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## BULGARIA.

### An Interesting Discourse on the Stamps of This Country.

BY A. HOOSIER.

On May 1st, 1879, Bulgaria issued her first set of stamps, consisting of five values, 5, 10, 25 and 50 centime, and 1 franc.

They were printed at the imperial printing establishment of St. Petersburg, Russia, on the same kind of paper and similar in colors and size of those of the Russian government. The money standard at that time was the same as that of France.

In June, 1881, the issue was changed. This time six values were issued, consisting of 3, 5, 10, 15, 25 and 30s. A change was also made in the money standard, same being known as Stotinki. These stamps were also printed at St. Petersburg.

In 1882 a change of color was ordered. A new value, that of the 10s, being added to the set. In this issue occurred the rare 5s, rose (error). A sheet of 100 stamps having been printed in rose instead of green, this sheet was placed on sale and nearly all of the stamps sold before being noticed by the postal authorities, who immediately declared them receivable for postage, making it an official or government error.

In 1884 occurred the surcharges, five in all. The 5s and 30s, fawn and blue with black surcharge, has become a very rare stamp.

Dangerous counterfeits of this surcharge are in existence. All remainders of former issues were used up in this surcharging.

In 1885 there were issued also a 1 and a 2s. And again in 1886 and 1888 another 1 and 2s, also 1 leva (the first high value since the 1 franc issue) were issued.

In 1889 ten values in a new design appeared, and in 1892 the surcharge 5s on 30s. The cause of this surcharge I do not know.

In 1894, 10s, rose, was issued on what is known as pelure paper.

Again in 1895 another surcharge occurred, 1s on 2s. Slate green in color, surcharged in red.

In 1896 two higher values were added, namely the 2 and 3 leva.

Turning back to 1889, an issue of four values, namely the 1, 5, 15 and 25s, known as a speculative set, were put on sale. However, that set being used for a long time, it is not now considered so by most collectors.

Having concluded with the government issues of Bulgaria, I will now tell you of an issue of 7 values, issued by parties in 1879, after the so called state of Bulgaria had been formed.

They bore a Russian inscription and were larger than the govern-

ment stamps. They were never placed on sale as a government issue and have never been recognized in the catalogues.

In conclusion I wish to say that any collector desiring to specialize could not do better than include this one. The stamps are of fair workmanship, uniform in size, easily obtainable, with two exceptions, and make a beautiful appearance when completed.

### NOTES FROM THE EMPIRE STATE.

BY W. F. GREGORY.

The call for these, my first notes to the NATIONAL PHILATELIC NEWS, came at a very inopportune time, and I must apologize for any delay in its appearance due thereto.

Recently important changes have taken place among our well known stamp dealers. Mr. Wm. Knudson, doing business as the "Columbian Stamp Co., at 106 E. 28rd St., sold out his stock and fixtures to Messrs. J. E. Handshaw & Co., of Smithtown Branch, N. Y. Later Mr. A. Perrin bought the fixtures and moved into the store formerly occupied by Mr. Knudson. It is understood that Mr. Knudson will return to Denmark, his native land.

Mr. M. C. Berlepsch, our well known specialist in United States Stamps, has disposed of his property at Kingsbridge and removed to a farm in the vicinity of Great Barrington, Mass.

Before these notes shall have reached the reader, the new edition of the International Album will have been published. The omission of spaces for foreign envelopes, cut square, will reduce the size of the

book by nearly 100 pages. It will contain spaces for all stamps issued up to a very recent date and enough vacant space to receive all stamps issued up to the year of 1900. This, then, will make a permanent album of all stamps issued during the 19th century, or during the 60 years adhesive stamps have been in use. A new album will be in order for the stamps of the 20th century.

In these days when so many collectors are complaining of the vast number of stamps that have been issued and the impossibility of collecting everything, a nice line of specializing will be the stamps of the 19th century. To most collectors specializing in any particular country is distasteful. None are obliged to follow any fixed line, and well it is so. But if the 19th Century Album is adopted, the work is already outlined, and the collector's capacity fully taxed to fill the spaces.

Closely following the Album will come the 60th edition of the Standard Catalogue, coincident in number of editions, if not in years, with the age of the adhesive stamp.

There are at present promise of auctions more than enough to keep busy our friends who buy stamps in this way. Beginning with my own Galveston sale Nov. 14, there will be held, afternoons and evenings, nine sales before Dec. 1. I find that many of our friends misunderstand the method of conducting our auction sales. They have more experience with the so-called auctions conducted by mail, which are not auctions at all. This experience makes them cautious. A public auction is conducted by a licensed auctioneer under our state laws which are very strict in reference to auction sales. The favored method

of disposing of large collections is now by auction, and many good stamps are rarely to be obtained except from auctions.

Burglars do not always appreciate their opportunities, and so pass by stamp collections. Not so one who visited the home of Mr. A. G. Mandell while he was in Europe during the summer. They took a collection which Mr. Mandell had bought just before leaving home and did not have time to put away in his safe. Burglars also visited the home of Mr. J. M. Andreini during the absence of the family. No stamps were secured here. The thieves were soon apprehended and lodged in jail. Naturally they were discontented and planned to escape. In carrying out these plans, one fell to the pavement and was killed. Swift retribution this.

A Jap, more enterprising than conscientious, has been selling in nearby towns the set of Japanese counterfeits, the sale of which we have been able to suppress in New York. These counterfeits are very deceiving. But any collector who considers a moment will realize that if they were good there are dealers a-plenty who would gladly buy all that are offered at 50c, \$1.00 or even ten times as much as these counterfeits are usually sold at. A word of caution is timely: Do not expect to get valuable stamps for a fraction of their value. If they are so offered there is usually something wrong.

New stamps have been issued by the Dominican Republic, made necessary by the adoption of a gold standard currency. The face value of the stamp of this country will in future be equal to those of the same denominations of the United States. The values of the new set are  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

$\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c and \$1.00. To facilitate their sale to collectors, a portion of the stamps were held in New York and sold to the dealers the day that notice came by cable that they had been placed on sale in the Dominican Republic.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Postal cards were first used in Austria.

