late political campaign.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* has settled it for good that to James Chalmers belongs the honor of originating the adhesive postage stamp. It seems a little singular to us that if our Canadian and European brother collectors won't have anything to do with "Jimmie of Dundee" why a few American collectors will parade this very fatiguing subject *ad nauseum*.

The *International Philatelic Advertiser* after a four months disappearance will be succeeded by the *New York Philatelist*, the first number to appear when the robins nest again, as the weather will be balmy enough by that time to allow the publishers to "put up" their cape ulsterettes for a sum sufficiently large to supply the rapacious maw of the job printer for getting out one number.

The December *Stamp* prints a picture it has labelled Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs. It is all well enough and shows great enterprise to publish the portraits of the prominent philatelists of this country, but, if our older brother in-arms will allow a new recruit to make a little remark, we would—and we rather think the victims would also—like to see a picture that could be recognized without having to go out and consult a clairvoyant.

The *National Philatelist* for December says: "We want 1000 subscribers at once.... The number of subscriptions we receive before January 10th, will determine on which side of the fence you stand."

The first part of this remark is too true, but we are inclined to believe that Brother Smith made a little error in the latter part of it. What he should have said was that the number of subs received by January 10, will determine on which side of the fence Smithy, old fel, will stand.

COIN COLLECTORS!

Medal. General U. S. Grant, 1868 (Obv) 1 propose to figure it out. (Rev) Heavy gold plated 1 1 16 in

Confederate Token. No submission to the North. (obv) The Wealth of the South. (rev) Uncirculated. Priced by Scott at \$1.....75

Also Coppers, Scrip etc. Correspondence Solicited. Mail trade only.

ALFRED OWRE,

119 & 121 South Second Street.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

APPROVAL SHEET FRAUDS.

(The following persons have swindled the dealer whose name is attached to the list out of stamps to value of the amount opposite the name. Upon the amount being sent to US in cash less the commission allowed we will give a written receipt for the amount in full, and your name will be dropped from the list. Any communication otherwise than remitting of amount, MUST BE MADE DIRECT TO THE DEALER who furnished it; no notice will be taken by us of such letters. ALL ACCOUNTS IN SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM MUST BE PAID TO US AND NOT TO THE DEALER!)



The adjoining cut represents the state of mind that imagination of the average approval sheet swindler is always leading him to believe will occur. It is needless to add that many stamp dealers feel very much inclined to resort to this expedient, if it were not for distance usually placed between the swindler and the swindled. It has always been a fixed notion in our mind that a stamp paper should publish sheet frauds, on the same principal that a daily paper prints a full account of the criminal news of the day. The absence of this feature from the columns of every paper devoted to philately now published in this country shows but little enterprise on the part of the publisher. The FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST is going to start out in its career on the right track. We agree to publish the lists of sheet frauds of every dealer who will send them to us. We only ask 20 per cent of the net amount on sums under \$10, and 10 per cent on all over that figure. Accounts not settled, no charge. We print them as items of news; for they are of much more interest to the general reader than some long padded article about the "Stamps of Siberia," or "What a Blind Man Can See in Greenland." We earnestly request every dealer to send us his lists, not farther back than ten months for publication. The following have been sent us for this issue. They can be considered reliable, and it will be money in the pocket of the dealer to steer clear of them; more especially, we might warn the young dealer who is just commencing business, and will naturally send to everybody, in his desire to secure

trade. You don't want to run a business for love and glory only. One loss means a set back for the profit side of your ledger.

Edwards, Peeke & Co. Chicago, report the following:

CHAS. PALMER.	
35th St. & Ave. R. Galveston Texas	\$ 6.60
F. S. VAN DE BOE.	
Bancroft, Iowa.	10.95
A. L. WILSON.	
Care Clement & Co. 18 S Broad, Phila.	4.30
R. W. JOHNSON.	
Wardner, Idaho.	8.70
H. G. LOTTER.	
Care E. V. Koch & Co. Milwaukee.	4.42
E. D. CARUSI.	
1008 F St. N. W. Washington, D. C.	10.07

F. N. Massoth, jr. Hanover Centre, Ind., sends this lot:

MARQUIS DAVIS	
Martins Ferry, Ohio	\$ 2.30
C T. BURROUGHS	
71 Penn Ave, Brooklyn, N. Y.	1.30
J. DAVIDSON	
213 E. 78th St. New York City.	.70
FRED ADAMS	
Elmore, Ill.	.50
W. T. WESTBROOK	
State St. Trenton, N. J.	1.25
HAMILTON MARTIN	
130 3rd St. Duluth, Minn.	1.50
J. K. CARSON	
Crete, Neb.	1.50
G. ROEBER	
800 Oak St. Terre Haute, Ind.	1.25
F. M. LYMBURNER	
Fonthill, Ont. Can.	.96
F. BROWN	
Denver, Col.	1.00
J. W. THOMAS	
So. Boston, Mass.	.60
W. DEEMS	
Albion, Ill.	.85
DON McLENAN	
Duluth, Minn.	.78
E. L. ROY	
344 Prince St. Lancaster, Pa.	1.30
ARTHUR W. FARWELL	
Franklinville, N. Y.	1.40
A. BRADY	
Mt. Farnham, Quebec, Can.	.60
THOS. FRYER	
Duluth, Minn.	1.60
LOUIS HAART	
St. Hyacinth, Quebec, Can.	.70
WM. ARTHUR LEE	
New Vineyard, Me.	1.85
●	
W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, Ohio, has these:	
R. P. DEWELL	
New Haven, Ct.	\$.65
J. P. BABBITT	
Hodges Ave. Taunton, Mass.	.95

BERT FOUTS Westerville, Ont. Can.	1.67
RENNIE VAN SYCKEL Bridgeton, N. J.	1.78
F. R. HULBURT Newark, N. J.	2.14
RICHARD KOEHLER New Haven, Ct.	1.73
JNO. A. PAUL Glen Este, Ohio.	1.56
H. EROEHLICH 154 E. 82nd St. New York City.	.89
F. M. LYMBURNER Box 82, Fonthill, Ont. Can.	1.43
C. A. BASS 335 Hudson St. New York City.	1.61
Jas. S. Stickels, Snohomish, Wash. Ty., is owed by this lot:	
MRS. W. Y. McKEAND Crete, Neb.	\$ 8.41
H. FROEHLICH 154 East 82nd St. New York City	1.74
DON LEEMAN Duluth, Minn.	4.71
John R. Hooper, Toronto, Can., sends us:	
GEO. W. ANDERSON Louisville, Ky.	
JAS. STEINER Honolulu, Hawaii.	
NAT SOLOMON Rountania.	
JACQUES WORTMANN Bucharest, Roumania.	
EDWARD HEIM Vienna, Austria.	
J. B. MEYER Callao, Peru.	
MAX RICHTER Chemnitz, Saxony, Germany.	
The Flour City Stamp Co., Minneapolis, Minn., have the following on their books:	
H. FROEHLICH 154 East 82nd Street, New York City	\$ 2.16
JAS. A. THOMSON Gananoque, Ontario, Canada.	3.00
WM. DELARME 53 Robinson St. Toronto, Canada.	1.38
ALBERT McCALL Simcoe, Ontario, Canada.	4.44
T. E. HUYCK Box 67, Brighton, Ont. Canada.	1.84
MAX RUMLER 102 First St. New York City.	5.36
W. F. BLAKELY 300 Aliso St. Los Angeles, Cal.	2.43
T. H. HARRIS Box 55, Riverton, Va.	4.98
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The Stamp Of Approval

THE mails have been clogged at intervals since the initial number of the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST made its debut, with letters from Vox Populi, Pro Bono Publico, Veritas and other stamp cranks, commending our first contribution to philatelic literature. Such expressions as "It was a daisy," "Oh Mommah!" "Let-tergo again, Mr. Gillgher," and "Almost as well as I could have done myself," swelled our frame with pompous pride for a few moments, but the reflection that the maiden efforts of many writers are their best at once brought us to a realization that we had not yet made a record and that we could not have summer by simply importing a few swallows. The future of the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST reflects just now the bright vermilion hue of the editor's mental horizon. Whether or not the colors are fast must be left for our readers to decide.

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THE REPRINT WAR.



Despite all the efforts, threats, coaxings and emphatic diatribes of Messrs. Bogert, Corwin, J. Walter Scott, Sellschopp, Bartlett, Chas. Have-a-Hand Mekeel and other "prominent philatelists," the average common sense collector continues to refuse to walk into the trap laid for him by the Anti-Reprintists. He knows which side his bread is buttered on and thinks that "half a loaf is better than none at all."

About four weeks ago we sent Secretary Bradford of the A P A, five cents for a printed list of the members, but have failed to get any reply. It is such a great thing to be an office holder that Brad hasn't gotten quite over his swelled head and haughty Pooh-Bah airs. We are aware that 5 cents is a very small tip. But never mind it, Pooh—Brad, you won't be elected to succeed yourself for the next year. A less-pay and-more-attention-to-business man will hold it down after the St. Louis convention.

"THE LATEST FAD."



MR. HEATH
EXPLAINS.

Mr. George F. Heath's "Open Letters" in the *Philatelic Gazette*, condemning the collecting of medicine and match revenue stamps, is without a doubt the weakest spot a person could select for an argument. His "Open Letters" are simply a mess of the veriest rot. Consisting principally of sarcastic remarks, interlarded with a great deal of horse humor, and a poor attempt to hold up to ridicule the collectors of these stamps, he fails to give one good reason why they should not be collected. It is very much like the tariff argument in the late political campaign. An Irishman, who was thirsting for knowledge and wanted to get thoroughly enlightened on that great subject, attended all the mass meetings and lectures in his city. The night of election day, a friend asked him for which party he had cast his vote. "Naythur," says Pat. "Be Jabers, afther Oi'd heard aich soide af the question, Oi was that befuddled that Oi didn't fale shure me sowl was me own, so to be on the safe soide Oi didn't vote at all." This is the way the science of collecting stamps strikes a wouldbe collector. After reading several diatribes on the reason why match and medicine stamps, reprints, entire envelopes, post-cards, locals, telegraph and foreign revenue stamps should not be collected, he invariably exclaims: "I think I will leave stamps severely alone."

Who is this man Heath?

Did anyone ever hear of him prior to his advent as an opponent to the medicine stamp?

Is he one of the "prominent philatelists" who imagine they are lineal descendants of Solomon?

What have the match and medicine stamps ever done that they should be treated so unkindly?

A little bird whispered in our ear not many moons ago that it is all due to the sudden rise in the market value of these stamps. Eight or ten years ago there was little demand for them as they were still in use. Mr. H., finding the market continued to indulge in very bearish antics, naturally supposed that the millenium day of the m. and m. stamps had arrived, and accordingly unload-

ed an immense lot of these stamps which he had accumulated, at any figure obtainable. The m. and m. stamps and the market felt themselves deeply injured by such a rash and short-sighted act on the part of Mr. H., and entered into an alliance and advertised for a live and frisky bull. The result was that a few years later the m. and m. stamp stock took a jump, and from 90 below Cairo they went up to 350 above Winnipeg. Ye Gods! "He who laughs last laughs best," quoth the medicine stamp, and punched deah Gawge in the ribs. "I'll get even with you yet," said Gawge; and after spending nineteen or four years preparing his famous "Open Letters," during which period the m. and m. stamp continued to advance in value, he suddenly buys a couple of pages in the *Gazette* and sails into his old enemies, with the intention of "doing" them in two or three rounds. But the friends of the m. and m. stamps are numerous and are well prepared to enter the lists and vanquish the redoubtable Gawge. For nice sarcastic and witty articles, the "Open Letters" take the bun; but for an argument based on sound principals, one might just as well try and make a seive hold water.

