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## Why Collect Stamps.

Why do you collect stamps, tags, and the like? Or in fact why collect anything, and of what use are the various articles to you after they have been collected? These are questions often asked by non-interested persons of collectors, too frequently for some of them. A boy told me the other day that whenever he told any of his friends, who were not interested in collecting of any kind, and in fact did not occupy themselves much with anything, that he had added a very rare stamp to his collection, or that he now numbered his stamps in the thousands, they would commence putting such questions to him. These queries are very annoying, especially to the beginner who collects because he takes pleasure in it, and is not thinking how much money they will be worth when he has obtained about a thousand.

Article upon article has been written on the subject, including many fine essays; in one paper, not unknown among collectors, a writer was proving or at least trying to prove that stamp collecting was Geography, History, and even a science. Supposing stamp collecting to be all this, is it advanced any? There is no doubt at all but that it learns the collector a great deal concerning the first two named studies, but we had better draw the line at proving it a science. Why you could adopt no better mode to keep the average school boy from collecting stamps than by telling him he could learn as much History with them as by going to school.

A person generally asks in a pecuniary view, and ten chances to one he never collected anything in his life. A collection has no money value at all to a good collector, no more than a fine picture that was executed by one of the old masters, has to a man who is *naturally* fond of paintings.

"We collect," says a writer, "simply because it is born in us to collect," which is about true, and will apply in many cases. We collect because it gives us pleasure in

doing so, and what better reason could we give than this. The object of everybody is to engage in something they have a liking for, or the results of which may afford them enjoyment. So it is with the collector, he occupies his spare time with this instructive and pleasing amusement. —R. L. C.

## Washington Notes.

Washington, D. C., April, 25. — Stamp collecting has been unusually dull for the last year, except for the last month or so, during which time it has received new impetus, and is now booming for all it is worth. \* \* \* The subject of reducing letter postage has not yet been acted on by the house committee on postoffices. There are two propositions before the committee, one of them to make all letter postage one cent, and the other to make local postage at free delivery offices one cent. The first proposition has no chance of adoption at this session, and the second very little. It is not thought wise, while the revenues of the department are below its expenditures, to reduce the receipts to such an extent as would be implied by a uniform one cent postage.

There are sound reasons for establishing a one cent local postage which do not apply in favor of a general reduction. The receipts at the free delivery offices are generally much in excess of the cost of the service, and it is fair to assert that the two cent rates charged on local letters in free delivery offices pays a large net revenue to the government.

The two cent rate, moreover, was established when the rate for mail letters was three cents. This indicated the intention of Congress to make a difference in these rates, and in practice the differences between the two cent and the three cent stamps was of great assistance to the collectors and clerks in separating their local from their general mail. The members of the committee, however, who have considered the matter are disinclined to make even this reduction in the present state of the postal revenue. They think it more important to extend and perfect the service.

The proposition to replace the green two cent stamp with the old one of terra cotta is before a sub-committee, but it will hardly be made a subject of legislation.

—Washingtonian.

## A Worn Out Stamp.

I've been in many an album,  
The pride of the collector's eye,  
But now I wait for the time to come,  
When it befalls me to die.

I've been with collectors of all kinds  
With many stamps I vied,  
But that face, which then did shine  
I now am fain to hide.

My life of late has been so dreary,  
And my face is all scratched and torn.  
I've been issued for years, 'till so weary  
I wish I had n'er been born.

The beginner he rejects me,  
The old hand regards me not,  
The dealer continually lowers my fee  
To get me out of his lot.

But now I patiently wait my dome,  
With mingled pain and grief,  
As fast my career draws to the tomb  
With days that seem so brief.

So collectors all I leave you,  
I've seen my happiest days,  
Of my issue there was but few,  
And almost none now with you stays.

—R. L. C.

## To Young Collectors.

If stamp beginners when commencing their collection, bought their stamps in packets, instead of from approval sheets, they would be surprised to find at how much lower a price the same stamps could be obtained.

Suppose a person has just commenced collecting; he can get a packet containing two hundred stamps or more all different, for about fifty cents, paying the highest price. Now if he had purchased the same stamps from an approval sheet, supposing the dealer to have marked them at their very lowest value, he would have had to pay at least one cent a piece, which would make \$2.00. The dealer might allow some commission, which could only reduce the amount to \$1.25.