The largest and most valuable collection in the world is owned by Philip L. R. VanFerrary, a Parisian.

The first stamp catalogue was issued in Paris, in 1860.

About 4,650,000,000 2c postage stamps are used in the United States annually.

Machines for the sale of postage stamps are in use in Paris.

The Rothchilds collection of stamps is said to be worth over 250,000 francs.

Brazil was the second country to issue stamps, England being the first.

The first postoffice was established between Vienna and Brussels in 1516.

It is said that American collectors spend far more money for stamps in a year than do foreign collectors.

Ireland once issued a postage stamp.

For a reliable maxim we will refer you to the phrase: "A stamp in the album is worth two in the stamp shop."

A postal money order for \$2.50 issued from the Wabash, Ind., post-office in 1886, has been returned from the deadletter office with the request that the sender refund, if possible.

## PRESS REVIEW.

BY A. LLOYD JONES.

Publishers of all philatelic papers are earnestly requested to send one copy for review to A. Lloyd Jones, Lock Box 346, Monroeville, Ind. The NATIONAL PHILATELIC NEWS will gladly reciprocate.

The October *Ahesive* was received on October 19th. In it Mr. Thiele continues his "Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps." The cut of August Dietz, which first appeared in the *Virginia Philatelist*, comes out accompanied by a complimentary biography from "Chap's" pen. "The Meets at Milwaukee," are written up by E. R. Aldrich in such a way as to make all readers wish they had been there. The remaining space is used by the regular contributors, except Mr. Chapman uses a couple of columns to air some of his personal grievances. We found the open letter quite laughable, and must say we didn't know the "Major" to be such a good funny writer.

The September-October issue of the now defunct *Bay State Philatelist* contains a most thrilling (to juveniles) story by Charles Lait and "Some Stampagraphs," of which the most helpful are probably "Philatelic Scrap Books," and one telling how "To Take Grease Spots off of Stamps."

*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* is still far in the van of all stampic papers and is forging ahead because of energetic pushing. Among the regular valuable features of this publication are the painstaking "Chronicle of New Issues", so ably managed by S. B. Hopkins, the "Weekly Review", in which editor Severn usually manages to say

something pleasant about each periodical reviewed, and the "Inquiry column". Bright newsy notes regularly from such philatelic centers as London, Washington, New York, Boston, California and Chicago, and occasionally from other places. Most of the matter of this publication outside of its regular departments is usually wisely selected essays from the English philatelic magazines.

The *International Philatelic Review*, with the September number, completes the first year of its publication. The issue before us is larger than have been the immediately preceding issues. There is also a supplement accompanying it which illustrates some stamps which were cut and then the uncancelled portions matched and so used by a G. W. Lamb. All the matter of this dainty, diminutive publication is of interest to collectors.

The *Philatelic Advocate* for November was received on the third of the month and contains an unusually large proportion of advertisements. Interesting "United States Minutes" and D. P. A. matter occupy the rest of the space.

The October number of that read and read *Philatelic Chronicle* contains some interesting notes and articles. The main article is "Anent Pre-Cancellations," being in the nature of a supplement to an article by the same author on these interesting varieties that appeared in the July *Philatelic Bulletin*.

Perhaps the *Stampman* does not come under our jurisdiction, as the editor only claims it to be "a price list with an attachment of literary pyrotechnics." As I'm not very skilled in ethnology the nearest I can come to placing the offender be-

fore me is among the Indians. It is following in the feet-steps of other sensational publications and is of a pink color. It contains the first effusion of its associate editor and writings (believable or otherwise) by "Keokuk Carter."

The October number of the *Philatelic Inter Ocean* is as interesting as ever to philatelic literateurs. The main feature of this small publication is the up-to-date "Press Directory of Current papers in the English Language."

The November number of the *Quaker City Philatelist* is a newcomer that was received in October. It is published at Philadelphia. The number before us has a unique cover. An editorial note states it is "more of a prospectus than anything else," but it contains an opportune and pleasing "Commemorative Ode" from the pen of that bright man (or boy) Edgar S. Brightman.

The *Virginia Philatelist* for October comes out quite late for a paper that is usually so prompt. It contains a cut of William Ralston Lecky and biographical sketch by Bradley. This number contains numerous bright items and a continuation of Mr. August Dietz's interesting and instructive article on "A Formidable Rival" to English colonies in the philatelist's favor, namely, the stamps of German colonies.

The October *Philatelic West* and Camera News still keeps up its elephant size. This month there are three victims of the illustrator's art and short biographical sketches. Its numerous pages are filled with essays, notes and poetry on the subject of postage stamps, revenue stamps, philatelic literature, curios, photography and photographic and

philatelic societies. There is always a goodly number of advertisements and exchange notices in this publication.

### A Glance at the Stamps of Newfoundland.

There is probably no British colony which has so few of its own rare stamps as Newfoundland.

Thinly populated by a people who are in great proportion rough and illiterate, its correspondence has been mostly with England or other foreign countries and of a commercial or religious character, and what few good specimens of the pence issues or other scarce British North American stamps could be found on the island—and they were few—have long since been bought up or given away and gone to other countries possessing more philatelic taste.

Newfoundland in recent years has supplied collectors with beautiful sets of stamps, among which may be mentioned the Cobot issue.

### A Good Way to Seal Letters.

A simply closed letter can be opened easily, even wafers can be removed, and even sealing-wax by means of a hot iron or steam. In order that the sealing-wax may again be applied as before, it is necessary to make a plaster cast. A letter closed in this manner is not entirely safe; skillful hands could open it undetected. By using the following method a letter cannot be opened unless by force, so that it can be noticed. Close your letter by applying a wafer well moistened and let it dry. Over this punch the paper with a large needle and then seal in the usual manner. This seal cannot be removed either by dry or moist heat. It is safe.