The principal point Mr. H., bases his claims on is that the medicine revenue stamp is nothing but a label. How he figures this out is only known to himself.

The medicine revenue stamp is a United States Government emission, and on every one of these "labels" one can find the legend—United States Internal Revenue. Mr. H., ignores this fact entirely; and very naturally—for the same reason a man keeps off thin ice. The Government issued these stamps, but gave the parties ordering them the privilege of using any design they pleased, but compelling them to get in the aforementioned legend. What did it or does it matter now if a stamp has the head of Dr. Jayne, Lydia Pinkham or any other doctor or charlatan on it, or whether it bears the profile of Washington, Grant or Lincoln? Is it not an official emission just the same? Mr. H., claims on this ground that the medicine stamp ought to be put in the same category as the Hamburg local stamps, and similar bogus stamps. The idea of claiming that the *United States Internal Revenue stamps* are no better than bogus stamps is simply the crazy utterance of a mind weakened by long continued broodings over some lost golden opportunity. It is no point for either side to claim a stamp to be more desirable because it may be artistic, historic or pretty. It has no bearing on the argument whatever. Nor

has the market value of a stamp, whether it be postage, revenue or telegraph. It is the authenticity and origin of the stamp which alone effects its collectable qualities. The fact remains patent that the m. and m. revenue stamps being a legitimate government issue, cannot be called "labels" by any man who is in full possession of his five senses. Not according to Noah Webster, the opinion of deah Gawge and Mr. Pemberton to the contrary notwithstanding.

The writer of this little sermonette does collect U. S. revenue stamps, and he firmly believes the United States revenue stamps, document, match and medicine, deserve a place in our albums second only to the U. S. postage stamp, and by far a more prominent one than the "United States" local. Talk about a label issue! That is the real label emission. And the designs of the stamps! Lord, deliver us from the Philistines—and the "U. S." local. Conducted by private parties from the beginning to the end, without any official sanction from the government, it is on them that deah Gawge should have given vent to his pent-up feelings. There wouldn't have been so much of a dog-in-the-manger act attached to it.

The collector of U. S. revenue stamps is in a very similar position as Napoleon I, when Prussia and England declared war against him in 1806. Napoleon wrote to the King of Prussia: "I know not why I fight. It is not my wish. Woe be unto them who have forced me into this war." It is in a like manner that Mr. H., has forced the collector of United States revenue stamps to take up arms to defend his property from the attacks of one who has never been injured by them in the least. Like the termination of the campaign of 1806, so will this struggle end in the complete repudiation of deah Gawge and his silly utterances. The collector of revenue stamps will again be allowed to trod the good old path which so many have walked, in the long-forgotten past.

A last word to Mr. Heath:

When you give a good sound reason why the match and medicine stamps should not be collected—

When you *prove* that they are only labels—

When you prove that they are not a government issue, authorized by Congress—

When you can show proof for the statement that they are bogus stamps—

When you show that stamps are collected because they are artistic and historical—

Then we will dump all our U. S. revenues into some convenient fire-place and apply the torch to them and admit all Mr. Heath

says to be *facts*. But not until then. If Gawge cannot find any better argument to clinch his assertions with, than sarcastic remarks and a distorting of the letters of the opposition, he had better crawl back into his hole and pull the hole in after him. Or else soak his head in a bucket of arnica water over night. It is said to be the regular old cheese for sore heads. Better try it, Gawge.

The Postal Packet Stamps Of Belgium.

HEINSBERGER.



THE kingdom of Belgium is a small country in the west-central part of Europe, and until 1830, formed with Holland what was called the Netherlands.

It is the most densely populated country in Europe, having an area of but 11,375 miles and a population of over five and a half millions. It has over 3,500 miles of railroad and 4,500 miles of telegraph lines and about a 1000 post-offices. Most of the railroads, and all the post-offices and telegraph lines are owned and operated by the government. The Belgian does not believe in "private trusts." All three departments are under the supervision of a head official, who is designated as the Secretary of Railroads, Post and Telegraph. For each department the Belgian government appoints a superintendent, who is responsible to the Secretary. The majority of stamp collectors are somewhat puzzled when they see a Postal Packet stamp of Belgium and marvel at its unusual size, not suitable at all for a postage stamp. Now, it is my intention to enlighten them with a brief history of these interesting stamps and how they originated. According to the postal laws of Belgium, no packages are forwarded by the postoffices, but all parcels and large packages must be delivered by the public to the railroad stations. Only in the largest cities are established government package forwarding offices. The people living in towns or villages having no railroad station, but which have a postoffice, can purchase these stamps at the latter place. At all parcel and railroad stations these postal packet stamps are sold to the public to prepay the postage on parcels, and that is where the name "Postal Packet stamps" originated. These stamps cannot be used to prepay letters, only for parcels and packages, and as they are issued by the Belgian

government they are recognized as legitimate postage stamps by the philatelic public. The packages in Belgium are divided into two classes: 1. Postal packages. 2. Railroad packages. The first class includes all parcels having not more than a weight of 3 kilogrammes, about 7½ pounds, and are delivered inside the limits of Belgium. For foreign countries the packages are allowed a weight of 5 kilogrammes. Only the packages going to the following countries come under this head: Germany, France, Holland, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Railroad packages comprise everything weighing over 5 kilogrammes, and they cannot be prepaid with postal packet stamps, but with cash. The sender of both classes of packages is given a bill of lading, but in different colored papers. That of the postal packet is in white paper; that of the railroad packet is in yellow paper. For the information and convenience of our readers we append the following correct list of issues and denominations of the postal packet stamps of Belgium:

1879, 10c brown-red,	1882, 50c carmine,
" 20c blue,	1883, 80c orange,
" 25c gray,	1886, 10c violet,
" 50c carmine,	" 20c blue,
" 80c yellow,	" 25c green,
" 1 franc gray.	

The stamps are perforated and have a size of 1½ inches in length and 1 inch in width. They bear the inscription: "Chemin de Fer," the value and the word "Belgique," and are of various designs. They can be bought by collectors from dealers in this country for from 5 cents to 50 cents each.

"DOUBLE" PERFORATION.

THE latest fake that has been sprung on the collector of stamps is the "double" perforated United States stamps of the current issue. Every schemer in this great and progressive land of ours is making life a burden for the stamp clerk in the post-office in his city, in his haste to obtain these "rarities." He puts them on sheets marked from four to ten times their face value and has the nerve to offer them as errors. Now, this is neither a rarity nor an error. It can be seen on nearly every sheet of stamps of the following denominations. We also show its position on the majority of the sheets. On the 2 cent it can be found two to eight times on the bottom margin, and about once in every twenty sheets on the top margin. This is of course reversed when the opposite side is trimmed. On the 1 cent five times on the bottom margin and very seldom on the top.

The 3 cent is found four times to every sheet at the top. On the 5 cent three to five times both top and bottom of every sheet. The 4 cent is found so only once to about every fifty sheets. On the 10 cent about three times on the bottom row of every sheet. They also appear on the 15c, 30c, 90c, and the Specials. As one will see by the above, these are very common occurrences, and are no more worthy of a place in one's album than the different shades of the current 2 cent envelope stamp. The persons who collect them and offer them for sale are one of two things: either cunning schemers who want to get rich in a hurry, or else cranks of the worst type, who are seeking notoriety, and the name of being the supporters of a very gauzy fake. Some will say: "Well, they are put on the A. P. A. sheets, and if that illustrious body recognize them as errors we will do likewise." That don't cut any figure. One might just as well take a sheet of any stamps, and perforate the top and bottom margins by running them through a perforating machine. The fact that this great "error" occurs only on the top and bottom margins is enough in itself to dispel any and all claims to its being an error. If the stamp were double perforated on the sides, or if the present "double perforation occurred on any of the inside lines of perforation, it would then deserve some attention. We recently saw the 2 cent with six perforations on the bottom below the regular perforation marked at ten cents. The writer will supply them of any denomination at face value, only requiring prepayment of postage. It would be just as silly a move to collect the different denominations of old English stamps with different letters in the corners. The writer is a live, hustling collector and always takes everything that is worthy of the notice of the true philatelist. It is more to expose the "skin game" methods some dealers will resort to, to turn an honest (?) penny, than any other reason. We don't care in the least who collects them or what they pay for them. Everbody for himself and dealer for us all. It will be a long time yet before the sucker becomes extinct.

Collectors, Attention!

A. B. Merrill, A. P. A., 664, P. O. box 638, Everett, Mass., furnishes collectors sending good reference, excellent stamps on approval at 30 per cent commission. None of his stamps are marked ABOVE Scott's catalogue, and he offers as a prize to the agent selling the most stamps for him before July 1st, an elegant pen and pencil name stamp.

BRITISH COLONIAL STAMPS.

CANADENSIS.

COLLECTORS who make a specialty of British colonial stamps are increasing very rapidly, and it is to the person just beginning, that I more particularly address this article. I wish to impress upon these persons the advantages of commencing early to distinguish between the variety of paper and the different watermarks. Most collectors will simply take a catalogue (Scott's, for instance) and collect without paying any attention to watermarks at all. On most of the later issues of British colonies there are the watermarks "C. C." and "C. A.," meaning Crown Colonies and Crown Agents. Both varieties are at present common enough, but in a few years, and in some cases even now, the watermark "C. C." will become rarer. Take the 1 and 2 cent British Guiana of the present issue, as an example. I ordered one thousand of these stamps from Demerara recently. Of course the party from whom I bought them, either did not know or did not care about the difference in the watermark. When I had sorted them, I found only five one cent and 37 two cent in the lot that were watermarked "C. C." These were used, as I saw by the various postmarks, from 1877 to 1883. All the "C. A." were used from 1883 to the present time. These stamps will in time be catalogued and priced differently by all dealers, and as the "C. A." paper superseded the "C. C." without any change of die, collectors should carefully watch all British colonials of the so-called present issues, and they may be able to find something of a much older issue. By holding the stamp to a strong light the mark will come out, generally distinctly, if not, by wetting the back slightly a distinguishing mark can easily be found. A royal crown surmounts the letters in both cases. The watermark generally comes in the centre of the stamp, but I have noticed some with only the crown on, and others with half the crown and one letter.

Many collectors will not think of buying a stamp if it is at all high-priced or over a dollar, but this is a fatal mistake. If you are a beginner or young collector, better by far, to spend fifty cents or a dollar for one stamp than for the rubbish generally obtained in packets. The reason for my giving such advice is obvious. By the time the average collector has gotten together a fair-sized collection in numbers, he will find the stamps that are rare now, far out of his reach, unless his bank account be very elastic. A glance

over a few of the British colonies will show the rapid advance made in desirable stamps of the earlier issues.

