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STAMP COLLECTING.

BY COL. LECTOR.

MUCH has been written and said about the benefits of stamp collecting, but in all these articles, the writers generally over-ach themselves and miss the point.

They will begin and tell how it teaches history, geography, and stimulates researches in all branches of fine arts, but how, or in what way, they do not state. In the first place we will begin and take history. I selected twenty so-called intelligent young men, six of whom were collectors, and asked them what they knew about the history of Spain. Sixteen of them didn't know the name of the present monarch. Do you reader? Two of them had some sort of vague idea. One could give a good general story, and another could give it almost exactly for the last century. The last two were collectors.

Then take geography: How many of you could locate and tell what countries Siam, Bolivia and Hong Kong belong to? But you may ask what good that does, and I will reply by asking how you can intelligently read about the U. S.-Chili difficulty without knowing the position of the chief place? Ask your friends to what country Hong Kong belongs, and note how many tell you China.

There, in the values of many of the stamps you learn the decimal

system is gradually extending all over the globe. In this way you see a collector picks up all sorts of little notes, small in themselves, but all go to make one an intelligent and well informed person.

My First Stamp Find.

BY COL. LECTOR.

THE majority of "stamp cranks" have seen the bright side of stamp finds, at least, it has been their good luck to secure a few rare stamps from an uncle, aunt, cousin or some other person who has little or no knowledge of our hobby—or science if you wish. I am about to relate my experience as to how I first began to collect stamps, and the "rare" finds that followed, during my career as a stamp collector:

Many years ago, I resided in a small country town in Ohio, about 37 miles from the present city of Cincinnati, I being about 15 years of age at the time, and having nothing to occupy my time with, I frequently did odd jobs for the town merchants. On the day of which our story opens, I was walking through the main streets of the town, when a gentleman stopped and asked me if I would clean out a cellar for him, which he intended to use for household purposes. Having assured him that I would do it, we started for the house, having arrived

at the house we at once proceeded to the cellar, which was large and airy and such a lot of old rubbish and furniture I never saw the like.

Well, I started to haul it out into the yard, old fashioned tables, chairs, bedsteads, etc. It was late in the afternoon when I was dragging the last article out—an old trunk with an old fashioned lock and hinges. My curiosity was aroused to such an extent that I resolved to see what it contained; so procuring an ax, I proceeded to break the lock open. This done, I jerked the cover open and there full to the brim lay letters with stamps of the earlier issues of U. S. and Great Britain.

Of course, I was ignorant of the value of the contents of the trunk, but they attracted my attention to such an extent that I removed a few from the envelopes and placed them in my pocket with the intention of finding out their value.

I was about to go home, as it had grown quite dark, when my employer appeared, and paying me for my work I left, intending to return on the morrow. On arriving home, I ate supper and went to see a friend, whom I knew was a collector and showing him the stamps which I stripped from the envelopes. "Where did you get them," he exclaimed taking them in his hand and examining them closely. Having told him, he procured a catalogue and on looking the price, informed me that my stamps were catalogued at \$5.75. These last words almost took my breath away, for if these few stamps were worth \$5.75; what could the rest of them in the trunk be worth, was a question which puzzled me.

(CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)

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SOME PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

The first fraud of which I wish to speak is the counterfeit stamp.

Counterfeit stamps are the imitations of stamps, and are very frequently sold as the original, thus defrauding the buyer. These stamps can be manufactured very cheap, and there is quite a tempting profit on same. They are never used for postage but are made as a special favor to stamp collectors.

As there are no direct laws against this practice, it is gradually increasing.

We think there ought to be lists of counterfeit stamps published by experienced counterfeit detectors, if such an enterprise be possible.

Next is the "gumpap." The "gumpap" is another special favor to stamp collectors, and issued expressly for their benefit and no other. These stamps are never intended for postage. There being so many minor countries and possessions, and these changing their issues so often that the "gumpap" is very easily issued.

All we can do now is to warn collectors and keep them wary of these frauds.

The next is the fraudulent dealer who defrauds the public in so many ways it would take a book to mention them.

Then comes the dishonest collector.

There are not so many ways that these can defraud, but the chief way is in substituting stamps sent to him on approval. Each dealer should have a small unnoticable private mark with which to mark his stamps sent on approval, and thereby detecting dishonest collectors.

PHILATELIC SCRATCHES.

