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No. 1

A Few Remarks on United States Stamps.

Congressman Pugh of Kentucky, has introduced a bill providing that every city, of over one thousand inhabitants, shall issue individual postage stamps of appropriate designs. Considerable interest has been exhibited by collectors concerning this bill, as many would like to make a specialty of collecting United States stamps only, but the field at present so limited that one can get very few really good specimens unless one is fortunate enough to have a very long pocket-book, but this bill if it is passed will open a large space with hundreds of varieties, within the reach of all. This issue would probably confer a great benefit on philately by bringing many new recruits to join its ranks. In the same manner the Columbian issue did, though arousing the interest of the general public.

The popularity of the United States Revenue stamp, is rapidly increasing and many dealers who have never before handled them, now keep them in their regular stock. It has always been a great wonder to me why collectors as a rule, have not taken more interest in them. In my opinion they are very prettily designed stamps,

and make a splendid showing, when a page is well filled in. Revenue stamps have played a most important part in the history of this country, which should make them very desirable stamps, for all philatelist to have in their collections.

The one and two dollar values, of the Columbian issue seem steadily to increase in price, while the three, four, and five, are a drug on the market, and it is very hard to find a purchaser for them, at face value, the 8, 10, and 15 cent values are still on sale at some of our small western Post Offices.

Plate number, collectors, are becoming more plentiful every day, although one would think we had enough complications in the study of Philately already.

The Special Delivery stamp which was issued in 1894 may be easily distinguished from the earlier issue, by the figures in the oval, which are shaded, while in the previous one, they are blank.

It is a great wonder to me, why some of our Standard Catalogues, still continue to catalogue, the 1870 issue of United States, adhesive stamps, without embossing, 1872, after it has been proved conclusively by many of the

philatelic papers that this is not so. Many old letters have been found with these stamps on, dated 1870, surely this is good evidence that 1872 is not the year, in which they were first issued.

The safest and easiest way to remove the paper from the 1894 and present issue, of the postage due stamps, is to place it face down, on a clean piece of blotting paper, and wet the back carefully with warm water, the stamp will then readily come off, and much of the original gum generally remains. If the stamp is soaked in the ordinary way the color in them will run and greatly decrease the price of the high values, of course the low values, do not matter so much, but the time may not be far distant when collectors will be sorry they have spoiled, even a 3, 5 or 10 cent one.

By Q.

It is Said.

That the Canadian Revenues are booming; although many are catalogued far above their real value, but a great number bring it easily.

That about one million of the Venezuela Columbus stamps were issued.

That the old issues of Azores are floating about with forged surcharges in great profusion.

That the New York Post Office uses over four million postal cards in a month.

That a new set of stamps are in

preparation by a New York Bank Note Co. for Guatemala.

That a new set of stamps will soon appear from Spain on which will be a portrait of the boy King.

That the United States Revenue stamps are advancing rapidly in value that those which are now considered rare will soon command fabulous prices.

That the rare variety of the United States 10 cent green, 1886 issue has been counterfeited by manipulating the common variety.

The Philatelic Press.

A daily stamp paper is no longer a possibility of the near future. The Mekeel Stamp and Pub. Co., issued the Daily Stamp Item early in January, as a venture, but it met with such hearty support that they have long since decided to continue it regular. Daily dispatches from all parts of the United States appear in every number. To all stamp collectors and dealers who wish to keep posted up to the times, it is indispensable. The Mekeels deserve great credit for their enterprise.

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Editorial.

With this number we make our bow before the stamp world, and hope it will receive the Philatelic Paragraph kindly. We decided to issue this number, a little hurriedly, so were unable to secure a really good article to publish in it, but we will obtain one, which will appear in number two; which we hope to enlarge to 8 or 12 pages and cover, and maintain that size hereafter, if collectors and dealers will give us a small share of their liberal patronage.

It seems a great pity to us, that we have not, a well organized New York State's stamps society, for the benefit of the stamp collectors of this State, with nominal dues. There are so many collectors in the towns, and cities of this State, and at such short distances from each other, that we could make such a society the base through which they could become acquainted, thereby being able to increase their collections, by exchanging, and their

store of knowledge on philatelic subjects, by correspondents. Such a society would, if once, set on its feet properly, be a great source of enjoyment to all connected with it, and a great credit to its founders. We should be pleased to hear from any one, who will assist in the formation of such a society, we are willing to help forward any movement in the right direction to our utmost power.