Comparing the prices of stamps of New South Wales, we find that in 1875 a 1d or 2d of 1850 would cost but 75 cents or \$1. Now it takes \$5 to buy either of them. The 1d red of 1851 was sold for 15 cents. It now takes a big, fat dollar to secure it. The 1d orange and the 1sh red have also advanced in price like the former issue. A 3d green of 1856 which went begging at 3 cents in 1875 is a slippery devil to get hold of for less than \$1.25, while a registry stamp of 1853, red and blue, makes a big hole in a four dollar bill now, could then have been purchased for 12 cents. Indeed, it seems that the days of '49 were returning and the cent has given place to the almighty dollar. Twelve years ago a New Zealand 1sh green, 1855, was easily obtained for \$1. Now it wouldn't leave the purchaser enough change from a "V" to treat his latest mash to circus lemonade. Of the Queensland stamps, the 1d, 2d and 1sh., used, 1862 issue, were slow sellers at 8, 3 and 15 cents respectively, as late as 1876. Now it requires the price of one score ten schooners of beer to look at any one of the three. St. Helena also shows a marked advance, the 6d 1856 and the 1d and 4d of 1863 were then numerous at 5 and 10 cents. Today it take a fifth of the average ribbon clerk's weekly stipend to become the fortunate possessor of either. A 6d green, 1859, St. Lucia, which I bought in 1877 for 75 cents is now worth \$4. I never regretted that purchase. The 1sh., 1869, St. Vincent, has jumped in ten years from 15 cents to \$2. The Straits Settlements stamps have also advanced rapidly, as indeed have all the minor colonies. The 6 cents yellow, of the the first issue of the last named country sold for 12 cents in 1875, now sells for \$3, while a 12 cent green sold at 75 cents at that time. A collector to purchase the same now has to reduce his surplus cash by \$4 to get one. Tasmania stamps have not advanced very fast. It took six bits to buy the 4d blue, 1853, in 1876. Four years later it had gone down to four bits, but it has again advanced in value so that the general run of collectors have to save five cents a day for the same number of days as Noah sailed in his Ark before he can own one. Collectors, take an old 'uns advice. Grab the bull by the horns. Better by far to have even a dozen choice varieties, than a book full of common stamps.

We have received from Mr. C. F. Rothsuchs, of Washington, his new price-list. It should be in the hands of every collector.

MINNESOTA NOTES.



PRESIDENT HECKRICH
JUMPS ON THE IR-
REPRESSIBLE STAMP
CLERK.

The following little funereal episode occurred on the Twelfth day of the Second month, reckoning from Swear-Off Day, at precisely ten minutes after the city time-piece had announced the hour of eight in the morning. President Fred Heckrich and First Rusher of the Growler George Monasch came walking down Fourth street on their way to the postoffice. Just as they arrived at that important place, an ice wagon drove up and the driver commenced carrying several immense chunks of ice into the office. The following dialogue then ensued:

Heckrich—"I say, Monasch, what in the name of his Satanic Majesty do you suppose they use all that ice for in the postoffice?"

Monasch—"I'll be a sucker for life if I know. Ask the driver?"

"Yes I will?" Say cully, do I look as if I had just come over from Pigseye? Not by a darn-sight. I'll not have a Swede iceman get off any gag on me. I'll just go in and interview that new stamp clerk. Come in and watch my smoke."

They saunter up to the window. Heckrich calls out:

"Hello, Moxie! How's your nerve."

Moxie admits that his nerve is with him.

"Well, say, old boy, I've got a little bet with 'his kidneys' here that I can guess the nearest to what they do with all that ice. He says its to put on the heads of the Democratic portion of the employees when the Republican side of the house guy them about the time when they become 'building inspectors', and I say its to keep the boys from becoming overheated when they get rushed. We decided to let you act as umpire and whatever you say goes."

"Oh, both you jays are way off. They use that ice to put the dead letters on."

A scene of great confusion prevailed and the stamp clerk taken home in the patrol wagon. Mr. Heckrich was fully exonerated by the verdict of the coroner's jury which was: "We find the deceased met his death at the feet of Frederick Heckrich, who only acted in self-defense."

Jay Eye Wyer, of Red Lake Falls, the genial treasurer of the Minnesota Branch, A. P. A., is also indulging in a trip through the East and South.

Cliffton Whitall, of this city, has decided to collect U. S., and North and South American stamps only, and has sold all the others out of his collection.

Ernest R. Aldrich has been elected president of the new P. S. of A. The society starts out with sixty-eight members, of which five are Minnesotians.

A. A. Shaw & Co., is the name of a new firm that has recently opened up in the stamp business in St. Paul. Attention is called to the column ad on another page.

Aldrich, the Philatelist, whose lair is situated at Benson, has disposed of his stamp business to a curio company, whose advertisement may be found in another column.

Thos. B. Hawley, of Lake Park, is an enthusiastic collector. He is a member of the A. P. A., and the P. S. of A. He has just returned from an Eastern trip laden with new treasures.

Levi W. Torpey, of Morris, is one of our promising young collectors. He has over 1000 specimens and is constantly adding to them. He says his name has nothing to do with the case.

Stamp collecting is still dormant in the Northwest. There are a baker's dozen who are what might be termed "perpetual hustlers." As the spring advances the kid element will commence to get to the front.

The Reverend E. C. Mitchell, of St. Paul, writes us that his collection now numbers over 4600; and that he has started a collection of entire envelopes and one of entire postal cards. His latest acquisition is the complete set of Periodical stamps, unused originals.

Jesse Chase is one of the active collectors of the Flour City. He generally has sheets from almost every dealer in the country and is a great cuss for entire envelopes and oddities. His collection is a very good one. He is employed during the day—and some evenings—in juggling ledgers and day books for a large plumbing firm, which partly accounts for his large and juicy bank account.

John D. Lyons J., of Benson, ex-secretary

of the Minn. Branch A. P. A., is at present resting on his well-earned laurels. His collection, which numbers in the vicinity of 2500 varieties, is in a state of innocuous desuetude. He says he will take hold with renewed vigor next winter. It wouldn't be a safe act to offer him a rare stamp at 50 off with the expectation of his refusing it, allee samee.

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The German element is well represented in the Flour City among the collectors of stamps. Messrs. Strohmeier, Grotefend, Guth and Meyers being the leading quartette. The first named gentleman has over 4000, the most of which he collected in Germany. He has many of the German states complete including the envelope stamps. Mr. Grotefend is also well supplied with a majority of the issues of the Fatherland. His collection numbers in the neighborhood of 2500. Mr. Guth is a new collector, having only been collecting about eight months. His collection now exceeds 1200. Mr. Meyer is another beginner who is rapidly coming to the front.

NEW YORK NOTES.



During the recent disturbance in Hayti, an officer of the U. S. war ship Galena while purchasing postage stamps at the postoffice at Port au Prince, was informed by the polite official in charge that unless the stamps were put on the letters upside down they would not pass through the mails. In this way they showed their spite against the now banished president—Soloman, whose head is shown on the present handsome stamps of this country. The inverting of the stamps is considered the height of disgrace, and while not believing the above to be literally true, we have noticed among a batch of envelopes from this country received lately, about one-quarter of them were in the position stated above. As soon as the present war is settled we shall probably have a new set of stamps from this country. Those now in use are in active demand among collectors on account of their beauty. The 1 cent is said to be very little used and is quite scarce in this condition.

It is reported among the dealers here that when Harrison becomes President the United

States stamps are to be reprinted again. If so, what are the Anti Reprints going to do? Are they going back on the administration just put into office?

Bogert held his 11th auction sale the 25th and 26th of last month. Good attendance and bidding spirited.

Scott & Co., hold their 91st auction sale the 25th of March when some beautiful specimens will be offered.

Theo. F. Cuno has been re-instated as a member of the National Philatelic Society. This only occurred after Theo, poor chap, had resigned his position as Chief Hustler of ten-inch smooth-bore schooners in that great and intelligent body, The United Reds, Parson's Lodge No. 2. Wow! This is awful.

The new 3 cent stamps are not now purchasable at the retail window of the New York postoffice, the clerks saying there is so little demand for these stamps except from the stamp collecting public, that it doesn't pay to handle them. The stock of 4 cent green stamps is so large the new carmine one will not be placed on sale for some time to come. For the benefit of our readers we would state that they can be purchased of the postmaster at Birmingham, Conn.

Among the effects of the will of a well-known Spanish physician in New York, recently contested in the courts was a very fine collection of postage stamps valued at over a \$1,000. We remember being asked sometime ago by the legatee of the will which was the best way to dispose of this same collection. It was never disposed of, but is being carried on by the wife of the gentleman in whose favor the will was made. The lady has evidently become an ardent collector as we notice her name among the new members recently admitted to the A. P. A.

I was very much surprised the other day upon receiving by express a package of stamps which I had sent out of town for selection, to find in it a sheet of stamps mainly from Ceylon, evidently from an English dealer as the prices, are pounds and shillings, the aggregate price of which amounted to about £60 or \$300, which had been put into my bundle by mistake and intended for another party. The majority of the high-priced stamps had been taken off and the initials of the purchasers written in. That which surprised me was the astonishing prices realized being from \$20 to \$25 each for unperforated

stamps of Ceylon, as I have had all these stamps in the regular course of trade and I never got over \$2 or \$3 for any Ceylon stamp it was a revelation to me, and I made up my mind that the proper way to sell stamps was to emigrate at once to England and send over the stamps from there, but on enquiry found that another New York dealer had sold some of the same stamps at even higher rates than those I have mentioned, so I could not help but weep to think how some of us poor dealers were shivering around in the cold trying to get a dollar for a stamp which some other dealer would get \$25 for.

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The absorbing topic of conversation among New York philatelists is the exhibition of postage stamps now being held at the Eden Musee in this city. The show opened Monday, March 11. Many thousands of dollars worth of stamps are shown in glass cases, mounted in unique designs, and all under the care of vigilant watchmen, who guard them night and day during the exhibition. The entire exhibit has been insured against loss by fire for \$30,000, the company taking the risk agreeing to consider it a total loss should the stamps be in any way damaged by fire, smoke or water. A catalogue of the stamps on exhibition has been published and is sold to visitors at a nominal price. It is expected that not less than 25,000 people will view the stamps, and that the science of philately will receive such a boom as it has never experienced before. The exhibit is held under the auspices of the Brooklyn and Staten Island Philatelic Societies, the members contributing stamps of those countries in which they are the most complete. The Scott Stamp & Coin Company are naturally the largest exhibitors. The building is also open on Sundays, on which day the admission is reduced to 25 cents, thus giving those who are too busy on week days an excellent opportunity to study the many fine specimens displayed. It will amply repay all philatelists to come many miles to see the finest exhibition of postage stamps in the world, excepting perhaps that in the British Museum.

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CHICAGO NOTES.

WANDERER.



Oh, moi, What's de matter boy, is just taking his P. wid McGinnis? M. stroll on the lake front allow the gentle breezes to toy with his spring Club whiskerettes. There is one thing very worthy of notice in Wooly, old chappie, and that is he has not had his name changed by an act of the legislature to Philobert Montjoie Warrington or something similar, but he will chase himself down the future ages under the name which he brought over with him from the north of Ireland. Wooly, old fel, g'loats in the possession of such a large collection that every time he attempts to count it he is overcome with fatigue before he gets through the A's; hence our inability to inform an anxious public of the exact size of this gem. Drop in when you are up his way and see him.

