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No. 2.

MADAME DAUPLIGNY'S DOWRY.

By CHAS. DEFORREST.

Madame Daupligny would have been a striking figure in a museum of automata and automatons where he propagated. But in gay, pleasure-loving life he was distinctly out of place. A short, dried up specimen of humanity with a yellow skin like old parchment fitting loosely over prominent cheek bones. He had the appearance of one who has never aged, and yet never been young. In the eyes of the credulous parishioners of the Cure he believed implicitly in the striking remark that M. Daupligny was an Egyptian mummy come back to enjoy life.

As known as the Horloge of the neighborhood. Madame knew she had 15 minutes to prepare for mass, when he and Monsieur that the doors of the Des Beaux Arts had opened at the clock strike nine as he passed the church, the cure would summon the sexton and charge him to set the clock striking once. The people regarded him as a fish institution, like the church, the bazaar or the vegetable market proud of him and his peculiar proceedings.

He never spoke to anyone, nor looked to the left, always walking with his hands upon the ground. The children stopped their merry play and hid in the dark corners as he went by, repeating the favorite remarks of the sexton that the "old corpse man" was with them.

He told any of these good people that Armand Daupligny was ambitious would have laughed the idea as so far as they could remember it had always been the same, and so they knew or cared, he always would be as was a fact none the less. He was a spend and his one ambition,

the longing of years, was to have the finest stamp collection in the world. Possessed of but limited income, he lived upon the barest necessities of life, that he might expend the balance upon stamps. To this end he frequented the stamp market hoping to find some rare and costly stamps that somehow would find their way there without their true value being suspected. He had occasionally found such treasures and great was his joy, and order still were his manifestations of it. He would go around chuckling and rubbing his hands together until they cracked.

His home at the terminus of Rue street Genevieve, a street long since cleared away by modern progress, was literally filled with stamps. They were heaped up in obscure dusty cobwebby corners or piled upon chair and table; apparently he had no love for order that usually characterizes the average collector; not a single album could be found in his house. The rarer varieties were lying in small piles upon his writing desk, while the commoner kind—as I have before hinted, were piled anywhere and everywhere.

His housekeeper, a woman as old and almost as odd as himself, by dint of picking up and caring for stamps had also acquired the mania, and invested all her spare wages at the stamp market. One evening she came home with her purchases; her master was looking eagerly, as he did with everything that appertained to stamps. Suddenly he gave a startled cry, "How much did you give for this?" he asked.

"Twelve centimes," she answered.

"Twelve centimes," he gasped, "why it is a— it is worth—"

In a moment he realized his mistake and said hastily, "I will give you twenty francs for it." But Franchette was wary.

She had not been born and reared in Normandy for nothing.

"Monsieur has said it was worth — francs," she said simply.

Armand Dauphigny was aflame with desire. Here was a stamp he had longed to obtain for years but the price had always placed it beyond him. He was desperate. It must be his. He made one more effort; "I will give you 500 francs."

"Monsieur says it is worth — francs," she repeated.

He slept but little that night; his mind fixed upon the one subject—how to gain possession of that stamp. Before morning he had come to determination. She has known me for years, he reasoned. She knows my likes and dislikes. She is economical, a shrewd bargainer, a good cook, and she likes stamps. Why should I not marry her? Hawing at last come to a determination his worry was at an end and he fell into a profound sleep.

When morning came he summoned her and told her what he intended to do. She assented quietly enough; there might have been a gleam of triumph in her eyes but if so he never noticed it. He picked up the rare stamp, fingering it tenderly, almost reverently.

Directly after breakfast they were married, she bringing him a queer old stamp as a dowry, and after taking a wedding tour through the stamp market they returned with their treasures and hastened to see the Koh-I-Noor of them all—but it was gone.

(To be continued.)

The Little Brother's Complaint to China.

Since Brother went to China.

He has never written me,

He went to save the heathen,

In the lands across the sea.

He sometimes writes to papers

Of the darkness he dispells;

Of the souls he brings to glory

And the pagans that he quells.

I do not wish to hear from him—

I know that he is well—But then

I hope he writes so I can get

The stamps of Chinamen.

—W. H. H.

THE NEW ISSUES FOR CRETE

M. Lemaire gives some interesting information concerning the recent new issue for Crete. The following quantities were ordered from Messrs. Bradbury Wilkinson & Co., of London:

1, 5 and 20 lepta, 500,000 each.

10 and 25 lepta, 1,000,000 each.

50 lepta, 300,000.

1, 2 and 5 drachmai, 50,000 each.

As has been already stated, the 25 50 lepta, and 1, 2 and 5 drachmai surcharged in red or black "Provisional." The only explanation offered has been that the surcharged issue would probably be followed by another unsurcharged and collectors thus made to contribute twice to the Cretan Exchequer. This, however, is wrong. The old currency in the island was the Turkish "piastre" worth 22 lepta, and the new currency drachmai and lepta, equivalent to French francs and centimes, is to be introduced about August next (100 centimes lepta roughly equal to \$2.40.)

Until the law passes the postal will remain 1 piastre, and the Cretan Post Office was face to face with a serious difficulty. The only way out was to issue a provisional set of stamps with the new currency piastres, to surcharge the old issue with the old currency, or to simply overprint the new issue "Provisional" and sell it at the old rate. The latter course has been adopted. The 1, 5 and 20 lepta are being sold at their value in piastres, and consequently do not require the overprint. The 25 lepta is being sold temporarily for 1 piastre or 22 lepta, and so with the other values, which are consequently not printed.

Of the quantities supplied by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., the government surcharged in red the following:

25 lepta, 100,000.

50 lepta, 25,000.

1 drachme, 7,500.

2 drachmai, 5,000.

5 drachmai, 2,500.

These were mostly bought up at once by dealers and speculators, and a large quantity were then surcharged in black. These are also said to be sold, and a supply, also printed in black, is in the process of preparation.