The difference between the two prices can easily be saved. It is not the dealer's fault. He cannot mark stamps on his at less than one cent and make any thing on them.

When the collection numbers over 300, then it is the time to purchase stamps from approval sheets, and you can save almost as much now by buying from sheets as you could before in buying stamps in packages.

Your collection now, if you have bought the stamps in packets will contain nearly all the cheap stamps, but if you continue buying in packets you will find it impossible almost to increase your collection, for nearly every packet will contain stamps which you already have, unless you buy high priced packets which also contain more or less of an assortment of common stamps.

So you see that in beginning you can save by buying in packets and when your collection increases you can save by buying from approval sheets.

## Arranging Tags.

One of the latest and best modes of collecting and arranging tags is by placing them on cardboard of various colors ruled with ink, and prepared especially for that purpose; thus prepared they form many beautiful and unique designs. These cards can be obtained from dealers who have the tags arranged and sell them at a very small premium above their price for loose ones.

Tags thus arranged can be hung up and displayed at a better advantage than kept in books, where their surfaces are soon scared and dulled by the rubbing of the pages, and the small clippers broken from turning the leaves. The first mode is by far the best, and can be recommended to old as well as new collectors. Those who have not their tags already arranged in this way should attend to it at once, you will be surprised to find to how much better use your tags can be put, besides giving much more pleasure in the arrangement of them than placing them in books and then laying them away soon to be forgotten, and probably destroyed.

## Result of N. S. D. P. A. Election.

The following is the result of the ballot for Officers of the National Stamp Dealers Protective Association:—

President:	T. J. Mitchell,	16	Scar'ring	4
Vice-Pres:	C. F. Rothfusch	16	"	4
Secretary:	C. G. Woodworth	19	"	1
Purch. Sec.:	W. vd Wettren	19	"	1
Treasurer:	R. R. Bogert	16	"	4
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	C. H. Mekeel,	6;	E. T. Parker,	1;
	W. F. Greany,	4;	E. F. Gambs,	1;
	Alvah Davison,	2;	C. G. Woodworth,	1;
	H. A. Ruess,	1;		

Messrs. Bixby and Bradt are elected to First and second places on Board of Trustees, respectively. As no one received a majority of the votes cast for third place President elect Mitchell, will no doubt call an election to fill this vacancy.

*J. B. Tiffany*

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## Cancelling Postage Stamps by Electricity.

To those of our young naturalists who propose to make a collection of bird's eggs we will say it is not necessarily cruel to do this. Some of the kindest and most genial of men have been fond of the pastime. Do not rob every nest you meet with or take every egg you find.



BIRDS' EGGS.

In the first place, you do not want a great number, but specimens of as many different kinds as possible. Two or three of each species will be amply sufficient, except where you meet with very strange specimens, either color, size or shape.

The eggs ought to be neatly blown by means of one hole underneath, not at the end. There are instruments sold for this purpose at many stores. Once relieved of their contents, the eggs should be carefully mounted on a card with gum or glue. On this card should be written the name of the bird to which the egg belongs, both its scientific and its common name; if you are not a good hand at making neat labels yourself, you can buy printed ones for the purpose. And here let me recommend you to learn the scientific names of all our birds, as well as the English ones; for you will in many cases find the same bird known by widely different ordinary names in various parts of the country; and besides that, these English names give you no help in classification. The scientific name is not only a name, but it gives you information at once as to what class the bird belongs. In science every animal has two names—a family name (or, more strictly speaking, a generic name) and a special name, answering to your surname and your Christian name. You know the use of surnames; they tell us at once to what family James, Thomas and Mary belong. Thus you may have Smith James, Smith Thomas and Smith Mary. In like manner among birds all falcons are called Falco, and each falcon gets in addition a special name. The peregrine is Falco peregrinus; the kestrel is Falco tinnunculus. You very quickly get accustomed to these Latin terms when once you adopt them.

When you get your eggs thus arranged you will be able to trace the family resemblances which exist among them. A dull red prevails among the eggs of the Falconidae; white, with a peculiar rounded shape, among those of the owls; green among those of the crows; peculiar streaks and markings among those of the buntings, and so on. And thus you will see what order and arrangement run through this portion of nature's handiwork.

