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PRACTICAL HINTS TO THOSE ABOUT TO COMMENCE STAMP COLLECTING.

By T. MARTIN WEARS.

Of course every collector commences, I think rightly, to set about to procure an album, to this should be added a standard catalogue and a handbook. No doubt it might be better were the collector to patiently wait until several hundreds of specimens had accumulated on his hands, and then look out for a book to hold them. But we must, for the moment, consider how, if we were all in that predicament, would we be possessed of that amount of patience to enable us to gather, say five hundred, or even half this number, in a big envelope, and without a book wherein to put them. Well, we will now suppose that our young friend has taken the initiative and bought that book, which we would advise, in passing, to contain spaces marked off for his specimens, with a catalogue, either at the end thereof, or what is still handier, down the margin of each page.

Now comes the momentous question, "What am I to collect?" and "What system am I to go by?" Shall I collect postage, telegraph, revenue, essays or proofs, post cards, envelopes or wrappers, all or one only? Shall I go in for the French, English or American system; shall I accept every shade, every variety; or shall I reject all of these, and even go the length of barbarously mutilating every envelope and post card of what may appear to some, their superfluities? Here is quite a host of apparently unanswerable interrogations meeting young Phil, at the very beginning of his self imposed journey, and yet the best way to answer them is to leave them unanswered! Begin your collecting and discard no stamp. You may not put it in your album, but depend upon it that stamp will come in handy at some future period for exchange or some such use. If we do try to face these questions, however, we will find they are to be answered for the most part individually, and not generally, and considerable latitude has to be allowed in the matter. In brief, it is simply a question of opinion, for what's one man's food is another man's poison. At the same time, there is one little piece of advice I should like strongly to impress, especially on American collectors, for they stand, I

regret to say, most in need of it, *do not mutilate your cards or envelopes* under any circumstances. This I need hardly say is applicable to everybody.

Lest some collectors should misconstrue my remarks in reference to duplicates, I had better tell them not to covet the collection of these. A small number commensurate with the size of the collection is desirable, but it is well not to purchase your stamps in such a way, that each lot entails a division between your permanent collection and your temporary one, that is, your duplicate album.

In connection with this, I can relate to you a sad incident which befell one of my collecting friends. Working on the mistaken principle before alluded to, he was in the habit, until dire personal experience convinced him of the error of his ways, of purchasing in sets of three, "For," he was wont to remark, "it's bound in the end to be cheapest, because I can get three sets for the price of two." He had been making, it appeared, a careful analysis of this point, with the aid of a dealer's catalogue, and a few offers in his line he had come across in some stamp periodical. The purchasing was an easy matter, he experienced no difficulty here, for are not fools and their money soon parted? A knotty question soon presented itself, how was he to affect their disposal. After pestering his friends for several months, but without success—for as you may guess, the bulk of his unsalable stock was rather common—no alternative was left to him than to offer them to a dealer. "You remember," he says, "I purchased three sets of seven Guatemalian for five shillings, priced in this catalogue for three and two shilling the set. Well, do you know, when I offered that dealer the set for half his catalogue value, thereby giving him a clear profit of fifty per cent., he laughed at me, and said he would take them *in exchange at face value to oblige me*; but he didn't care very much for them at all." There was nothing for him but to give in, and the only consolation this whilom stamp speculator has, is to point out the twentieth chapter of Proverbs, and there at the fourteenth verse: "*It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer; but when he is gone his way, he boasteth.*" "That," says he with a chuckle, proud of his collecting faculties, "that is a true picture of the buyer of my duplicates!"

(Continued in our next.)



SIR ROWLAND HILL.

ORIGINATOR OF THE POSTAGE STAMP.

So much has been written regarding the life and connection of Sir Rowland Hill with our "hobby," we refrain from adding more, and merely offer an illustration of his good natured countenance. ED.

CHICAGO LOCALS.

BY HAVILAND.

ALLEN'S LOCALS.