Cretan stamps have not been recognized by the Postal Union, and frank letters in the island or to Greece

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We have deemed it expedient to com-
bine the July and August numbers, and
appear with but eight pages during the
summer months, thus leaving out
only good articles.

Mexico is improving her mail service.

Chinese locals are receiving some atten-

We had a call, recently, from F. E. Ellis,
manager of the St. Louis Stamp and Coin

During 1899 there were mailed in Swit-
zerland 46,500,000 "ansichtspostkarten,"
postal cards with views.

Canada has adopted the stamp booklet
idea, but so far has only placed on sale
books of twelve stamps each.

Collectors are now convinced that even
United States government officials are re-
sistant about burning good stamps.

The annual convention of the Ameri-
can Philatelic Association will be held in
Milwaukee, Wis., the last week in August.

The Haytian gourde is equal to \$1.00
our money; and 100 centimes make
one gourde. Hayti has adopted the gold
standard.

The 12c Hawaiian Republic of 1894 is-
sue is reported to have been cornered, rep-
resenting an investment of \$6,000 for 50,-
000 stamps.

Although printing is a German inven-
tion, the German stamps present very
poor evidence of the progress of the art
in that country.

The private collection of the late F. N.
Seebeck, which is estimated to be worth
\$40,000, was bought by the Fulton Stamp
Co., of New York City.

The Fiftieth anniversary of the Inter-
national Postal Union will be held in
Berne, Switzerland, and a postal card will
be issued in honor of the event.

Most collectors are endeavoring to com-
plete their collections of South African
stamps before the advance in price, which
is sure to come soon. China next?

Philatelic fiction is gaining ground, (or
filling a long felt want), and a few of
our contemporaries, in recognition of the
fact, are printing stamp stories regular-
ly.

Orange Free State postage stamps were
used to date of March 14, 1900. After that
date they were no longer valid. They
have been substituted by surcharged
stamps of the same denominations.

In case Canada should surcharge the
high value Jubilees, 7c for registry
purposes, as suggested by a certain party,
it would indeed be too bad if the Cana-
dian dealers would not register all their
letters.

A counterfeit 25m orange of Corea is
reported to be on the market. In it the
"C" in "Corean" forms a perfect "O."
The color of the stamp differs from the
original, and the engraving, also, is de-
fectively executed.

To distinguish a Puerto Rican or Ha-
waiian stamp from the regular United
States stamp, collectors will have to de-
pend upon the postmark, as these colou-
ries are to use the regular United States
stamp without surcharge, hereafter.

We desire to thank the editors of the
following publications for kind words ex-
pressed in behalf of the Monthly: Me-
keel's Weekly, The Bay State Philatelist,
The Jubilee Philatelist, Nebraska Stamp
News, Northern Philatelist, The Collector,
and the Adhesive.

The official organ of the Kansas Philatelic Society, the International Philatelist, has discontinued publication, and the MONTHLY is named in its stead. Every stamp collector in the state should be a member of this society. The benefits derived from membership are many.

N. Y. P.—Most of the stamps ordered by dealers from Guam are cancelled to order by means of the so-called "surcharge"—"Aguia Island of Guam"—which is really the "cancellation" that prevents the stamp from doing postal duty. These stamps, although being o. g., are not uncanceled.

Anent the Austrian currency an Austrian gentleman writes: one heller equals about 1-5 of a cent; 100 hellers (copper) are one crown (silver). The old currency, some of which is now in circulation, is: 1 kreuzer is 2-5 of a cent or 2 hellers; 100 kreuzers are 1 florin; and about 5 1-2 are 1 ducat (gold). About 2 1-2 florins equal one dollar.

Mr. M. P. Castle, a Brighton magistrate, and vice president of the London Philatelic Society, has recently sold his collection of European stamps, which comprises thirty-seven volumes of the well known English red Oriel albums pretty well filled. The sale was made through the firm of G. Hamilton-Smith & Co., for the sum of \$150,000 in round numbers, to an English gentleman.

The New York Evening Telegram is responsible for the following: "The total number of known varieties of postage stamps issued by all the governments of the world up to the present time is 14,626. Of this number 133 have been issued in Great Britain and 4,068 in the various British colonies and protectorates, leaving 10,425 for the rest of the world. Dividing the totals among the continents, Europe issued 3,665, Asia, 2,773, Africa, 2,466, America 4,795 and Oceanica 1,027. The following new varieties have been issued during the last year: Europe 206, Asia 202, Africa 146, America 139 and Oceanica 122, a total of 815 for the year.

A statement appeared in our June number to the effect that the collection of stamps sent to the Paris Exposition were worth only \$3,000, which should read, \$20,000. This collection is displayed in a series of swinging glass-covered frames attached to the walls, and open like the leaves of a book. It contains a sheet of two cent Columbians

which alone is valued at \$2,000, from fact that it is the first sheet printed of the issue, and is attested by the signature of two high government functionaries. The Paris International Philatelic Exhibition will be held from August 28th to September 9th, 1900.

We have changed the name of MONTHLY from Grant's Monthly Philatelist to Grant's Philatelic Monthly, which is preferable. Besides it is surely easier to read and understood by the non-collector and more acceptable to philatelists in general. Another change you will notice is the subscription price, which is reduced from 50 to 25 cents. If you wish to receive the MONTHLY for one year (12 numbers), why not send in your subscription at once? We already have a good number of subscribers, who have paid 50 cents and we hope at least to double the number by reducing the price for a time. Those who have paid 50 cents will receive the MONTHLY for two years, quarter back if wanted.