The method of defrauding the government by cleaning postage stamps and using them over again is one that is practiced to a greater extent than many people have any idea of. The loss which the United States Government suffered in former years from this cause was enormous. A systematic inquiry into the subject lately made by the French postal authorities reveals the fact that the Government Treasury loses as much as £20,000 per annum in this way; and doubtless the fraud has escaped detection in many cases, so that the loss may be put down at a higher figure.

The number of devices which has been suggested to make the cancelling of postage stamps effectual is very large. All kinds of hand stamps have been made. Some scraped the surface, others perforated it, others used chemicals that decomposed the coloring matter of the ink in the stamp. But the difficulty has always been that the remedy was too good. It would do more than was wanted, and the envelope or parcel was likely to suffer by it. In this emergency, electricity has been utilized, and a French inventor has brought it to the rescue of the Treasury department by an ingenious application. The idea of M. Chatinet is to use the heating properties of a current of electricity to scorch the stamp. The instrument for stamping has the ordinary form, consisting of a round knob or handle attached to a die. One side carries two small binding posts, which receive the current from a battery by means of a flexible connecting cord, of the kind used in telephone connections. From these posts the current passes through a switch button, by turning which the current is completed, and the current made to pass through a zig-zag thread of platinum. The platinum forms the cancelling face, or die, of the stamp. By a passage of the current it becomes red hot, and when brought down on the stamp it chars its surface with a zig-zag mark, that is necessarily indelible. By contact with the cool surface of the stamp the platinum wire is chilled, and as the die is immediately removed there is no injury done to the envelope. The stamp can evidently be used in the manner as the ordinary ink stamp. The application of electricity in this case seems very simple, and it looks as though its use ought to be practical.—The Stamp Collector's News, (England.)



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If the tag papers, which started out so promisingly a short time ago, would all go in for earnest, and give tag collecting a boom, that hobby which is followed by so many, would show greater results than have before been realized from it.

At some future date, we will begin a series of sketches of the most noted stamp collectors in the United States. Most of the sketches will be accompanied by an engraving of the person.

The *Tag and Stamp Herald* of Louisville Ky., should be published again. It was one of the largest, and in many ways the best paper published devoted to tag collecting. Messrs. Finzer & Co., its editors, are now engaged in the tag business and should receive the patronage of all collectors.

## Current Literature.

The *Eastern Philatelist* has been received at our sanctum. It is a very good paper. • The first number of the *The Yankee Era* has made its appearance from this city. Mr. Berli is the editor and publisher. It promises to become a first class paper. • The contents of the *Buckeye State Collector* is very good but typographically it might be improved a little. • The March and April numbers of *The Philatelic Journal of America* contains nothing of interest except Maj. Evan's catalogue and advertising. • The current number of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* contains a large supply of C. P. A. news and other interesting matter. • The *Collector of Gambier, O.* is a first-class amateur paper. • The April *Philatelic Tribune* containing plenty of interesting matter has been received. • The *Mocking bird of Belleville O.* would become a much better paper if it devoted as much space to its subscribers as it does to running down other editors.

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THE new U. S. issues chronicled by most philatelic papers last year are beginning to put in their appearance at the larger offices. They fail to meet our expectations.

WE would like to have some competent person take charge of a Tag Department for this paper. Any one desiring to do so will please communicate with the editors.

COVINGTON now contains more stamp collectors than it has ever had before. We are very glad of this as a stamp society can now be formed, one which has long been in anticipation. Covington possesses many good collectors who will aid it.

WE are sorry to come before our readers this month without any space devoted to new issues. We think this a very necessary function to a philatelic paper, and will remedy the matter by having one of these departments conducted by a well-known philatelist in our next issue.

A New York dealer has proven himself rather obnoxious to collectors of this city and vicinity by persistently sending approval sheets to them, which they neither request nor want. He encloses a stamped envelope for returning the stamps, which most of the collectors do soon enough.

AN ambitious young collector of La Hoyt Ia. has started a post between his father's residence and the post-office. He issues stamps and requires his papa and mama to put them on all letters he takes to the post-office. He then issues some dozen varieties, and claims them to have a philatelic value. They may have, but we refuse to recognise any stamp that is gotten up more for trade than actual use.

