

Our Philatelia.

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Vol. I.

Providence, R. I., December 1896.

No. 1.

For Our Philatelia.

POST DELIVERIES FROM THE TIME OF CÆSAR TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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BY MAX.
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I suppose our readers have heard how public and government matter was delivered in the the time of Cæsar, centuries ago when Rome was in all her glory. If not I will try in this small space to show the advance of postal delivery from that time to this.

From a place in Rome which is called the golden mile stone the Romans built fine roads to all parts of that dominion. It is on these roads that the messengers started with the mail for distant places. At equal distances along the roads were built post houses where tired horses could be exchanged for the fresh ones. These messengers have been known to travel on horse back at the rate of 150 miles per day.

In some of the countries north of Rome the mail was taken by fast runners who carried it about ten miles and then the next runner would carry it another ten miles, and so on, sometimes covering seventy-five miles a day.

Now moving north-west from Rome we come to England the first country to establish a post-office. From this office the mail was carried weekly to all of England's possessions on the main land.

All our collectors are more or less familiar with the word penny-post. The penny-post was first established by two enterprising young men in London for the delivery of mail weighing not over one pound. This was in the reign of Charles II. The penny post was at first thought to be useless but as time advanced it increased with such rapidity that the Government took the delivery into its own hands.

We now cross the Atlantic to the "King of Postal Unions," the United States of America. The first we hear of postal service in the United Sates was in 1670 when a communication was opened between New York and Boston and traveled once a week by a horse-man and later by a stage-coach.

From the time spoken of in the last paragraph-to well up in the eighteenth hundreds the letters were paid for at the end of their journey, but in 1845 and 1846 some of the most important cities such as New York, Providence and New Haven issued stamps for their own use. In 1847 there was general issue by the government.

In 1873 the people hailed with great joy the issue of postal cards and from that time to this postal cards have occupied from one-fifth to one-fourth of the mail matter of the United States.

At the present time the mails are delivered from two to four times a day in all the cities. A letter will travel from New York to Boston in six hours where in 1672 it took four to five days. A letter comes from England in as many days as it used to take weeks.

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EDITORIALS.

Judson N. Burton has had trouble with the directors of the P. S. of A.

Has Roy Farrel Greene surrendered the Sons of Philatelia Library to the present librarian.

Do not advertise and stop.

But advertise and stay,

For those who read your "ad" last month, Will look for it to-day.

Who is the average collector? We will try to answer that in an article next month.

The postal authorities have decided that black envelopes are unmailable, the cause being the indistinctness of the cancellation.

Mr. Sanford of Portsmouth, R. I., has postponed the publication of his Rhode Island Philatelic Hand Book and Directory on account of the condition of his eyes.

As a special inducement to increase our subscription list we offer as a premium, to every person sending 15 cents for a year's subscription, Eureka 100 variety packet as advertised on page four.

UNITED STATES SUNDAY STAMPS.

BY GEORGE H. HOPE.

At the present time many people, being conscientious, believe that letters should not be forwarded on Sunday. The Belgium government tried a set of stamps on which was stated whether the letter was to be forwarded on Sunday or not.

People who wish to send a letter often drop it in a box Saturday night, and unknown to the conscientious person, that letter travels all day Sunday. Now in the opinion of that person that letter ought to have stayed in the office until Monday morning. That person might have avoided the letter traveling Sunday by not sending it until Monday morning but it might take more than a week to reach its destination.

To avoid this mistake and set that persons conscience at ease, why not issue a set of Sunday stamps and see how the people of the United States stand. Let us remember that it is no more agreeable for the mail clerk to work seven days a week than it would be for us.

This set is not obliged to be like that of Belgium, but might be a separate set from our regular issue and only the lower denominations, say from 1c to 10c. There has at times been talk of issuing a flag stamp, but an objection as to the expense has always been raised. Now why would this not be a good opportunity for a flag stamp as the number issued would be comparatively small.

What a page it would make in our albums, a set of Sunday stamps showing our patriotism by being on a flag.--*Seneca*

Italy has issued an official card bearing the same type as the regular card. It is printed in rose on cream.

OUR CONTEMPORIES.

BY EPOH.

The Christmas Penny is expected to be a grand success.

The Diamond Philatelist has been enlarged. It looks better in its new garb.

The Stamp Lore has the best heading and typographical appearance of any paper yet seen.