The members of the Chalmers Society have decided to give up their organization and join the Chicago Society.

The Chicago Society is taking steps to rent and furnish a room Down Town for the use of its members as a general headquarters.

Another Badger State collector was in the city lately, namely, Mr. Phillip Holly. But he showed poor judgment by going to the theatre instead of attending the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

Dr. McArthur, of La Crosse, Wis., was recently in the city, but owing to his time being limited, was only able to meet a few of the boys. Come again, Doc, when you have longer to stay and we will make it interesting.

The *Philatelic Press* seems to be following the Chicago idea of "open letters," which in itself is all well enough, but we cannot see why one paper should print "Open Letter"

No. 4, of a series the first three of which appeared in a Chicago paper.

The "gang" is waiting to hear from the *Stamp Collector*. What's wrong, boys? Let us hear your plaintive, bazoo-like chirp.

Mitchell is going to get a sofa for the tired philatelists who do their sleeping in the chairs and on the counter in his joint. He also thinks seriously of adding a candy and root beer annex for the benefit of Start, Gadsden and others who are addicted to this mild form of dissipation.

Herr Ernest Jordan, an Austrian philatelist, is on his way around the world, and stopped in our city for a few days. He is one of the most agreeable gentlemen it has been our good luck to have met for a long time and the boys who met him join in wishing him a pleasant and enjoyable trip.

One of the most novel masquerade suits of the season was worn at a fancy dress ball a few evenings ago by Miss Reina Good, neice of Mr Philip Dohl, a Chicago philatelist. It was composed of stamps pasted all over the dress, a diadem made of post-cards and stamps, and on the diadem in gilt letters was inscribed the legend "Philatelia."

At a recent meeting of the New York Society, Mr. T. J. Mitchell's application for membership was rejected on account of his supposed connection with the *Figaro*. At the next meeting, however, it was found that he had nothing to do with that paper and was unanimously elected a member. We make this statement in order to expose the attempts a couple of hand-bills published in the East to make a little capital out of it.

BUCKEYE BLISTERS.

TOWNSEND.

CAUGHT IN CINCINNATI.

Auction sales of the Cincinnati Philatelic Society are lively and it will not be long before they will attract attention. Chicago, we are rapidly gaining on you!

Cincinnati has been a long neglected field from a philatelic glass. It is full of collectors of many years experience and the new society is bringing them to the surface.

F. P. Kellogg who collected stamps for years while studying over the water and who by the way is one of the best posted philatelists we have, has just designed a stamp album that throws a dark shadow on the one from Staten Island. When it is ready to give

to the public it will be wondered at that no one thought of it before. It is simple, cheap and perpetual.

Mr. A. N. Spencer, the leading merchant in philatelic supplies in Porkopolis, is one of the leading spirits in all stamp movements in his city. He is president of the Cincinnati Philatelic Society.

The Cincinnati *Stamp Collector's Quarterly Review* has been quietly, but emphatically consigned to obscurity. Papa's wishes in the matter were promptly respected. Thus doth budding genius receive a chilling blast.

The Cincinnati Philatelic Society is a go in every sense of the word. Not three months old and has a membership of 25. J. A. Pierce, the secretary, is an old Chicago boy and many of our oldest collectors have exchanged stamps with him as far back as 1871. There is push in every one of the members and this society will rapidly force its way into the front rank.

THROUGH THE STATE.

A letter was posted in the postoffice at Akron some time ago with a Porto Rico stamp on it and was delivered at Dunkirk, N. Y., without having been detected.

Years ago when the postage was three cents and the 6 cent pink was in use, I knew an Ohio boy who liked the delicate pink so well that he always posted his letters with a 6 cent stamp.

The Ohio Philatelic Association after a struggling existence of less than a year has died a natural death. 21 members had been enrolled, but as none of them took enough interest to elect officers, the secretary *pro tem* pronounced the case hopeless and left the patient to die.

Like all papers, the *P. J. of A.*, is likely to make an occasional bad break. In the January issue under the "Review of the American Stamp Trade," it is said regarding Ohio: "There are no very large dealers in this state." What's the matter with J. & F. Strauss? "Jake" has been a wholesale dealer for 11 or 12 years and with Frank, now carries on an extensive business. Their stock will invoice at over \$4,000. It seems to me that a firm of this size deserves some notice.

It is truly laughable to read the ad of a stamp "fakir" in which he announces he is breaking up a collection of 13,500 varieties. Such a colossal liar ought to be tabooed by decent people. We were once taken in by this person by buying one of his "famous"

packets containing 1000 mixed varieties, of which 500 were to be unused. The 500 consisted solely of 15c counterfeit Sardinian stamps and the balance of the packet of such trash as a reputable dealer sells for 20 cents per thousand. We gave \$1.75 for the packet. We advise collectors to give this fakir a cold shoulder.

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Were you ever "taken in" by a dealer? One who came right to you and skinned you out of your eye teeth before you knew it? Let me tell you a little narrative. A very sleek chap called on me one day, presented me with his card and said he was a dealer. He hailed from some town in the Bay State and if I remember right, was named Noyes. Oh, but he was a talker, and the way that fellow lied would have shamed Ananias. He had often been in New York, was well acquainted with all the boys and especially the Scott Company. What a store they have! 80 feet deep, two floors and a cellar. In the second story they have 60 boys and girls to sort stamps and put up packets. In the office they have two fire-proof safes to hold valuable stock, each safe 7 x 7 and 8ft high. In the cellar, where common continentals were stored, they keep four ferrats to catch the rats that ate the gum off the stamps. I never want to see that man again. Never!

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The following letter explains itself:

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. Feb. 29, 1889.

DEAR UNCEL.

I got your nice letter a day or two ago. I was rite glad of the stamps you sent me. The boys here are all collectin' and are hot after good ones. I have got a bully place to by stamps cheap and then sell them to the boys and make a good bit of money. I saw a advertise of Mr. S Allen Taler of Boston Mass and he said he wood give 8 kinds of try rangaler Capes for only 10 cents. Well you bet i sent quick and he has sent me his prist list and he does sell cancelled stamps way down. Why I sent him a too bit peac and got mo'rn 50 good un's wich i sold for most too dolers. i am goin' to send for sum more and when i get a 100 dolers i am comin' to Boston to see Mr. Taler cause he is a good man and a Sunday school teacher. One of the boys sed that my stamps didn't fit a counter and was n g but he sells stamps ever so high that he dont sell none and hes tryin' to hurt my traid but he cant do it youno for the other boys laff at him. i hope to here from you agen and when you rite to kween Victory pless ast her to give you a hole lot of them jubly stamps. Tell her you have a nefuw that is a stamp collector and he's a smart boy and i ges she will send em. i hav got one daisy stamp. it ses Hamburger boten on it. Mr Taler sed it was rare. Rite soon to your dear nefuw,

Master Jonnie Craig.

IOWA ITEMS.

MARSHALL.

C. E. Glass, the fiery young insurance broker of Beaman, is going into the drug business. Now that the prohibition gang have everything their own way, the drug store has superceded the rum shop in many instances. A "soda" water fountain is an indispensable fixture. He has been studying up the signals that are in use and says they are as follows:



GLASS "SIZING UP" A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.

A call for moxie accompanied by three winks of the left eye is always a sure indication that about three fingers of corn juice is wanted.

To ask for lemon and at the same time lay the index finger alongside of one's nasal organ means a Hot Scotch.

Request the clerk to draw a glass of mead at the same time ejaculate the word Ho! and you will get a "schooner" to unload.

Say sarsaparilla and remark that you need "a bracer" and the drink served you will taste strongly of Rock and Rye.

When "plain soda" is demanded Mumm or "Yellow Label" is furnished. (The operator to do this has to climb up and fool with the insides of the animal. He is pulling the cork.)

When an old gentleman rushes in and in husky stage whisper says "Waukesha" at same time deposits half-a-dollar, he wants Holland gin and gets it, but no change.

The last beverage on the list and one very popular among the fair sex is strawberry and cream with a dash of claret or port in it.

Mr. E. L. Raish, of Akron, one of our leading philatelists, is attending the university at Vermillion, D. T.

A. L. Lawrence, of Le Mars, has just returned from a visit to Chicago and gives a glowing account of the Chicago philatelists and their collections.

H. C. Kendall of Emmettsburg, Iowa, says Townsend's Directory is "off its base" regarding the size of his collection. It does not contain 11,500 varieties; only 1,150. Next.

The Philatelic Association of Iowa is now fully organized and in working order. About

twenty members are enrolled. The following officers were elected: W. A. Ackerman, President; E. R. Marshall, Vice-President; S. C. Scott, Treasurer; A. L. Lawrence, Secretary; E. L. Raish, Exchange Supt.

Iowa's representative in the journalistic field, the *U. S. Philatelist*, seems to be published semi-occasionally and dates its numbers in a happy-go-lucky manner, the February number appearing the Twenty-fifth of last month while the December number is still to be heard from.

Mr. W. A. Ackerman, of Marengo, the newly elected president of the P. S. of I., is one of the rising young business men of that city. He is the proprietor of a fine grocery store. By the way, Mr. A's., collection of U. S. stamps is a remarkably fine one and numbers over 2500 varieties.

Mr. P. W. Tourtellot and myself recently made a raid on the numerous pill-vendors' shops in Wyoming and succeeded in capturing a fine quantity of medicine stamps of more or less value. How many bonanzas there are laying on the dusty shelves of country drug stores, which philatelists might have for the asking. Hunt them up, boys.

Iowa has not been remarkable prolific as regards philatelic papers and the following is a complete list of the journalistic attempts of Hawkeye collectors: *Decorah Philatelic Review*, 1874; *Iowa Philatelist*, Davenport, 1877; *National Philatelist*, Mt. Pleasant, 1879; *Stamp Collectors' Review*, Davenport, 1871 to 1882; *Western Philatelist*, Council Bluffs, 1879; *Collectors' Weekly*, Wyoming; *U. S. Philatelist*, Calmar, 1888.

Jimmy Jay, of "Richwood Dispatch" fame, comes forth in the January *Stamp* with what he pleases to call "A Confession." He first claims to have done nothing which was not strictly honorable and closes by saying: "Will you not take me back into your fold and I will never stray again?" thereby acknowledging that he *did* stray, notwithstanding his statements to the contrary. A short time ago I received a very obscene and insulting letter from this young gentleman (?) which he now claims his partner wrote. The lie is altogether too transparent, for I am very well acquainted with young Jay's chirography and there is no chance of my being mistaken.

Millard Walton, of Philadelphia, has just issued an extremely neat price-list in book form, which contains some good bargains.

NEWARK NUGGETS.

At a recent auction held at a private house, the 2c blue, 1877, Phillipine Islands, was sold for \$1.20. That was quite cheap as it was a good specimen.

A new beginner started a collection five weeks and has already 25 Hawaiian Island, including the one dollar vermilion, 1883, and the 13 cent, 1853. He has altogether over 600 varieties.