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**EDITORIALS.**

On presenting this the first issue of the NATIONAL PHILATELIC NEWS, we aim to please all. It is our hope to make this magazine one of the representative papers of the country and we will appreciate the hearty support of all collectors throughout the United States and Canada. There has been a large number of volume 1's number 1 appear from this section of the country but they have never appeared a second time. But we have come to stay. Stay with us and get all the news first.

The 60th edition of the Standard Catalogue is to appear soon and it is to be hoped that prices will reach a net basis so as to make discounts unnecessary.

As you will perceive our columns contain no long, tiresome and uninteresting stories such as are found filling the pages of most monthlies.

A great deal of discussion has been going on of late as to what

countries to specialize in, but when all countries are considered the editor's attention is called to the old maxim, "each man to his own taste".

Now is the time to collect Chinese locals if you ever expect to get them.

Read our great prize contest in the next number.

The *Indiana Philatelist* has been absorbed by the *Chronicle*, making the N. P. N. the only stamp paper in Indiana.

A few months ago the country was astir over the proposed purchase of the Danish West Indies by the U. S., but here of late nothing has been heard regarding it.

Read our liberal subscription offer on the inside of front cover.

A great many new issues have appeared recently, but the most popular set seems to be the one lately issued by Tasmania.

Mr. H. G. Smith, who was elected sales superintendent of the A. P. A., has sold out his entire stamp business to Mr. W. P. Blackman, and will now devote his entire time to the above mentioned office.

A used copy of the \$1 red U. S. Revenue seems to be about as scarce an article as hair on a hop toad.

A fad which seems to be dying out is that of plate number collecting, and most large dealers are disposing of their unused plates at face value, and in some cases even less.

Philatelic frauds and dead-beats are doubling in number day by day, and this seems to show that our dealers are growing more careless.



## ABOUT THE HOOSIERS AND OTHERS.

At the last meeting of the Indiana Philatelic Society a solid vote was cast for an amendment to its constitution, viz: to take in members from every state in the Union, also Canada. This makes it a national society and the members hope to double the present membership, which is now fair in size.

The stamp business has not been any too good in this city, Indianapolis, for the past two months. This is probably due to two reasons, the national election and the issue of the 60th catalogue, which is promised us this month.

The day of large discounts appears to be passing; fewer dealers are offering 50 per cent and more off catalogue, and all indications are that cheap stamps will soon be a thing of the past. It is to be hoped that the 60th catalogue will approximate values more nearly than the 59th does, for nothing is more disastrous to our hobby than a catalogue with inflated prices and the consequent apparent depreciation, leading collectors to suppose that philately is on the wane. What is wanted is a list of fair selling prices based on demand and supply, and not on a few dealers' stocks. A good plan to follow by our catalogue makers would be that of the Stanley, Gibsons Co., of London.

We are all wondering where that confederation of all Australian countries and adjacent stamps have gone. Can some kind philatelist inform us?

The philatelic field is again overrun by a great many of the "boy contributors" who take a few inches of advertising space in exchange for

their articles. You can generally tell a paper that has this kind of correspondents and I would advise all publishers not to waste space with such MSS. (?)

According to the latest from Washington the stamps for the Pan-American Exposition, to be held at Buffalo in 1901, are to be bi-colored. This will be hailed with joy by a majority of collectors, it being the first set to be bi-colored since that beautiful issue of 1869, but the people of the United States have always been the leading spirit of the Western Hemisphere and always will be.

Reports from a large number of dealers say there is a big demand for the stamps of the United States possessions in an unused condition.

As winter again overtakes us we find the number of swindlers and dead-beats increasing. I hope the publishers of this paper will take up the work of exposing such people, as they promised they would do. I would advise all dealers and collectors who have been defrauded out of stamps to communicate with the publishers and encourage them in this line.

This will probably be the last time I will be able this year to express my views. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

QUO VADIS.

Short stories of from 800 to 2000 words, suitable for publication in the NATIONAL PHILATELIC NEWS, are invited, and will be paid for if used. Unaccepted manuscript will be returned.

A good stamp paper will be a boon for the Middle West. Support the N. P. N. and get all the news first.

### Virgin Isles and its Stamps.

The Virgin Isles have been a British Colony since 1666. They comprise the islands of Tortola, Virgin Gorda and Anegada. The population is 5,287. They are situated northeast of Porto Rico in the northeastern part of the West Indies and have an area of 64 square miles. The first stamps issued were 1 penny green, 4 penny brown-red, 6 pence rose, 1 shilling carmine and black, and 1 shilling carmine and black (colored border) which were issued in 1866-67.

The next issue was in 1880 and were 1 penny green and 2½ penny claret. The next issues were 1883-88 ½ penny yellow, ½ penny green, 1 penny rose, 2½ penny blue, 4 pence brick-red, 6 penny lilac, and 4 pence on one shilling carmine and black, which is a very desirable stamp and is worth from \$8.00 to \$10.00.

Then again in 1889 the 1 penny carmine and 1 shilling brown were issued.

All these were superceded in 1890 by the stamps of the Leeward Islands, but in 1899 the Virgin Islands were supplied with a special set of eight stamps, consisting of the ½s, 2½s, 4s, 6s, 7s, 1 sh. and 5 sh.

The stamps of these little islands are very rare and will continue to be so. Very few are priced below a dollar and those that do comprise the recent issue of 1899.

All these stamps are very beautiful and make a pretty collection. They are also a good investment. There are twenty-eight varieties and are catalogued in used condition at about \$125.00.

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A. J. Breitwisch is the gentleman who took the photograph of the group of Philatelists at Milwaukee. The picture is fine, and everyone should buy one. He offers them at a nominal price.

The large list of bargains offered by F. G. Jones, of Louisville, should not be missed.

The name of Makins & Co. simply has to be mentioned and any one readily realizes that they are the headquarters for all Oriental issues. Mr. J. Makins is now in Hawaii and on his return here you may expect a few surprises in Hawaiian stamps. This firm can supply you with almost anything in the stamp line. A glance at their page ad will readily prove this.