The Ontario Philatelist is improving under difficulties.

The Monthly Observer has not as much about philately in its columns as it might.

The Eastern Stamp is a neat little publication worthy of praise.

The Evergreen State Philatelist is a neater sheet "than of old." The December number is up-to-date.

"The Kid" is out, a trifle queer, but it is a fact. It is a philatelic paper published by Greene Bros.

The first number of Philatelic Literature was published November 21. Its Literary Chronicle is very convenient, containing as it does 13 announcements, 19 births, 3 deaths, 6 cases of serious illness and one divorce.

A collection worth about \$1,000, owned by Mr. S. A. Stevens of Portland Me., has been stolen. The circumstances were similar to the theft Mr. Wood of Providence experienced.

Our Philatelia is Up-To-Date. A years subscription 10 cents.

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I will give 100 varieties of Foreign Stamps absolutely free to everyone sending for my sheets.

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of stamps, philatelic literature etc. held every month. Catalogues free. Do you want to buy or sell? Write anyway.

E. L. SHOVE,

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For BOYS ONLY.

Send for one of my 10c packets, containing 100 all different. A three cent stamp free with each. Approval sheets at 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 50% commission. Send immediately; it will pay you. 1000 perforated stamp hinges 9c. 3000 for 23c.

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P. O. Box 789, East Providence, R. I.

Correspondence with English speaking collectors in foreign countries desired.

GEORGE H. HOPE,

61 Courtland St., Providence, R. I. U. S. A.

This Offer is Always Valid.

Collectors! Dealers!

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With advance collectors throughout the world, I offer almost every stamp and postal card of Argentine, Uruguay and Paraguay. Any kind of magazines, journals, papers (illustrated) excepted in exchange for stamps.

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Complete set Argentine, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 pesos, used for \$1.00; ten sets for \$10.00 (15 stamps).

PACKET ARGENTINE contains 20 stamps, all different, including the two rare Columbian stamps, used, for \$1.00 Ten packages for \$8.00

Terms, net cash in advance. Foreign correspondence solicited and agents wanted. Common shipments and such as are not register receive no attention. Basis of exchange, Scott's 55 edition. Note the address.

J. EMILIO MONNET,

Calle Arenales, 1718,

BUENOS AYRES, Argentine.

N. B. All Philatelic Publishers publishing this ad will receive in registered stamped envelope one set for each time.

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Want lists filled. References required Will exchange Canadian Revenues against good U. S. Postage or Revenues not in my collection. 32 page Price List free. **AGENTS WANTED.**

A. F. WICKS,

372 Horton St., London, Canada

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No. 2,

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HOW A COLLECTION OF 1500 WAS MADE WITH TEN CENTS.

BY MAX.

The boy whom I am about to tell you actually made a collection of one thousand and five hundred good clean stamps in about ten months with only ten cents. Before going any farther we will call this fellow Frank Lewis, although this is not his right name.

While Frank was at school one day a boy showed him a sheet of stamps that he was trying to sell. Frank took a liking to these stamps and on going home he found an advertisement in one of the noted young people's weekly papers, of 100 stamps, all different for ten cents. He sent for this packet and making some sheets out of common writing paper and hinges, the way many a young collector has done, by covering a sheet of thin paper with mucilage and letting it dry. When cutting it up into the size hinges he desires. He fixed the one hundred stamps on the sheets at one cent each and carried them to school. The first week he sold thirty-seven cents worth.

When he received the packet of stamps he also received a price-list and on looking it through he found that he could obtain an album for twenty-five cents. so he sent for the album and another ten cent packet. This left him two cents in his treasury as we will call it.

The second ten cent packet he put on sheets in the same way and in the next

week he did better selling fifty-three cents worth. He now had fifty-five cents to his credit. As yet he had not done anything towards his own collection, but having his album he sent for one more ten cent packet which he used for his collection. He also sent for 1000 hinges at 10 cents and a twenty-five cent packet of fifty varieties. The ten cents which remained he invested in approval sheets. The packet of fifty varieties catalogued at \$1.38, by a catalogue he had given him by a friend who had stopped collecting. He sold the stamps in this packet for seventy-five cents. He now bought a packet of 200 varieties for fifty cents and twenty-five varieties for twenty-five cents. Taking out of the two hundred, one hundred and five which he did not have in his collection. This made his collection two hundred and five varieties. He now made up a sheet of his best duplicates to let a friend take, that went to another school, allowing him 33% per cent. commission. After making a sheet for his himself he put the remainder of his stamps into five cent packets of twenty five varieties. Each packet having a stamp valued at five cents on the outside.