Mr. H. W. Goodrich of the *Eastern Philatelist* is interesting himself reviving the old Philatelic Press Association. This society had a short existence in 1885-86, and was composed of the publishers and editors of the principal philatelic journals. The benefits derived by the Amateur and Scientific Press Associations and local professional press clubs is a good incentive to ye philatelic editors and publishers to bestir themselves and take action. The advantage of such a fraternal society would be manifold. If you want to hear more on this subject just address the above named gentleman at Fitchburg Mass.

It is sincerely hoped that the cancellation of postage stamps by electricity will not take the place of the present method of stamping them. The fiery brand of platinum, charged with electricity, would undoubtedly ruin the stamp so far as collecting it is concerned. By the present mode many stamps are rendered useless, but most are merely dimmed a little, or in the hurry of the officials, escape with so small an amount of ink on them that it is scarcely noticeable. The electric method of scorching the stamp might prove beneficial to the dealer by reducing the supply and thus increasing their value. An excellent article on cancellation by electricity taken from *The Stamp Collector's News* will be found in another column.

THE *National Philatelist* is agitating the question why members of the American Philatelic Association, under seventeen years of age should n't vote. Brother Smith thinks they should be allowed to vote, and we concur with him precisely. Shortly after A. P. A. was formed we canvassed the local philatelists to see how many would join a branch chapter if organized here. The majority although very active in philately, refused to join, saying they did not intend, to help bear the expenses of an association, which was run by dealers and advanced collectors and which, most of them being under seventeen, were even denied the privilege of voting. Of course, this was strait argument, and the project of organizing a branch of the A. P. A. fell through therefore. We affirm that if all clauses relating to age of members being admitted, voting or holding office be stricken from the constitution, the association will bear more fruit than at present.

WHAT a bother new issues are to a collector; they are continually coming out and his album of course contains no place for them, if they did the price for them unused would make them almost unattainable. Local, telegraph, match, and medicine stamps are also in his way, although the last two named are now bringing good prices, owing to their extreme rarity, for five years ago who would have thought of collecting match stamps, which were considered more as advertisements than any thing else. As to new issues a collector would do well not to collect them at all. He takes much more pleasure in collecting stamps he can place in his book, which he

knows to have been issued by competent authority, than those which must be laid aside or placed in home-made books. Why not insert new leaves? Yes, you may do that, but what does your album look like after you have fastened about a dozen pages in it, and books we have seen thus constructed present a very bad appearance. If the pages are only printed on one side the insertion of newly issued stamps may be accomplished with a somewhat better result, but the lines which must be ruled, no matter how much care is taken, can easily be told from the printed rules, and will present a decidedly amateurish appearance. Keep all the out-pouring new stamps until you get another album, or what is better do n't collect them at all.

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## Coins.

History does not tell us how early gold and silver began to be used as money. Nearly 2000 years before Christ, Abraham returned from Egypt "very rich, in cattle, in silver, and in gold"; and in purchasing the cave of Machpelah he weighed out the amount agreed upon; "400 shekels of silver, current money with the merchant." The use of metals, however in various forms of wedges etc. wrought an immense improvement upon simple barter, or the use of cattle, grain, and other commodities. At every transaction the precise weight of metal must be computed: a hammer and chisel must be at hand to cut it off, and a balance to weigh it. The fineness of the metal must be ascertained. All these troubles finally ceased when the metal was shaped into a convenient size and its exact value stamped upon it. The person who first did this was the inventor of coins, but History is silent respecting; his name, his country, or the date of his invention. Homer, although he speaks of workers in metal makes no mention of coined money. Herodotus says that the Lydians, so far as he knew were the first who struck money; although the oldest specimens of coins now extant, have usually been supposed to be Grecian. There are reasons for thinking with Herodotus that the inventions were Asiatic.

Coins were probably used as early as the 8th century before Christ, and by the 4th century money was found throughout the civilized world; every state having its proper coinage.

As to the material, most of the commoner metals have been used as coins. The earlier coins of Asia Minor were of electrum, a mixture of gold and silver in proportion of three parts of the former to one of the latter. Lycurgus banished gold and silver, and made the Sparta money of iron, \$100 worth of which would fill a cart that required two oxen to draw.