On or about the 18th of August, 1882, Mr. E. Allen who had held a connection with some Eastern post, opened an office in this city, at 125 Clark street, and hiring about twenty carriers for the purpose of delivering mail matter and light parcels in the principal wards of this city. His office was furnished with sorting and stamping tables, &c., &c., a miniature post office, in fact, everything required for speedy delivery. His carriers were all uniformed in neat suits of blue and a coil of gilt cord around their caps, the front of which as well as the side of their mail pouches bore the initials "A. C. D." They attracted not a little attention, hurrying hither and thither all hours of the day in the busy part of the city.

Allen also issued three varieties of a very neatly designed stamp, which may be described as follows: The principle object on the face of the stamp being, old Father Time running with his scythe over his shoulder and one of Allen's mail bags in his hand, bearing the initials as above described, he having left his hour glass behind. The inscription on the stamp reads, "ALLEN'S CITY DISPATCH, 125 CLARK ST., the varieties are as follows:

Rose on white paper, perforated.

" " yellow " "

Chocolate on white paper, perforated.

The stamps bore no value on their face, and were sold from 75c per 100 to \$1.75 per 100, according to the class of matter on which they were to be used, there was no established rates, the proprietors of the post aiming to carry cheaper and make

better time than the government carriers. The larger amount contracted for at one time, the cheaper the rate at which they were sold, hence the fact of several, and in fact, many of the leading business houses having quantities on hand after the suppression of the post.

It is understood that a firm of this city, redeemed as many of above as parties holding wished to dispose of, in fact, paying a premium on the original cost, thus, a weight was raised from Allen's shoulders.

All went well with Allen until November, when he was notified by Government officers that he was violating the law, he held his ground so firmly, that the Government feared he would make them trouble, so merely forbade his carrying first-class matter until all legal points were settled, this, Allen agreed to. But, in the meanwhile, the officials were working up the case, and Allen, thinking the matter had died in the minds of the interferers, again commenced carrying first-class mail. But that did not last long, after getting sufficient proof, the officers pounced on him, and he was arrested, and being unable to give bonds, was locked up and languished in jail for two weeks. Finally, at his trial, was convicted, and let off on paying a \$150 fine

A writer for the E. C. P., in their March number, in a gust of nonsense, declares that they "were not stamps, merely labels," and that he is "strongly of the opinion that the Chicago dealers prompted the 'Post' owner to have stamps for collectors." All of which is false and stated regardless of facts.

CLAYTON LOCALS.

In January this year, a Mr. T. H. or H. T. Clay on, who had been employed by one of the New York posts, no doubt hearing of Allen's success (up to that time), came out here and very quietly fitted up an office, got out stamps of a neat design, and had been carrying mail for a week or so, just about the time Allen was arrested, taking warning in time, and wisely too, closed his office and left for the east. Several dealers have tried in vain by advertising and careful search to find some trace of the post owner, several stories of its origin, have been circulated, the above is deemed by me to be the most probable and is no doubt correct. It has been my fortune to see three of the used stamps two were green and one purple, the last falling in to the hands of a dealer, who sold same to a collector possessing one of the first mentioned color for \$5.00, which in my estimation was cheap, in consideration of the facts of its use.

The stamp may be described thus. The shape is oblong, an envelope is in the center bearing a figure 1, above the envelope rests a wreath, around the border is the inscription "CLAYTONS CHICAGO CITY DISPATCH" the varieties are as follows:

1c. Green on White, perforated.

1c. Purple " "

EDITORIAL.

By W. F. BISHOP.

The publisher of this paper has purchased the "Collector's Bureau," of this city, and it will hereafter be published as the LAKESIDE PHILATELIST. He hopes to receive a portion of that liberal patronage received by his predecessors.

One of the late topics of the season was that of the government having ordered Stamp dealers to yield up their electro-types of stamps, such as we use in illustrating. We have only seen notices of it, however, in some of the papers, and hope it is only a rumor.

R. R. Bogert, of New York, has requested the photograph and autograph of each of the old stamp dealers, which he intends to publish on a reduced scale, cabinet size.

It is hoped that he will meet with better success than a photographer in a western village who attempted something of the kind some time since.