At the end of ten days Frank's friend returned the sheet, having sold seventy-two cents worth after subtracting his commission.

Frank himself in the mean-time had not been idle, he had sold in the ten days seventy-eight cents worth, making now \$1.50 yet to be invested.

To be continued.

Notice the price that A. F. Sweet sells catalogues for. See ad. on page 3.

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EDITORIALS.

Messrs. L. S. Boyd & Co. of Butler, Mo. will send you 1000 mixed stamps for \$1.00. They call them all different. We call it a snide game.

Geo. R. Tuttle's Second Auction Sale realized \$1,344.30 which was \$235.57 less than the first. His next sale to be held January 20, 21 will consist of 770 lots containing many fine stamps.

The Philatelic Literature of Canada is on the increase both in quantity and quality. The Halifax Philatelic Magazine has recently appeared. The Philatelic Canadian has been announced.

Why is it that that the dealers are willing to trust Rhode Island Collectors? They have two capitals—Providence and Newport.

A year's subscription to this paper and Scott's International Catalogue 12 cents. Address the publisher.

CANADIAN COMMENT.

IRVING E. PATTERSON.

The All Round Stamp Advertiser still Survives but we don't hear any more about the 15,000 circulation. Six numbers have been issued up-to-date and each comes prepaid with a half-cent stamp. At this rate their postage bill would amount to \$75.00 (?) a month.

We have albums for almost every thing and are now patiently waiting for some dealer to issue an album for Canadian stamps exclusively.

In the November number of the Eastern Philatelist "Jasper," or I. E. Weldon, comments on the necessity of having a license from the government if a person wanted to sell unused stamps, postals, etc. We are aware that there is a law but it is not rigidly enforced, at least in the smaller towns. We recently passed through a town where stamps could be purchased at six places and found upon investigation that but one of the six had a license.

Many philatelists living in the smaller towns of Ontario have moved to Toronto and increased the number there materially. We hope to see a live local society started in Toronto this winter.

We know of a gentleman who bought up a large number of Canadian "officially sealed" stamps thinking they would rise in the 57th. He wasn't at all disgusted when he found them excluded from the catalogue.

Stamp Lore will probably be the official organ of the newly organized Ontario Philatelic Association. We are inclined to think that this society will draw upon the Dominion Philatelic Association largely.

The Toronto philatelists threaten to bring the above mentioned association to an untimely end by withholding their valuable (?) patronage but this would help the society more than their becoming members would.

The Xmas number of the Canadian Stamp Journals are slow in arriving. To this time we have not seen any of them.

A Canadian 7½d green used and in good condition sold at a recent auction sale for \$17.50. Another cut closely sold for \$10. So much for condition.

The Ontario Philatelist is now the official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

St. Catharines may have a local philatelic society. It's a good thing for every town having six or more collectors. "In union there is strength" you know.

Mr. T. G. Clarke of Wallaceburg, Ontario has retired from the dealer's ranks. Mr. A. H. Adams the new Sec'y-Treas. of the Dominion Philatelic Association, a hustler as may be seen by the large number of applicants for membership bearing each month.

The Pennsylvania Stamp has suspended publication.

The Home Worker has advanced their advertising rates.

Newspaper Stamp FREE!

With the **FIRST TEN** sending 15c for a year's subscription to Postage Stamp, a 16 page and cover magazine, 6-9 in. Artistic leading writers. Address
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100 Stamps,	- - -	5c
2c, 3c Interior,	- - -	6c
1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 12c Treasury.		50c
1c, 2c, 3c, 6c War,	-	15c
Postage Dues from '79 to '94		35c
Envelopes, 10 all different, including Letter Sheet		10c
1880 1c to 30c, 10 var.	-	35c
1884 1c to 10c, excluding 8c		10c

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

CANADIAN COMMENT.

We are glad to see the improvement in this number of "OUR PHILATELIA" and hope it will continue.