This city is very dull for the stamp business and the few dealers that are here do not make much of a living at it. The interest seems to wholly in cigarette cards, minerals, relics and such rubbish, the stamp craze generally getting left out in the cold.

Martin R. Dennis who carries on a combined stamp and coin business, is the most prominent dealer, doing a good business and carrying a good stock. I saw in his show window not long ago an Internal Revenue priced at \$7.50 He has displayed some fine paper money, especially foreign.

I think it would be a good idea to get up a club, or something of the sort in Newark, to arouse the native stamp collectors from the Rip Van Winkle slumber into which they appear to have fallen. Why, I know of at least six young fellows here who have become utterly disgusted at the small amount of interest taken in stamps, who will dispose of their collections for almost nothing.

H. J. Collard is one of the leading stamp fiends of Newark. He carries on a good stamp business and has a first-rate collection. He is a funny fellow and fond of playing jokes on the boys. This is the latest gag he has perpetrated: One night some weeks ago he invited his friends to his house to spend the evening. He visited a grocery store and secured a lot of trade marks from some tea chests and "fixed" them a little. These he gave to his friends as the new Formosa issue. They were highly elated at the time, but a few days later when the joke was discovered they were "red-headed" and went in a body to wreak their vengeance on Colly. But he had been warned and went over to New York on a visit until the storm passed over.

A boy about 15 years of age has bothered a friend of the writer very much lately on the matter of coins. He found out that my friend had a coin catalogue and his kidlets immediately began a search through his savings and some old money that his mother had,

and kept running continually to my friends's house to find out whether there was any premium. He found one piece worth five cents above face value and thought he would send that one to the coin dealer, who returned it as he had several hundred of them. So his kidlets still sticks to it and the man with the catalogue is allowing his temper to display itself and says he guesses he will have to shut up his house and go out of town for a time as he does not wish to get on bad terms with the boy.

CANADIAN ECHOS.

H. S. HART & CANADIENSIS.

The constitution of the C. P. A., has been issued in pamphlet form and presents a neat appearance.

It is rumored that a philatelic society is to be formed at Ottawa. Good enough. The more the merrier.

Every collector has a right to his own opinion regarding reprints and we have ours. But shoot the "oddities." Alwah, take off your hat.

Vol. III, No. 1, of the *Halifax Philatelist* is quite an improvement in make-up from its previous issues. The new dress is also an improvement.

On Saturday evening, Feb., 11th a philatelic association was organized in Montreal, under the name of the Montreal Association of Philatelists.

Don't let anybody be deceived that there is not a boom in the C. P. A. The man that wants the lucky No. 200 will have to send in his application by telegraph.

The first Canadian stamp auction of any account took place Monday evening Feb., 25th at Halifax. It was under the auspices of the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association.

The C. P. A., is monthly adding to its list of members. In one year it has enrolled over 175 members. We trust that it may add as many more ere another year has fled.

We have not seen or heard anything yet of the proposed C. P. A., membership badge. We wonder if the committee appointed at the last convention are dead or simply asleep?

The *Nederland Society of Amsterdam* (not N. Y.) hold an international exposition of stamps in May. It will be the fifth anniversary of the society. A festival number of the

society's periodical will be issued in April and contain portraits of members and prominent philatelists all over the globe.

There is some talk in postal circles of new six-cent and fifteen-cent stamps being issued at an early date.

Mr. Hooper has been trying to form a Provincial branch of the C. P. A., but has given up that idea for the present and is now trying to see what he can do with organizing local societies.

Canadian philatelists have spoken in high terms of the general get up of the initial number of the *FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST*. [Excuse us while we "smile" again with our Canadian admirers.—ED.]

Within the past few weeks I have discovered that there are three or four very fine collections of postage and revenue stamps in Montreal; a couple of them would almost rank as the finest in the world.

There seems to be little hope of our postage fee being reduced from three to two cents. However, it is possible an order-in-council will be passed at an early date making the schedule three cents for every ounce instead of for every half-ounce as it is at the present time.

Mr. Jno. R. Hooper is at work compiling a complete list of the revenue stamps of Canada. The work will be as near perfection as regards descriptions of issues, of various varieties, prices, etc., as it is possible to make it. It will be published in the near future and sold at 15 cents per copy.

The writer's History of the Postage and Revenue stamps of Canada which it was hoped would have been in the hands of the philatelic public ere this, will not be issued until about May. The delay is caused by the difficulty in procuring correct and complete information in regard to some of the Canadian revenue stamps.

Now, shades of Washington's hatchet weep! Here is what editor Gussie Aue says of me in his February number:

"Canadensis and John R. Hooper are one and the same person, but some of his notes would lead one to think otherwise. What's the use of deceiving your readers?"

I suppose this is in payment for my article in his January number. Yes, turn to your *Collector's Ledger* and just see where "the great and only" Gustav was pleased to accept an article by "Canadensis" and now he gives

us the chestnut of who the writer is. Say, Gustav Jerusalem Ave, don't you know how to spell "Canadiensis" yet? No, Jerusalem, "Canadensis" and Hooper are *not the same*.

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There is considerable flutter over the recent discoveries of watermarks in some of the large cent series one and three cent stamps. The watermark is the maker's name. We had one of the three cent offered to us at the modest figure of \$10, while another went by us on an exchange sheet like a Texas steer on a rampage, at the same price. You can bet that stamp had no stopover ticket.

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Here is a letter I received a few days ago:

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

DEAR SIR:

FEB., 27, 1889.

I learn you are interested in the collection of postage stamps—used ones. I have a very large number, having collected for years, for the purpose of buying a free bed in a hospital—one million stamps—which is equivalent to five hundred dollars; at least so they estimate it. Having seen notices lately published stating the impossibility of the hospital receiving stamps now, I feel desirous of disposing of what I have. There are over 500,000. Will you buy them and what price will you give per thousand?

MRS. A. P. M.—

It is needless to state that \$250 was not paid for her 500,000 stamps.

NOTES IN GENERAL.



The new Philatelic Society of America has now perfected its organization and elected officers for the ensuing year. Judging the society by its new officers we believe it will be a great success. Its first executive will be none other than Ernest R. Aldrich, of Minnesota, one of the most prominent philatelists in the country, a pioneer of the A. P. A., and a

charter-member of the C. P. A., Its treasurer, T. J. Mitchell, of Chicago, is widely known as "Wanderer" and is bound to carry influence with him. The secretary, H. C. Beardsley, of St. Joe, Mo., is well-known the country over as Supt. of Literary Exchange Dept., of the A. P. A. On the Pacific slope no one is more prominent than the vice-president, Maurice Samuels, of Frisco. Minne-

sota collectors cannot but hope that its career will be a long and successful one, as it originated in the fertile brain of a North Star State collector and another N. S. S., man is at the helm. Its roll will include most all of the well-known *young collectors* as it will be run in their interests. Its several departments will be in running order by April 1st. We earnestly advise all the younger generation of collectors to look into this matter carefully. For further information apply to the secretary.

† † †

Henry Gremmel, of New, York has favored us with his packet and set price-list. He sells the cheapest sets in the world. List free.

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Secretaries of the different philatelic societies are kindly requested to send us anything of special importance which may occur at any of the meetings. Any interesting item of a personal nature pertaining to stamps and collectors will be acceptable.

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No, the Bell Publishing Co., and the Flour City Stamp Co., are not the same, although the editor of the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST is the proprietor of the stamp biz. The publishers of this magazine are practical newspaper men and own a large plant. So, dear Mr. Wools-over-your-eye, don't be afraid we will succeed. For further information, we refer you to Rowell's Newspaper Directory.

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In answer to the query: "What is the law and penalty for removing stamps from mail matter in transit," we quote the following from the Postal Guide for 1889:

Section 30:—Any person employed in any branch of the postal service, who shall willfully and unlawfully remove from any mail matter any postage stamp affixed thereto in payment of postage, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months.

OUR EXCHANGES.



The *Canadian Stamp and Coin Journal* for January has been received. It is purported to be issued by the Maritime Publishing Company of Halifax, Nova Scotia. We always suspected it was issued by some sort of a team, but judging from appearances, allowed it was a League base-ball team. It

the publishers would only put on a new dress of type, sufficiently large in size of face to enable its readers to peruse its columns of ancient history without the aid of a microscope, it would add greatly to the general attractiveness of the sheet and its subscription list.

The *Erie Gazette* roasts Sterling and the A. P. A., method of voting in good style.

The *Charleston Philatelist* now appears monthly. Good boy, Gussie, here's luck to you.

The *Ohio Philatelist* has again put in an appearance after an absence of four months. It is scarcely worthy of the name of journal, being only a two-sheet dodger.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* for February, contains a splendid article about the new postoffice in Philadelphia and illustrates the write-up with a full-page lithograph.

The *Hoosier Philatelist* should cut and trim its pages. It would then begin to look more like a magazine and would not really be in truth, a hoosier gotten-up sheet.

The *Philatelic Press* is still giving away dollars for dimes. Brother Manchester is a romantic sort of a cuss if the article on the first page can be taken as a criterion.

And now the *Buffalo Philatelist* comes with a loud and bison-like snort and announces it will "carry the banner" for a brief space of three months and then turn up its toes.

The *American Stamp* from Newark, N. J., is a Democratic sort of looking publication. It has the famous Wm. H. Mitchell, D. D. S., for editor-in-chief. It will most likely remain with us for a while.

The *Post Card* for January is at hand and is a neat looker. It is a matter of conjecture with us as to how the publisher expects to get out even if the advertising patronage doesn't loom up in better style.

The *American Philatelist* for February is a good number. It deserves special credit for the expose of the Formosa "stamp" swindle, and its excellent screed headed "Notes on the Confederate Government Issues."

The *Dominion Philatelist* is another new one. It offers the same old premium racket to subscribers. Why don't the publisher get

out a sheet that doesn't have to give a seventy-five cent premium to secure a fifteen cent subscription?

Philately is one of the new arrivals. It is a neat looker but a little more original matter and a less liberal use of the shears, would tend to induce advertisers to come down more liberally with the "dust" for the high tariff asked for space.

The *International Philatelic Advertiser* is again being published. If the editor does not brace up its back-bone with something more staying than promises and a lot of ads of foreign dealers, it will again sink into an early grave. Give us at the very least, six pages of original matter.

The *Eastern Press* complains that they did not receive the first number of the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST and intimates that we overlooked them purposely on account of a small item about that leaflet. The *E. P.*, was very careful that we got six copies of the leaflet containing their little wail.

The *International Collector* strongly advocates the withdrawal of the reprint from the market. The first thing this valuable sheet should do is to buy a new outfit of type and at least present a paper to the philatelic public that doesn't look as if it had been "thrown together" by a lot of amateur comps.

The holiday number of the *Philatelic Journal of America* was the finest and most elaborate attempt at getting out a stamp paper of especial attractiveness on record. 130 pages of reading matter and advertisements, and a review of the stamp dealers of America, illustrated with portraits of most of them. All of which goes to prove that which we have before stated—that it is the best stamp paper published today.