The Philatelic Press—Continued.

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We should be pleased to exchange two copies each month, with all paper relating to philately.

Max Strakosch, Editor and Publisher. Member of the Sons of Philatelia and the Manhattan Philatelic Society, 221 East 17th St., New York City.

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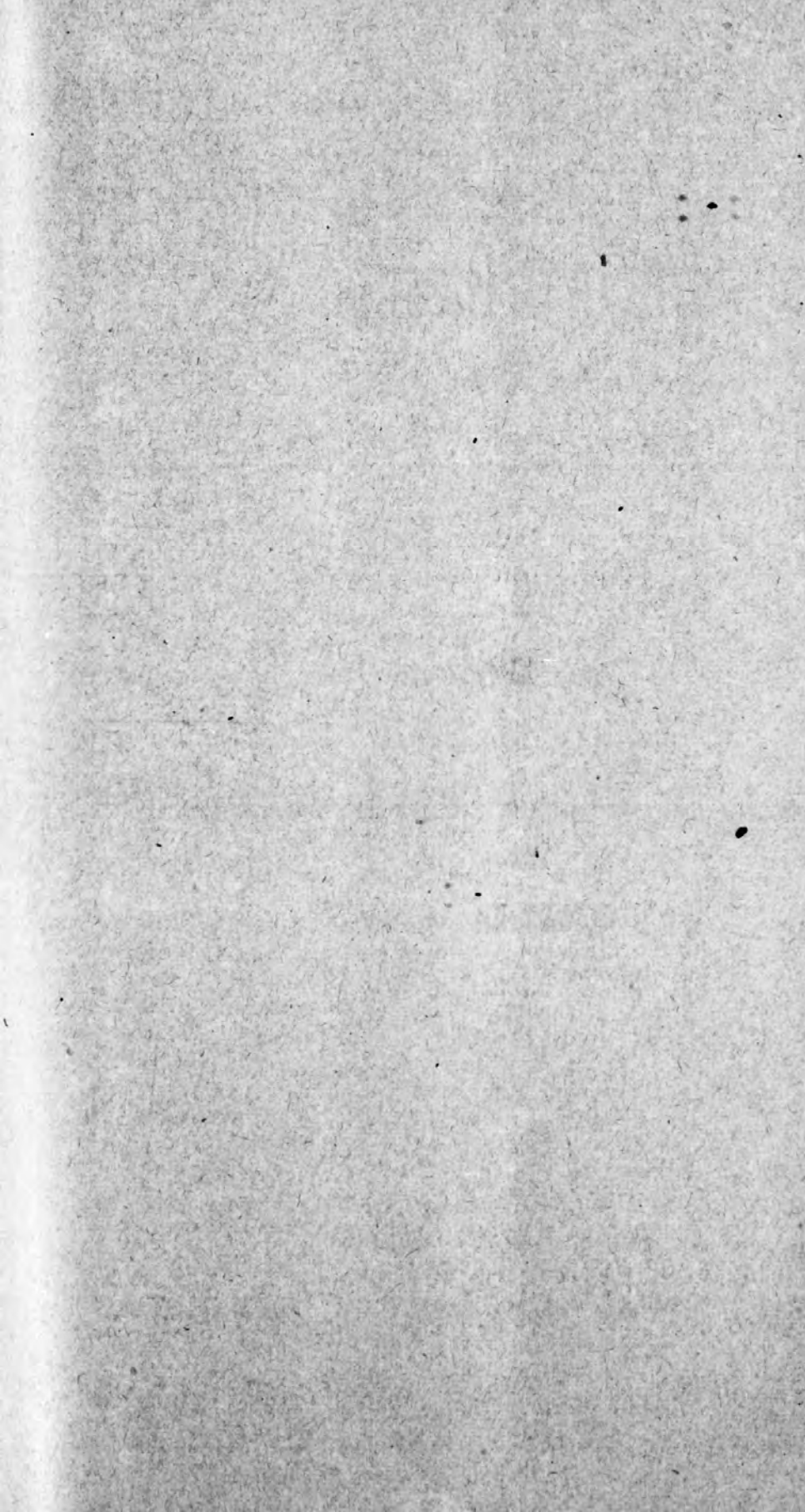
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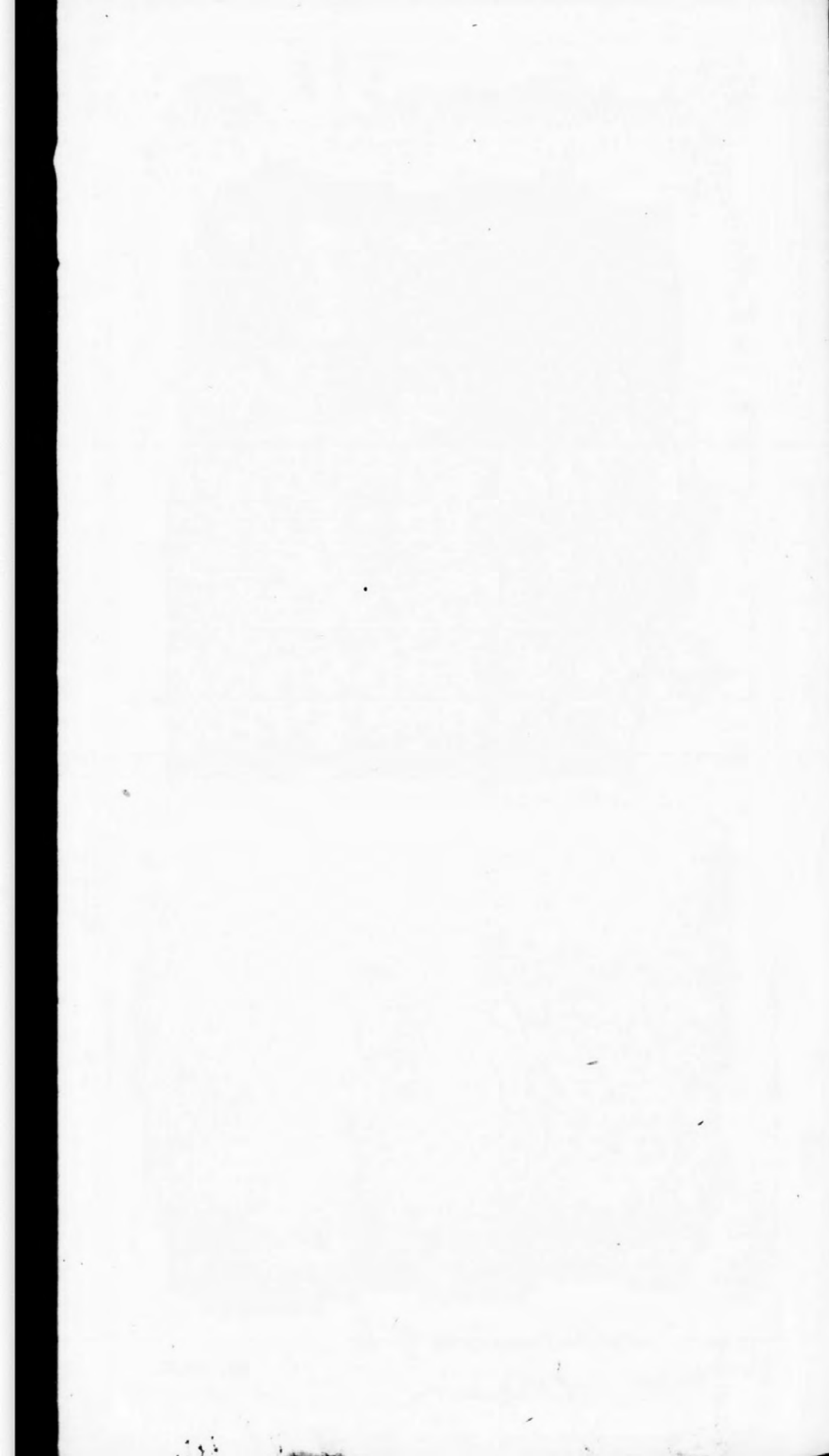
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The Philatelic Library.