The organization of the Ontario Philatelic Association has been postponed pending steps taken to organize it as a branch of the Canadian Philatelic Association. The C. P. A. is to be re-organized and all the dead-wood dropped so that the Association may be placed on a firm financial basis. The dues will be 50 cents or \$1.00 per year. We are inclined to favor the former amount believing that it is the best compromise between 25 cents and \$1.00 dues. The former are too low to run a society as it should be run and the latter are too high for many collectors. By all means have 50 cent dues.

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine now has the prettiest cover of any

Canadian paper. It is said that the C. P. M. is to be official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Association.

B. L. Beard will not issue his philatelic directory this year but promises to have it out in January '98. All collectors should send in their names and addresses for free publication.

J. R. Hooper's application for pardon was refused by Sir Oliver Mowat the Minister of Justice for Canada. Hooper will be remembered as the former president of the Philatelic Society of Canada (incorporated) and who was a frequent contributor to the philatelic press. He has made application for pardon whenever a new government came in and his applications have been fruitless.

The Dominion Philatelic Association decided not to amalgamate with the C. P. A. and will continue on a 25 cent a year basis.

"Canadian."

For Our Philatelia.

**HOW A COLLECTION
OF 1500 WAS MADE WITH
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BY MAX.

Continued from last issue.

In the last number of this paper we left Frank with two hundred and five varieties in his own collection and one dollar and fifty cents in the treasury.

The next week Frank became acquainted with a boy about his own age who had about eight hundred good stamps valued from two to eight cents each. Of which there were about two hundred and fifty varieties and he, not knowing their value, offered to sell them for one dollar. Frank accepted the bargain with delight, and when he reached home he put the two hundred and fifty in his album, making now a total of four hundred and fifty-five varieties in his collection and fifty cents in his treasury to be invested.

After putting two hundred and fifty in his collection there remained about five hundred and fifty varieties or to be exact five hundred and forty-seven which he mounted on sheets. He sent half to the same boy that sold seventy-two cents worth for

him before, at the same commission. The other half he kept to sell himself.

He now thought of a wise plan in which he might start a few new collectors. He sent thirty cents for one thousand mixed stamps, which he put in packets of twelve each, having an attractive stamp on the outside, selling for a one cent each. Out of the one thousand he made eighty packets and succeeded in selling sixty-five within the next two weeks twenty-five of which he sold to non-collectors. In these two weeks he also sold one dollar and sixty-seven cents worth from his sheets.

Frank's friend returned his sheets when the ten days were up, having sold ninety-eight cents worth. This made a total of three dollars and fifty cents on hand.

On looking through the price-list from which he bought his album and other packets he found that they offered a packet of three hundred varieties for one dollar. He sent for this and a packet of eighty for seventy-five cents, also a few cheap sets such as fourteen varieties of Roman States for fifteen cents.

Out of this lot he secured one hundred and ninety-nine stamps for his collection increasing it to six hundred and fifty varieties.

To be continued.

A "Crank" Stamp Collector.

His Accumulation of 20 Years

Traded for a \$35,000 Hotel.

Philately has not been an unproductive pursuit to at least one enthusiastic collector of postage stamps. Keeping everlasting at it has brought him riches at last.

When Bryan S. Ross of No. 509 Wieland street began to collect postage stamps 20 years ago he was called a crank by his schoolmates. His parents tried to persuade him from what they thought to be a foolish craze. He told his father that his stamps some day would bring him a fortune.

His dream has come true. A few days ago Mr. Ross traded his collection of stamps for a hotel at Hurley, Wis., valued at \$35,000. He can now laugh at those who 20 years ago called him a crank. Mr. Ross left for Hurley last night to take charge of the hotel purchased with postage stamps. He bought the property from John E. Burton, a mine owner who is going to establish his son in the postage stamp business. — *Providence Journal*, March 5, '97.

Our Contemporaries.

The International Stamp has appeared and although not a quarterly this is the first number since November. They are doing worse than OUR PHILATELIA. To make up for the numbers missed they have printed about half of the advertisements in two colors which makes quite an effect. "Notes on Brazilians" and "About Plate Numbers" are the only articles of merit.

Stamp Collecting in the American Boys is very interesting. Although it tells nothing new it treats on a good subject and treats in well. Mr. Goward, the writer strongly reprimands the feeling that collectors with the "stuff" have towards collectors who for want of finance are compelled to keep their collections down.