Copper formed the early money of the Romans; and when Cæsar landed in Britain, coins of iron and brass were found in use. Tin was coined by Charles II., and James II. even resorted to gun metal and pewter. At the present day, however, gold and silver, with copper for the lower values are most universally employed as material of coins. Coins of platinum were recently struck in Russia, but its use for this purpose has been abandoned. Gold and silver in a state of purity are so soft and ductile that coins made of these metals would suffer loss and injury to a certain degree by abrasion, were there no means of hardening them. The addition of a small quantity of alloy is found to produce this effect without materially injuring the ductility or beauty of the metal. Although in a few countries coins are issued of almost absolute purity, such as the gold sequins of Tuscany, and the silver florins of Hanover, yet for the most part, the coins of the world consist not of pure gold and silver, but of these metals alloyed with some other, generally copper, in definite proportions fixed by law.

The difficulty of ridding gold entirely of the silver with which it is found combined by nature has led in some countries to the practice of leaving enough silver for an alloy. This is the case in Spanish America, as indicated by the paleness of their doubloons. In some European countries the silver is entirely removed and copper introduced for alloy which gives the coins a reddish cast.

In the United States the practice of the mint is to imitate the true color of gold in coinage by using nine-tenths copper and one-tenth silver; that is in 1000 oz. of standard gold there are 900 oz. pure gold, 10 oz. of silver, and 90 oz. of copper.

In estimating the value of coins, it is the quantity of fine metal they contain, the alloy goes for nothing.

Coins are generally made flat, circular, and thin, by being flattened they receive better impressions, and are conveniently

handled and piled. The circular form simplifies the process of fabrication, reduces the abrasion to which coins are subjected in circulation and fits them for being carried in the pocket. Though the circular form was aimed at in ancient coinage, it was not until the 7th and 8th century that a true circle was attained. This is affected by striking the coin in a ring or collar. The exceptions to the circular form are not numerous. We have however the square ducat of Nuremberg, the square rupees of the Mogul empire, the parallelograms of Japan, the octagonal pieces of Assam, and the \$50 octagonal which were formerly struck in California.

The thickness of coins are generally proportioned to their diameter, though in this particular there is a great variety. The size of coins is also exceedingly variable. The cent coin (copper and nickel) issued under act of 1857 is about three-fourths of an inch in diameter and weighs 72 grains, while the bronze cent under act of 1864 weighs only 49 grains but retains the same diameter.

The impression upon coins present an endless variety. In monarchial countries the obverse of the coin usually bears the likeness of the reigning sovereign, and from this circumstance that side of the coin is in common parlance called the head. In republics it is usual to substitute some device emblematic of liberty. This is often a female figure or head with a *pileus* or Roman liberty cap. The date is also placed upon the obverse in coins of the United States. The reverse of a coin commonly exhibits in the centre the shield of the country or the denomination of the piece surrounded by a wreath. Running round the coin near the border there is usually inscribed the name of the country in which it was struck. It is customary also in countries having more than one mint to distinguish the coinage of each by a letter or monogram.

No one can deny the fact that coin collecting is not a valuable hobby, in fact it is too expensive for most of our American youth for no coin can be bought for less than its genuine face value, while stamps of the highest denominations may sometimes be bought for a few cents. A. C.

### Literature.

THE Quaker City Philatelist's current issue has nothing of interest except ads.

THE Eastern Philatelist is one of our most regular and interesting exchanges.

THE Current Queen City gives an interesting article of the Ohio Philatelic Assn.

We did not receive many exchanges last month and for that reason we wish to state

that we are willing to exchange with all papers. Two copies preferred, and when it is necessary we will return the favor.

THE Philatelic Tribune comes to hand with about half of its contents stolen from other papers.

THE Philatelic Journal of America is now run by a stock company. It is as interesting as ever.

THE Yankee Era an amateur paper of this city is progressing rapidly in contents and style. Some very good reading matter appeared in the last issue.

It becomes our sad duty this month to announce the death of several interesting papers:—The Western Philatelist one of the leading papers of the world is the first on our list. The collector of Gambier O. has also gotten out its last issue. Following in their train is the Ohio State Collector and Buckeye Philatelist. Sad!

### A Suggestion.

Apropos of the forthcoming convention of the A. P. A. we would like to make a few suggestions, viz:—

Consolidate the present existing thirty-three stamp societies into One Grand Association; make the dues and restrictions light enough that every stamp collector in America will and can join. Then we will see our hobby a fraternity as we now sometimes pretend to call it.