BY GEORGE A. JOPLIN,

PART I.

To be published in two parts.

Every professional man recognizes the value of his books. The lawyer must have his volumes on each treat of theology, history, psychology and kindred subjects. No man would attempt to be a lawyer, without being so situated, that he could gain access to a good collection of law books. The same thing is true of the physician, the scientific man or the teacher. It is a truth that cannot be disputed, that it is impossible, for us to carry, in our memories, all the information we are to remember. True education to-day is not what a man actually knows but the power a man has of finding information when he needs it.

Every year some discovery is made in some of the stamps, in the collection, some secret mark of the engraver, some peculiarity of the paper, some oddity in the shade of ink, an unusual number of perforations and various other differences that render a stamp common, or rare, and consequently make it cheap, or valuable. So there have been, very few

books written on philatelic subjects, and most of the information must be gleaned from the files of old papers published in the interest of stamp collectors. The knowledge gained from one or more of these items, would often have saved the collector many dollars, in the value of rare stamps which he considered of little worth, and so traded away. It is impossible for us ever to place too high a value on the services that have been rendered to philately by the papers that have been published in its interest. It is largely due to their influence that we have so many collectors as there are to-day, time and again, have those who live remote from other collectors, where they had not the privilege of personal intercourse, with those pursuing the same pastime, as themselves, confessed that they would have become discouraged and given up collecting altogether but for the visits of the stamp magazine. Not only has the interest of those collecting been sustained in this way, but copies falling into the hands of those who were not interested in the subject have been the means of their starting a collection.

This article will be continued in number 3 of THE PHILATELIC PARAGRAPH.

Philatelic Fields.

BY EDW. PALMER.

Some philatelists are always wishing they had a larger field, for their favorite hobby. Others think it already too large, so confine themselves to one or more countries, and sell all other stamps investing the proceeds in their specialty.

The greater number of specialists in this country collect nothing but United States stamps, but how long will this last? Only millionaires can keep pace with the catalogue, nowadays, and secure the complete sets; so we are always searching for new varieties, errors, etc., which we can secure at reasonable prices.

Specializing in U. S. is all right where one has the means, as they have always brought good returns so far, but who knows when they will take a drop, as a great number of them, are held by speculators who will sometime wish to unload them which will flood the market and cause a general decrease in prices.

I think the general collectors and not the U. S. specialist is the wiser. Time will tell—and it is not far off in my opinion.

British North America, Hawaiian Islands, West Indies, and British Colonies, are coming into favor, but why stop here when such countries as: Argentine Rep., Brazil, Mexico, Belgium, Rumania and Sweden still remain, they have each issued many varieties, nearly all are priced

low, and they all have clean records.

It is a good plan to collect stamps of all countries, except speculative issues and reprints.

A nice general collection draws forth more admiration, than one of only one, or two countries, with the minor varieties.

There are several good methods of collecting; many collectors take them just as they get them, but it is best in philately, as in any thing else, to have some definite plan, such as collecting alphabetically, get as many stamps of each country as possible, by buying sets, etc. But I think the best way is to collect by values, first buy a 1,000 variety packet for five or six dollars; this will include most of the cheap varieties, then fix a price about 5 cts., and get all priced up to that, then raise it up to 10 cts, 25 cts, \$1.00 and so on, as fast as your purse will allow.

This is the best way for a collector, whose means are limited. Of course you will invariably get some priced, above your high-water mark, but they won't spoil.

If you are bound to collect U. S. don't forget the revenues; they are very attractive and form a good field to collect in.

A block of four \$2 Columbia stamps brought \$17 at a recent Auction sale.

Mr. L. H. Mutch, of Houlton, Maine, announces that he will publish a paper for Philatelic Literature collectors at an early date.

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Our Canadian Agency is conducted by, Mr. John Edwards, Philatelic Press Agent, 50 Latour St., Montreal, Canada.

Editorial.