The Weekly Philatelic Era have fell into the habit of using newspaper clippings. They do not forget to give due credit and it is not such a bad habit after all for we have collectors in our midst who spend so much time with their stamps and stamp papers. The feeling that has arisen between this paper and the big paper out west cannot be said to be the most friendly.

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EDITORIALS.

We are very much pleased to see that Mr. Beardsley has got out his directory.

The question as to what is the best album to use has arisen. There is but one out and that is the cheap edition of the International which contains no spaces for varieties and is of no use save to the boy collector or beginner. Most of us have decided to make our old albums go unless they were to ancient. If such is the case we take up with the last edition of Mekeel's which is the best we can obtain.

A Philatelic Society has been formed recently in Newport. Wonssocket can claim the same honor. Who can say Rhode Island is not in it?

Subscribe for "O P." 10 cents.

An Auction Sale was held in Room B, Narragansett Hotel, Providence, March 3d. The weather prevented some of the out of town collectors being present. The heaviest bidding was by mail. The sale commenced with a 5 cent Providence which brought \$2.00 and closed with a 18 kr. Wurtemberg 1858 at \$3.00.

This issue as you see is a double one. We heretofore have had but four pages. On account of business pressure last month we were obliged to let it run over. However we make it up by giving double the amount of reading matter.

EXPLANATION.

We wish to ask those of our readers who sent to A. F. Sweet for catalogues and who did not receive them till late to excuse him as the publisher refused to sell him because he cut the price to 43c which no dealer has a right to do. He tried to secure some from friends but could not secure enough consequently he has refunded the money.

This not being enough trouble for him he lost his mother February 26 after an illness of two years. We sincerely trust that you will excuse and sympathise with your friend in philately. [Ed.]

HERMIT

Remember I send you 1000 perforated hinges for 9c, 3000 23c. Send for my 10c packet 100 var. Send for price-lists.

Hermit Stamp Company.

P. O. Box 670.

East Providence, R. I.

The new C. O. D. postals and envelopes will have to be tried before we can tell much about their success. It will not be as good a thing as it is cracked up to be if the sample copy fiend uses these postals for their convenience. They will however do excelent service when you desire to remind a few of your past customers of a little account which is still standing.

We intend to insert only such advertisements as come from reliable persons. Although we assume no responsibility we would be glad to hear from you if you are not treated right.

Mr. J. B. Calder was relieved of the duties of secretary of the R. I. P. A. at the annual election. Mr. Calder has rendered faithful services as secretary for the past ten years. Suitable resolutions have been prepared. Mr. Calder has been elected Vice President. Mr. W. Irving Cox has been elected his successor.

The 125 variety packet advertised by J. B. Calder on page 16 is recommended by ye editor. Having seen it he knows what it is.

Addresses of reliable Mailing Agencies and how to do a mail order business, 10c
 Names of Honest firms who want Circulars distributed 10c
 Circulars mailed, per 100 10c

UNITED PRINTER
 Mendon, Mich.

FREE!

To all sending for one of my ten cent packets containing 100 stamps, all different, we will give a set of Japan, ten varieties, if a two cent stamp is enclosed for return postage.

Approval Sheets for Beginners at from 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. c. to 50 p. c. commission Try them and you will be pleased.
 References required.

EUREKA STAMP CO.,
 P. O. Box 738, East Providence, R. I.

Catalogue Price Cuts No Ice!

	Cat.	My pr.
\$1 Passage Ticket, fine	\$7.00	\$3.00
2c Propriety, orange	2.50	1.00
70c Foreign Ex. part perf.	1.50	.75
\$1 Manifest, perf.	1.00	.60
5c Playing Card, lake,	.75	.35
1d trl. Cape of Good Hope, red,	1.00	.60
10c blueish Chili 1852,	5.00	2.50
2sh gr. Victoria, 1854,	4.50	2.00

Terms Net Cash with order.

F. K. WETHERBEE,
 91 Ring Street, Providence, R. I.

GEORGE PHILLIPS.

100 Stamps, mixed,	5c
Ecuador, 1881, 6 var.	10c
U. S. of Columbia, 1-15c, nine var.	25c
U. S. of Columbia, '87 3c '88 4c	
'83 4c, '88 5c,	15c
Approval Sheets, 40 and 60 p. c. off,	

Postage extra on orders under 25 cents.