The January *Figaro* has at length put in an appearance, but it does not equal the expectations of the general public as aroused by the twelve-sheet poster sent out last December. If Voute would cease parading his own private little grievances so prominently and devote that space and the room given to roasting Calman-Scott-Reichert, etc. (four-fifths of the sheet) to live topics, it might deserve the name of "journal."

The *Collector's Ledger* remarks, so we are told, (as they print only enough copies to go around the advertisers and subscribers, 137 all told,) that the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST is

very good on the talk. Don't mention it! It is an open secret that the *Ledger* has subsisted on a wind diet for several months past. However, gents, when, in the near future you expire for want of wind (and "tin") we will have the obituary editor write a nice notice.

The *Philatelic Beacon* for February says should be only one society of American collectors. He thinks that there is no benefit derived from any other than the A. P. A. The FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST disagrees with Brother Hutchinson. One great benefit will be derived, which Hutch as an A. P. A. member takes good care not to mention, and that is the effect it will have in keeping the A. P. A. from becoming imbued with the idea that they can run things in this country to suit themselves. It will also serve as an incentive to that body to be more liberal in its views.

The Springfield, Mass., *Republican* of Feb., 7th., in its philatelic column conducted by a man who glories in the possession of the romantic name of J. Smith, and a Solomon-in-all-his-wisdom young man who is known to the world by the rocky cognomen of Stone, have had the Down-East-Yankee audacity to say that this publication is a sheet of the Voute order. We don't object to being called "wild, woolly and western," but because we sailed in and rapped a few people a little harder than is customary, this illustrious team of "S's" decided to apply the "roaster." These two gentlemen should come out West and grow up with the country and let their skin become tougher.

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The great success that this department of our paper has met with at the hands of the dealers of this country has fully convinced us that our judgment was correct when we established the BLACK LIST. The adjoining

cut accurately represents the one-act tragedy that has been playing to small but select and deeply interested audiences in many a family since the initial number appeared. The many letters we have received from dealers and collectors with subscriptions sent us solely on this account have acted as a still further incentive to make this column a constant source of terror to the approval sheet swindler and a reliable directory of this class of petty thieves for the protection and handy reference of the trade. The lists will be run six consecutive times, so there will be no chance for anyone not to have seen them. There is one thing we want understood right here, namely:—When a person whose name is published remits the amount of his indebtedness to the dealer and not to us, as should be done, the dealer must remit the commission we are entitled to at once to us, otherwise the name WILL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE BLACK LIST. This rule is imperative as a protection to ourselves and no deviation will be made under any circumstances. We shall also publish, commencing with the current number, the names of SUBSTITUTERS, believing them to be as much entitled to the name of SWINDLER as the sheet thief. We shall do our best to "knock out" all these "vermin." We again request ALL the dealers to send us their lists. It is only a combined effort of the entire trade that will insure absolute success and rid the land of the common enemy. Send in your lists!

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Box 208 Coburg Ont Can	C SHEPARD Substituter	
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San Diego Cal	EDW. W FOX	3 00
Norwalk Ohio	L J SCHUBERT Look out for this thief	60
Annapolis Royal N S Can	R C HUGHES	75
154 East 82nd Street, New York City	H. FROEHLICH	\$ 2.16
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Constitucion 2, Callao, Peru	J. B. MEYER	3 25
II Kleine Pfargasse, Vienna, Austria	EDWARD HEIM	2 70
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Duluth, Minn 3 47

GORDON C MELLON
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Honesdale Pa	HENRY W. REPBEIN	6 75
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New Bedford Mass	ARTHUR DE WOLF	1 50
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Minneapolis Minn	ALFRED LUNDGREN	9 33
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Hyde Park Mass	GEO. M. BUTLER	1 50

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Crete Neb	Mrs W Y McKeand	2 82
Middleton Ct	John M Douglas Jr	5 00
Cincinnati Ohio	Alfred Bettman	2 55
Santa Fe N M	N N Norfleet	2 16
Middlebury Vt	H F Schack	1 64
Merrimac Mass	Clifton Heath	1 52
Yarmouth Me	Fred N Noyes	1 43
Troy N Y	F M Thomas	2 86
Burlington Iowa	A C Turner	1 08
Midland Mich	J C Stall	80
Chicago Ill	N B Brehm	1 17
Media Pa	Chas E Schlsman	1 00
Lynchburg Va	B O Kellings	86
South Cornish N H	Harve C Deming	76
St Louis Mo	Anthony Desberger	2 22

St Paul Minn	Frank Dean	1 09
Topeka Kansas	Burr Lakir	78
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"	6	"	"	"	amber25
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"	1	"	"	"	manilla25
"	1	"	"	"	orange15
"	3	"	green	"	white10
"	6	"	red	"	amber25
"	6	"	"	"	cream25
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20	Cuba	25
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20	French Colonies	40
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THE REPRINT WAR.



Bartlett. Scott. Bogert. Mekeel. Corwin..

The Anti-Reprintists as they appear going to the Brooklyn Philatelic Club to "do" the opposition. The latest advices from the seat of war affirm the report that the Anti-Reps are getting discouraged and will undoubtedly "throw up the sponge" shortly.

DEAF_GAWGE WAXES WROTH.



Dr. George F. Heath gets a little mite warm under his collar after reading "The Latest Fad" in our last issue.

MR. CORWIN TALKS.



"You hear me! I'm kickin'. If dis gang of dealers think dey can run *my* sassiety, you hear me, dey's goin' to git left. D'j'you see me do up dis bloke from Trenton? Oh, I knows my bizness. Now watch me give it to dat St. Looie mug. And den I'll razoo dis fly New York dealer. He thinks he got a first mortgage on us stamp collectors. I'll make'm sick, you bet. My name aint Jno. L. Sullivan, but dey can't run my sassiety. I'm a dandy, but no dude. You hear me. I'm a'kickin'.—C. B. Corwin.

The Hill-Chalmers Controversy.



At it tooth and nail. "What fools these mortals be."

The Bungtown Philatelic Society.

CANADENSIS.



AFTER several months of inactivity, the Bungtown Philatelic Society were reminded of their existence by finding themselves published in a philatelic directory, and decided to reorganize on a permanent basis. Accordingly the old secretary, Nick Aragua, was instructed to call a meeting for Saturday evening, April 27th at

HAM BURG. 7:30, to be held in old man Cy Pruss's barn. Ham Burg was appointed janitor, doorkeeper and special policeman.

As early as seven o'clock the philatelic lights from Bungtown and Stopperville, an adjacent suburb, commenced to arrive. By a quarter of eight the place was comfortably filled and the secretary ordered Ham to close the doors. Gustavus Jerusalem Ah, the Chinese wash-a-washee, was elected temporary chairman, and he immediately ordered a list of the names of the persons present taken. The following was the result:

- No. 1, Phil Atelick,
- 2, Gustavus Jerusalem Ah,
- 3, Alvin Joslyn Devinson,
- 4, Si Am Van Couver,
- 5, Phil Lippine,
- 6, Dan Mark,
- 7, Mont Serrat,
- 8, Sam O. A. Jones,
- 9, Martin Eke,
- 10, Joe Hoar,
- 11, Hy Derabad,
- 12, Doc Youment,
- 13, J. Hind,
- 14, Al Sass,
- 15, Stella Land,
- 16, Anne Tigwa,
- 17, Sal Vado e,
- 18, Moll Davia,
- 19, Sarah Wack,
- 20, Lu Beck,
- 21, Ann T. Oakway,
- 22, R. Gentine,
- 23, Ham Burg.

Chairman Ah said he was glad to meet so many old friends and fellow collectors. He was overjoyed to see so much interest taken in their science once more. "The first business will be the election of permanent officers," he added, after the preliminary set-toos had been finished. "I will appoint Joe Hoar teller." He went on to say that in case of his being elected president he would present every member with 10,000 warranted stick-

ers. (Applause.) Sam O. A. Jones moved, looking at Stella Land with a dying calf expression, that ladies be entitled to hold office. Carried unanimously.

The contest for president was close and exciting—before the ballots were counted. Joe Hoar arose amidst a silence so impressive that the temporary chairman could hear himself think, and read off the following result:

R. Gentine	19.
Gustavus Jerusalem Ah	2.
Sam O. A. Jones	1.
Stella Land	1.

Alvah Devinson protested the election, but upon being promised an office withdrew his objection and the election of Mr. Gentine was made unanimous. Alvah Joslyn Devinson was elected vice president by acclamation, as were also Doc Youment and Stella Land for the offices of secretary and treasurer, respectively. Dan Mark secured the soft sit. of exchange supt., and Ham Burg was left with his original offices. Hy Derabad and Cy Pruss were chosen trustees. Si Am Van Couver objected to the name of Cy Pruss on the ground that the old man was not a collector, whereupon the old man, who was sitting on a pile of wood in the rear of the barn jumped up in great wrath and said he would "clean the hull pack out" if they thought they were going to boss him in his own place. He then made a rush for Si who escaped through a hole in the side of the barn just in time to avoid a slight collision between Cy's number ten's and his new balloon trousers.

After order was again restored and the old man assured that he was greatly respected, the president was called on for a speech. He distinguished himself by delivering a remarkable peroration on the "Origin of the Perforation Gauge," (which it was ascertained had been left on the desk by the temporary chairman); while philatelists had attributed this to Fernando La Guira, a prominent Spanish philatelist, he had proof that the laurels belonged to another, a member of a society in Bucharest, Roumania, by the name of Nathan Solomon. He called on all members to right the wrong done the latter and asked them amidst great excitement if such a monumental fraud should be permitted to exist. Alvin Joslyn Devinson moved, seconded by Phil Lippine;—That this society support Nathan Solomon in his claim as the inventor of perforation gauge and millimeter scale. The president stated he did not say anything about a scale, when Martin Eke rose and objected to the motion being carried with a rush as it would well to enquire further into the case, and if it was as the Presi-

dent stated they could decide better than, as he had seen the Bucharest Society's decision against Solomon and he thought that their being on the spot enabled them better to judge the case—

"Order—sit down!" shouted the president; "we cannot allow personalities here. I call for a vote of confidence." The resolutions were carried with but two dissenting votes, Martin Eke and Al Sass voting nay.

The secretary stated that a communication from Bolivar Pervaricator Chalmers had been put in his hand by Gustavus Ah, and that the letter enclosed twelve photos, with a promise that two books would be sent per registered post on receipt of the names of members of the society.

"Well, what does he want," asked J. Hind.

"He asks," continued the secretary; "the recognition by this society that his father was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp, having discovered the art while printing labels for pickle bottles and jam pots."

(Voice from behind a feed box: "Rats!")

Mont Serrat moved that the communication be tabled indefinitely. Lost.

It was moved, seconded and carried, after great exertion on the part of the vice president, "that—this society in solemn conclave assembled do recognize and support Bolivar Pervaricator Chalmers claim that his pa was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp, and, furthermore, it does not matter whether it was for jam pots or pickle bottles, but that the idea was the same, and that we hereby believe he was the inventor, and that a copy of this decree be published in the *Pee Jay of Hay*." (Great applause.) The president ordered the vice president to inscribe the name of Bolivar Pervaricator Chalmers, D. B., Esq., etc., on the roll of honorary members, but as the worthy vice could not write, the secretary did it for him.