Of course we do not mean to argue that local societies and state associations do no good, but on the other hand think they are a great benefit. But let us have our state assembly and local chapters a part of THE Society. Make Philately a sort of open-hand, non-secret, free-masonry in which we will all be joined together for its advancement. Will our honored brethren in convention please consider this matter and take steps to consolidate our present existing societies.

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We are the recipients of a copy of "The American Stamp Collectors' Directory," published by Mr. Townsend of Akron, Ohio. Typographically it is one of the best books of the kind we have seen. One of the features of the work is that opposite the name of the collector it gives the number of stamps in his collection, his specialty, if he has any, and the societies to which he belongs. Such a useful book should be in the hands of every collector and dealer in the United States.

It is said that General Logan received more mail than any other congressman, receiving as many as two hundred letters on some days.

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NO. 1.

## Concerning Reprints.

**T**HE American Philatelic Association has twice, by a unanimous vote, adopted a resolution to discourage "the collection of all reprints of stamps, excepting only those issued by authority at facial value and receivable for postage," and in order to carry out this resolution, the late Convention at Boston decreed that they should not be allowed to circulate on the exchange sheets of the Association.

And now comes Mr. Wm. P. Brown, one of the oldest philatelists in the country, and an active member of the American Philatelic Association, and raises his voice in favor of the reprint. I confess I am surprised to see a member of our Association come out publicly in defence of such trash, at this late day. Why, even twenty years ago they were in disrepute, and Mr. E. L. Pemberton characterized them then as "another species of forged stamps, and the bane of every true collector."

Listen to the arguments Mr. Brown advances. The first and presumably one of the most important is that, if reprint is banished, "collections of twenty years' standing would be riddled by these changes, and collections of unused stamps made up recently would look as if they had been struck by a cyclone."

Mr. Brown gives a list of what he calls reprints, which appears very formidable, and is said to comprise over 1000 stamps. Without going carefully into the matter I notice over twenty countries in this list, of which I am almost certain reprints have never been issued. However, this is immaterial, for if reprints are to be collected because there are many of them, on the same score must counterfeits, of which there are many more.

A postage stamp is defined by Webster to be "an adhesive government stamp of variable value, for affixing to articles sent by mail to pay the postal charge." There-

fore a collection of postage stamps should contain only those unused stamps which are, or were at the time of issue, intended for or are receivable for postage; or, in the case of canceled stamps, those only which have actually done postal duty.

I agree with Mr. Brown that there is no infallible authority on reprints, and until there is, I would not condemn a stamp unless it was known to be a reprint, but I think there are few cases that would puzzle an expert. As to Mr. Brown's question, whether there is any moral law against making and selling reprints. I hold emphatically that there is, for nearly all the reprints on the market are made by obliging governments for favored dealers or by dealers themselves for the purpose of swindling collectors. Again, many counterfeits are sold as reprints, such as United States, 1846, Alsace, Argentine Republic, Bergedorf, and Wurtemberg, and in nearly every case when a reprint is sold the buyer thinks he is getting an original. Price catalogues seldom indicate the reprints, and the auction sales are full of them. A late sale in New York contained reprints of Azores, Baden, Sardinia, Madiera, Portugal, Sweden, 1885, and Austrian envelopes, but there was nothing to show they were not originals. Brown is right in what he says about copies of valuable paintings. They have a value in themselves and serve many purposes; so do *fac similes* of the Declaration of independence and historical letters of Christopher Columbus. There is no inconsistency in selling these, and yet objecting to flood the market with reprints and counterfeits. These latter are not postage stamps, and the collector of postage stamps should not be satisfied with anything but postage stamps.

Mr. Brown says there is a great demand from advanced collectors for heliotype copies of the different types of New South Wales, Mauritius, etc., and adds that, if collectors could get hold of something which could not be told from the original

stamp, they would generally do so. The first part of this statement is certainly true but the latter part I cannot for a moment believe. Everybody knows that advanced collectors are trying to obtain all the varieties of these early stamps, and copies are issued only to show in what part of the sheets any particular variety belongs, and not, by any means, to take the place of the original stamps.

Mr. Brown goes on to say, that even a counterfeit has some value; and he has always kept a fine collection of them for reference; and that if Mr. Taylor had charged only six cents instead of fifteen cents for certain counterfeits and, sold them for what they were, no one would have any reason to complain. In reply to this I will say, that as long as counterfeits and reprints are allowed to circulate at all, they will get into the hands of dishonest persons and will be sold as genuine. It is much better to do away with them altogether. Even for purposes of comparison a counterfeit stamp is of little use; a genuine stamp is far superior.