GEO. PHILLIPS,

175 Broadway, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

WANTED.

Phil. Free Lance 1-2. Stamp Lore 1-2. Philatella 1-2-3-4-6. Mo. Observer 1-2-4-6-7. Postage Stamp 3-4. Edwards Phil. List 1-2. Col. Phil. 3 and others in ex for my duplicate papers. E. L. SHOVE, Unionville N. Y.

In answering "ads" mention Our Philatella.

Some Pebbles on the Philatelic Beach.

UNITED STATES.

* Means unused.

57th no.	cat. price	my price
*29	\$2.00	\$1.40
82	1.50	1.00
95	6.00	4.00
117	3.50	2.40
122	2.50	1.60
136	4.00	2.50
513	1.00	.65
518	1.00	.65
*255	8.00	6.00
539	1.00	.65
542	3.00	2.00
733	.50	.30
823	2.50	1.75
839	10.00	6.00
*856	3.50	2.25
857	6.00	3.80
861	2.50	1.75
881	1.00	.70
892	1.25	1.00

57th no.	cat price	my price
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REVENUES.

2856 perf.	\$.75	\$.50
2861 unperf.	4.00	2.50
2861 perf.	1.75	1.25
2890 perf.	.90	.60
2950 perf.	.40	.25

Packet A.—1000 var. \$7.00.

Same with \$1.50 '97 album \$8.00.

Cheap Packets.

25 var. U. S.	3c
25 var.	3c
50 var.	5c
100 var.	10c
200 var.	30c
500 var.	\$2.50
13 var Venezuelan,	25c

Send Me Your Want List.

Fine Approval Sheets at 60 p. c. 50 p. c. 33 1-3 p. c. and Net.

We will give a numbered coupon with every 25c purchase, or over, of stamps from my sheets or packets. On June 1st we will present to the holder of the lucky number a **500 VAR. PACKET FREE.**

Wm. A. Leonard & Co.

BOX 767.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

SEE HERE!

BOY'S 50c OUTFIT.

This outfit cannot be duplicated for the money. It contains.

100 Stamps to sell at 1c each	\$1.00
50 Stamps to sell at 2c each	1.00
15 Stamps to sell at 3c each	.45
4 Stamps to sell at 5c each	.20
1 Stamp to sell at 10c	.10
1 Stamp to sell at 15c	.15
1 International Catalogue	.10
Total	<u>\$3.00</u>
Price 50c postage 5c	

BOY'S \$1.00 OUTFIT.

This is the best Dollar outfit on the market to-day. It contains:

200 Stamps to sell at 1c each	\$2.00
125 Stamps to sell at 2c each	2.50
50 Stamps to sell at 3c each	1.50
10 Stamps to sell at 5c each	.50
3 Stamps to sell at 10c each	.30
2 Stamps to sell at 15c each	.30
Total	<u>\$7.10</u>
Price \$1.00 Postage 5c	

WANTED

Boys in every school in the United States to sell stamps from my sheets at 33 1-3, 40 and 50 per cent commission and in order to get them I give

FREE

100 varieties of Foreign Stamps to everyone sending for my sheets.

500 Varieties of

FOREIGN STAMPS AND
ONE INTERNATIONAL ALBUM.

For Only **\$3.00** Money Order.

Stamps catalogue over \$10.00
Money refunded if not satisfactory

A. F. SWEET.

(ESTABLISHED 1889.)

Cranston, R. I.,

U. S. A.

JOHN B. CALDER,

DEALER IN

U. S. and Foreign Postage Stamps.

ESTABLISHED 1869.

Have you ever tried my No. 11 Packet containing 125 varieties Foreign Stamps (no trash) for 25 cents. Thousands have been sold in the past and it is still my leader. Buyers say that it is the best packet for the money on the market.

In single stamps my stock is large and varied. We make a specialty of approval books and prices will be found as low as quality of stamps warrants.

A full line of Scott's International Albums always on hand at publisher's prices.

Scott's 1897 Standard Catalogues 50 cents (by mail 58 cents).

Scott's 1897 International Catalogues 10 cents.

"Perfect" Stamp Hinges 10 cents per 1000, 25 cents per 3000, 40 cents per 5000.

If in want of **anything** in the stamp line give me a call and if not in stock we will get it for you.

JOHN B. CALDER,

354 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I.

