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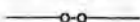
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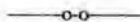
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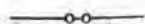
## Editorial.

It affords us great pleasure to be able to present to our friends and the public generally, the initial number of THE PHILADELPHIA STAMP NEWS, a journal, the title indicates, devoted to Philatelicism. We have for some time past been impressed with the importance of such a medium for communication between the buyer and seller of an article, that to-day, has become quite a merchantable commodity, stamps—foreign and domestic.

It will be the aim of the Philadelphia STAMP NEWS to give through its columns such items of interest from time to time as pertain more especially to the objects which the paper is designed, and trust will be found acceptable to the readers. This end can be better attained if those of our friends who may be in possession of what may be termed "items," kindly send them to us for publication. Anything bearing upon the stamp question will be kindly received and find a place in the columns of STAMP NEWS.

Doubtless there are some persons who may think our contribution to the philatelic world as rather of a dwarf nature, but we admit this to be so, but hope as time goes on, and the way becomes clear, to enlarge and improve it, until it shall become an unquestioned authority upon stamp matters. For any short comings that may be pointed out in this issue, we ask your indulgence and promise such improvements as our judgment and experience may hereafter suggest.

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 The P. O. department has decided that collectors of the department shall no longer employ collection agents for the benefit of dealers. No doubt there are some collectors who think this order unjust. We think otherwise, and believe it will produce good results.

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## Canadian Notes.

During the coming season this department will be a regular feature of the STAMP NEWS, and I will from month to month use my best efforts to give the readers of this paper the latest and best news relating to our hobby in Canada.

Postmasters through the province have been notified that a direct parcel post between Canada and Hong Kong has gone into effect *via* New York, the rates are sixteen cents per pound.

Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, of Belville, Ont., has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

Collectors and members of the D. P. A. will read with regret of the retirement of Mr. W. S. Weatherson from the secretaryship of the D. P. A. Mr. Weatherson deserves much credit for the able manner in which he has discharged his duties. A new secretary will shortly be appointed in his stead.

Collectors and dealers in London, Ont., has recently organized a local society, known as the Philatelic Association. Addresses were delivered by Wicks, Staeflar, Benson and others. There is every prospect for a successful society in this district.

Judging from the remarks of dealers and collectors in Toronto, Mr. Stanly Gibbons' new catalogue does not give satisfaction. For example, here are a few new prices. 1859. 12½ green, 25c., 2c. pink, 60c.; 17c. blue, 75c. Now, any dealer in Canada is willing to pay this price for them, in fact, they can not be purchased in quantities at these prices. Dealers are asking 40c. each for the 12½ green; 75c. for the 2c. pink, \$1.00 for the 17c. blue, and \$2.00 for the 8c. registration; and considering that only 125,000 of the 8c. registration stamps were issued, of which 75,000



were destroyed by order of the Postmaster General. I consider that in a few years this will be one of Canada's rarest stamps.

The opening meeting of the Toronto Philatelic Club took place on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, at the club rooms, on Young and College Sts. It was decided to hold meetings once a month this season. Nominations were received for the election of officers, which takes place at the annual meeting, January 8th. After other business of minor importance had been transacted the meeting was brought to a close, by a general discussion on various philatelic topics of interest.

There is exhibited in the window of one of Toronto's stamp dealers an unused 12 penny black, 1851, a copy of which recently changed hands in Toronto for \$5.00. It is attracting unusual interest, because it is the philatelic gem to Canadian's collectors, and the first opportunity to a great many of viewing such a rarity.

CARRACK.

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At Bogert & Durbin Co.'s auction sales on Nov. 9, the 600 sets realized a total of \$1,869.33. Tell this to your friends who say stamps are not worth anything.

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The 1c., 2c., 3c., 6c., 10c., 15c., 20c. and 30c. War Department envelopes, of light red color, are among the new varieties catalogued in Scott's 56th.

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We believe that we do not need stamps over the value of one dollar. Most all the \$5 stamps are purchased by collectors, and are very seldom used.

The steady advance in the price of U. S. stamps of late, has attracted collectors, who declare that profits of 50 per cent. is very common in the stamp market.

The *American Philatelist* and *Collector* has issued a number dated October. In another number because they have received notices of their death in the collection of their exchanges.

The standing of a philatelic paper is often judged by the amount of advertising they carry. When a paper has a good many live advertisements, we may be assured it is in a paying position.

C. E. BOSTON

### About Washington

Stamp matters in Washington have for some reason, been dull and below par. Philatelic activity until the last year or two has always had a good many adherents, but most of them were of the amateur class and little real earnestness of interest has been manifested. No philatelic society has been organized here in the last two years that amounted to

It seems very strange when you think Washington is headquarters; that here

Department stamps were used in the States; that here the foreign mail is being enormous, and high value for-stamps crowd each other getting to out it is so.

In a couple of years, however, matters have been picking up, till we are not at all ashamed of ourselves. We have a flourishing Club with a membership of over 50—all grown men—and there are two or three collections in town which could be very hard to beat. Where the dealer monopolized trade for many years we now have three full-fledged ones and several 'sprouts, and we know more stamps than we used to.

Washington is a magnificent hunting ground for stamps, and in spite of the nosiness which the local men are always doing, N. Y. and other dealers occasionally come down and gather in a good lot of stamps for their trouble. It is an odd thing that an out-of-town-man will often find stamps that a local one never would find. Dealers for some reason help an outsider in the way of things to be found, and it is our luck more than once to see fat stamps carried away from places we never thought of looking into, and no friend to tell us of. It is all right to be nice to the dealer, but there is such a thing as carrying kindness too far, we think.

Bureau due stamps present another interesting field. They were printed in so many shades on the unwatermarked paper, that we can get almost four complete sets. These shades are going to be very valuable, and it behooves collectors to buy them as they can. Some 30c. and 50c. ones were seen here recently in a shade almost like the pink of 1861.

SUBURBAN

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That a few dealers have placed orders in Granada for the new issue when they appear.

That the Cuban Republic has got their stamp list placed with a big New York Engraving Company. More of this later on.

C. C. G.

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630	" "	.15	.10
632	" "	.15	.10
667	" "	.40	.25
721	" "	.25	.20
722	" "	.25	.20
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954	" "	4.00	3.25
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PHILADELPHIA, PA., FEBRUARY, 1896,

## Editorial.

OUR second issue, boys. We are coming up.

WE recently saw a block of about 15 of 1c., 1868, grill, unused. They are held by one of our largest Philadelphia dealers.

WE learn that one of our largest Philadelphia collectors has a fine stock of \$2 Columbians that is good.

ONE of the 3c., 1869, re-issue, without grill, used, was sold at Bogert & Durbin's 50 cent auction sale for 10c. Mekeel catalogue's them at \$2. How's that?

A COPY of the *Stamp* from Groveland, Mass., came to us the other day. It is quite an interesting paper—brim full of fresh news.

WE see by Scott's 56th, that Canadian 2c. registered, vermilion, has gone up to 25c.

IN another column you will find the advertisement of Mr. John Calvert, who wants to buy some \$2 Columbians. As you know Mr. Calvert personally, we advise collectors who have the same for sale to send them to him, as you will find him the best and a good fellow to deal with.

GREAT BRITAIN is again using one pound envelopes.

WE heard the other day that one of our Fairmount Avenue dealers is going out of the stamp business.

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ONE of our Boston papers, *The State Philatelist*, comes to us with a cent stamp on the wrapper. What's the cause?

NOW, let us hear from Baltimore what our Philatelic paper. We don't think it's one. Has it?

IS there any use of speaking about organizing a local Society? If so, let's have some encouragement.

WHAT a snap for a dealer in New York! He had a stock of Canada 10 cent of 1859, which he offered for sale last week for 2c. They happened to be the black. Now he wants \$2.50.

GOD bless those who send in their subscription at once.



## About Washington.

certainly was a pleasure to see a stamp hailing from Philadelphia. It is a matter of frequent comment that with a firm like the Bogert & Durbin Co., doing business there, and several other dealers, it seems to be no local interest in stamps, all-known collectors, no discoveries hail from there, no paper and no Society. That two papers have sprung into the world there seems to be good prospect for the future. We note that there is still no Society there, although an attempt was made last Fall to organize one. What on earth is the matter? Isn't there *one* real collector there? If so, he is enough to start a Stamp Society. A very little hustling around, talking to every one he knows, getting the names of collectors and hunting them up, and cracking the benefits of an organization of some kind would certainly have its effect right away. We know this from personal experience, for Washington was in the same position for a long time. Now we are climbing right up the ladder, and will be as well known as a stamp town before a year or so. Interest is growing in stamps, and exact knowledge, is on the increase, new collectors are being added to the ranks right along, and we begin to feel that we are really "in it."