Mr. James H. Prukney, of Natal, informs us that in Mafeking, Col. Baden Powell, the famous warrior, had some stamps made with his photo thereon, and some paper money likewise, some time ago. He also sent us a copy of a postcard which was used in Ladysmith during the siege. The front of the card bears the following inscription: "Subject to letter rates. Stamps unobtainable during the siege," etc. Besides the Royal British Coat of Arms, there is a rough sketch on the upper left-hand corner of a "long tom," behind which is a postcard with drawn sword. In the lower corner to the right is a group of armed soldiers and a mounted naval gun in readiness to resist an attack. On the back is a picture of Ladysmith and surrounding country, pointing out the various guns, command posts, kopjes, etc., situated in the vicinity, as well as the Town Hall, showing the devastation wrought by a Boer shell in the steeple, over which a Red Cross flag waves.

"WEE BITS."

By A. L. JONES.

Ho, for Milwaukee!

Pictorial sets are all the rage.

Everything is full of convention talk.

Colored watermarks—What next?

Chap's picture has appeared again.

Certain Guams are in much demand.

John Peltz pelts us with some good

notes.

The Bay State Philatelist has improved much.

U. S. Colonial stamps will soon be out of use.

And still new private proprietaries are being issued.

The Italian counterfeiter is still busy; so watch out.

Certain pictures are going the rounds of the stamp papers.

The Metropolitan Stamp Exchange seems to be booming.

The Philatelic Review of Reviews will not appear after all.

Miss Amy always talks interestingly "Across our Albums."

Italy has threatened to emulate France in new colonial issues.

The kickers are now getting in their work on the stamp books.

A leading question seems to be: "How much is a Haytian gourde?"

Promised—A workable color scheme—and may it prove a reality.

U. S. stamps and U. S. colonial stamps can now be used interchangeably.

Why have we been hearing nothing of philately at the Paris Exposition?

Will the government permit pictures of our Colonial stamps to be made?

Should not letters on which wedding stamps are used be sealed with a kiss?

"Tasmanians" are those who rave over Tasmania's recently issued picture gallery.

Several stamp papers have photographic departments, with more promising the same.

The much predicted and long awaited boom in the stamps of Hawaii has at last arrived.

Still another stamp paper announced from Nebraska. This time a fifty cent a year one.

Now that you know where Ponce and South are, what are you going to do about it?

Collectors of Victoria are warring against the proposed war stamp issue for that colony.

Is Canada asleep? No new issues received from the land of the maple leaf for a few weeks.

The Allegheny Philatelist is all right; but why doesn't it put on a coat, even if the weather is hot.

Have you yet seen a century stamp collection, viz: one containing no stamps issued before 1900?

The popular stamps at present seems to be those of islands; Hawaiians and Philippines, leading.

The latest philatelic slang is to say you are "adhesived" on a thing when you're "stuck on it."

To be up-to-date let some dealer make a packet mixture of red stamps and advertise it as "Red Pottage."

The beautiful new one-penny carmine Jamaica stamp has surprised collectors about as much as anything lately.

So Robie is out of the stamp business. Wonder if there'll be no more of those interesting Robie—C. S. good squabbles now?

The Philatelic West and Camera News is a mammoth magazine, especially for the price; but why doesn't it number its pages.

"To Have and to Hold" applied to philately is that to have a nice collection you'll "Have to Hold to" all the stamps you come across.

Postmarks of some kind or the other are now being paid attention to by almost all collectors, and it's an interesting side line they make.

The Neely-Cuban affair has interested philatelists much, though they knew long ago there was something wrong with the Cuban postal system.

Did you ever notice that each Western stamp paper has a distinctiveness entirely its own, while so many of the Eastern papers are so much alike?

It's strange some patent medicine firms refuse to advertise by selling their private proprietary stamps, especially since it can be done at no cost to them, and in some cases at a profit.

There are three ways in which to derive pleasure from poetry: Reading it, writing it, and leaving the stuff alone. But in speaking of philatelic poetry the first should be omitted.

We were sorry the Jubilee Philatelist did not jubilate by changing its size with No. 6, as it intended; however, we are jubilant over its greatly improved typographical appearance.

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES.

BY F. A. LILLY.

We were advertised in last month's issue of this magazine to conduct a department devoted to the new issues of each month. But Mr. Grant has wisely concluded it would take nearly all his magazine to note all new issues, so would advise all wide-awake philatelists who care for minute details to take a good weekly, where he can see all new issues chronicled, and often illustrated. We, therefore, give a few notes only.

The little island of Jamaica is now starting out with a series of picture stamps; the one penny stamp being the only one issued yet.

The young king of Spain is growing older, so this year we are to have a set with his older face and uniform on. Only the 75 centimo is out yet.

New Zealand now furnishes us with its beautiful set of ten adhesives in local print, with a change of views on some values—another scheme to bleed the poor philatelist.

A commemorative stamp has been issued by Japan recently, to celebrate the wedding of the Prince Royal to Lady Sado-ko. It is 3 sen rose, quite unique in design, and larger than the ordinary Japanese stamp.

France will issue a new set of five values that are a pleasing change from the series so long in use. If issued, these five will be for the 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 centimes set. It is claimed different designs will be used for higher and lower values.

We have no use for these war fund stamps like Victoria is going to issue to raise money for their soldiers. Why bleed the poor philatelist for 1 and 2 shillings for stamps whose face value is 1 and 2 pence. We are bled bad enough now by speculative countries.

The French have also done something real artistic for their Congo possessions, according to the cuts in Mekeel's Weekly. They are divided into three groups, two of six and one of three, having a different view, but are of odd designs, if the cuts are correct, especially the large one for the 1, 2 and 5 franc stamps.

That new set for the island of Crete chronicled last month, must be a unique mixture of classic and modern, with Prince George in the minority. It is lucky it is for Crete, not the U. S., for many of our W. C. T. U. ladies would be resolute against licking a 1 cent stamp on which the naked Hermes was pictured when they mailed a newspaper.