I think Mr. Brown is very much out of the way when he says that the main argument against reprints, is that their sale discourages collectors by depreciating the value of originals. But one single instance of this occurs to me at the moment and that is, the Franklin Carrier stamp of the United States, which is a perfect imitation of the original.

No; this is a matter of principle, not selfishness, and I venture to assert, that there are not ten members of the American Philatelic Association who agree with Mr. Brown. From the nature of things, no stamp collection can be complete, and the true Philatelist will hesitate long before he tries to fill up the vacancies with things that are not postage stamps. — *R. R. Bogert in American Philatelist.*

### Cincinnati Philatelic Society:

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 3, 1889.

Cincinnati Philatelic Society held at No. 19 Lombardy residence, Thursday evening, January 3rd, 1889; called to order at 8 P. M. by the temporary chairman, Mr. A. N. Spencer.

Minutes of a preliminary meeting held

Dec. 18, '88 effecting temporary organization, read by the temporary secretary and approved as read.

Committee on Constitution and By Laws reported progress and asked for further time. Not granted.

Committee then asked to be discharged. Granted. On motion of Mr. J. A. Pierce seconded by Mr. J. D. Carr, a new committee was appointed consisting of Mess. F. D. Kellogg, H. G. Hess, and J. A. Pierce to draft a constitution and take immediate action.

After brief recess the committee presented their report and draft of a constitution which was, with some modifications, adopted.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg, Consideration of By Laws was postponed until next meeting, a committee consisting of Mess. J. A. Pierce, H. G. Hess, and J. L. Stephenson having been appointed to draft the same.

Then followed an election of officers, which resulted as follows; —

A. N. Spencer,	—President,
F. P. Kellogg,	—Vice-President,
J. A. Pierce,	—Sec'y and Librarian,
J. L. Stephenson,	—Treasurer.
F. L. Mills,	} Executive Com.
H. G. Hess,	
Jas. D. Carr,	

On motion of Mr. Kellogg each member of the society shall be given a society number.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago was proposed by Mr. Pierce as a corresponding member and promptly elected.

The following gentlemen signed the constitution and became active charter members.

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The *Eastern Philatelist* comes to hand with 4½ pages of reading matter out of a possible 12. One page of this reading matter is devoted to some stuff by Canadian in which he gives the lie to some pithy points (?) made by him last month. In another quarter page the editor personally insults every democratic collector which will, no doubt kill any Southern circulation that he may have. An article on Washington's portrait and and some taffy to its contemporaries under the Heading of "Reviews" complete this rather sickly attempt.

The *Eastern Philatelist* again dishes in to politics this month. It makes further insulting remarks in regard to the chief magistrate of the nation, a man who has shown more unselfish, unpersonal patriotism than any president this country has ever had not excepting Jefferson or Jackson. Brother Goodrich remarks, "If he is one of the greatest statesmen of the modern times why did not the people select him for a second term." They did select him and that by 100 000 plurality of the popular votes cast, but through some undemocratic clause in the constitution the will of the people was defeated and for the next 4 years another republican will occupy the presidential chair against the people's will all tho' this time by power of boodle, more, than by the power of fraud as in '876.

## Current Literature.

Collector's Ledger is a splendid paper.

The new Plain Talk is a great improvement on the old.

The Yankee Era of this city has shown great improvements in its last number.

The Halifax Philatelist, is one of those papers, which improve with every issue but still remain uniform; thus, not defeating the binder.

Am. Philatelist, Stamp Collector's Figaro, Quaker City Philatelist, Phil. Gazette, Stamp World and Stamp are up to their usual standard.

We have received several initial copies of single-sheet dodges called four page philatelic papers, we do not review, firstly, because we hav'n't the room and secondly because we do not believe in every child with \$5 capital starting a philatelic paper. It is of no credit to the science, therefore should not be encouraged.

## Government Reprints.

THE following distinctions will make it easy to detect a government reprint of the old U. S. stamps.

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1861-5.—Originals grilled and also ungrilled; reprints are not grilled. Gum of originals is brownish, while that of reprints is white and cracks.