The Stamp Club held its first auction at its last meeting, and had a very successful and profitable evening. Being a first attempt, the sale was small, and many collectors were also, but it was a satisfactory one and we hope during the balance of the year to hold at least one a month, and make them much larger.

The Club is also discussing the idea of having a public exhibit of the stamps of the members; renting a good hall for a

week and making as attractive an exhibit as possible, with the idea of interesting more people in the study, thereby gaining collectors, and also to enlighten the ignorant (and their name is legion) on stamp matters, so they will not destroy so many valuable ones in future. It is thought that if the matter is properly carried out, a great many good stamps will be hunted up and brought into the market as a result.

Collectors here are well pleased over the action of the Chicago Society in petitioning the Postmaster General to have the Due and Periodical stamps sold to the public, and the Club intends to send in a petition also. Every collector's organization in the country should do this, and it would in all probability have its effect. "Constant dripping will wear away a stone."

There is no doubt but that the Department is exceedingly inconsiderate and unjust to collectors. They buy immense numbers of stamps for which no return service is given by the Government, and are entitled to a little more consideration than they get. One of our dealers recently sent a request to Postmasters for plate numbers, enclosing payment for same, and in a number of cases where the Postmasters wrote to the Department to ask if it was proper to comply with the request, the P. M. G. responded that they "were not required to comply with the request." Didn't even say "You can if you want to," that would have been too courteous by half.

The regulation in regard to the Due and Periodical stamps is almost a dead letter anyway, for the Department doesn't pretend to punish violations of it. I recently saw in the hands of one of the officials here a dealer's list, pricing everyone of the Due stamps unused, and it was passed utterly without comment. I know personally of another case also where a collector here

showed to the P. M. G. himself a paper containing an offer of a full set of unused Periodicals, and the P. M. G. merely remarked that he had no business having them.

Not a Washington collector has taken up the plate number idea. They all admit that they are very pretty and interesting, but think that they have quite enough to collect now. One of our local men made a big find in sheets of the 2c. pink a bit ago, and didn't have any trouble disposing of them in New York for high prices, he says. It seems to me that the plate number collection came too late. For the study of old stamps the imprints would undoubtedly be a great help, but the old imprints are almost impossible to buy, and the study of stamps is carried to such an extent now, that everything to know about the current issue seems to be found out without the aid of the imprints at all.

Nothing very new or valuable has been found here this month; a few good stamps are always turning up, but no great rarities. The best thing we have heard of was a bunch of the 5c. stamps of 1851. This stamp is generally held here to be worth more than present catalogue rates; not one collection in twenty you see contains it, and the general idea is that it will advance very materially in the next few years. Vide the unused copy.

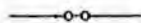
Here is a fact that has been mentioned in one of the papers, but not prominently. When the printing of stamps was transferred to Washington, all the old plates, up to and including the Columbian issue, were destroyed by order of the Government and taken to the N. Y. Navy Yard and used for ship plating. So there will be no more proofs issued, and the prices for them will consequently increase materially as time goes on. This seems a very foolish thing

for the Government to do, for there without doubt, be times in the future they will want to exhibit the stamps as at the Centennial, World's Fair. Then the Government will either ease conditions on some short-sighted officials get out another and much larger "Government counterfeits."

Speaking of Stamp Societies, Baltimore has about the "swellest" one in the country. The membership is limited to twenty and the wealth of the twenty is estimated at about eight million dollars. When you want a stamp they usually buy it and ask the price.

Dealers everywhere seem to be much pleased over the arrest of Boston for stamp stealing, showing the Post Department did not fully mean what it said when it declared that dealers would not be protected who sent stamps on approved parties who turned out to be frauds. Dealers should take care of themselves of course, but the authorities are obliged to protect the use of the mails all the time or stand a terrible amount of kicking.

SUBURBAN



Original.

## The First Stamp.

Quite often we see in the papers paragraphs concerning the first postage stamp. Some writers set the date as early as 1485. Be that as it may, the year 1840 still holds the palm of being the year in which the first *real* stamp appeared.

Stanley Gibbons, of London, and John Scotts, of New York, accept that date in a pamphlet published in 1880. Mekeels say: "The first postage stamp issued by Great Britain in 1840, the government following was Brazil, in 1842."

Then it must be seen that this

Gibbons, Scotts and Mekeel, do not have any date earlier than 1840. Every means may have been used to send messages previous to that time, it is in that no postage stamp was actually used prior to that date.

Additional evidence might be produced to prove this, but surely all Philatelists will not believe in an earlier stamp, unless it is produced to speak for itself.

H. I. WATTS.

### Canadian Notes.

Irving E. Patterson, of Guelph, has been appointed Secretary and Treasurer of the D. P. A., caused by the resignation of Mr. W. S. Weatherson. Mr. Patterson is well known in society and will, no doubt, make an able Secretary.

The Ottawa Philatelic Society held their regular meeting for the season on Nov. 6, and reports were made by the Secretary showing that the membership was increasing.

It is the intention of the Society to hold an exhibition of stamps in January.

Canada is at present only represented by a philatelic journal, namely, the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, but it is reported that a new philatelic journal will shortly be published and will, no doubt, receive the support of dealers and collectors in Canada.

The collecting of Canada's Revenues is increasing, and this year will see the beginning of a boom in Canadian Revenues, for stamps will be purchased at a very low figure, ranging from 40 per cent. to 60 per cent.

Collectors, don't wait till they are out of reach, but get them now.

It is rumored that a new catalogue of Canadian Revenue stamps will shortly be published. Ketcheson prizes them at too high a figure.

CANUCK.

### Items of Interest.

THE Sultan of Burnel, it is stated, has, for a consideration of \$3,000, leased to a certain Mr. Roberts, the postal service of his country for a term of 15 years.

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THE German Empress encourages her children to become stamp collectors, and aids them to bring the work to perfection by making them observe where the country is situated and what kind of a government it is from whenever she hands them a stamp.

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OUR city contemporary, "Watson's Stampsonia," regrets the fact that Philadelphia has no Philatelic Society, and suggests that the embryotic organization be put upon a basis more worthy of the name.

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THE movement recently put into operation by the U. S. Post Office Department to stamp weather predictions upon mail matter is one to be greatly commended by the public generally.

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MAIL BAGS can now be taken on or off trains going at the rate of sixty miles an hour.

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THE British Government has taken charge of the postal service of Kashmir, one of the Native India States.

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BOSTON is trying, with fair prospects of success, to get up a corner in the auction business.

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THE banquet given on the 7th of the past month, by the Chicago Society of Philatelists, proved quite an enjoyable affair. It was held at the Union League Club rooms, and was well attended.

THE 1856 1 sg., rose, Prussian stamp, has advanced in price from \$6.50 to \$25, and the 2 sg. of the same date, blue, formerly selling at \$25, has mounted up to \$100.



THE stamp collector family, of California, is adding very materially to its numerical strength, if late reports are to be credited.



OMAHA, Neb., will have an auction sale of stamps on the 25th inst.



THE United States adopted the postal card system, May 12, 1873.



### Fraternalism.

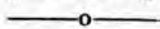
—Among the numerous exchanges reaching our sanctum, none is more welcome than "The Daily Stamp Item," hailing from St Louis, and issued by the C. H. Makeel Stamp and Publishing Company. It is a sprightly looking sheet, and gives evidence of the "office cat" being about. We wish it the success it deserves.

—"Watson's Monthly Stampsonia" is the title of a new candidate in the philatelic world, issued by Warren Watson, 1212 Green street, Philadelphia. Judging from the initial Number before us, Bro. Watson will undoubtedly make a success of his venture. We cordially commend it to the readers of STAMP NEWS as meriting their kind consideration.

—From Patterson's Mills, Pa., we have received number two of "The Pennsylvania Stamp," a neatly printed eight-page monthly, devoted, as its title indicates, to the interests of philatelicism. Its pages are well filled with stamp news, tersely told by its editor, Cameron W. Lawton.