The Kekionga Stamp Co. is an enterprising Indiana firm who always make it their business to carry a large stock of nice stamps.

Look up W. F. Gregory's ad which contains the prices on the new International Album.

Another Hoosier dealer who carries a nice line of stamps is B. F. Egan.

The approval books of W. W. Chandler are a great thing, and should be used by every dealer, especially at the low price he offers them.

Don't miss the ad of the N. P. News on the inside cover page.

Chas. E. Babcock, Indianapolis, has an ad which is worth while pondering over.

The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. is also represented in the first issue of this paper. Mr. Hussman has built up a won-

derful trade in the last few years and it is still growing. His ad cannot fail to be seen by many collectors as it contains offers for the beginner as well as the advanced collector.

The Royal Exchange Stamp Co. is a firm whose reputation is too well known to make comment upon.

When it comes to supplying Australian stamps, Chas. C. De Selms, of Richmond, Ind., can't be beat.

Some good bargains for the beginner can be found in the ad of the Quaker Stamp Co., of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Geo. S. Bull is also offering some bargains in his ad this month.

Probably the largest dealers in stamps for beginners in this country is the Toledo Stamp Co. They have most anything for the advanced collector also.

W. F. Bishop & Co., of Lagrange, Ill., offer some good stamps in their adv. This firm has always been known to carry one of the finest stocks of British Colonies in the country.

### SPECIAL.

To the National Philatelic News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7th—Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee, has introduced a bill taking off the revenue tax from all medicines, telegrams, bank checks and others.

If this bill passes the house and senate and is signed by the president, there will be a mild scramble for the private proprietaries, now in use by the stamp collectors of this country, of which there are only 29 varieties.

Not a few are now very scarce and the passage of the above mentioned bill will make them more so.

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J. M. B.

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- 69 1861, Macon, Ga., 5c, buff on cover..... 39 75
- 28 1861, Columbia, S. C., Env., 5c, blue on orange, entire ..... 17 59
- 199 New Orleans, La., 5c, brown on blue, pair on original cover ..... 8 00

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same, "specimen"	50	
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1864 1c dull mauve.....	\$ 50	\$ 25
1c violet.....	12	25
1c bright mauve.....	12	
2c vermilion brown gum.....	1 00	
2c vermilion.....	85	25
5c blue on blueish.....	1 25	45
6c green.....	25	25
18c dull rose, no gum.....	40	40
1875 2c brown.....	15	5
12c black.....	1 25	1 25
1882 1c blue.....	7	10
2c lilacrose.....	50	15
5c ultramarine.....	15	4
10c black.....	90	85
15c brown.....	1 80	1 05
1883 1c green.....	3	2
2c rose.....	8	2
10c brown.....		10
10c vermilion.....	1 00	1 00
12c mauve.....	1 50	1 50
25c violet.....	2 50	2 00
1889 2c vermilion imperf.....	60	
reprint.....	15	
2c violet.....	7	2
5c black blue.....	1 00	1 00
1893 1c bright mauve.....	13	15
1c blue.....	13	15
1c green.....	3	3
2c brown.....	20	25
2c rose.....	8	10
2c violet.....	4	2
5c black blue.....	20	
5c ultramarine.....	10	7
6c green.....	25	
10c black.....	30	
10c vermilion.....	30	
10c brown.....	20	
12c black.....	30	
15c brown.....	50	
18c red.....	40	
25c purple.....	1 00	1 00
50c red.....	1 00	
1894 1c yellow.....	3	2
2c brown.....	6	2
5c red.....	10	3
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1887 50 m bistre.....	
1c yellow-green.....	
1c gray-green.....	
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1889 2c carmine.....	
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5c yellow-green.....	
10c blue-green.....	
12 4 8c ye.-low-green.....	
20c rose-salmon.....	
1891 10c pale claret.....	
25c blue.....	
1892 1c brown-violet.....	
2c gray-violet.....	
2 4 8c, olive-gray.....	
5c blue-green.....	
5c light brown violet.....	
same used.....	
6c brown-violet.....	
8c ultramarine.....	
10c bright carmine.....	
15c red-brown.....	
20c gray-brown.....	
1894 2c brown.....	
6c vermilion.....	
8c lilac-brown.....	
12 4-8c flesh.....	
15c rose.....	
20c violet.....	
1896 1c green.....	
2c blue.....	
5c emerald-green.....	
6c carmine.....	
10c brown.....	
15c blue-green.....	
20c orange.....	
1897 40c violet.....	
80c carmine.....	
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4 m orange-brown.....	
3c brown.....	
5c rose.....	
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## MANUSCRIPTS ON APPROVAL.

BY A HOOSIER.

A prominent philatelic Author-publisher not many moons ago had editorial in his magazine that I g leave not to endorse. The paragraph had the following statement its close: "The copy on approval nuisance ought to be sat down on *hard*."

First let me ask a question: How many philatelic writers do you think ere would now be if they had all aited 'till articles were requested of em before writing? I venture to y they could be counted on one and and yet leave unneeded the umb and enough fingers with hich to pick up this magazine.

So many of our stamp magazines e now dry and monotonous, but ink how much more so they would e if no manuscript was sent on approval. There would very seldom e seen an article from a new writer. Many of those whom are now our est stamp writers would never have arted if they had waited until some e requested articles of them.

Some close students of stamps are acquainted with no philatelic editors

and perhaps live in small places where they know personally no philatelicists at all. This collector might be able to write articles in an able manner in which he would impart considerable philatelic knowledge gained by his research. Now, should such an article be entirely lost to philately on account of it being not right to send M. S. S. on approval?

Surely you are not so narrow minded as to think for a moment that he ought not to send his article to an editor on approval but should leave the field to the chance few!

The philatelic writer is paid but paltry remuneration at best for his output and it should not be that he be not permitted to try to dispose of his manuscript after spending valuable time upon it. Rather, encourage him. The wide-awake up-to-date editor is he who is always on the look-out for new writers who write on fresh and original topics.