We have received a great deal of encouragement and a considerable amount of support from collectors and dealers all over the United States but our returns do not warrant our enlarging the size of this paper at present; we have every hope though of being able to do so within a short time, if our patrons will continue to support this paper as kindly as they have commenced.

Why don't some enterprising dealer publish a special album of revenue stamps of all countries. Revenues are coming more into vogue every day. The boom U. S. Revenues have taken lately is likely to affect them all, the

revenues of Mexico and France are already showing signs of following suit. Our advice is to buy them while the prices remain reasonable.

A stamp hospital has been recently established in Nassau street, where old battered and torn stamps are patched and cleaned up until they appear very respectable.

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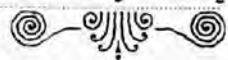
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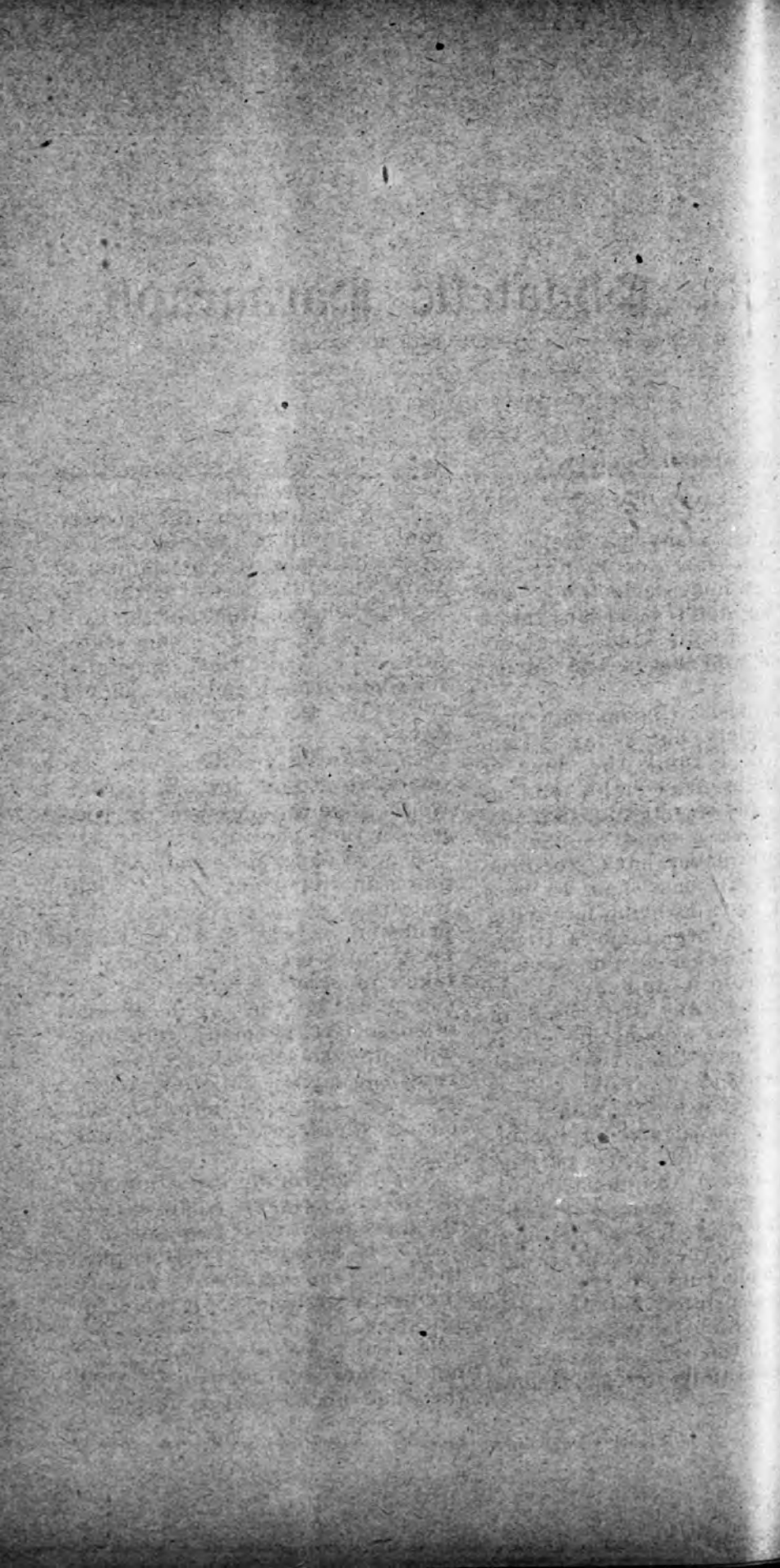
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A Model Society.