Action was taken in regard to dues and it was voted that 10 cents per month should be the fee, old man Cy Pruss to receive half of the amount collected for the use of his barn, on condition that he supplied two candles instead of one. It was voted to hold meetings every Saturday evening and an auction sale to take place at the next assembly. The president appointed Al Sass auctioneer. J. Hind exhibited some rarities from Samoa, and the president said he would, at a future meeting, deliver an address on "Who Gunned the Stamps," an original essay from the gifted pen of Gustavus Jerusalem Ah. The vice president showed some extreme rarities in oddities of U. S. stamps, among which as the gems of the collection were: a 1c paper

wrapper with the stamp impressed higher up on the sheet; a 2c green, slightly faded and a 1c blue, present issue, with the outside edge unperforated for the distance of two holes of the perforation. Lu Beck exhibited a 3c red Canada with one side unperforated. The vice president said it was not catalogued and must be a great rarity.

A motion to adjourn was then made by Sam O. A. Jones who wanted half an hour to spark Stella Land. The motion was seconded by Moll Davia, who, as the candle would only last about two minutes longer, was afraid of being kissed in the dark by Ham Burg. The motion went through with a rush.

Kinne, the well-known egg and curio man, has removed from the Flour City to Knoxville, Iowa. See his ad on another page.

We have been favored with a copy of the "Collector's Companion" by Jno. K. Tiffany. It is a work that should be in the hands of every philatelist. Published by the Western Philatelic Pub., Co., Chicago.

Don't fail to catch on to the "Surprise" packets offered by the Stamp & Coin Co., of Merrimack, Wis., See back of cover. Great!

STAMPS STOLEN.

The following is a list of the stamps stolen from Chas. A. Burger:

New York, 1842, 3c wove paper.
 " " 43, 3c glazed paper (3)
 " " 45, 5c black.
 " " " variety (2)
 " " 49, 1c U S Mail, pink.
 " " " buff (2)
 " " " yellow

Providence, R. I. 5c black (2)
 Blood (circular)
 Hale & Co., red
 Swarts, red on blue.
 Salem N. C. envelope, used.
 Danville Va. " "
 Fredericksburg, 5c blue.

All these were on the original letters and envelopes from which the thief may have removed them. Also Post Obitum, unused; Geneva, double stamp. All these stamps can be identified even without the letters, by Chas. A. Burger, 243 Broome St., New York.

The *Stamp Advertiser* is a new paper and should come rapidly to the the front. Newsy, neat appearing and cheap rates speak well for it. It is published at Hudson, Mass. by Grant & Co.,

FOR OUR READERS.

Commencing with this issue of the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST we become a bi-monthly journal until October 1st, when we will try to appear promptly on the first of each month. The advertising patronage has largely exceeded our modest expectations and the way in which the paper has been received by collectors is of such a flattering character as to necessitate an entire new outfit of hats of larger size for the staff. Subscribers will receive 12 numbers as guaranteed. Advertising rates will remain the same. It has been demonstrated to our entire satisfaction that a first-class paper can be run successfully at rates within the reach of every advertiser. We are pleased to announce that the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST has been chosen as the official organ of the Philatelic Association of Iowa. The delay in our appearance has been caused by a rush of ads during the past two weeks.

A FEW POINTERS.

OLD SPORT.

MORE ESPECIALLY INTENDED FOR THE YOUNG COLLECTOR THAN FOR HIS ADVANCED COMPATRIOT.—A FEW TIPS FOR WHICH THE WRITER HAS HAD TO PAY OUT COLD CASH TO DISCOVER.—THE DIFFERENT WAYS OF STARTING A COLLECTION.—A LITTLE GOOD ADVICE WHICH WILL SAVE TROUBLE IF FOLLOWED BY THE BEGINNER.



IT has been a regular thing for every writer on subjects pertaining to the science of Philately to spring a diatribe on the "How, When and Wherefore" of collecting stamps at least once during his life. So as not to break the record we will devote a little

of our valuable space to say a few words on this subject. It has been a thankless task and we don't expect to fare any better than those who have been over the same ground before us. The collecting of stamps during the last cycle of time has grown to be a most difficult task. Postage—adhesive, envelope and postcard; Revenue—match, medicine, document, playing card and tobacco; Telegraph; Locals; and the different ramifications of all these separate classes, such as shades, perforations, paper, watermarks, errors, size of envelopes, oddities, etc., have all tended to make the path of the average collector one

not thickly strewn with roses, but rather one along which it is necessary to pick one's way as carefully as though journeying through the heart of the "Dark Continent." The following terse paragraphs are simply a part of the knowledge obtained by the writer after an experience on this "stamping ground" of ten years. It is his earnest wish that it will go a little towards preventing the young collector and the beginner from falling into a few of the many pitfalls that beset their path.

1. To commence a collection of stamps. There are several way to do this. Here are a few of the best:

(a) Buy a small collection mounted in a good album as a nest egg.

(b) Purchase a packet of 1000 varieties for \$8 to \$10. This is the cheapest and best way to start.

(c) Commence with a packet of 100 to 400 varieties, which can be bought for from 10c for 100 to \$1 for 400. To one with only a small amount to start this is the correct way.

(d) Another good way for a person of limited purse is to save your money until it is somewhere near \$8 and then buy a packet of 500 for \$2.50 and spend the balance on sets; cheap ones. Although it may take four months to do this, a little thinking will convince you that you will be from 3 to 400 stamps ahead of what you would have been had you bought them a few at a time. During the period you are saving this money, go over all your parents' old letters and trade all the duplicates you thus obtain.

Never start a collection by buying the stamps from approval sheets. Don't buy stamps from sheets until you have over 400.

2. Never take another collector's word regarding the value of a stamp you possess. By strict adherence to this rule you may save the fleshy portion of your anatomy considerable abuse from your pedal extremities, when you discover that you have traded a stamp worth 50 cents or more for one worth a cent or two.

3. Never sell a stamp out of your collection. "A rolling stone gathers no moss."

4. Don't buy counterfeit stamps. The best way to steer clear of these vermin is to bear in mind that no dealer will sell stamps worth dollars for a few cents. In trading observe your stamps closely.

5. Never steal a stamp, either from a fellow collector nor off an approval sheet. You will then never be afraid to show your collection without always thinking some one will get on to you.

6. Don't put implicit faith in all you read in the advertising columns of stamp papers.

7. Don't buy an expensive album at the start. Too many new collectors make this mistake and imagine that appearance is the principal thing. A year or two afterward when they have to buy a new edition considerable cussing is indulged in.

8. Don't confound a reprint with the counterfeited. Just as different as gold is from brass.

9. Don't be afraid to buy unused stamps. There is nothing so tiresome to the intelligent collector as to have a person ask "Is this stamp genuine? It has never been used."

10. Don't believe too strongly in the line printed on many approval sheets—"All Stamps Guaranteed Genuine."

11. The most important thing you can do is to buy a standard catalogue and study it.

12. Don't get sheets from eight or ten dealers at once. Stick to one, or two at the most. A dealer has no earthly use for ten cent agents.

13. Don't buy "genuine" U. S. locals at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2c each. No reason necessary.

14. Don't confine your purchases to one country if you are a general collector. It is well enough to complete sets, but unless you will pay one, two or five dollars, it is better to collect them as they come. It makes a much more attractive collection where every country has a number of stamps.

15. Take pains in addressing your correspondence. Name of party, street or box number and city and state is enough. Be sure the address is correct before mailing.

16. Always enclose return postage in all letters of inquiry and application for sheets.

17. Don't refuse to purchase stamps of late issues for which there are no places in your album. Remember that when you buy a new album it will contain spaces for them, and in many cases late issues become rare in a short time after issue by being changed.

18. Always buy the best album for the least money. Scott's International is the best for ordinary sized collections. The British "Imperial" is however the best for advanced collectors who desire a printed album owing to the fact that the stamps never need be changed, supplements being issued.

19. Never substitute stamps of your own for others on approval sheets. It is simply stealing and the dealer always detects it. The only advantage you derive from it is getting a little free advertising in some "black list."

20. Mount your stamps on hinges. NEVER paste them down. A good scheme when stamps are being put in is to mark the price

on the inner side of the hinge. By so doing, you can at anytime determine by simply adding up the amounts on the hinges just what your collection has cost you, and in case you sell your collection you can see how you come out.

21. Always send your name when you return approval sheets. If you don't want to write a letter simply enclose your name on a piece of paper. It will save the dealer many valuable moments.

22. Always subscribe to one good stamp paper. Get sample copies of the different publications, read them carefully and then take the one that suits you the best. It will save you more than the subscription price twice over in a great many ways.

Don't allow your parents or friends to laugh you out of stamp collecting. A parent with a little bit of good sense who will take the trouble to investigate the science, will find that his boy can derive more valuable knowledge on geography, history, numismatics, political government, color, neatness and various other topics than, he could if three times the amount expended on the collection were put into books.

24. A last word: Don't show your collection to every one who may want to see it. Many a rare stamp has mysteriously disappeared after such exhibitions and in nine cases out of ten it can never be positively settled as to the purloiner. Always be sure of the party to whom you show your album. Take an old 'un's advice. I have lost a few myself, recovering the stamp but once out of four times. But it won't happen again.

Austrian Postal Service in the Levant.

HEINSBERGER.



S stamp collectors all know, Austria and other countries own postoffices in the Levant and issue their own stamps. But what collectors do not know is the origin of these postoffices in Turkey. I

will try to tell you how it came about.

In the year 1850, by the treaty of Kainardge, the government of Austria was granted the privilege to establish in the Turkish capital a postal courier service for the special use of the Austrian consulate, to carry the Austrian official mail from Constantinople to Vienna. The Turkish Government promised

to furnish relays for this mail service to the frontier, and give Austrian postmen on horseback all protection. At that time the Turkish population furiously hated all Christians. There were also many Austrian merchants living in Constantinople and they asked the Austrian consul to allow their commercial mail to be delivered with the official mail, because they did not trust the Turkish post-office officials. The Consul kindly gave permission to his countrymen, free of charge. But, year by year, this commercial mail was increased, and, as it cost much money to conduct this postal service, the Austrian Government demand payment from the merchants, which was complied with and regular rates were established.

But the Austrian postal service in the Levant increased more and more, and at the demand of the Austrian merchants, a regular postoffice was opened by Austria in Constantinople in 1860. The Sultan kicked and swore and protested against an Austrian postoffice in the land of Mohammed, but it availed him not. The Austrian postoffice in Constantinople remained.

During the first year after opening, the Austrian postoffice did so much business that the Austrian Government derived a large revenue from it. But this Austrian postoffice in the Levant was only the first stone. One by one, Russia, Italy, Germany, France and Great Britain opened postoffices in Constantinople and issued their own postage stamps. The Sultan in despair issued protest after protest against these foreign postoffices, but as he could not show a regular Turkish postal service his protests were ignored.

Germany called an international postal convention in 1874 which was held at Berne, Switzerland. Turkey was asked to send postal delegates to this convention. The Porte after some hesitation did so and Turkey is one of the signature powers of the "Universal Postal Union." Turkey was awakened to her interests by this congress and the Porte employed a high English official, by name Sendamore, to reorganize the Turkish postal service. Mr. Sendamore went at this heavy task with great earnestness. He opened at the city of Galata, a suburb of Constantinople, an International Turkish postoffice, with all improvements. He also established a Turkish naval mail service to run in opposition to the Danubian Steamship Co., and carry all mail from Turkey to Vienna and other European cities. Success seemed certain when Mr. Sendamore suddenly died. His successors were unable to finish the task and the result was that the Turkish mail service fell into decay.