We are truly glad to see that Chili has issued a new set that can readily be distinguished from the previous issue. We are sorry they must stick to the portrait of Christopher Columbus, instead of giving a national photograph gallery, but there are only six adhesives and two registry envelopes in their set, so it would bankrupt us to buy. Only the two lowest values are yet out.

England is having a little consolation for her Boer war by a large crop of English stamps with African postmarks, and now having captured the Orange Free State, has surcharged about a dozen values of that country in English money and V. I. R. Next one will have a lot of surcharged Transvaals, unless the Boers took all their stamps along, but they have their guns.

The most picturesque set of the year, therefore, seems to be the one issued by Tasmania, with its eight views of beautiful scenery on that island. But we hear there is already a kick coming about the scenes selected, so we hesitate to blow in 80 cents for a set that may be repudiated in a few weeks, and may soon follow with local print, change of paper, etc., as New Zealand has done.

The press dispatches say that Switzerland, being the home of the U. P., will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first meeting of it, this month, by a large issue of commemorative stamps. Several millions will be issued, so we judge all values will be changed. As Switzerland has made four changes in eighteen years, we can state a change, and we will bet they will be used in the foreign mails also, and soon for by all collectors.

ILLINOIS NOTES.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Geo. C. Hartung will not, publish the Illinois Philatelist.

Mr. Alex. Holland of New York City will soon move to Chicago, where he will make his residence.

Chicago Branch No. 1, of the D. P. A., met June 15, in the Marquette Building and unanimously endorsed the name of E. Seven for director.

The Prairie State Philatelist of Chicago has been granted second class rates, and now the publisher makes the assertion that his paper has come to stay.

The catalogues are out for another sale to be held July 14, by P. M. Wolseiffer, in the club rooms of the Great Northern Hotel. Two pages of the catalogue are taken up with booming the C. P. S. and the C. P. A.

In a recent issue of Mekeel's Weekly and the Era is a very good cut of the enterprising and energetic officers of the Chicago Philatelic Society. The picture shows that the C. P. S. men are unusually good looking.

At the last auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society, held at the Palmer House, the attendance was good and the prices realized fair. A few lots brought nearly catalogue, and one lot brought 20 per cent over catalogue.

A new journal has appeared in Chicago called the Monarch Monthly, devoted mostly to stamps, published by the Monarch Stamp and Publishing Co., 1132 Wabash street, Chicago. Subscription 50c per year. Advertising rates, \$1.00 per inch.

Chicago collectors express much dissatisfaction at the date set for the annual convention of the American Philatelic Association. The date set for the meeting is August 28, on which date there will be excursion rates on all roads in account of the G. A. R. celebration to be held in Chicago. There are excursion boats running between Chicago and Milwaukee every day during the summer, and the fare is \$1.00 for the round trip, providing you go and return the same day. If you stay longer than one day the fare is \$1.50 for the round trip. During the G. A. R. celebration nearly every one in Chicago will be expecting visitors and will be obliged to stay at home to entertain them.

NOTES FROM CANADA.

By PIONEER.

Recently a large house in Toronto disposed of three months' accumulation of mail matter for a consideration of something like \$200.00.

The value of the stamps received on the Daily Mail by some of the large department stores and mail order houses in Canada, is being recognized as a good source of revenue in the monthly reports.

Mr. Geo. Davenport of Toronto is a candidate for D. P. A. president, and there is every likelihood of him being elected to that position. Mr. Davenport is a very popular Toronto collector, possessing a collection of over 10,000 varieties, and is well known among the boys.

The Canada 3c surcharged maple leaf and numeral are still on sale in many postoffices through Ontario. Both these stamps are booked for an advance in the next catalogue, as very small numbers of these values are represented in the dealers' stock in America. Large quantities were imported to English dealers.

Complete new sets of the Newfoundland Cabot issues are bringing fancy prices from young collectors. This set is a good thing to possess in a used condition, as the high values find a slow sale among the Newfoundland public, and collectors will do well to complete this set, as they will materially advance at an early date.

The Canada 1892 15c blue is undoubtedly a scarce stamp used or unused. In a lot of some 500, recently purchased by a well known Canadian dealer, only seven distinct colored copies were obtained. Scott fails to list or price that stamp, and we think that this stamp is a genuine error in color, and will be listed and priced according to the quantity placed in actual circulation.

Extensive preparations are being made as I write, by the Arrangement Committees of the D. P. A., for the fifth annual convention at Catherine, Ont., July 2-3. Messrs. Widdicombe and Bradley inform me that they expect the largest attendance of any meet in the West in the history of the association. All collectors, whether members of the society or not, are cordially invited to attend and participate in the two days' enjoyment.

The collector that speculates in B. N. A. postage or revenue will not only find an interesting array of postal issues, but will feel safe in investing every spare dollar in stamps that have always held their own, both in design, engraving and in value of increase each year, against any country's stamps of the world. From my own experience I can call to recollection a large proportion that have advanced in selling prices over 1,000 per cent during the past ten years, and the demand never seems to diminish.

The Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster General of Canada, better known among the philatelic fraternity as "the vaster than has been," promises us a neat little booklet containing twelve 2c current issues, protected with oil paper for current pocket use. Mr. Mulock deserves the praise of the public in general for introducing the many innovations in the post-office department, and (by the way) I understand he was an enthusiastic collector in his early days, and can therefore cater to the stamp public, and also increase the government coffers thereby.

I wish to warn collectors and dealers of one W. F. Linder, Trenton, Ont., as a party against whom there has been many complaints of failing to return approval selections.

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"Well, we could, dear, but I thought you wanted to go out and stop three or four days at a Kansas City hotel during the Democratic convention."

"Your daughter doesn't write any for the philatelic magazines, does she?"

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"Oh, yes, that's the old story; could have written it if they'd a mind—but they hadn't the mind."

"N'importe."