—"The Rocky Mountain Stamp" now mails its papers in large envelopes.

—From St. Paul, Minn., a printed and carefully edited sixteen monthly comes to us under the title of International Stamp. The Number before us is the initial one of the publication, and we feel sure it will soon win its way into the good graces of philatelists generally.



### Notes.

A movement is on foot to organize a philatelic society in Indiana. There is a good reason why it could not be done.

We now have daily, weekly, monthly, and semi-annual philatelic journals, and our wants should be well filled. Some of our monthly papers are better than we have ever had, and some of the little sheets are a disgrace to the cause.

—Dealers say:—"Columbians are on the market, while old U. S. and Colonies are booming." It is good to know that legitimate stamps are having a steady sale.

—As every new catalogue appears a number of new and minute varieties are catalogued.

—The collector ten years from now will have to have an album as large as a Bible if he collects everything.

—For several months we have been complaining of long, tedious articles in the philatelic press, why we should collect U. S. stamps. The best reason for collecting is, that they are bound to increase in value, and a glance in Scott's 56th will convince the most skeptical.

—Every collector likes to have his paper bright, newsy, and up-to-date. If a paper cannot be published for these reasons, therefore we should give it our support in every possible way.



The Western Philatelist," published at Joseph, Mo., has made its appearance.

It contained a long paper, plea for stars and stripes, to be put on our flags. This paper would do far more good if it were sent to a Congressman than it does now, in filling up space where we would far rather read something else.

At Mekeel's Daily stamp paper is "out of sight."

At the jokes in the Michigan Philatelist are funny.

At the funeral of a certain philatelic society is soon to be held.

At the L. of A. P. is fast coming to the front.

At H. C. Beardsley will never give up quarrel with W. W. Jewitt. "Six Times Tige."

At the Phil. Era is the best weekly published.

to say we, all of us."

C. E. BOSTWICK, Elkhart, Ind.

### Special Issues.

an issue of one of our daily papers an account of a bill to be presented to Congress, authorizing the Post Office Department to issue special stamps for any town over one hundred thousand inhabitants to commemorate any event connected with the local history of any city making application, the engraving of the special stamps to be at the expense of said city.

if this bill should become a law, a vast number of stamps we collectors have to look after in a few years. Imagine what a multitude of historic events would crowd upon the various cities entitled under this privilege. Collectors will do what they can to prevent such a thing being enacted, as this great flood of stamps would do more to discourage stamp

collecting than the much-talked-of speculative issues of foreign countries. This would be a step backwards for the Post Office Department, a departure from the governmental issues, and an approach to the old local systems.

ALF. FITLER HENKELS.

### Issue of 1870-'72.

A question agitating the minds of a good many collectors is: Have *all* the first types of the 1870-'72 issue been *embossed*? Appearances point that way, in fact, the evidence is quite convincing. As examples of proof of this supposition I cite the following instances: A dealer in this city has a pair of the 6c. of this issue, upon one of which the embossing is very plain, whilst the other is without the slightest trace of embossing; and in another instance, of a block of twenty 3 cent stamps of the same issue, four are embossed, whilst the remaining sixteen are plain. In the instances I quote, the stamps all had the original gum, and the embossing is genuine beyond a doubt. The theory put forth is, that the embossing machine gradually broke or wore away, until it ceased to make any impression. Note the very indistinct embossing on a great many of the 1870 issue, in some instances there are only a few points, and in others only an outline, particularly on the 6 cent and higher values, whilst in the previous issues of 1867-69 the embossing is always well defined in unused copies having gum. Taking this into consideration it seems that the above theory is well grounded, and it only remains for some inquiring philatelist to prove or disprove the above.

A. F. HENKELS.

ERRATUM.—In the editorial notice on page 12 of Bogert & Durbin Co.'s auction sale, it should read "50th" instead of "50 cent."

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" " 8c	.....	4 "
" " 10c	.....	3 "
" " 15c	.....	20 "
" 1894 15c	.....	8 "

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" 1872 7, 24 and 90c.	.....	"
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" 1893 50c., Columbian.	.....	"
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PHILADELPHIA, PA., MARCH, 1896,

## Editorial

Bro. Hunter, of Nassau Stamp Co., was in town trying to buy early issues of U. S. Postage Revenue Stamps.

The 90c State Department is held at \$12 by one of our dealers.

The collection of postage stamps of the Leeward Island, belonging to Emil Vatable, of New York, was sold at auction by R. F. Albrecht, of 90 Nassau St. The total of the 637 lots realized \$10,285. Several sheets of St. Christopher sixpenny stamps containing 20 each sold for \$300 a sheet. A one-penny stamp, surcharged on a two-pence half penny stamp, realized \$90.25. A Virgin Island sixpence brought \$45.50. A Nevis four-penny brought \$45, and a Nevis sixpence \$52.

The official organ of the Sons of Philatela is now The International Philatelist.

A Stamp Journal is announced from New Chester, Adams Co., Pa., the name being unknown.

We have received Carl Young's Price List.

Mr. H. L. Reeves, of Bridgeton, N. J., discovered in his early savings a 3c, imperforated. He says that it is a trimmed specimen.

## An International Postage Stamp

At this time, when the various means of travel and transmission of messages are bringing the four corners of the world closer together, it may not be amiss to discuss the practicability of an international postage stamp, which will be as good for use on the far frontier of Africa as in the great cities of America.

The question of adopting such a stamp came before the 1897 convention of the P. U., which will for the first time in history meet at Washington, D. C.

The adoption of such a stamp is of importance to the world in general, and of particular interest to the race of Philatelists in particular.

Before we consider the obstacles to be overcome, let us see what benefits an international stamp would bring.

Now-a-days, when writing to a stranger in a foreign land, one is obliged to go to the expense and trouble of getting an international money order to pay the return postage, to insure a reply, or else trust the good nature of the distant correspondent to pay the postage. When the new stamps appear, it will only be necessary to enclose one in the letter, and back it would bring a reply, post paid.

Then when one was travelling, what a convenience to carry one's stamps along and use them on your letters home without buying stamps of an official who can't (or won't) understand English.

If the U. P. U. continues to grow as it has in the past, it is only a question of time until these stamps would be good for use in every country on earth.

of the obstacles to be overcome is language and another is currency. As to the why not issue a stamp without any word on it? Pictures are understood by the civilized man or barbarous savage. The stamp could be so designed as to express itself to anyone. Next, as to the question of currency. As all know, the moneys of the world are various fractional values, from the Chinaman's "cash" up to Uncle Sam's "five figures" greenbacks. Now, nearly everybody knows that the postage to most countries is five cents for single letters, nearly all; by that I mean nearly everybody who has any business writing to foreign lands. The rest who don't know, have only to ask about the postage. What is easier than for the P. M. to name the amount and hand out an international stamp of the regular stamp.

Assume the above is true of most other countries. Why, then, have any value placed on stamps? Would not a stamp of striking design, printed in a vivid color, and understood to be of the value of five cents or more in money, be entirely sufficient? Would any government deem it necessary to have the value appear on the stamp, and surcharge it on all the stamps used in the country.

In order to carry out successfully the plan of a stamp without value or words, it would be necessary to have a striking color, and a simple design. For the color, scarlet would be best. The design might consist of showing all continents and islands as possible, bordered with a suitable design.

When the decision of issuing an international stamp is arrived at, the U. P. U. will be for designs from the engravers and artists of all countries.

Philatelists will hail with joy the day when international stamps come into use, for then they can send to any country and get a reply from one of these useful stamps.

H. I. WATTS.

## About Washington.

Things are pushing right along in Washington. From most places there comes a good deal of complaint about the times and consequent dullness in stamps, but we feel it very little here. The majority of the people in Washington are Government clerks, and "hard times" does not affect their salaries at all, so the collectors still buy freely here, the dealer flourishes, and everything is lovely. Mr. John N. Luff, of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. was in town recently, with a fine lot of stuff, and in spite of the high Scott prices, he carried away a good many shekels.

Poor stamps, damaged and common ones, may be selling at low prices but from local experience and auction reports, it seems to us that a fine stamp never fails to fetch its price. The big collectors of the country are just as willing as ever to pay a fancy price for anything fine and rare. For instance:

A Baltimore man recently found a 5c 1861, mustard, on the cover and discovered that it was a part-perforate, with good margins on both ends. The stamp is worth about six dollars ordinarily. He had no trouble in selling it to a N. Y. dealer for thirty! The N. Y. man didn't expect to lose money either.