The busts of Lincoln and Grant, as they appeared on the 4 and 5 cent U. S. stamped envelope of January, 1899 issue, proved so unsatisfactory that new dies have been prepared for the envelope in question.

There has been issued three additional high values of the present U. S. documentary revenues, viz., \$100, \$500 and \$1000.

Stamped envelopes have been prepared for Cuba, of a special design, showing head of Columbus. Porto Rico also has a separate envelope, showing head of Amerigo Vespucci.

Harry A. Thatcher of Grand Opera House, Souix City, Iowa, a new stamp dealer, has just gone into business.

Uncle Sam will make quite a sum on his colonial issues through stamp collectors.

Collectors demanded more of the Guam stamps than have been prepared for postal use.

We hear that the Valley City Stamp Co. has purchased the entire stock of J. C. Brassington of Hart, Mich.

We hear from a reliable source that Russia is to surcharge some of her stamps "China," for use in her territory there.

As Germany has purchased the Caroline Islands, there will probably be a new surcharge soon.

It was supposed some time ago that the Pan-American Exposition to be given in Buffalo in 1901, would probably have a special stamp issued by the government, but we have heard since that it is doubtful whether it will be issued on account of the nu-

merous stamp accounts which the government would have to keep. This stamp would have been of a special design, by Irving J. Shults of Buffalo. It somewhat resembled the Canadian Christmas stamp. North and South America were the prominent continents, and Buffalo the only place mentioned on the map. There is also a picture of a Buffalo's head in each lower corner.

We may look for a new set of stamps from South Africa before long on account of the trouble in Orange Free State.

A new special delivery stamp has been issued from Cuba.

The Star, the well known juvenile paper, is going to have a stamp department in their publication.

There are many new dealers this year. We look for still more. Hope all are reliable.

Good Arithmetic.

Johnnie—Are you good in Arithmetic?

Tommy—Yes. Why?

Johnnie—Well, if you had ten Bratleboros, and you would give me seven, how many would you have left?

Tommy, thoughtfully—I'd have ten.
Johnnie—No, you don't get my meaning.

Tommie—And you don't get my stamps.



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Inquisitive.

Ten year old Johnnie—Say, pa, how many stamps was there ever printed?

Dad—I don't know. Don't bother me, I want to read.

Johnnie, again later—Pa, what is a stamp? A envelope?

Dad—Oh, John! I wish you would keep still.

Johnnie, after he reads some more—Pa, what is plate numbers?

Dad—Keep still, Johnnie, you are being inquisitive.

Johnnie, again—Pa, What's inquisitive?

U. S. Internal Revenue Receipts.

The receipts for July, 1898, were \$2,000,000; July, 1899, \$28,322,574. Quite an increase. Receipts for fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, from all sources of internal revenue were \$20,484,582. This amount included

the \$274,953 tax on money orders. There was an increase of \$103,177.63 over receipts of fiscal year ending June 30, 1898.

Special Delivery Letters.

The special delivery stamp enables a letter to travel first class; the clerks pass it rapidly on its way; it is honored by being sent by a special messenger. This service was begun in 1886; in 1898 the number of these stamps issued was over five million. New York City delivered the greatest number of these letters—about six hundred and ninety-three thousand. Boston came next with two hundred and seventy-five thousand. The average time, throughout the nation, for delivery from post office to addressee was seventeen minutes.

Some New Issues.

Brazil. A new issue: 500 reis black and carmine, also a 700 reis green and orange.

Guatemala has a new provisional issue.

Ceylon has several new issues among which are: 75c black and brown and 1r 50c slate.

Norway has a new issue—2 ore a brownish yellow or rather a yellowish brown.

Peru has a new issue—5c blue green. Denmark, 4 ore blue, 25 ore green.

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With this issue we make our

initial bow to the philatelic public. We trust this is a fairly good paper for the first number, and contains articles from which both pleasure and benefit can be derived. You see our motto that we are not publishing this paper for ourselves alone, but for the benefit of the philatelic public in general, especially the young ones. The average young collector does not know so very much about this excellent science, and therefore should have someone to give him advice and help him along in his career. The N. P. is sure to do this, and should be in the hands of everyone. Our paper will contain articles of interest, advice, and news from many different writers. The field is very large for philatelic publication and we trust with the combined aid of our friends we will be able to so rank among the first class publications. Our subscription and advertising rates are low and within the reach of everyone, and there should be no reason why we should not gain your patronage. Now to come to the point, we shall endeavor in our career which we hope will be long and successful, to do all in our power to advance the interests of all philatelists and to publish such a paper from which both pleasure and profit may be derived.