Nay, Mr. Editor, discourage not the aspirant after philatelic honors. If you have to fill a certain amount of space and want to make some such statement, at least change it to read that "The copy on approval nuisance who encloses not return postage" should be sat upon, but *not too hard*.

"The Future of Philately," in the next number. Opinions from Crawford Capen and others. Don't fail to read it.



## NEW YORK.

By W. F. GREGORY.



The 60th Edition of the Standard Catalogue was issued to the public Dec. 22. The mechanical execution is quite inferior. We have not had time yet to consider the prices. We do not expect to find many changes. The demand for the catalogue has been very great, indicating an unusual interest.

Dealers everywhere find it necessary to scrutinize closely all requests for approval selections and to investigate references fully. A few days ago several dealers here received letters from one S. E. Palmer of Campbell, N. Y., asking for an approval selection of good United States Stamps. Enclosed was a type written letter of recommendation signed James A. Mills, Cashier of Bank of Campbell. As Mr. Mills did not use a letter head, as is usual with officers, and did give a very warm endorsement of Mr. Palmer which is equally unusual with bank officers, sufficient doubt was raised to lead some one to write to the bank for further information.

The result is a letter from the bank stating that Mr. Mills is not connected with the bank and both he and Mr. Palmer are quite unknown. Also that eight stamp dealers had been cautious enough to investigate before sending any stamps to Mr. Palmer.

The matter now is up to the P. O. inspectors.

The annual meeting of the Collectors Club was held Dec. 12. The Treasurer's report showed about \$1600 cash in the Treasury. The

Secretary's report showed 127 members, an actual gain of 17 members for the year. The old officers were reelected for another year.

Nov. 24, Mr. Charles J. Phillips of Stanley Gibson, Limited, London, arrived in this city. During a stay of about 10 days he sold \$25,000 worth of stamps. Mr. Phillips then started across the Continent and is due at the Coast about now. Such a fine lot of stamps as he has with him are seldom seen in this country.

The new stamps of France are now coming in the mails. They are little credit to France's boasted love of beauty. The low values are neat in design, but the high values are far from good taste.

The prospect of a repeal of the law requiring the use of revenue stamps is responsible in part for the very great demand for used documentary stamps and the new surcharged stamps the \$3.00 and \$10.00 are liable to be quite scarce if their use is discontinued. The \$3.00 red-brown is also very scarce.

While purchasing stamps at the post-office the other day, an old man just ahead of me, as I afterward learned was buying stamps for the first time, stood in front of the window about five minutes.

"Well, what's the matter," asked the stamp clerk, "don't you see others behind you who want to get to the window?"

"Why," replied the old man, "These stamps ain't new; see the little holes all worn around the edges."



## THE PRESS.



By A. LLOYD JONES.

We here review all papers received to date since writing our last review and hope all publishers of other philatelic periodicals will exchange with the NATIONAL PHILATELIC NEWS and send one copy to Box 346, Monroeville, Indiana.

The *Adhesive* is nearing the close of its first year, the November issue being No. 11. It still keeps up its slightly appearance. If last month we had been asked to guess who would be the victim of the illustrator's art this month almost everybody would have been guessed before Mr. Wurtele, considering "Chap's" trouble with him. However, the picture of him we have seen so oft lately appears with a biography by the "Major." Mr. Thiele continues his instructive "Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps" of Germany. Miss Swift, as usual, talks entertainingly "Across Our Albums." She does not seem to have much love toward "Pre-Canceled Stamps," but her remarks pertinent them are sensible. We beg leave to differ with her when she says "I cannot see why we should consider these varieties more collectable than any other kind of cancellation," and call it stamp collecting or post-mark collecting, we'll continue to enjoy collecting them as a side line. Mr. J. F. Dodge writes very entertainingly on "The New Catalogue" and the "The J. Elwood Lee Co. Stamps." Mr. Chapman has another page this month in personal controversy. "Review,"

"London Notes," and Editorials complete the reading matter. Close perusal of the editorial column shows to us that "Henry Adhesive" is an expert at slinging veiled insults and we're surprised to see a man that talks about "noms" the way he does do something incalculably meaner than using a pseudonym under which to have a little fun.

The *Alleghany Philatelist and Herald Exchange* with the advent of cold weather has put on a much needed coat which is quite good-looking. However, the reading matter in the November number has been allowed to fall below par. The mss. of most interest is a page of very readable "St. Louis Notes." This is the only philatelic paper I know of that has a St. Louis correspondent and puzzle department.

We thought the *Bay State Philatelist* was "defunct," but instead of that we see by the December number that it has absorbed the *Collector's Companion*. First in the issue before us are a couple of articles in the nature of a debate, entitled, "Resolved, That U. S. Colonial Issues Are Non-Collectable." Mr. Willard O. Wylie first discusses the negative and then Editor Gile tries to say something on the affirmative side. Thomas C. Disbrow discusses how the unthinking boy misuses approval sheets. "The Foreign Mail System of the United States" is a lengthy and instructive essay by R. A. Butler and this interesting issue closes by A. M. Muirhead "talking right out in meeting" in an enter-

taining manner on some Canadian affairs.

The November *Gopher State Philatelist* is a neat Vol. 1, No. 1, from Minneapolis that no doubt will improve and grow as it becomes older.

With the November issue the *Jubilee Philatelist* completes its first volume and jubilates by making a wise change to magazine form. John Peltz contributes an article in the nature of a rebuttal to the debate on "Old vs. New Issues" in a recent number of *Exchange*. The issue also contains some interesting "London Notes" by W. F. Dick. Other notes are "Random Jottings" and "Stamp Alphabets."

The Canada Stamp Sheet is very probably a trade journal. The December issue consists of twelve pages without cover. An editorial briefly reviews 1900 from a philatelic standpoint. Under "Nut Shell Hints for Collectors" many useful pointers are given, although most of them are not new. A representative one tells us that "The face of a stamp spoiled by handling can generally be cleaned to some extent by gently rubbing with a piece of soft bread." The other reading matter is of interest although not all of a philatelic nature.