We have heard of a few very nice finds in the last few weeks. One man got some beautiful unused specimens of the dollar value States; another found a big box of stamps cut off old officials' letters, from which he produced a very fine lot of old foreign stamps; another found a lot of old letters written to a person formerly residing abroad, and got a fine lot of the 6 and 12c 1869s. A number of smaller bunches have also been nosed out as the result of persistent effort. It is never too late to begin, it seems.

The 1c State, as predicated, has taken a good raise lately, and cannot be bought for

less than \$1.50 now. Last year one of our Washington dealers was offering the 1, 3 and 6 unused for 1.00! The 1c Agriculture seems to be in its wake, and is another stamp that is well worth buying at once if you haven't it. The 2c Justice is another stamp that seems to be in good demand for some reason, and will bear watching. According to figures recently compiled from the P. O. Dept. record, the following numbers of these three stamps were issued:

1c State.....	31,800
1c Agriculture.....	96,415
2c Justice.....	26,900

Revenue stamps are constantly increasing demand, and the better class are bringing closer and closer to full list prices. They are beautiful and attractive stamps, and one is still able to get a very complete collection of them at a small cost. One of our collectors has an India proof of the \$5000 one, of which he is very proud, and not without reason. It is said that but three of the stamps were ever used.

Revenue collection should certainly be in a blank album, or else the collector should pay no attention to the order in which they are given. By alternating the various issues and breaking up the solid patches of color, a much handsomer effect can be had. A tastefully arranged revenue album, with an eye to color, would be a strong seller, we think.

Look out for inverted heads on your revenue stamps. We recently saw two of the \$5 second issue with "inverts" which several people have handled without noticing. From 50c to \$25 isn't half bad!

The Mekeel company have ruined the market for Columbian stamps recently by advertising complete stamp sets for \$21.87. They announce that a "speculator" is unloading, but it is generally thought that Mekeel himself is the supposed speculator. The Columbian business has been a pretty big botch all around. If the Government had adhered to its original contract in regard to the stamps everything would have been lovely, but they badly over-reached when they bought all the

remainders from the contractors and them on sale here. The Washington post is loaded down with them, and it will be or three years before most of the stamps command a real premium. On the first of February there was on hand here as follows:

\$3 ones.....	3,560
\$4 ones.....	3,580
\$5 ones.....	5,186

It is announced that the Chicago Philatelic Society has prepared blank petitions to the M. G. for the sales of the Periodical Due stamps. It is to be hoped that every Philatelist in the Country will take this matter up and send in its petition. There is no possible objection to the sale of stamps, and under present system a great many employees are led into dishonesty, if dishonesty it be to something for which the Govt. has no fair use, for which face value is paid into its coffers. The question of morality involved in the sale of these stamps is an interesting one.

It is rumored that another 10c Buchanan stamp has been found. One of our local collectors says he has been offered the stamp, which is on the original cover, and a very fine one. Strange that after so many years two specimens of an unknown stamp should turn up.

SUBURBAN

## Canadian Notes

The Business office of Canadian Stamp and Coin Co., No. 4 Achliade St., Toronto, was recently broken into, and thieves secured some \$25.00 worth of stamps and coins. The police of this city have the case in hand, and the parties will shortly be in jail.

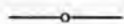
Mr. W. R. Adams, editor and publisher of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, has opened an office at 9½ Achliade St., Toronto, wherein he intends to conduct a general stamp and publishing business.

Messrs. Weatherdon and Phillips, well known collectors in Toronto, have opened an office for the purpose of dealing in stamps and philatelic supplies. These gentlemen will no doubt get a goodly share of the trade from Toronto collectors.



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e dealer in question replied that it  
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ection by express and he would fill  
space he desired. The owners sent  
lection, and after waiting some two  
for a reply. came down to Toronto  
led at the dealer's business office only  
that he had decamped with his val-  
collection. After searching through  
cks of some of the dealers in Toronto  
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successful in obtaining any, and after  
g the detectives in Toronto he re-  
home. It is rumored that the dealer  
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ve the case in hand are successful the  
will be brought back to Toronto to  
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### Commending P. O. Depart- ment

following is an extract from 'The  
elic Fortnightly,' of April, 1887,  
the last announcement of Messrs.  
& Riley, the last proprietors of the  
Despatch, as follows:

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vined that the laws of the United

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or carry any letters or other matter through  
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office Department represented by the Post-  
master of this city.

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feel it but just to assure our former patrons  
and the public generally that, from the ar-  
rangements made by the Postmaster on be-  
half of the Department, the business will be  
carried on as much to the satisfaction of the  
community as though still under our control.

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and so successfully managed the business  
while in our own hands have been employ-  
ed in the same capacity by the Postmaster,  
which of itself is a sufficient guarantee that  
the service will be properly conducted.

“The entire arrangements have been made  
with especial regard to the public conveni-  
ence, and are as perfect as could be devised.  
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both faithful and intelligent.

“In thus retiring from the Dispatch we  
cannot but thank the public for their appre-  
ciation of our efforts to serve them, and ex-  
press the hope that they will favor the new  
regime with their patronage in the future.

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—Newfoundland has reprinted the 1, 2  
and 3c of 1880, and the  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 3c of 1887.  
They bear the imprint of the British Amer-  
ican Bank Note Co., Montreal, and are dif-  
ferent shades to the first issues.

## How it Progresses.

"The International Stamp," in a late issue, has a very interesting article upon the rapid progress Philately is making in the Western States. It traces the march of this line of trade from its infancy in the far East, and its course through the Middle and Southern States, and its solid growth along the Pacific coast. We quote an extract below as exhibiting the views of the editor of the "I. S."

"How fresh in the memories of all who have essayed to keep record of philatelic progress is the first signs of activity in the great Northwest. From the Falls of St. Anthony to the waters of Puget Sound, in every village, hamlet and town, collectors were born into the cause and dealers flourished in the new field.

"Hardly a hamlet, scarcely a settlement throughout this Western country of ours in whose precincts philately is now unknown. The center of philatelic population is now close to the Mississippi's flow. Dealers whose capital invested entitle them to foremost consideration in the enumeration of prosperity, transact their daily routine in this land, where but a few years since, as time goes, our hobby was without representation.

"In every walk of philately the West is honored and respected. The societies which long held to the idea that conventions could only be sure of a representative attendance by choosing an Eastern seat, have proven that the West is hospitable, kindly, energetic and enthusiastic, and in this latter day we are being honored with the annual meetings of the foremost associations.

"The West is now the sustaining power of the stamp world, the East having grown passive and reserved. But we, with optimistic visions of hope and cheer, still believe that the half has not yet been seen, the greatest achievements and glories lie in the mystic future, and we work and toil and strive in that sweet hope.

"The star of empire has reflected its splendor on e'en the Golden Gate, but it has not set, and the hand which directs may yet discover other lands to conquer and other isles to bless."

## Fraternalism.

"The Home Worker," of Knoxville, Tenn., with its January issue entered its third year of publication. It is a beautiful looking monthly, and gives evidence of skill in editing and general management, and it continues to enjoy prosperity, especially since it has become a "full-fledged" philatelic magazine.

From Elkhart, Ind., comes to us the first number of a diminutive, but yet vigorously conducted, monthly, still under the name of "The Baby Philatelic." Its twenty pages (3 x 5 inches in size) contain much of interest to the philatelist, and we doubt not "the baby" will become a popular journal.

"The Philatelic Record" is a new publication just issued by Messrs. Widdowson & Beatty, at St. Catharine, Ont.

Brooklyn, it is announced, will soon issue a new stamp paper—"Brooklyn Philatelic" published by the Pellington Stamp Co.

"The Postage Stamp" is the title of a new paper to be issued in New York by Walter W. Reed, from 389 Broome street.

Messrs. Lang & Althorn, Baltimore, have in press an "Official Souvenir Year Book," of the Philatelic Society of America.

"The Indian Philatelist" represents philately in Asia. It is full of information relating to stamp matters, 24 pages issued on the first of each month. G. Lambert, 157 Summit street, St. Paul, Minn., will send you a copy on the receipt of 5 cents.