Mr. Geo. A. Bogart, of Evanston, Ill., also contemplates doing something very similar to Mr. Bogert.

Mr. G. B. Calman, of New York, is at present and has for many years past, been the largest wholesale dealer in the U. S. Dealers should read his advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. L. W. Durbin is one of the largest retail dealers and collectors, should read his advertisement elsewhere.

Philately is constantly gaining ground and becoming better known, several of the leading papers and magazines of the day have, of late, been discussing its merits, follies, etc. It will at no distant day be as well known as numismatology, for, without doubt, its ranks far out number those of the numismatical army.

PHILATELIC REVIEW.

The *Chicago Tribune*, of June 3, devotes a column and a half to discussing *Philately*, and only made the number of errors usual to a writer altogether ignorant of the topic on which he is writing.

The writer ventures that there are 100 collectors in Chicago. There are over 1,000 on our books. He says that collecting "started in London twenty years ago," while in another part of his article he states that

"collecting commenced as soon as there was stamps to collect, and that being over forty years ago."

A little further on he shows his poor wit, as follows:

"Philately has now become a recognized profession. The professional and amateur philatelists stand in somewhat the same relation to each other, as doctor and patient."

He made allusion to a "ten cent Abe Lincoln" and a "twenty-four cent Washington signing the Declaration." These must be new stamps of which we have not heard.

Of the Stamp journals, he writes: "The philatelic literature is a wondrous affair. There are about a score of alleged journals printed in this country * * * The issues are of rather a spasmodic character, however. The monthlies are issued from two to eight times a year. They drop off a few months, and then go on, without remark or comment. Even the Chicago monthly is no exception. It took a cataleptic fit during the hard frost of December, and it did not venture to make an appearance again until the May flowers were blooming again in the meadows. * * * The publishers of these papers form a sort of mutual-admiration-scratch-my-back society; complimentary notices and advertisements being exchanged, per agreement."

Next, in review of an article in some stamp paper on, "the stamps of Greece—

"Where burning Sappho loved and sung;
Where Delos rose and Phœbus sprung,"

and so on. But Byron was not posted in the stamp business, and knew not the depth of degradation that clime of the unforgotten brave should fall into when the philatelists of America got to abusing her for her 'sameness of design and poorness of execution.' 'Your stamps are bad, your art is gone,' says the philatelist. 'Fill high the bowl with lager beer, we will not think of themes like these,' replies the reckless Greek. 'Twas ever thus.'

Philatelic Frauds is a little work that will be of much benefit to the trade, though it is, typographically, a failure.

The stamp journals of this country are all in a flourishing condition, though as warm weather is coming on the ranks will likely shake, but only to be reinforced in the fall.

STAMP NEWS.

ANGOLA. The 40 reis stamp appears now yellow instead of blue.

AZORES. The 25 reis envelope has now the surcharge in small type, also, the 15 and 80 reis, adhesives, and the post card 10 reis, without frame. N. P.

BANGKOK. The following Straits Settlement stamps have been surcharged with a "B," in large type, and are used for postage in Bangkok. 4c., rose; 6c. lilac; 8c., orange; 8c., lilac; 12c., blue, and 24c., green.

BRAZIL. We have received from W. J. Dietz, of Rio de Janeiro, a new 100 reis. It is of same size of last, but of slightly altered design and color, lilac instead of olive-green.



CAPACUA. The above is an illustration of the stamps of a new South American Republic. The set are as follows: 1c, green; 2c, rose; 5c, blue; 10c, bistre; 20c, violet.

CEYLON. We have received of Mr. I. D. Martagart the 64c brown surcharged 20c in black, thus:



The 24c green is surcharged 16c in the same way.

COSTA RICA. The new stamps of this republic, bearing the portrait of the president, Prospero Fernandez, have been surcharged "Official," the 1c, 5c and 20c in red, and on the 2c in blue, and on the 10c in green.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ real blue, 1863, is surcharged 5 cents, in red, and 2 reals, 1863, is surcharged 10 cents, in black, and 4 reals, same issue, 20 cents, in red. They also bear the initials "U. P. U."