The December number of *Exchange* gives us an article on the island of St. Christopher and its stamps, which, although it probably contains no information that could not be gleaned from catalogue and encyclopedia, yet we're glad to see it published for it gives in readable form information but few would bother to look up while they read it when brought to notice in an essay of a stamp paper. John Peltz conducts the "Revenue Depart-

ment" and furnishes another article. A column of "Philatelic Jokes" is one of the features of this paper.

We are sorry not to have space to review each issue of that valuable and indispensable newspaper to wide awake collectors, *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

The issue of November 2nd was a Chinese special containing thirty-two pages and artistic cover in four colors. Almost all the reading had an oriental tinge and is contributed mainly by W. Wylie, their regular Boston correspondent. The Mekeels before have issued grand special numbers but this stupendous issue eclipse all their previous efforts and is a monumental achievement.

About the only thing the *Metropolitan Philatelist* contains besides advertisements are some editorials and Washington and English letters, which, however, are always sure to contain some fresh and interesting news.

The November *Philatelic Advocate* was very thin. An editorial says its apology will be the next issue. We're on tip-toes.

The popular *Philatelic Chronicle* having swallowed the *Indiana Philatelist* begins its third volume very auspiciously as the November number contains twenty-eight pages besides its red cover. "Those Mafeking stamps—Are they curios?" is a timely article by Claud T. Reno. There is a page of quotations—the first seen—from the advance sheets of Scott's 60th and a list of a few varieties of "Precancelled Stamps" mentioning some as far back as on the 1887 issue stamps. Jas. G. Moore gives an extensive list of translatives of stampic inscriptions that the beginner will find very helpful in correctly placing stamps in

his album. The issue for December is not as large as the one for November. The present number contains an instructive sketch by M. Brightman showing the relation Hawaiian history bears to the stamps of our recent acquisition. Prolific Peltz tells us of "Some Counterfeits and their detection." A "Philatelic Fable in Slang" by Georgie Help is an attempt by some one, with more audacity than ability, patterned after George Ade's famous "Fables in Slang."

The "Collectors Weekly," the *Philatelic Era* keeps up a painstaking Chronicle of New Issues and varieties" by W. Wylie.

It also contains editorials of interest and newsy notes from its regular and irregular correspondents at various philatelic centers.

The *Philatelic Inter Ocean* is still plodding on and the November number contains some bright notes besides some "Press Directory." The December issue contains well selected reading and from the list of papers announced we learn that Indiana is to have another stamp paper, also published at our capital city and under name of the *Central Stamp News*.

The *Philatelic West and Camera News* with the approach of winter, when cameras receive a lesser share of attention and stamps more attention than in summer; devotes vastly greater space to philately than to photography. The popular *Lacus Viridis* contains a very interesting article, "Counterfeits and their Detection," through St. Thomas and Prince and Hanover. F. Nollet compiles a worn-out list of philatelic definitions. L. G. Dorpat gives us a good article on philatelic "Acces-

sories." Revenue and Curio departments conducted by G. W. Pepper and Roy F. Greene respectively are of interest.

The second issue of the *Quaker City Philatelist* was the first December stamp monthly to reach us that month. It presents a better appearance than the introductory number. The December issue opens with some clever verses by Edgar S. Brightman and the remaining reading matter is notes under the headings of "Gumpaps and Hinges," "Editorials," and "Current Comment."

*Redfield's Philatelic Post* is a weekly paper in magazine form that by merit and wonderful energy has attained a popularity that is surprising considering its short existence. Notes from Chicago, Canada, New York and Philadelphia are purveyed by capable correspondents. Major Henry Adhesive conducts a readable review even tho it is very "Chapmarriacal." An idea of its other contents can be gleaned from the following list of special articles in the first three December issue:—"A review of 1900" by Charles E. Jenny. "The V. R. I. Varieties" by Amy Louis Swift. "Noted and Quoted" by Leon V. Cass and "Our Hobby" by J. Sidney Dalton.

At the last moment comes the January *Philatelic Chronicle*, a monster issue of 40 pages and cover. Editor William Well deserves the praise he will get. Keep up the good looks, Brother William, and you are sure to succeed.

The Ohio Philatelic Association has selected this paper as their official organ, and we will do all in our power for the advancement of the society.

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Since the appearance of our first issue we have received dozens of congratulatory letters from all over the country, thus strengthening our assurance for the success of all future numbers.

American Trade interests have been greatly benefited during the last few months by the Parcels Post agreement which has just been completed between the United States and Venezuela. It has been the subject of much diplomatic exchange during the past three months.

The Emerson Drug Co's. private stamps are destined to become rather common as they are to be sold to collectors at the rate of five cents per set. Thus the dealers profit on these stamps will be rather small.

A good monthly stamp paper has long been needed in this section of the country, and from the way subscriptions have been pouring in the N. P. N. seems to "fill the bill."

We are pleased to announce our consolidation with the Ohio Phila-

telist published by R. L. Doak of Pearl, Ohio, and by so doing it will be necessary for us to circulate 3,000 copies of this paper next months. Mr. Doak's letter of regret will be found elsewhere in this number.

From the Philatelic Inter Occan we learn that a new paper will soon appear from Indianapolis. The parties contemplating the move seem to want to keep the matter dark, so in conclusion will say, "Success to the new venture."

The Philatelist who is continually telling other people what to collect and what not to collect is the most unmitigated nuisance in the world.

When it comes to premium offers the N. P. N. leads, as a glance at the inside cover will readily prove.

At last after a wait of a month or more the new catalogue has made its appearance in a beautiful shade of light green. No startling changes are noted except those of the stamps of China, the U. S. Republic, Orange Free State and some of U. S. colonies.

For its size Cincinnati is undoubtedly the "slowest stamp town in the country.

Received, a price list from J. T. Starr Stamp Co. It is free for the asking.