BY EDW. PALMER.

There are many philatelic societies, in fact too many; but there are none perfect; no, not one. We don't need any more societies of this kind, we only need one, and that is, "A Model Society."

I don't wish to boom any particular society, but, as far as I am concerned, I think the Sons of Philatelia as near right, and as good, as any society in existence.

It must have a solid foundation and it would never have stood the hardships it has had to pass through, such, as being left without an official organ several times, internal dissension, one society trying to ruin it, and several papers harping away that, the S. of Philatelia was "dead" about it. It is more alive now than the society that tried to run it out.

But still it is not "a model society," by any means. Its principal defect is the price of supplies, for use in the department.

What I would term a "model society" is described as follows:

One in which the present proxy system of electing officers is discarded, and printed ballots, used entirely, which should be enclosed with the official organ or mailed separately to each mem-

ber by the secretary; some time before the election.

Each member of the society could then fill in the blank spaces of the ballot with the names of those he thinks best fitted for the various offices, after that the ballot should be sent to the secretary or a committee, appointed for that purpose, and who should count the votes on the election day.

In this way, members who are unable to attend the convention would have the pleasure of voting for their choice.

A good paper for an official organ is an important thing. The welfare of a society greatly depends on what kind of a paper is used, so great care should be taken to select a good one. It should not be the organ of any other society, as many collectors will join a society on account of receiving a good philatelic paper free, but would not join two societies represented by the same paper.

This charging an initiation fee is an unnecessary freak; where the dues are only 25 cents or so a year. It would be a better plan to make the applicants enclose the first years dues with their application.

It would also be a good plan, not to allow one person to hold the same office over two terms.

There are many other minor points that could be corrected by a good committee. And then in my opinion we would have a Model Society organized.

It is Said.

That Mr. John K. Tiffany of St. Louis, Mo., has over 16,000 varieties of stamps in his collection.

That the philatelic world has now nearly one hundred periodicals representing its interests

That a number of New York collectors who indulge in wheeling are forming a philatelic bicycle club.

That there is now a philatelic loan office in New York City where money is advanced on collections or on stocks of stamps.

The Philatelic Press.

The Philadelphia Stamp News for May has been received, and is the first number we have received of that publication. Some of the articles and notes, it contains are very creditable but we think it would be an improvement if the articles and poems not relating to any philatelic subject were not published in it.

We have received the second number of the Columbian Philatelist a newspaper from Windsor, Conn., it is exceedingly well gotten up and the reading matter is exceptionally good. We wish Mr. Dodge who is both editor

and proprietor the best of success.

The May number of the Dixie Philatelist is the most readable number of that paper we have received, but we do not think it is improved in appearance by having half the reading matter printed in black and the rest in blue ink, or by setting the articles up with several different sizes of type.

The Philatelist for May has been received. It is greatly improved in appearance and the reading matter in it is really first class. Mr. Corbaley's article on "The Introduction of Postage Stamps," is very well written and makes very interesting reading for any collector who has not looked the subject up.

The Philatelic West is always here on the first of each month which can't be said of many of our exchanges. Regularity in publication is such an exceptional quality of the philatelic press that we think it a fact worthy of mention.

The Boston Stamp-Book one of our most valued contemporaries will no longer be published by A. L. Cassino & Co. who have been so successful with it during its first year. With Volume No. 1. Mr. J. L. Kilbon will be come both Editor and Publisher. We consider the Stamp-Book one of the ornaments of our philatelic library and sincerely hope it will always keep up to its old standard.

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Editorial.

We have lately received several requests from members of the S. of P. and P. L. of A. who desire to be elected to certain offices, in the coming conventions of those societies; for the support of this paper, but we can only say that although we believe they would make good officers it is not our intention to fill this paper with campaigning notes or use it as a mouth piece for any one desiring office, as we do not think the matter of sufficient interest to the majority of our readers.