In the June Montreal Philatelist, appears an article relative to MONTHLY in which the editor is rather assumptive in his statements. In the place he makes special note of an embellishment inserted by our printer and in an impromptu manner into us of the frog's croaking qualities reality the frogs are enjoying a swamp beg pardon, a swamp dance. He makes a nonsensical insinuation, which must be meant as a joke, for even perspicacity or lack of discrimination can neither perceive nor conceive on ground for such an assertion. His intimation that our advertisers and subscribers are not satisfied was surely ten without forethought, and with the desire to be too minute in his critique; they are all satisfied. Overlooking these hypercriticisms, he adds our editor have brought forth an interesting number.—Thanks. He states that he told the story, (Charlie Scarriff's Win and we are now wondering if, after reading Jules Verne's "Tour of the World" he would say, "We all know the story Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream,' for the simple reason that the finish of one somewhat resembles the other. As to proofreader's oversight mistakes will happen, especially one is rushed. As evidence, the editor presents a well-known collector vulgarity spelled "p bletic," a few lines further. We regret that the M. P. takes the blame from our C. C. as reflecting upon our circulation. We assure them he did not mean it so. From our standpoint we would say he recognized their obligation. His article merely expresses an individual opinion that one good philatelic publication might be preferable to two in this place, pointing out Toronto, (we believe as an example; this and nothing more.

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WHILE SHOWING YOUR STAMP COLLECTION.

BY A. L. JONES.

If you are an earnest philatelist you should strive to gain new recruits for Philately. You can do this by talking to your friends whenever an opportunity presents itself, by placing philatelic literature in the hands of non-collectors, and, best of all, by displaying your collection on every possible occasion. You should not only show your stamps, but you should discuss them in an intelligent and in an interesting manner. To do this you must be familiar with them. Therefore, cultivate their acquaintance, become intimate with them, in the words of the best known philatelic proverb, "Study your stamps."

To interest the person to whom you are showing the collection, you must remember his likes and dislikes. You are trying to make a convert to philately, therefore do not make yourself pre-eminent by advertising your ideas alone, but consider what will probably interest the viewer the most and dwell particularly on those benefits philately bestows which will be most appreciated by him. If he is interested in art show the great beauty of many of our stamps and point out what extraordinary opportunities are presented for the exercise of artistic individuality in arranging a stamp collection.

Now, suppose your friend is a scientist, then, of course, you would want to draw attention to the chances philately affords of deep scientific research in hunting for minor varieties. Show him the various appliances used in measuring perforations, in bringing to light watermarks, and other like philatelic utensils. Give him an insight into the different varieties of paper and methods of printing. If he would appreciate remunera-

tion for his labors, explain to him the great difference in price a little minor difference makes in a stamp.

If, on the other hand, the "captured" is one attracted by the odd, the curious, the bizarre and unique, do not neglect to dwell on the odd Afghanistan, Chinese, Indian native states and other like stamps. Point out oddities in color, perforations and size; show him the triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps. If none of these interest him he certainly is a hopeless case.

But if you should get some one in tow to show your album to, who is interested in history, show him how recent history is taught by a collection of stamps. If you should know him to be particularly interested in ancient history and mythology, dwell on the Grecian stamps and some others of like nature.

If you are intimate enough with the onlooker to know more closely his historical inclinations, do not be afraid to bring out his special subject while exhibiting the particular classes of stamps you would expect to interest him. On this latter case I am taking history in its widest sense. So if you know your friend to take an interest in geography, point out the stamps from out-of-the-way places, show how the pursuits of the inhabitants of a country are oft portrayed on their postal issues, let them know that you can always tell who controls a country by its "wee bits." To be up-to-date, at this writing, the stamps of Iceland are the ones I would refer to as an ideal example. The subject of geography is one that can be enlarged upon almost infinitely. If the viewer is known to be interested in biography, show him how extensive a portrait can be gathered to-

gether from stamps. If a zoologist, neglect pointing out no animal or bird pictures. Australia is a fertile field in this particular branch. If a botanist, point out the stamp pictures of plants, flowers and trees and show that in many cases the floral of a country is shown on its stamps. In the case of a bibliophile, show him your philatelic library and with him spend more time on it than on stamps.

If the person is rather sentimental, show him the stamps of the Confederate states and like ones. If you have any stamps on original cover they likely would much interest him. Then tell him the stories connected with many of the stamps. Tell how you happened to find this stamp in an old trunk; how that scarce minor variety, after being long sought after, was picked up as the common one on the exchange sheets of a society. Tell him about your first stamp and about those that were given you for an article you wrote for a stamp paper. Tell him what a bargain you got in that other stamp, and then show him the stamp given you that you treasure as mementoes of some dear friends.

Now if the one viewing your collection is a great society fellow, do not spend your time in discussing learnedly on this or that minor variety, but tell him of the bonds of sympathy existing between collectors wherever they are; tell him of the pleasant philatelic correspondence that can be kept up between two philatelists, and especially enlarge upon the great pleasures experienced in attending stamp conventions.

If you have secured a little time of a

sordid business man, expand upon the financial side of collecting, explain him how good an investment stamps are and that while a good investment, the collecting of them also is a great relief from

"The cares that infest the day," and that under the magic influence of a ranging stamps they

"Shall fold their tents like the Arab and as silently steal away."

If the person to whom you are showing your collection is poor, tell him how extensive, beautiful and interesting a collection can be gotten together with small expense. If, on the other hand, he has plenty of the "filthy lucre," let him know that no other pastime affords such a chance for spending just as much money as wished.

Although at first thought this article may have seemed to have exhausted the list, think again and you will see that there are many other peculiarities that should be taken into consideration. By studying your "captive" and your stamp you will usually be able to convince him you are no fool because you are interested in philately, and, in many cases, you will also have the pleasure of making a convert to philately.

By doing as I have suggested you will not only help philately, thereby indirectly benefitting yourself, but you will also help yourself directly, for, by doing as hinted, your fund of general information and knowledge of stamps will be increased, your ability to talk in an interesting and entertaining manner will be strengthened, and you will become a better student of that great study, human nature.