"Philately" says a contemporary source of a great many curiosities, which are very eccentric, while other works of art. Many of the curiosities possessing interest to the collector were discovered during the Civil War of '61 to '65.

## For You to Remember.

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post office department in India besides sending and delivering letters and parcels, acts as a banker for the general public, manufactures opium, and salt, pays the military pensions, and collects the taxes from the people, and attends to many similar government affairs. The post office at Punjab not only delivers letters but also maintains established elementary schools where boys are taught to write and address letters, and kind of postal correspondence.

Notes and queries column of the Michigan Philatelist conducted by W. H. Kesler Jr. is going to be used to quite a considerable extent. It is a good thing for old and new collectors as almost every collector is sometimes bothered by certain stamps.

There is talk of organizing a society devoted to the collecting of philatelic literature. A change department is to be established for the exchanging of stamp journals.

It is said that a paper is to be issued in the future for collectors of philatelic literature, Portland, Maine.

F. Seybold has a collection of U. S. stamps complete. He is said to have 26,000 stamps in his collection.

There will in the future issue no more stamps. She will destroy all remainders of stamps.

It seems to be the era of auction sales of stamps and directories. We have a great number of stamps each and still they come.

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As to a certain Philatelist Journal, it was ago and rec'd the following reply, "I am enjoying an infinite rest. Hardly able to sleep."

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## Packets.

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Agriculture 3c unused	.40	.25
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## GENTLE RIVER.

[The following touchingly beautiful words, expressive of a mind calm in the thought of his near approach to death, were composed by the late David Strouse, of Mifflin, Pa., who during the early years of the rebellion, was a trusted employe in the telegraph department of the U. S. Government. He died at his home on the banks of the blue Juniata, the scenic beauties of which brought forth the inspiration.]—ED. P. S. N.

Gentle river, ever flowing,

Where my early days were passed,  
Like your waters, I am going  
Safely to the sea at last.

To that ocean, dark and dreary,  
Whence no traveler comes again,  
Where the spirit worn and weary  
Finds repose from grief and pain.

O'er the world I long have wandered,  
Now a stranger, I return;  
Hope, health and manhood squandered  
Life's last lesson here to learn.

Calmly on the banks reposing,  
I am waiting for the day  
When calm twilight softly closing,  
Bears the trembling soul away."

## HOME AFFECTION.

Like the dew and the sunshine and the  
er to the tender grass, the budding rose  
fragrant flower, are home affections to the  
g heart. Sickness may come to pain the  
and parch the lips and bid the life-tide  
n on its course with feverish, frenzied  
ness; but if the aching head may rest  
a faithful heart—if loving words of sym-  
may fall on the listening ear, and affec-  
soothing smile may ever meet the lan-  
anxious eyes, then the suffering and the  
are mingled with a sustaining power and  
because shared, is almost sweet. Sep-  
may for a time, hide from us "those  
aws of the soul" through which we long  
d love's glowing registry; but if we  
that our names were written there, we  
asily "learn to labor and to wait" till,  
one, the halls of home again resound  
heartfelt welcomes.

## THE POSTOFFICE—PAST AND PRESENT.

From the American Philatelist.

Private posts have existed ever since kings or kingdoms have been known. In the ancient kingdoms of Persia and Assyria, the rulers saw that a means whereby the different parts of their kingdom were connected, was essential to the welfare of the realm. Therefore private posts were established for the carrying of government orders and messages, and the dissemination of public laws to every part of their vast territory.

Rome was the first country to perfect a system of postoffices. Roads were built to every important city in the empire; post-houses where horses and vehicles were stationed were established a day's distance apart. The people were obliged by the emperor to furnish and maintain the equipages necessary for the postal business. Public as well as government matter was carried by this Roman post. The postmen were strong and enduring, and have been known to cross the continent of Europe on horseback at the rate of 160 miles per day.

The postoffice in early England was a slow imperfect and unreliable institution. Posts were established which carried mail weekly to every part of the kingdom. The mail bags were carried on horseback, and the postmen, who rode day and night, averaged about five miles per hour.

In 1680, during the reign of Charles II, a penny post was established in London by William Dockwra and Robert Mason, for the delivery of letters and packages weighing less than one pound. These deliveries were made from four to eight times every day. The far-seeing (?) people of the time declared it to be a "senseless and insidious contrivance. Nevertheless the postal business kept on increasing with such rapidity that the government took charge of all the postal affairs.

To be Continued.

The man of nerve is the one wanted.

**PENCIL AND SHEARS.**

Canadians love their Queen.

Cuba will soon be free from tyranny.

Do all things come to them who wait?

Children of to-day are men of to-morrow.

The first United States double eagles were coined in 1849.

Bear ye one another's burdens and thus fulfill a Divine law.

Is not the silver agitation ruining our credit with foreign nations?

Fruit of all kinds gives promise of being plentiful this summer.

The forests of Scotland are yearly denuded of some 4,000 stags.

During the year 1895 California shipped 47,871 carloads of fruit.

The price of any article should be governed at what it can be sold for.

An American syndicate has secured the right to build a railroad in Corea.

On the coast of New Zealand some thirty whales were recently stranded.

The late Civil War in America was productive of many postal eccentricities.

Watch the opportunities of to-day and you will have no regrets to-morrow.

The salmon fisheries of the State of Washington are worth \$1,500,000 a year.

A writer says for a good every-day household angel give us the woman who laughs.

We read that in Germany you can have a watermelon or peck of potatoes sent by mail.

The Emperor of Austria is nearly 66 years old, and has ruled his people for thirty three years.

The deposits in the Postoffice Savings banks it is said, have more than doubled in the last ten years.

Warm weather recently hatched out millions of grasshoppers in Oregon. A subsequent frost, however, killed them.

An English trades union refuses to allow its members to work with men who ride to their work on a bicycle. What humbug.

Mrs. John Drew, a well known member of the theatrical profession, is still "staring" it on the stage, although in her 76th year.

At Stuttgart, Germany, the American Club will celebrate in a fitting manner, America's Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

It is rather too extensive to use cancelled stamps: at least Michael J. Burns, of Muskegon, Mich., thought so when he had to pay a fine of \$50 for trying the experiment.

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610	"	25	20
623	"	15	10
626	cut sq. large margin,	35 00	20 00
628	Entire,	75	50
630	"	15	10
632	"	15	10
667	"	40	25
721	"	25	20
722	"	25	20
805-a	"		50
954	"	4.00	1.50
958	"	1.50	1.00
5c.—1847		85	75
15c.—1868		20.00	12.00
\$1.00—1893		8.00	5.00
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**STAMP BRIEFLETS.**

Denver, Col., has a new stamp company.

In 1840 England issued its first penny postage stamp.

Postal cards first issued by the United States May 12, 1873.

Nova Scotia stamps, first issue, are increasing in value.

France contemplates issuing a new set of stamps shortly.

The leading feature of the trade seems to lie in auction sales.

The first postal card was issued by Austria October 1, 1869.

Boston is put on record as a good place for stamp auction sales.

John K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, has 16,000 varieties of stamps.

Canadian revenues are reported as becoming scarce in the market.

There are now 2874 different United States stamps catalogued.

Turk's Island has a new registered envelope. It is a 2d blue.

Philately is now finding its way in the columns of daily newspapers.

A Universal Postal Convention is to be held at Washington, D. C., in 1897.

It is some fifty years since the first adhesive postage stamp was issued by the United States.

Barbadoes is about to issue a  $\frac{1}{4}$ d stamp, to be used on news-pape s sent within that island.

\$3,015.70 was the price paid for a single stamp at a recent New York stamp auction sale.

Guayaquil is about to issue a series of postage stamps commemorative of its achievement; of liberty.

The 10c. Baltimore, white paper, held by McKeel, St. Louis, is one of the rarest stamps in existence.

At a recent stamp sale held in Boston, a 90c. '69 brown gum, no grill, U. S. postage sold for \$70.

In 1873, W. P. Baum, of New York City, catalogued the 1c. stamp at \$8. It is now quoted at \$250. What a growth in rating!

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PHILADELPHIA, MAY, 1896.

### A CHANGE.

It gives us pleasure to present the May issue of STAMP NEWS to its readers in a new dress and otherwise improved appearance. In addition to matters bearing upon Philately, its pages will be found to contain a great deal of reading upon miscellaneous subjects, that will no doubt prove interesting. Thanks to our advertising patrons, and others, who have so kindly contributed to make our publication so far successful,

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### DEEDS TELL MORE THAN WORDS.