The prize contest mentioned in last month's N. P. N. has been postponed until next month.

The Pan American Exposition stamps are to be placed on sale May 1st. and it is to be hoped that by their sale, the number of collectors will increase, as has been the case with nearly all other exposition sets.



## BUFFALO, 1901.

It is not many months now until the Philatelists will again meet in National Convention, to elect officers, buy and exchange stamps.

The convention seat as selected by last year's meeting was the beautiful city of Buffalo, New York.

The attendance of the National Convention is destined to break all former records. Collectors will get the benefit of cheap railroad rates on account of the Pan-American Exposition to be held also this year.

Opposite is a halftone of one of the buildings that will be seen there. The "Restuarant and Entrance to Midway" covering 20 acres.

"Wheeling Philatelists" should not fail to take their wheels with them, as Buffalo is a wheelman's paradise containing over 200 miles of asphalt pavement.

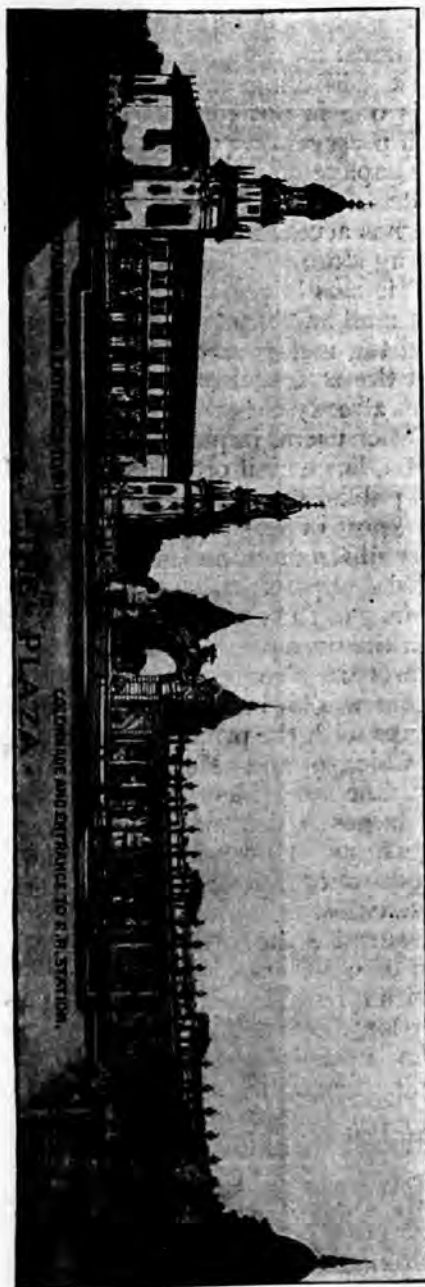
In the U. S. government building will be a large exhibit of postage stamps. Every philatelist should not fail to see this if nothing else.

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## PRE-CANCELLATIONS.

By A. L. J.

An interesting branch of post mark collecting is the collecting of pre-cancelled stamps.

Almost all other branches of post mark collecting are too extensive. This one is not for almost anyone with perseverance can amass a nearly complete collection. And it can be done at small cost, especially if one has access to the mail coming to a drug store.

It is mostly patent medicine firms that mail sufficient quantities of advertising matter at one time to warrant the stamps being furnished to them already canceled.

Other users, implement manufacturers, large mail-order seed houses, and publishers.

I know of the existence of some sixty different varieties of pre-cancelled stamps exclusive of inversions.

Many of the varieties can be found with the over-print inverted, which inverts are also generally collected.

One would naturally think that stamps with the printed obliteration of Chicago and New York City would be most plentiful as they are the largest cities and contain very large firms. However, I do not know of pre-cancellations of either one of these cities.

I surmise the reason is that the post offices there have abundant facilities for mail matter in no matter how large quantities presented.

As none of the pre-cancelled stamps are high priced, probably no one will trouble to make counterfeits of them to sell, but one thing that pre-cancellation collectors fear is that some would-be-smart wag owning a printing press will try his hand at making some pre-cancelled stamps on his own account.

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## THE OHIO PHILATELIST

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**—A—H—N—T—N** A man who is known as "The Father of His Country."

**L—H—N—C—A—G** A very wealthy and prominent Chinaman.

**—A—F—E—D** A U. S. President who was assassinated.

**—I—T—R—A** A woman who was queen over a powerful nation.

**C—I—A** A country which is at present engaged in war with the world.

**H—W—I** A country whose stamps are very popular with collectors.

**—O—U—B—A—R—P—B—I—** A country that is not popular on account of the number of its stamps.

Contest Closes March 10th, 6 p. m.

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## MEETING OF THE IMPROB- ABLE STAMP CLUB.

It was 8:45 when President V. Racity called the members of the Improbable Stamp Club to order. The roll call revealed eight members present. Then the secretary announced he had received an application for membership from Phil Riter. The accompanying document set forth that the grounds for an application were made on the fact that Mr. Riter had been a prolific contributor to the philatelic press for three years and in all that time he had never written an article for the benefits of stamp collecting.

After remarks by several of the members on the honor that would accrue to the society having as a member a person so unique as the applicant, it was put a to a vote and Phil Riter was unanimously elected a member of the "Improbable Stamp Club."

There being no further business before the house, the President announced that as there had been no special subject arranged for the exchange meeting, members would be allowed to divest themselves of

two minutes oratory to each member, with no confinement of subject other than it shall be of a philatelic nature.

Ed. I. Tor was the first to gain the floor. After sending the affidavits covering his tale by a page to the secretary, he said: "The other morning when I went to my office I found six batches of manuscript sent on approval awaiting me. That in itself was nothing so very unusual, except that I seldom get that much at one time. But what is strange about it is that accompanying every MSS. was the necessary amount of stamps for its return and none of the sendings were sent with postage due."

Mr. Tor was the recipient of congratulations all around for his good fortune and the excellence of his story.