The Philatelic Literature Society of which there has been so much said lately has been formed with 69 charter members, whose names appear in the April num-

ber of the Pennsylvania Stamp. This society shows every sign of success and if it only keeps up as it has begun we may soon expect something great of it.

The 50 cent Columbian stamps seem to have taken a fearful drop in prices lately we were recently offered several hundred of them unused and in entire sheets at face value.

The New York City daily newspapers have published more articles on stamps and stamp collecting during the last year than they have ever been known to do before. Our hobby seems to gather more followers and is recognized to a greater extent as each year goes by.

Notice.

We have made arrangements with Mr. A. J. Littlejohn to fill all unexpired advertisements and subscription contracts of The Seneca Philatelist of Seneca Falls, N. Y., publication of which he has been forced to suspend on account of more pressing business matters with the Philatelic Paragraph. We sincerely hope this will prove satisfactory to all the subscribers and advertisers of that paper.

We will do our best to please every one and will enlarge this paper again in size and circulation as soon as it is in our power.

The Philatelic Library.

By GEO. A. JOPLIN.

PART II.

There have been a few books that have been published on this subject which ought to be in the library of every intelligent collector. Among these might be mentioned, "The Philatelic Catalogue," by Max Eder B. Evans, which contains a complete description of all postage stamps, envelopes, wrappers, and postal cards that were issued prior to 1880. Of course the prices given to the stamps then are only of use to us now as we compare them with those of present catalogues, but the descriptions are such as will be always valuable. Another book that should be by the side of this one is, "The History of the Postage Stamps of the United States," by John K. Liffany, this book has now been completed to 1894—and includes a description of the Columbian stamps. Its value to those who are now collecting United States stamps cannot be calculated. "The Stamp Collector's Hand Book," by Clifford W. Kissinger, and Chas W. Egan—gives in small compass, what every collector desires to know. It tells all about the paper, on which our stamps are impressed, "its manufacture and varieties." The manufacture of postage stamps is explained, perforations, colors and shades, envelope stamps, essays and proofs, water marks, all have their place in this little book. In it is also to be found a Glossary of

"Foreign Postal terms, translated into English." There are a number of other small books on counterfeits, album weeds, what to collect, etc. It is not difficult at the present time, for any one to secure most of these works, and the expense need not exceed ten dollars. In addition to these the library should contain the complete files of at least a few of the publications that have been admitted to be the leaders in the study of Philately.

The freemasonry existing between stamp collectors is evidenced by the reports of a number of leading philatelists who have been going around the globe during the past few years. They met a warm welcome in every land, civilized, semi-civilized, barbarous, and even savage. Having parts of their collections with them operated as an "open sesame" in every country.

The difficulty in seeing the watermarks on the current U. S. stamps has led to the suggestion that possibly the watermarks might be shown by Roentgen X rays. It is high time our government should either revert to the plain paper, or make paper showing the watermark on each stamp.

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CLIPPINGS.

THE COLLECTING CRAZE.

In one of the new plays brought out in New York this season, a character speaks of a small German principality as existing for the special benefit of stamp collectors. But sober minded philatelists can afford to have fun poked at them. One five cent stamp, recently sold with a collection, brought \$500. But if it is difficult to imagine a small square of paper being worth this sum, what do you say to a whip on which an equal value is set? This is the property of Lord Lonsdale, the British peer, with whom whip collecting is a hobby.

A strange manifestation of this collecting mania, coming within the writer's ken, is the bottling of water from various rivers, a process carried out by an American while traveling abroad. It was this same man who even went so far as to make a record of the name of every locomotive he saw. *from The Argosy.*

Probably the first stamp of the Cuban republic to be used in conveying a letter to this country came on an envelope received by Emilio del Castillo, a few days ago. Although the stamp is not all like the Cuban stamp of the Spanish Government which bears the head of the boy King Alphonse instead of the new coat of arms of the Republic, the stamp was cancelled by the Spanish Government post office of Havana,

stamped "Correos, Havana, 25 Ab. S. S.," which means that it left Havana on April 25, on the regular mail steamship. On the back of the envelope is the postmark of the United States. The letter was delivered to Mr. Castillo in due time.—*N. Y. Journal.*