The liberty-loving American has always objected to monarchical restrictions and every other un-republican form of government. As a nation, America has ever expressed sympathy for, and upheld the cause of liberty-inspired races, whose standards of Government are raised upon the only true staffs of patriotism and freedom. Uncle Sam—may heaven still continue to bless him—always keeps his hand open to grasp the one extended to him for recognition by any people suffering from oppression and tyranny. Let thy digit point not only to oppressed Cuba, but let a nobler deed of thine be recorded upon the tablet of time—a full and free recognition of Cubans and their cause.

### CANADA'S POSTAL ISSUES.

In an article that appeared in a late issue of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, we find the following paragraph relating to the "Postal Issues of Canada":

"One of the most fascinating pleasures in collecting the postal issues of the United States is the portrait gallery of great men one possesses in these stamps. To understand them, their motives, ambitions, characters, the struggle for the leading position they occupied is to find oneself very close to the many questions which move men to day, did in the past, and will in the future, for heroic lines will always inspire. This is one of the reasons why the United States will always be popular."

We thank our Canadian brother for the compliment he pays the Postal Department of the United States.

### WHO STARTED THE COLLECTION OF STAMPS?

The question has been asked of a contemporary, "Who started collecting stamps?" The following reply is given:

"The students in the great Theological University of Louvain, Belgium, were the first to conceive the idea of forming collections of postal labels, and they began doing so about 1850. It is certain that the first dealer in stamps was the venerable J. B. Moens, whose house in Brussels is still, perhaps, best known in the Philatelic world, and who began the business, we believe, in 1852. His *Timbre Poste*, which stands in the front rank of Philatelic periodicals, was founded in 1862, and is the oldest stamp paper in existence."

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Boston Philatelists want the first convention of the N. E. P. A. held in that city.

Philatelic world has now nearly one hundred periodicals representing its interests.

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The foreign mail service, for which Uncle Sam uses none but the fastest steamers, it is reported costs the government over \$1,000,000 annually.

"Nothing could better illustrate," says the *Washington Philatelist*, "the surely increasing attention which is being given to the beautiful stamps of our own country, than the prices realized at the many auction sales which are being held all over the land. With the set of \$61 reprints bringing the sum of close up to one hundred and forty dollars in hard cash, there seems to be good reason to be optimistic as to the brilliant future of our pleasant pursuit."

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" 1872, 12c. dark purple	75	40
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### FRATERNALISM.

The *Columbian Philatelist* complains of stamp purchasing frauds.

The Philatelic world has a new journalistic champion in the *Philatelic Paragraph*, of New York.

There is much of interest appearing in the last issue of the *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, published by Clifford W. Klissenger, of Reading, Pa. It finds a welcome in our sanctum.

The *American Philatelist*, published by F. B. Estabrook, of Marlboro, Mass., recently entered upon its fourth year of publication, a fact we record with pleasure.

The pages of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* are read by us with interest. Its publisher, Bro. Wm. R. Adams, is rendering good service in the cause he advocates, and Toronto collectors ought to feel proud of him.

### STOLEN STAMPS.

United States, 1851, 1 cent, black, adhesive, U. S. P. O. Despatch [N. 202, Scott's Catalogue] on entire envelope, addressed to Annie I. Mitchell. United States, Stringer & Morton City Despatch, on entire envelope, No. 1994 Scott's, addressed to Annie I. Mitchell. Tuscany, 1853, block of two 9-cent, violet on white paper, No. 19 Scott's, with 2 cent blue of same date, all on part of envelope,

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" 1772, 6c. carmine	10	05
" 1872, 7c. vermilion	75	50
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Post Office 6c. unused	30	20
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" Treasury 90c. fine used	1.00	85
" War 90c. un-used	1.50	1.20
" War, 11 varieties fine used	6.10	5.00
Hawaiian, "Prov. 1893" Set 7 varieties, un-used,	10.00	8.00
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TORONTO, [CAN.] BRIEFS.

I learn from good authority that T. M. Staples, of London, Ont., will shortly revive the "Canadian Philatelic Weekly."

The firm of Mitchell & Young, dealers in stamps, etc., and doing business under the name of the Canadian Stamp and Coin Company, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Mr. Mitchell.

The Lindsay Stamp Company conducted by I. E. Welden, has opened an office at 153 Young street, this city, which will no doubt prove a successful venture by reason of the popularity of the proprietor. M.

WINCHESTER [IND.] DOTLETS.

The proposed Indiana State Philatelic Society does not seem to be making much headway of late.

Collectors in general are looking up their duplicates of the second and third series of Revenue, having an inverted medallion.

I would suggest as a very neat plan for keeping the run of a collection, the numbering of the spaces in each country and then entering in a blank book a brief description of the specimen, giving condition, catalogue value, etc., leaving space to give future catalogue values. In a short time you will be able to see at a glance the advance any stamp has made.

H. I. WATTS.

ELKHART [IND.] ITEMS.

I received a letter a short time ago on which the postage had been prepaid by cutting out an envelope stamp round, and pasting it on the envelope sent to me. It came through the mails all right, however.

Did you ever receive a letter on which there was no city named in the address? I received one a few days since, and it was quite a curiosity, being almost covered by hieroglyphics made by the postal clerks through whose hands it passed.

C. E. BOSTWICK.

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    Oh, deign to hear our cry.  
Give all the strength in time of need,  
To willing hands and hearts that bleed,  
    Thou God of destiny.

Spare our fair land from torch and sword,  
From kingly rule and murd'rous horde,  
    Do Though become our shield ;  
Our faith is strong that we'll receive  
The benison that Thou canst give,  
    And victory's scepter wield.

With step unfaltering, arm yet strong,  
For freedom's rights we'll struggle on,  
    Through aid that comes from Thee.  
Our cause is just, our shackles break,  
And bid the dawn of morn awake  
    That shall proclaim us free.

Let fields once more with verdure smile,  
And freedom's flag float o'er our isle.  
    Let tyrant chains be riven.  
To Thee, oh God, a song we'll raise,  
And unto Thee give all the praise  
    For what to us is given.

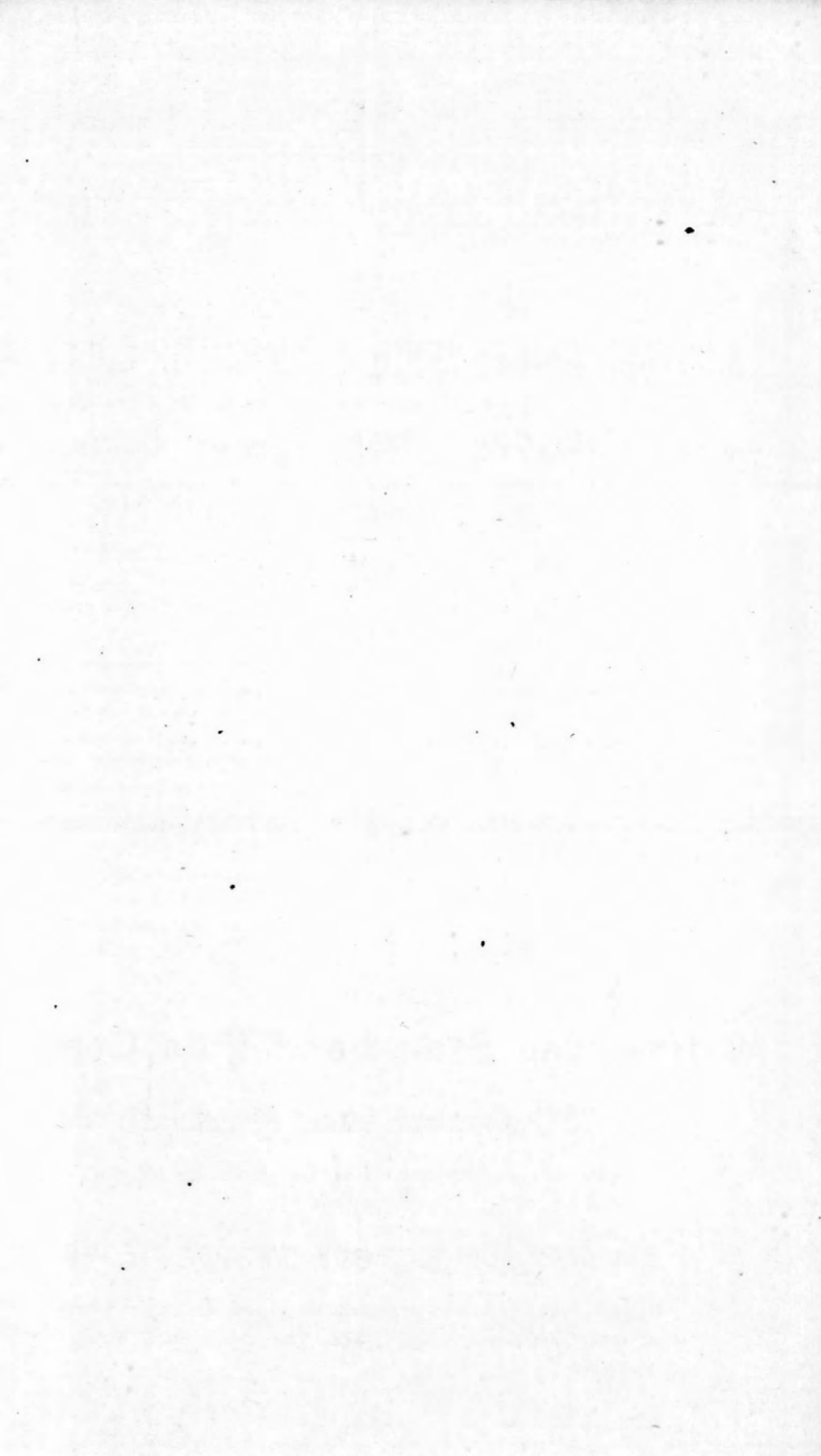
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## DEAL GENTLY WITH THE LITTLE ONES.