MADAME DAUPLIGNY'S DOWRY.

BY CHAS. DE FOREST.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEEDING CHAPTER.

Armand Daupligny is an interesting Parisian figure, altho very peculiar, the seeming only appropriate characteristic he possessed being acquisitiveness. He collected stamps, and his rooms were literally filled with them, he having no taste for order. His housekeeper also collected stamps, and one evening while viewing her purchases, he came across a very rare stamp, for which he finally offered her 500 francs (\$1000), which she would not accept. He must have the stamp, so resolved upon the plan of marrying her. She assented to his proposal, and after the nuptial ceremonies were duly performed and they had taken a wedding tour through the stamp market, they returned, and to their great consternation found that the much coveted stamp had mysteriously disappeared.—E.D.

CHAPTER II.

While the newly married couple were indulging in criminations toward each other a different scene was being enacted near by.

Barbette Dubois was the one being accused that Armand Daupligny could be accused of having a weakness for, if weakness was. She was the daughter of a government clerk, of small pay, a beautiful and impulsive little girl who some how had pierced thro the crust of the stamp collector's heart and found a warm spot here.

He often gave her many stamps for which he had no use and now and then, even gave her a few centimes, although some of the neighbors would ever believe that. Shortly after the couple had started upon their belated wedding trip, she ran in, calling loudly, "Papa Daupligny, Papa Daupligny," and not seeing or hearing any one, began to play with the various stamps she found in different parts of the room. She was engaged thus when hearing her mother call, she hurriedly gathered up an apron full of stamps, intending to bring them back as she had often done before, and among them was the gem of the collection. The one that Madame Franchette brought to her husband as dowry, and for which alone he, at that moment, was marrying her.

Madame Dubois was one of those good, misguided creatures to whom tidyness was a god, to which she daily sacrificed

health, energy, comfort and convenience. Barbette came in the trim little kitchen, unwittingly dropping some mud upon the neatly sanded floor, which did not escape the Argus-like eyes of her mother. "Take out your rubbish, thankless one," she exclaimed, seizing the brush and dust pan and waving them with a menacing motion. Poor Barbette dropped her stamps and fled, leaving her mother to sweep stamps and mud in one heterogeneous mass and consign all to the flames.

She fled straight to her old friend Papa Daupligny, and found him and Franchette hurling accusations and counter accusations at each other. This was new to her and she maintained an awed silence for awhile. Then, as the cause of the quarrel dawned upon her childish mind, she spoke up fearlessly, telling him how she had taken it, with many others, to play with.

Where is it now? they exclaimed, in unison, each glad that the mistrust of the other was unfounded.

For answer she led them to her home. Madame Dubois came to the door. She was frightened—never had M. Daupligny entered a neighbor's house before. He pushed her rudely aside. "Where are my stamps?" he cried in a harsh voice. But no need to ask. A heap of half-burned fragments on the hearth was answer enough. He and Franchette fell upon their knees and began to pick and sort among the half burned pieces, hoping against hope. At last, with a groan of despair, he picked up the precious stamp, mutilated beyond recognition save to his own keen eyes.*

He and Franchette looked at each other for a moment in silence, then taking her by one hand and Barbette by the other, the three left the house without saying a word.

(The End.)

"This is the first stamp of this issue that was printed."

"How do you know?"

"Don't be so inquisitive; a man who collects stamps is bound to have some interesting data connected with most of them."

THE
PASSING
SHOW.



All the World's a
Stage, And all the
Men and Women
Merely Players.
—Shakespeare.

By W. C. A. GRANT.

A delightful state of affairs evidently exists in Washington. One stamp dealer, who received one day among other orders, one calling for \$750 worth of stamps from one patron, did not seem to regard it as a particularly good day for stamps.

Mr. Frank Bescher has recently shown us an uncatalogued variety of the Orange Free State on original cover, which he picked up while in St. Louis. The stamp is a two pence brown 1861 issue, surcharged 1½d. The date of the postcard which the stamp franks is 1893. It is not listed in Scott's or Stanley Gibbon's catalogues.

During the immediate past much has been written upon the subject of whether or not the last printing of stamps for Guam were legitimate from a collector's standpoint. We picture Capt. Leary, (if during the present rush of business at the post office, he has the leisure to read any of the current philatelic publications), after a perusal of an article disapproving his actions, musing in this manner, "They requested and, and have been supplied, but still they are not satisfied."

The scarcest value in the Orange Free State V. R. I. stamp is the 4 p, writes J. H. Pinkney, from South Africa. They are scarcely to be had, and those who have them ask a high price for them. The 5 shilling value is selling at 12 shillings each, and some parties are asking even more. Some of the 4p and 6 p have no period after the V, and they are more valuable than the others. The Boers got hold of a few Natal stamps, and surcharged them Z. A. R. They are very scarce.

To many persons the idea of a anyone being capable of gathering 30,000,000 stamps in a single year may seem somewhat astounding. Yet it is a fact that a certain party gathered that number of stamps last year, which he presented to a girl's orphanage in Le Loele, Switzerland, as a Christmas present. The in-

stitution derives its chief revenue from the sale of these stamps. The girls take the stamps and put them up in packets which are sold to collectors. This philanthropic person is the editor of several popular publications and offers prizes for quantities of used stamp from his readers. He expects to collect 40,000 stamps this year for the same cause, there is every indication that he will succeed.

In a recent issue of "Mekeel's Weekly" Mr. A. L. Jones tells how a beautiful stamp ornament may be made in the shape of a plaster of paris plaque. The mode of manufacturing same is as follows: Fill an earthenware pie plate with water, then empty, and place stamps on the moist surface of the plate face downward, in whatever order or design wished. Make sure the stamps adhere well to the plate with no turned edges. Then press in upon them, the plaster properly mixed with water of the consistency of cream. Smooth over top with knife and insert a curtain ring with tape on one end of it to be used in hanging it up. As soon as it is found that the plaster is sufficiently hard a knife can be slipped round the edges of the plate to facilitate the turning out well. When done the stamps appear as though they have been painted upon a pure white surface. Gilt paper can be used to make a border around the plaque.