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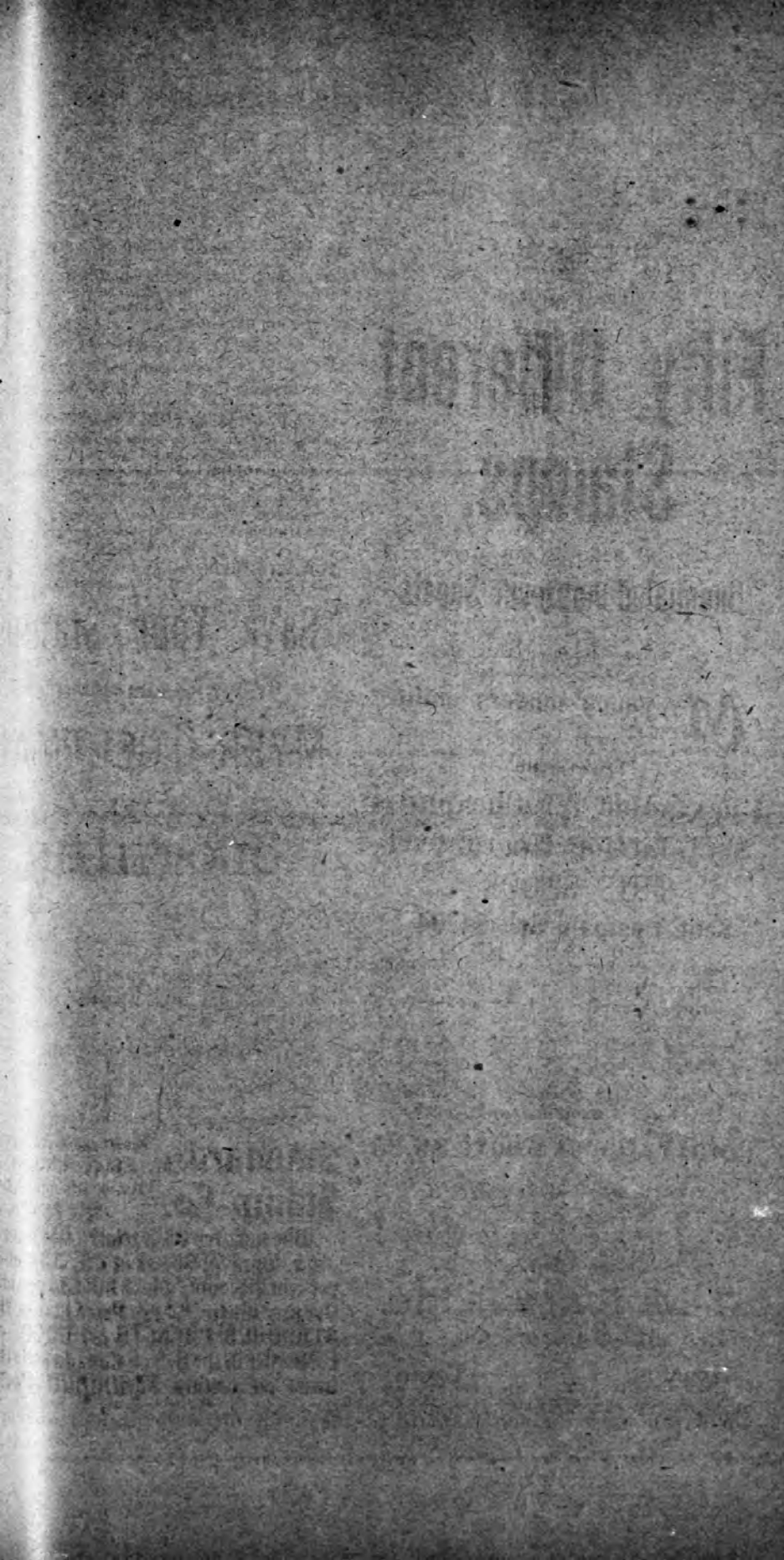
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