A child when asked why a certain tree  
was crooked, replied:—"Somebody trod  
on it, I suppose, when it was little."

He who checks a child with terror,  
Stops its play; and stills its tongue,  
Not alone commits an error,  
But a grievous moral wrong.

Give it play, and never fear it,  
Active life is no defect;  
Never, never break its spirit;  
Curb it only to direct.

Would you stop the flowing river,  
Thinking it would cease to flow?  
Onward must it flow forever;  
Better teach where to go.

## GREEDINESS.

Greedy for money is like fire—the more fuel  
has the hotter it will burn, as everything  
tends to intensify the heat. When there is  
fire in the blood there is fire in the brain;  
Impatience turns to rashness and rashness runs to  
ruin.

## A TRUTHFUL SAYING.

There are some members of a community  
and the sagacious and witty Thomas Brad-  
ley, "that are like crumbs in the throat, If  
they go the right way they afford but little  
annoyance, but if they happen to go the  
wrong way they give a great deal of trouble."

## RICHES AND POVERTY.

No man can tell whether he is rich or poor  
simply turning to his ledger. It is the  
heart that makes men rich. He is rich or poor,  
according to what he is, not according to  
what he has.

Never forget the kindness which others do  
for you.

## THE POSTOFFICE—PAST AND PRESENT.

(Continued from May Issue.)

This postal service, like the laws, language  
and customs, was transported to America by  
the colonists. Our first postoffices were a box  
or basket in a coffeehouse where the letters  
from the mother country were received and  
despatched. When a countryman came to  
the city to make his purchases, he would take  
along the letters for all his neighbors and  
deliver them on his way.

In Virginia every planter was obliged by  
law to have the mail taken from his plantation  
to the next, under penalty of the payment of a  
hogshead of tobacco. In 1672 a regular post  
was established between New York and  
Boston. When the Continental Congress ob-  
tained control of American affairs, a post was  
established between Falmouth, Maine and  
Savannah, Georgia. Benjamin Franklin be-  
came our first postmaster-general and proved  
a very diligent official. In those days letters  
were paid for on delivery, and the postage  
depended on the length of the route the  
letter had traversed.

The postal card was first used in Germany.  
The first card used in the United States was  
issued 1873 and was hailed with delight by  
the people, and its sales increased enormously,  
until now about one-fourth of all the mail  
matter is postal cards.

In 1794 the entire mail of the whole coun-  
try was 2,688,000 pieces, while now one city's  
mail far exceeds that amount.

Every possible device is now used for the  
hastening of postal delivery, and our mail  
from Europe now come over in as many days  
as it took weeks in 1794.

C. E. BOSTWICK.

A truly grateful heart may not be able to  
tell its gratitude, but it can feel and act  
accordingly.

**PENCIL AND SHEARS.**

Southern California expects to ship 2,700,000 boxes of oranges this season.

The coal mines of England last year produced 189,650,562 tons of coal.

American ebarry is one of the heaviest woods known, weighing 83.18 pounds to the cubic foot.

The sale of "whiskey drops" confections is contraband of law.

We should educate the whole man—the body to act, the head to think and the heart to feel.

New Yorks bicycle race on the 6th inst. was grand success, 5,000 wheelmen being in line.

There is death in your refrigerator unless you keep it clean, and well aired occasionally

While patriotism lives in the American heart, decorating the graves of American heroes with flowers will never die.

The loss of life resulting from the coronation festivities at Moscow, Russia, will, it is said, foot up nearly 4,000.

A single swallow will consume 6,000 flies a day.

America is fast forging ahead in everything Carrying canes is the latest fad with New York dudeists.

A housewife in Indianapolis recently found a gold watch and chain in a can of tomatoes.

June appears to be the month for weddings.

The steel-frame board walk being erected along the beach at Atlantic City, will be the finest in the world when completed.

Yellow fever has already commenced its death dealing work among the Spanish troops located in Cuba.

The Statue of Liberty, France's contribution to the United States, is reported to be suffering with decay at the hands of old Father Time.

There did not seem to be sufficient nerve in the recently-adjourned American Congress, to recognize the Patriots of Cuba in their struggle for civil and religious liberty.

In 1816, gas was first used as an illuminant in the streets of Baltimore.

Thousands of Birmingham (England), gun makers are now working in bicycle factories.

Frog hunting in Belgum is now prohibited by law.

The introduction of women into the vested choirs of Episcopal churches of New York and other cities has awakened general interest among both clergy and laity.

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## NOTES.

Philatelia is a small, but neat and newsy weekly, hailing from Northampton, Mass.

Mrs. S. O. Stilson, of Boardman, Ohio, has retired from the government service, at the age of 80 years, she being the oldest postmaster in Uncle Sam's employ. Her husband was postmaster before her, having been appointed during the war.

\$50,000,000 is sent in postal orders in England every year.

Prepaid envelopes were used as far back as the reign of Louis XIII, M. DeValfyer having published a penny post, using post boxes distributed through the streets, and the prepaid envelopes, both as used now.

A gentleman talking to a Sunday School recently, asked the scholars why Simon was kept in prison. One of the teachers quietly prompted a boy to say that it was for postage, and the lad, not quite catching the words, put out, "He was detained for postage.— Exchange.

We received the following Papers this week Rocky Mountain Stamp. Boston Philatelist. Philatelic Paragraph. Evergreen State Philatelist. Boston Stamp Book. Philatelic Free Lance. Columbia Philatelist. Mekeels Weekly Stamp News. Pennsylvania Stamp. Washington Philatelist. Easton Philatelist. Ontario Philatelist. Canada Philatelist. The Philatelist. Advertiser, (Brooklyn). Monthly Observer.

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But, if you want your favor *done*,  
Just ask the busy man.

The man with leisure never has  
A moment he can spare ;  
He's always " putting off," until  
His friends are in despair.

But he whose every waking hour  
Is crowded full of work,  
Forgets the art of wasting time—  
He cannot stop to shirk.

So, when you want a favor done,  
And want it right away,  
Go to the man who constantly  
Works twenty hours a day.  
He'll find a moment, sure, somewhere,  
That has no other use,  
And fix you while the idle man  
Is framing an excuse.



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PHILADELPHIA, JULY 1896

### STAMP COLLECTIONS.

The *Philadelphia Inquirer*, in a recent issue devoted some two columns of its space to the above subject. The article was ably written and an extremely interesting one, even to the general reader. From among the good points noted, we clip the following:—

"One of the most fascinating, and to the uninitiated, most inexplicable, pursuits indulged in as a hobby is that of stamp collecting. There was a time, and not very long ago, when the gathering of these bright-colored bits of paper was the pastime of

school boys, who traded their jack-knives and marbles for particularly rare specimens.