1869.—Originals were grilled; reprints not so. But some claim originals may be found ungrilled also. However, in any case, a grilled is preferable to an ungrilled variety.

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NO. 2.

## A Revery.

For Kentucky Stamp Magazine,

Your reprint of the article "Concerning Reprints" in the January number of the MAGAZINE will be read with pleasure by all students of Philately. The vexing question, "What constitutes a postage stamp?" must be answered soon or Philately will retrograde to pasting pictures in an album similiar to the art of boyhood's happy days. Mr. R. R. Bogert does not say that "Dictionary Webster" collected postage stamps, and does not give Noah's ideas about "reprints". Webster gives a very good "word picture" of a postage stamp and this word picture should be the only picture in a postage stamp album.

About twenty-five years ago the writer first tasted the sweets derived from the study of stamps and knew then no difference between the "counterfeit" and the "reprint". In those days we had no pictured page to guide us in making an album and one boy in the school (lucky dog) possessed a copy of the second edition of Lallier's album! The other collectors used copy books till Christmas brought us the finest album we ever possessed. It gave pleasure unbounded to exhibit my two hundred postage stamps out of a possible two thousand, and none were reprints or other pictures. Since those old days the dealer in albums has filled his book with woodcuts and flooded the surface of the earth with a prospectus reading somewhat as follows: "Any stamp printed from a genuine plate is genuine etc." So begins the persuasive

epistle of fraud which instead of "it does not matter when it is printed," should read "it does not matter who prints it." Ponder that for a moment and see where it leads.

It is possible to print from an original plate and yet it will be forgery. There is a man in Columbus passing a few years of his time because he signed an original bank cheque with the identical pen used by the other man, whose name he signed. He was not a counterfeiter. Should the reprint be "cancelled to order"? This has the argument that the cancellation was made by the *original* cancelling instrument. The amended prospectus should read "Reprinted from the original plate (by the present owner who was born since similiar stamps carried a letter) and cancelled by the original instrument used by government. We do not deal in the common cork cut cancelled counterfeits usually sold. Prices as low as genuine stamps can be had. Address with stamp (must be genuine), Reprint & Bogus, 7x9 Steen Street.

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What do you think Mr. Editor of returning to the old species of album without illustrations?

In this manner we will escape much of the temptation to hide a hideous black wood cut under the "beautiful picture of a postage stamp,," Is the time yet ripe for advocating a "catalogue" illustrated and numbered distinct from the album seller's stamp business?

Is it not possible to combine against the

despotic sway of the "great and only" who fits the album each year to sell the stock of stamps on hand? Please give the Webster Philatelist a chance to escape the "reprint" if he wishes to. There can be no objection made to collections of postage stamps honestly acquired. The same may be said of "counterfeits and other reprints." Have you any reprints of old counterfeits for exchange? They are growing no less valuable every day.

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### A New Paper.

Vol. 1, No. 1 of the *Flour City Philatelist* comes to hand. It is a breezy sheet with a lot of notes labeled Minnesota, New York, Chicago, etc. The style of writing would lead one to believe the contents were all written by the same person. Are we right Brother——? Lets see what your name is? We can't exactly recall it. But to continue with our little narration: we must say that even if it is anonymous (we seldom notice anonymous things in this office) it has many good points and the following is one of them:—

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### The O. P. A. Election.

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The ballots for the election of the officers of the Ohio Philatelic Association have been counted and the result shows a splendid selection of men on the Ohio collectors part. The rostrum is as follows:

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CERTAINLY many correspondence editors share in the opinion of the Lincoln (Neb.) *Journal* that, "If there is one man who deserves to be hanged without benefit of the clergy, it is the one who sends you a letter, requesting a reply, and signs his name with such a combination of insane flourishes that the prince of darkness wouldn't be able to read it. This man will frequently write very plainly from the beginning of a letter to the end, and then taking it for granted that you are perfectly familiar with his hand, get up on the pen and ride it all over the bottom of the page under the impression that he is appending his signature.

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We were the lucky recipients this month of a copy of The Stamp Collector's Library Companion by Mr. John K. Tiffany, The most elaborate work of the kind on philatelic literature ever written. Collectors will find it a very useful book in arranging their libraries. \* \* Messrs. Stevens & Co's. complete Coin catalogue also at hand. Publishers of both works will please accept our thanks for the same.

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