Through the kindness of Mr. J. Dunbar, we are enabled to describe three varieties of the 1 lepton brown of the 1864-'68-'70 issues of Greece, which has shown as in used condition. The 1864 issue is catalogued by Stanley Gibbons, but not by Scotts. It is well known in Greece. The lines of shading on the face of Hermes in this stamp are very fine and short, and are on the side of the face under the cheek and chin, back of the ear and on the small of the nose near the eye. The 1868 stamp is not listed in the catalogue. The lines on it are very heavy, long and far apart, with an additional wide shading on the center of the neck and on the throat. The 1870 issue which was mentioned by the editor of

Philatelic Messenger" in 1869 as being more, differs much from the last mentioned one, the shading, which is much lighter, and the shade lines are shorter. The lines on the center of the neck are very short. The lines of the eye also are very light, clear and short. This stamp is sometimes taken for the 1864 issue.

Hon. J. Henniker Heaton has been arriving during the past few years, to procure a two cent rate of postage between this country and Great Britain, and it is not at all improbable that we may see this accomplished before long—the sooner the better. Mr. Heaton declares that letters to England should cost no more than others. He contends that it costs more to send a letter from New York to London than from London to Dublin, and is cheaper to convey a letter from Chicago to Liverpool than from Chicago to Quebec. He also truly points out that the revenue derived from the increase of correspondence caused by the reduction of postage more than in a few years would more than equal the amount of revenue at the former rate. Already New Zealand has decided to adopt the universal penny postage scheme, and after January 1, 1901, the cost of sending a ½ oz. letter to any part of the world will be only a penny. They expect to lose £80,000 the first year thereby, but figure that the increased

use of the mails caused by the reduced rate of postage will soon obviate the deficit.

During the past year the Bureau of Engraving and Printing produced 3,715,828,875 postage stamps. Of this number 3,500,000,000 were the ordinary issue, while 200,000,000 were issued to celebrate and advertise the Omaha Exposition. The number of postage due stamps printed was 16,000,000 and of special delivery stamps 6,000,000 were printed. 55,000 \$100 stamps were printed. 3,000,000 stamps were issued for the internal revenue tax. Cuba got over 18,000,000 stamps. Puerto Rico and the Philippines, 4,000,000 while for the little Island of Guam, upon Capt. Leary's requisition, there were printed 45,000 stamps, for the use of about 450 civilized people. If all these stamps were laid end to end in a straight row, they would cover, in round numbers 60,000 miles, and would encircle the earth over 1½ times. These stamps used as a belt, would reach around three worlds the size of the planet Mars. Placed in a vertical line, they would reach more than 2,579 times the height of Mount Everest, (the highest mountain in the world). To pass a given point in a continuous string at the rate of thirty miles an hour, it would take almost eighty days. The exact length is 58,443 miles, 4,775 feet, 8 inches, 9 5-89 lines.

FOSTER A. LILLY.

Four different issues of stamps are reported as being in use now a days in British South Africa—a good way to get rid of reminders. Wonder if the Boers hold on to a lot of their unused stamps and still use them to prepay postage?

A correspondent of "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" informs collectors that while in the Hawaiian Islands now use common U. S. stamps, they are postmarked in violet ink. Hence specialists may now be collecting these new possession stamps by postmarks. Let our postal authorities now order these new postmasters to follow our British cousin's example, and postmark squarely on each stamp, then what a collection the specialist can make.

For the sake of us unhappy stamp collectors, we are very glad to hear that the republic of Acre, down among the Andes, has been demolished by the Bolivian army, so we may be spared a new issue of stamps. If some stamp speculator is even now sailing up the Ama-

zon river with a lot of surcharged Brazilian or Bolivian stamps for Acre, let us hope they will wash away and never land.

All summer long "Ewen's Weekly" has been loaded down with full particulars of the surcharged V. R. I., and other stamps. But we guess its leading editor has returned from Africa, for it again has more room for outside news. Its issue of December 1 was the best we have seen yet, and we were delighted to find so much space given to the U. S.. It gave nearly a column to a list from official reports of the number of stamps printed the past fiscal year for the U. S., Cuba and other possessions, a very valuable record for the future philatelic scribe. Wonder if any of our own philatelic weeklies—or monthlies printed this table, or gave so much real information about our own stamps? In trying to write articles on our own stamps, I have been surprised to find how few figures or real news of our own issues I could glean from our own weeklies, and have felt like writing instead about "Wanted! a philatelic newspaper," as our greatest need.

By A. LLOYD JONES.

The current dollar revenue in red will prove scarce in good used condition.

The discussion of state revenues is becoming pretty warm, at least, in spots.

"Put me off at Buffalo" will be the cry of the attendants of the stamp convention next spring.

A new definition of philately is that it "is a perfect antidote for the poison generated by cerebral over-activity.

An up-to-date Detroit stamp company recently inaugurated a free philatelic reading room. It makes me rather wish I lived there, don't it you?

The Portuguese have come to the conclusion that they don't want commemorative stamps, particularly since they don't sell enough of them to make a profit.

Stars of Portugal and her colonies before long will spring into popularity with the thinking collectors though they may not with the philatelic ultra-fashionable.

New stamp papers are springing up in front of us,
Now they're behind us,
Now to the right of us,
Now to the left of us,
And now they have left us.

Better buy your stamps of Uganda, Sweden, Netherlands and especially Tonga and also some of the other coun-

tries from dealers unless you have respondents in those countries for the postal officials fill no foreign orders.