CYPRUS. One-half piastre is issued in yellow.

DOMINICA. The 1d stamps of this country have been divided and surcharged in black. $\frac{1}{2}$ d and others, "Half Penny."

GRIQUALAND. The Cape of G. H. 2d and 3d current issue have been surcharged with small "G" for use here.

GREAT BRITAIN. We received, recently, on a parcel from Whitfield, King & Co., some 6d lilac, surcharged in red, "6d," probably to distinguish from 1d, which are same color. A new issue is to come in use here. $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d remain present design, and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 2d and 3d, new design, and in light purple, 4d, 5d, 6d and 9d, and 1s. new design, and all in green. There will also be 2s., 2s. 6d, 5s., 10s., £1 and £5.

GRENADA. There is a new issue, as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$ d, green; 1d, rose, and 4d, grey. The 1d, fiscal, has been surcharged by type and pen, "Postage," and used as such; it also has been cut in half diagonally surcharged in the same ways, and used as postage.

INDIA. The design of the 1 rupee has been altered.

JAPAN. The following stamps of current issue appear in new colors: 1s. in green, and 2s. in rose.

LABUAN. A 40c. orange has made its appearance.

MAURITIUS. The current 17c. has been surcharged 16c. in black, on account of change of rate of postage to England.

ORANGE FREE STATES. The 6d and 1s fiscals are in use for postage. Two new values have been added to current type, $\frac{1}{2}$ d brown, and 3d blue.



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PERU. We illustrate the new 25c provisional.



PORTUGAL. The above is an illustration of the new 5c grey.

TRINIDAD. The 6d stamp has been surcharged "4" in red. A new 4d has lately appeared; color, grey.

UNITED STATES. The current 2, 3 and 6c stamps will be withdrawn from circulation, and a new 2c and 4c will be issued. The design of the former is the only one we are at present able to give. It is as follows: A medallion of Geo. Washington in relief on a panel, which is surrounded by an oval, above which are the words "United States Postage" and below "Two Cents," divided by a large "2." The design is very neat and in good taste. The color will, without doubt, be red.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA. The current 10 centavos has been surcharged "2½" in black.

URUGUAY. The current 1 cent has been surcharged Official, and a new 5 cent blue has appeared, bearing portrait of General Maximo Santos, the President.

CORRESPONDENCE, NOTES, ETC.

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We desire to exchange papers with all.

WHAT IS SAID OF US.

MANTENO, ILL., May 6, 1883.

Dear Sir:

Your wholesale list received. It is the cheapest I have found yet, and ever expect to. Respectfully yours,

C. B. CAMPBELL.

CINCINNATI, O., May 21, 1883.

Dear Sir:

I received your price list of the 18th inst. and I find that you are tolerably cheap. *

* * * Yours, etc.,

MARTIN T. DUMLAR.

The following is an extract from *Philatelic Frauds*, and struck us as being so true, and what every collector should observe, we reprint it.

"In looking through the collection of an amateur you are apt to find a large number of stamps that are worthless, being counterfeit, torn, or badly defaced. It is also often the case in examining the collection of an advanced collector. Now, in collecting stamps, you should not try and see how many stamps you can get, but how fine a lot of stamps. A few badly torn or defaced stamps hurts the looks of a whole collection. Always bear in mind that a counterfeit or torn stamp, no matter how rare it is, is worthless, and should not be allowed to enter your collection. In buying or exchanging for a stamp, if you are not a good judge of counterfeits, show it to some friend or collector that is, and be satisfied that it is genuine.

"There are a great many counterfeits of rare stamps, such as San Domingo, Reunion Isles, Buenos Ayres, Pacific Steam Navigation Company, Paraguay, Bolivia and other stamps of course designs, that are very deceiving, afloat. So it is policy to use good judgment, in purchasing from reliable dealers, or persons personally known to you.

"Never stick a stamp fast to your album, for if you should ever want to remove it you would be apt to badly soil your album getting it out, or else tear the stamp."

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