Editorials.

We wish to apologize for not getting our paper out sooner, but unforeseen circumstances were such that we found it impossible to do so. We intend to make it a general rule of publishing the N. P. on time. It will be issued regularly the 15th of each month, unless something happens to hinder the printing.

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Notice. Publishers send us your lowest club subscription and ad rates.

Postage Rates to Hawaii.

A great many persons have been laboring under wrong suppositions entirely by thinking that the postage rates to Hawaii are only two cents, now that Hawaii is annexed. It was found that a great part of the mail matter to Hawaii in San Francisco was only partly prepaid. An article in the N. Y. P. says that the rates to Hawaii are still five cents for letter matter, etc., for each half ounce as per regulations of U. P. U.

Look Boys.

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Expansion.

What is the latest issue?
 Friends, if you do not know,
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 Expansion is. That's so.

How many believe in expansion?
 I know that I do for one,
 But not in the kind of expansion
 Where they use both sword and gun.

The kind of expan' I believe in.
 Is that of the philatelic line.
 Where people enlarge their collec-
 tions
 With stamps both beautiful and
 fine.

Enlarge their collections? I say it,
 But not on the dishonest plan,
 Which some use to enlarge with,
 But buy stamps whenever you can.

My collection is always expanding,
 And expanding quite rapidly too,
 As yours would if you'd try it
 By buying stamps where they're
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My Dream.

I went to bed one dreary night
 With "stamps" upon my brain,
 Because of gloating over which
 "Daddy" had used his cane.

It was quite late when I went to
 sleep,
 But woke up soon and found
 Myself in an attic broad and bare,
 Standing and glaring round.

There was a box of old money there,
 And a dollar of 1804,
 And I scratched my head when I saw
 "Bears" and "Brattles" all over
 the floor.

I started to pick up all the stamps
 And gather the dollars in,
 And soon I had them in a sack
 Filled clean up to the brim.

Then I started down the stairs.
 The sack fell from my hand,
 And I stumbled and I fell
 As it seemed, to another land.

Then I was falling, I knew not where
 I thought I had cracked my head,
 And when I lit, I found myself
 Sitting right up in bed. R. I. E.

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matter with giving it a trial anyway.

THANKS.

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N--t-w--t-r- -h-l--e-i-t. A stamp paper.

M--i-o. A nation.

S-n --a-c-s--. A large city.

R--a- S--t-s. A kind of an old stamp.

N-- Y-r-. Another large city.

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E-k -o-n-. A city known to our readers.

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Any of these sent alone postpaid for 10c. Address, Ray I. Ellis, Elk Point, S. Dak.

A Letter from Kentreki.

Joneses Corners, big crossroads. Kentucky, Oktober 2, 1899.

Thee publishers of thee N. P.

Deer Surs, i rite you a short leter to let you no how i am getin along. Mi boy, Zeeky, he koleks stamps, and wood lik too hev a sampel copy of n. P. as he duz not no mutch abowt stamps. he aint hear now. i think it wil be a supriz too him too git yur paper. i don't wunt him to kolek stamps becuz it taks awa two mutch uv his time, but i ges i wil hev two let him kolek them, he sez it iz fun. send mee a copy uv yur paper and if it is gud wil send you mi congratulashuns and a testemonial and a recomendshun, anywa yu wil here frum mee next munth, praps everi munth.

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Josia Kermuggin Klokstop.

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Queen Wilhelmina's Postage Stamps.

In view of the fact that Wilhelmina now objects to having her subjects think her too old, it is interesting to recall that just six years ago she was worried lest they should believe her younger than she was. At that time, in 1872, a series of stamps was issued bearing a picture of the child queen as a little girl with short hair. This was evidently taken from a portrait not strictly up to date, for by the time the stamps came out Wilhelmina's hair had grown long, and she wore it hanging loosely down her back. When the stamps were shown to her the twelve-year-old monarch was greatly annoyed at the short hair which, she said, made her look too childish, and she insisted upon having it changed, so to the old block from which the stamps were engraved lines were added to lengthen out the objectionable "shingled" hair.—The Well spring.

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