Since that time nothing has been done by Turkey to show her ability in conducting a foreign mail service. Since the year 1888, an international railroad, the first "overland route" through Turkey, has been opened, running from Vienna through Bosnia, Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia to Constantinople. After centuries of waiting, the result has been achieved. The Cross of Christianity is now at the doors of the Moslem capital. It is an open question as to whether Turkey will be able to carry by this railroad the foreign mail with her own postal service. Time will tell. The Austrian and other foreign postoffices in the Levant will remain, the commercial world in Turkey demanding it. I must not forget to mention that in Turkey there are now in use the Levant postage stamps of the six leading European countries and the regular postage stamps of the Ottoman Empire.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

During the past five months our association has been able to accomplish but little owing to the non-appearance of the *U. S. Philatelist*, which but recently resigned as official organ and to which vacancy the FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST has been appointed. I have also to report the resignation of Mr. S. C. Scott as treasurer. Mr. W. P. Chase was tendered the office, but refused to accept, so the secretary was appointed to act as such officer until July 1.

Very few of the members have as yet paid up their dues. Notices were mailed to all delinquents on the 13th of May, and they are earnestly requested to remit the small amounts due as soon as they conveniently can.

The association's financial standing to date may be summarized as follows:

Receipts (Dues and Fees)	\$7 50
Expenditures—printing cards and blanks—sundries	5 05
Balance on hand	2 55

The exchange department is in working order and the members should avail themselves of this privilege. Exchange books to hold too may be obtained for 30 cents per dozen or four cents each from the superintendent, whose change in address should be noted.

Let us each endeavor to obtain one or more members and we shall be able to boom our association even during the hot months

which are now close at hand. Application blanks may be obtained by addressing the secretary. Here let me take the opportunity to thank in the name of the association those members who have assisted in the above respect.

Those whose qualification has been protracted will pardon the delay, caused by their application not being published before as the association has not been in fault.

All will no doubt be glad to learn that a purchasing department is under consideration while the library will shortly have attention and the librarian be selected.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

(With references.)

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Membership cards will be issued to the above one month from date provided no objections be received and dues have been paid for at least six months in advance.

A. L. LAWRENCE,

Le Mars, May 14. Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE SUPT.

The Exchange Department is now in running order. Several members have sent in sheets and more are expected. Those wishing to receive the filled sheets of the Department will please send in their names at once to the superintendent if they have not already done so. Those who have stamps to exchange can have them placed on circuit by procuring the approval books of the Association from the Superintendent at the prices given in the secretary's report and sending them in to the superintendent when filled.

I hope all the members will respond at once and take part in the exchange. The

greater the number who participated the better it will be for all concerned.

E. L. RAISH,

Vermillion, May 15. Exchange Supt.

In Re Patent Medicine Stamp.

EDITOR FLOUR CITY PHILATELIST.

I thank you for your March journal just at hand, and, while I cannot endorse your article "The Latest Fad" because of the words you take the liberty to put into my mouth being universally untrue, yet my friends all agree that the "picture" of myself is remarkably true to nature; so in advance I feel it a pleasant duty to congratulate you on an attempt to begin right if you did "jump the furrow" and take to the brush immediately afterward.

That no false impressions may remain in the minds of your numerous readers from the perusal of your article and that we may start right you will pray inform them:

1. Where I have ever said that the "Match and Medicine stamps or labels were not collectable."

2. Where I have ever said that "they were not a government issue and authorized by Congress."

3. Where I have ever said they were "bogus" stamps.

4. Where I have ever claimed they were "nothing but labels."

5. If you didn't think I was *lying* when I said I had never bought or sold any of these stamps or labels; if the hallucinations of your mind was not aggravated by that "little bird" whisperings in your ear; if the little bird wasn't a jackdaw after all, and if it isn't time for you to get off that "mares nest" before you break any more of those over-ripe eggs and get further befouled.

Please be hasty in answering these questions; no surmises or second hand bird or poultry stories will do; your readers want facts, for I stand charged with writing the "veriest rot," that my "mind is weakened by long continued broodings" and that "I haven't full possession of my five senses."

In conclusion, to carry out your simile, remember that Napoleon had his Jena, and that while medicine stamp label collecting may be apparently in favor now, that there is a Waterloo ahead for them the same as there was for the great commander, just as sure as my name is

"GAWGE" (F. Heath.)

[This paper has no comments to make on the above, and it goes for what it is worth.]

Aldrich's Sixth Auction Sale takes place June 20th. See page ad., next to back cover.

FACTS FROM 'FRISCO.

JOHN CHINAMAN.



RIGHTEOUS indignation has swelled the Frisco stamp dealer's bosom to almost bursting point. It is all due to the fact that his foreign mail continues to be adorned with the following huge, oblong red rubber stamp impression:

"Supposed to be Liable to United States Customs Duties."

I understand that this distressing duty is performed by a foreign mail clerk in our main office and whose arm, it is reported, has become quite muscular from stamping so many letters and parcels in this fashion. Occasionally the dealers here are sent "upstairs" to the Custom House, and must "stand and deliver." Singular enough the stamp collectors across the bay, are more fortunate, for there, but few individuals even are aware of the law, nor have they even experienced any unpleasant difficulties with their Custom House officials; for when I exhibited one of my foreign letters bearing the "ornamental surcharge" to an Oakland collector who carries on an extensive foreign correspondence, he considered it as a great curio. To me, the whole affair seems to be a perfect mockery from beginning to end, and I have come to the forlorn conclusion, that restraining stamps subject to a duty of 25 per cent. *ad valorem* as printed matter, can never be satisfactorily arranged, owing to the difficulty of having them properly appraised and the law on this point is not generally enforced. It will therefore always create discontentment to both dealer and collector who happen to be the unlucky victims.

C. P. Browell has retired from the stamp business.

The stamp collecting "baby boom" now not only continues in Frisco but has also taken wings for Los Angeles.

No end of opposition for our stamp dealers here. Twenty one "foreign stamp importers" counting our enterprising juvenile companies. Not a poor showing for the young metropolis of the "golden shores of the great Pacific."

The splendid postage stamp collection of about 5000 varieties belonging to Emil C. Eberlein, of Benicia, Cal., the result of twen-

ty years gathering was recently sold to E. F. Gambs of this city. It contained many rare specimens.

Recently several local collectors have complained at having their foreign stamps "swiped" from their mail. A young man became very indignant at having a Persian stamp removed and made complaint to the P. O. Inspector, since which time a re-occurrence has not taken place, at least in his case.

E. F. Gambs was summoned as a witness in the U. S. Criminal Court a short time ago, as an expert on beer stamps in the Union Brewery case. The charge being against the company for using beer stamps twice. The proprietor plead guilty and received six months imprisonment and a fine of \$500.

The Pacific Philatelic Society, the newly organized San Francisco branch of the A. P. A., is now in good working order. The members meet every second Thursday. W. E. Loy is president, and W. A. Cooper secretary. Thus far nine A. P. A., members have enrolled. Only members of 21 and over are admitted.

The following postal card was received by Mr. E. F. Gambs. It explains itself.

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1884, ½c, 1c.....	1	Italy Segnatasse 1 lire blue.....	4
Env. 8c.....	8	2l.....	2
Annam & Tonquin 1c on 4c.....	4	5l.....	12
Austria 1867 25kr 20kr.....	1	10l.....	10
50kr.....	5	Monaco 1c, Wrap 1c.....	1
Austrian Italy 1863 10s.....	1	Mexico 1864 1r red new.....	10
1867 10s.....	1	1874 50c green.....	5
Alsace & Lorraine, Set of 7, new.....	14	1884 1c 2c 4c 10c green.....	1
Bulgaria Unpaid, 5st.....	5	1885 5c blue 10c yellow.....	1
Baden 1853 3k yellow.....	3	1886 5c blue 10c violet.....	2
Bosnia 10n, 15n.....	3	Martinique 01 on 20c.....	4
Belgium Env 10c.....	4	Portugal 100r lilac.....	2
British North Borneo ½c.....	2	Persia Off 4 var comp new.....	25
Bahamas 1850 1d.....	3	Panama, map, 1c grn new.....	2
Bavaria 1860 1, 3 & 7kr the 3 for.....	2	2c pink new.....	4
Bulgaria 1s lilac error unused.....	6	5c blue new.....	10
Costa Rica ½r blue.....	2	5c blue used.....	4
2r red.....	3	Roumania Unpaid 2, 10, 30b.....	3
10c on 2r black & red.....	2	Siam ½att blue.....	2
Holland Env 5c blue cut square.....	2	Sweden Off 10, 20 ore.....	1
Unp'd 1st issue Set of 2.....	5	Swiss 1fr 1863, 1fr 1882.....	2
1c ½c ¼c blue.....	2	Unpaid 500c blue.....	3
5 & 10c.....	4	10c, 20c, 50c, 100c.....	2
Hamburg Envs Set of 7 new.....	10	1862, Set of 9, new.....	12
Iceland 10aur red.....	3	Tel, Set of 4 var.....	8
Canada 5c olive.....	1	Sierra Leone ½c & 1c the two for.....	3
Constantinople green 20p new.....	1	Tunis 1888 1c.....	1
Chili Env 5c white paper.....	4	2c.....	2
Cuba 1888 ½ 1m.....	1	Tasmania, 1855, 1d red perf.....	3
2 3 4m.....	2	West Australia 1d on 2d used.....	10
Cape of Good Hope 6d 1sh.....	2	½d on 1d used.....	4
Ceylon 1886 5c.....	1	Württemberg, Official 50pf.....	8
Denmark 100 ore.....	3	UNITED STATES 1851 1c blue.....	8
Dutch East Indies 2½g.....	6	3c on original env.....	2
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Germany 2m violet.....	2	1c blue.....	4
Greece 1888 1l new.....	1	Env 1853 3c buff entire.....	2
2l.....	2	American Rap'd Tel 5, 15, 20c.....	2
Unpaid 1l.....	1	Agriculture 3c.....	3
2l.....	2	War 1c new or used.....	1
5l.....	4	12c 30c.....	4
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Siam First Issue blue ".....	02
red ".....	08
vermillion unused.....	03
yellow ".....	07
orange ".....	22
Liberia 1c blue unused.....	03
Alsace & Lorraine " complete 7 var.....	10
Guatemala 1875 " " 4 var.....	20
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Martinique, 015c on 20c ".....	12
01 " ".....	05
05 " ".....	10
Natal, 2p on 3d gray.....	06
1/2p on 1d red.....	06
Prussia, 1861, Set of 6 unused comp.....	15
1867, " 5 ".....	15
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Greece Unpaid 2dr	62
Great Britain 80p on 5d	255
Guinea 40r 8or	26, 28
Madeira Env 25r, 50r	51, 52
Mozambique 20r rose	13
Mauritius 38c violet	57
Portugeese Indies 8t org	127
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