Now, however, the thing has grown until there are hundreds of firms who have invested thousands of dollars in the business of importing and gathering used and unused stamps to be sold to collectors. The mania, in most cases it is little else, is not confined alone to school boys or the leisured classes. Many lawyers, merchants, physicians and men of wealth have found it not only a fascinating but expensive method of disposing of their spare time and cash. Indeed, there are several private collections worth over \$50,000 and one which reaches the enormous value of \$300,000. This last is owned by one of the French Rothschilds and was purchased from the Duke of York.

To one who has once become interested in collecting stamps the habit grows into a regular occupation and many otherwise busy men devote all the time possible to it."

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Now is the time to collect Revenue stamps, they are rapidly ascending the scale and in a few years hence what can be had now will then probably be among the un-obtainable.

A. F. HENKELS

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**OUR BOOK TABLE.**

From Messrs. Kessler & Co. Detroit, Mich. we received a copy of the "Stamp Collectors Hand Book and Directory of Michigan," a very neatly printed book of some 32 pages. It is just the thing for collectors, and deserves wide circulation.

To the Metropolitan Philatelic Club, of San Antonio's, Texas, we are indebted for a copy of its "Philatelic Directory," for the current year. Its pages contains much valuable information for those specially interested in Philately, and also reflects credit upon the ability of its compiler, Edward W. Heusinger

**FRATERNALISM.**

Reports are current of the suspension of the *Springfield, Ill. Philatelist*, the *Pipes-Mine, Minn. Philatelist*, the *Seneca, N. Y. Philatelist*.

*Watson's Stampsonia*, Phila., has not been received by us lately. What's the matter?

*The All-Around Stamp Advertiser* of Hyaciathe, Canada, appears upon our table a new candidate for public favor. It is, as name implies an advertiser.

*The Rocky Mountain Stamp*, issued by Messrs. Lahm & Harrington, at Denver, Col., gives evidence of taste and ability in its get up from first to last page. We welcome it to our actum.

We received the American Collector from Pines Creek, Md., published by R. M. Miller of S. of P., it being the first number—better than we expected Bro. Miller.

**WISDOM.**

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## STAMP BRIEFLETS.

Foreign stamps, says the Washington Philatelist, are rapidly increasing in sales.

It took eight months of labor for Grasset, the famous French artist, to design a new postage stamp for the French republic.

There are said to be in existence only two specimens of the Baltimore Pure. simel stamp and they are of the 104 issue.

New Zealand is about to issue a new series of stamps.

Nebraska has 600 stamp collectors.

Canadian dealers report Philatelic matters as being in a satisfactory condition.

Brattleboro, Vt., local stamps, issued in 1846 sold at 5c. each, now sell at, \$6.50 each.

The blue local stamps of Milbury, Vermont, issue of 1847, is now valued at \$1,200.

The five first stamps issued by the Hawaiian Islands in 1857, at that time worth 33 cents, are now catalogue at \$3,800.

It is a matter of history that there are 1,000,000 stamp collectors in the United States.

Nearly every State has an organization of stamp collectors.

A series of Columbus issue of 1863, ranging from 1c. to \$5, originally costing \$16.34 is now worth \$31.82.

One of the sights at the French Capital is the Paris Stamp Exchange, located in the Camp-de-Mars.

The stamp collection of Philip von Ferrers of Paris, is computed to be worth \$350,000.

John K. Tiffany, of New York is said to own one of finest stamp collections in this country.

A rare postage stamp was lately brought to light in Louisville, Ky. A collector there asked permission to rummage among the correspondence of an old lawyer with the result that he found one Baltimore postmaster's stamp (10 cent), on original cover, five New York five-cent stamps; 150 United States five cent stamps of 1847; 110 United States 10-cent stamps of 1847. The first of these is said to be worth \$5,000, the value of the others in the aggregate is \$200.

The first auction sale of postage stamps was held by J.W.Scott, May 20, 1870, in the old Mercantile library building, in New York City.

## REPRINTED ISSUE OF 1875.

## EDITOR OF STAMP NEWS :

In the Official Postal Guide, published April 1876, I find the following circular to the public, which I think may be interesting to a good many of your readers, on account of the popularity of the reprinted specimens with most advanced collectors; I give the circular in full, although it is rather lengthy but to me interesting, and only omit the lengthy descriptions of the Department Stamps.

## SPECIMEN POSTAGE STAMPS.

Post Office Department,

Office of Third Assistant Postmaster General  
Division of Postage Stamps. Stamped  
envelopes and Postal Cards.

Washington, D. C., March 27th, 1895.

The Department is prepared to furnish, on application *at face value*, specimens of adhesive postage stamps issued under its various species, as follows:—

## ORDINARY STAMPS FOR USE OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Issue of 1847.—Denominations, 5 and 10 cents. Value of set, 15 cents.
2. Issue of 1851.—Denominations, 1, 3, 10, 12, 24, 30 and 90 cents; also two separate designs of the 1c. corner stamps. Value of set, \$2.77.
3. Issue of 1861.—Denominations, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90 cents. Value of set, \$1.92.
4. Issue of 1869.—Denominations 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90 cents. Value of set, \$1.93.
5. Issue of 1870—(current series.)—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90 cents. Value of set, \$2.00.

Then follows the description of the Department Stamps and then finally the Newspaper and Periodical Stamps as follows:—

## NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL STAMPS.

1. Issue of 1865.—Denominations, 5, 10, 25 cents. Value of set, 40 cents.
2. Issue of 1874.—Denominations, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 96 cents. \$1.92, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00, 12.00, 24.00, 36.00, 48.00 and 60.00. Value of set, \$204.66

After this announcement comes an explanatory article which I think will explain a good many points not thoroughly clear to a good many of us:—

“The 1847 and 1851 stamps are absolute, and no longer receivable for postage. The subsequent issues of ordinary stamps are still valid. The newspaper and periodical stamps of 1865 are also uncurrent; those of the issue of 1874 can be used only by publishers and newsagents for matter mailed in bulk, under the Act of June 23, 1874. The official stamps cannot be used except for the official business of the particular Department for which provided.

All the specimens furnished will be *un-gummed*; and the official stamps will have printed across the face the word “Specimen,” in small type. It will be useless to apply for *gummed* stamps, or for official stamps with the word “Specimen” omitted.

The stamps will be sold by sets, and application must not be made for less than one full set of any issue, except State Department official stamps and the newspaper and periodical stamps of the issue of 1874. The regular set of the former will embrace all the denominations from 1c. to 90 cents, inclusive, valued at \$2.00 and any or all of the other denominations \$2.00, 5.00 10.00 and 20.00 will be added or sold separately from the set, as desired.

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Under no circumstances will stamps be sold for less than their face value.

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S. Afr. Ref. 1f. 1870, red used	5.00	1.00
" " " 3f. 1871, violet used	5.00	1.00
" " " 1s. 1870, green used	1.50	40
" " " 6f. 1871, blue used	1.25	35
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I recently had the pleasure of viewing the stock of British North America Stamps, held by one of our local dealers, and I can assure you it was worthy of inspection. Shilling and penny issues in abundance. Many of these stamps were bought at low figures away back in the 60's and 70's. Among them were full sheets of the 8c blue registration, bought at face value. Also penny issue of Prince Edward Island, used, bought at \$1.00 and \$1.25. A fine array of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and British Columbia, used and unused, were to be seen.

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The current 1c. postal card is now printed in black on manilla.

An effort is being made by the principal cities of Canada to secure a reduction in local postage,—from 2c. to 1c.

Collectors will do well to keep a sharp look out for counterfeit Newfoundland and Nova Scotia stamps. Your correspondent was recently offered specimens [Nova Scotia 1p. and 6p. Newfoundland 3p. triangular]. These forged stamp are lithographed, while the genuine are engraved.

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Local dealers here report a good business doing the past two months; also a good demand for U. S. and Canadian Revenue stamps. The latter makes a very pretty collection, and can be had at a large discount.

The following stamps are worth holding for the 1897 catalogues. Sweden 3c. and 6c. one lilac, with post-hare in back; jem Japan 1p. and 2p. Great Briton unperforated, and any of the 9p. rolies.

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