It's now said that Cueglia, the Italian counterfeiter, got his list of Americans to whom he sent catalogues, from a list of purchasers of Great Barrier Island stamps furnished him by R. Bach. Were you one of those who they got a catalogue?

Will some Washington correspondent or other person kindly inform us whether pre-cancelled stamps were included in the official collection or whether they are on exhibition at all by the United States government at the Paris Exposition as an illustration of one of the means Uncle Sam uses to facilitate transmission of the mails.

Greater interest is manifested in stamps of a country when there is something calling particular attention to the nation. Now I wonder if the greater interest manifested at present in Belgium will have a tendency to popularize Belgian stamps. I expect, though it is just as much as Thanksgiving increasing interest in the stamps of Turkey.

Do you like to sort stamps? If so you can buy a large "batch" of current used stamps that have not been too closely looked over you'll find that besides being a pleasure, 'twill be well worth your while, if your time is not too extremely valuable to look them over shades, copped letter varieties, pre-cancelled stamps, oddities in perforation water marks, paper, etc.

ANCIENT POSTAL SERVICE BETWEEN EGYPT AND BABYLON

FROM NEW YORK JOURNAL.

The great collection of earthen tablets found at El Amarna serves to give an idea of the postal service between Egypt and Babylon as it existed thirty-four centuries ago.

The date of these tablets is between 1500 and 1450 B. C. The inscriptions on them are in Babylonian Semitic, which at that period was the diplomatic language of the East.

Most of them are reports from Egyptian officials in the provinces and in

foreign lands and are addressed to the Pharaoh. These clay tablets are bulkier than modern official letters. In many cases the tablet was enclosed in an earthen vessel or envelope which was inscribed with the address and a summary of the contents of the letter.

We may assume that these clay tablets were handled much as modern mails are handled. They were probably carried in bags. Excellent postroads connected Egypt with every part of Western Asia.

there were post and relay stations for king's messengers, who probably also forwarded private letters.

According to the El Amarna tablets Sargon was in correspondence with Babylon and Assyria, Cappadocia, Palestine and Syria. The post roads followed old paths of war and commerce which had been trodden by caravans and armies through countless generations. The Canaanites corresponded with the Babylonians as Hiram, king of Tyre, did with Solomon. Long before the Israelites came to Canaan the land was crossed and crossed by post roads.

GREECIAN NOTES.

BY J. H. DUNBAR.

One of the peculiarities of the Greek post office, is that all parcels posted do not have the needful stamps fixed on them, but on a sort of receipt which goes with the parcel, and is kept by the office. By this means the government secures nearly the stamps of high value with which they have an annual sale to their profit. I believe is the reason that most of the higher values of Olympian and current Greek stamps are so numerous and cheap, and none of them are lost.

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The government will not allow cards to pass through the post office here that have adhesives thereon, such as pictorial cards or those of private firms. They are not accepted at the post office unless they have been stamped by special stamps of the government office at Athens.

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There has just been issued in Greece the first surcharged stamp.

I expect there will be many more such surcharges shortly, as the new stamps of Greece will not be issued before the end of this year, and the government intends using up the whole of the stamps they have on hand by that time, and as an incentive for their sale, will surcharge many of them.

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It will now close with an incident that happened at the post office here last week: For one whole day there was not a single stamp to be bought on the island and all mail matter had to be kept until the next day, when their stock of stamps were renewed.

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We are indebted to Mr. H. L. Ewen, of "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," for his kindness in sending us an unused pair of ½ d. Orange ree State V. R. I.'s being both types of V's. The difference is that on one stamp both lines of the letter V are of equal heaviness, while on the other the line on the right side is lighter or narrower than the line on the left.

This month we have added the subscription list of the "International Philatelist," formerly published by Chas. W. Myers, at Wichita, Kan., to our list so that all the subscribers to the International will receive the MONTHLY instead until their subscription expires. This arrangement, we feel sure, will prove satisfactory to all subscribers of the "International."

The MONTHLY has been appointed official organ of the Spanish-American Philatelic Society. This society was founded by Chas. W. Myers, of Wichita. Mr. Myers was assisted in the organization of this society by his many friends in Mexico, South and Central America.

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Buena Noticia desde el Secretario.

A mis colaboradores y los nuevos socios de la La Sociedad Filatelica Hispano-Americana: Eso me causa un placer infinito para ver el progreso rapido hecho en nuestra nueva organizacion y tengo que hacer a Vds. una suplica; ayudarnos conseguir socios. Eso me causa el mayor placer para dar este mes los siguientes Senores coleccionistas como miembros nuevos:

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Igualmente suplico a los socios a prestar su benevolencia en engrandecer los Departamentos de Canjes y Ventas y tambien la Biblioteca. Deseamos a publicar en nuestro organo oficial una lista de sellos y materia filatelica en el Departamento de Ventas y el Sr. Director se alegra mucho de haber podido complacer a Vds. He nombrado como Vicepresidentes residentes los siguientes Senores: Cuba: Don Agustin Vazquez, San Rafael 4 Habana; Costa Rica: Isaac Lean, Puerto Limon; Yucatan: Tomas Mediz Bollo, Merida; Paraguay: Teodoro Labrao, Aregua, Mexico; Allen McCoy, Calle de la Merced 55½, Guadalajara. Espero otros Vicepresidentes en todos los paises latin-americanos. Si desean Vds mas informes nada podia hacerme mas feliz que en darias. El Secretario-Tesurero, Chas. Willard Myers,

Fellow Members of Spanish-American Philatelic Society: It gives me much pleasure to announce that Mr. Grant's Monthly will serve as our official organ. Our society has shown much progress and members are coming in rapidly from all parts of the western continent. I especially beg of you to patronize our departments of Exchange and Auctions, also remember the Library when convenient. Above I give a list of new members and appointed vice-presidents. New members will receive Official Organ, Certificate and Card on sending 50 cents yearly dues.

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