The next to receive recognition from the chair was Mr. E. X. Change. After sending his signed and sworn-to document to the secretary's desk, he began: "As you know, I am something of a linguist, and to try my ability in writing the languages three months ago today I sent out exchange selections of stamps to people in seven different countries throughout the world

whose names I saw in different papers asking for exchange relations. Since sending, I saw so much in the philatelic press in regard to the unreliability of and dissatisfaction in trading stamps with foreigners that I began to doubt if I would ever hear from any of my correspondents. But, improbable as it seems, yesterday I received my exchange selection from the seventh person and everyone has sent me good value in exchange."

The next to receive recognition from the chair was Col. Lector, who stated that the other day he received a current stamp paper that was very freakish, in that it contained nothing whatever from the pen of Major Henry Adhesive. He contributed the paper to the museum as evidence and was rewarded by a vote of thanks.

Mr. D. E. Aler was the next to gain the floor. "The other day I got an approval selection back and noticed there had been some substituting done. As almost every time another dealer discovers evidence of substitution he finds better stamps have replaced poorer ones through the substitutor's ignorance of minor varieties, I thought I would look them over closely, but, improbable as it may seem, and though I looked very carefully, I found no stamps better than those removed had been substituted."

S. T. Amps then spoke as follows: "A few mornings ago, as you know,

I started in a small way to deal in stamps. Well, although my career as a dealer has been short, I think it has been very remarkable in view of the abundance of improbable incidents that have occurred in its duration. One of these I'll relate as my experience for tonight's meeting. One of the first applicants I had for approval sheets was from a person by name of Frank Ness. His references seemed all right, so I sent him an approval selection. At the expiration of two weeks, as I had heard nothing I dropped him a card asking him why he didn't return selection. Ten days later, having heard nothing, I sent him a card demanding that they be returned immediately. Having heard nothing by another ten days, I wrote him a letter threatening that unless immediate return were made, I would put the case in the hands of the Post Office Inspector. I never so much as received a 'don't worry button,' and as more than two weeks had passed, I had given up the stamps as lost, when one morning I received a communication from him with money order enclosed for the entire selection. That in itself seems improbable, but more improbable still is the fact that the letter did not say that the writer had been seriously ill, away on a vacation, too busy to reply, had but just received the selection, or had lost the stamps and had to wait till he could earn the money to pay for them. None of these old excuses were given, for the letter said,

just didn't want to answer till now, was the only reason I didn't write sooner' I hold that this letter surely must be unique."

Mr. Amps sat down amid much applause, but when the President asked him if he had brought his affidavit along or the letter and other duly attested legal documents, and when Mr. Amps said he had thoughtlessly destroyed the letter and had forgotten to get the affidavits, the applause changed to a stony silence.

Mr. Aler was the first to arise. "Mr. President, on account of the incident being so wildly improbable, I move that Mr. Amps be fined either for gross neglect of duty in destroying the evidence or for prevarication."

The motion was seconded, put, and carried unanimously.

The President fined Mr. Amps two rounds or drinks and the meeting at once adjourned, *sin die*, precipitately to the beer garden around the corner.

On the boundary line between Vermont and Quebec, in Canada is an old building which is now used as a post office for both countries. It is seventy-five years old and is built at Beebo Plain, a town that is United States on one side of the street and Canada on the other. The post office is an exhibition of the good will of the people of the section. The father is postmaster for Quebec and the daughter postmistress for Vermont.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

7,600,000 letters are annually dumped into the dead letter office at Washington, besides thousands of packages.

In the beginning of the 13th century the University of Paris organized a postal service which lasted over four hundred years.

150 self-propelled mail wagons or auto-mobiles are to be established in Paris. They will be compelled to average about thirty miles each per hour.

In 1533 the English postal service was placed under the direction of one person, and Sir Brian Luke has the honor of being the first postmaster-general of whom any record can be found.

These are some of the post offices to which Uncle Sam's mail goes: Mud and Twin Sisters, Texas; Mule, Oregon; Yellowjacket, Idaho; Loyalsock and Option, Pennsylvania; Wax, Iowa; Pebble and Sawdust, Florida; Seven Guns and Quality, Kentucky; and Virtue, Tennessee.

Among the bulky packages sent by mail the following cannot help but attract attention. A firm in New York recently sent a large wooden case containing jewelry to a dealer in Cuba, the postage on this "small" package being some \$27. The post office department at Indianapolis recently sent a large writing desk to the postmaster at Manila. Thus the government saved the expense of transportation.



## THE PRESS.

By A. LLOYD JONES.



(All papers received since writing our last review up to date of this writing are herewith reviewed. All other philatelic publications are especially requested to send one copy to Box 346, Monroeville, Indiana. The favor will be gladly reciprocated by The NATIONAL PHILATELIC NEWS.)

In the December issue of the *Allegheny Philatelist and Herald Exchange* the subject for Phil A. Telist's regular contribution is "What Can We Look For?", and he says we may expect "an increase in the lists of desirable foreign correspondents," "an increased home demand for stamps," and "a more systematic effort among stamp dealers to prosecute stamp frauds." Mr. Wissman's usual lot of readable "St. Louis Notes," and the German department completes this number.

Half of the December *American Journal of Philately* is occupied by writings of Edward J. Nankivell. He devotes nine pages to a very thorough and painstaking list of V. R. I. eties, and three pages to his "English Letter," in which he advises that an eye be kept on recent issues of New Zealand and of Greece, for their prices will soon take an elevator. Mr. John N. Luff tells of the "Oldest Pre-Can-

celled stamps," which have been forgotten for a generation. They were of the 1851 issue and were used on letters carried by the Adams and Wells Fargo & Co. expresses.

*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* comes with unvarying regularity, and with the new century has completed a decade of life, and we hope it may complete many more. One of the thoughts that came to us while reading the special birthday issue was what a multitude of stamp papers it must have seen born but to meet an untimely death. With the new year it has introduced a series of cartoons illustrating philatelic terms in a comical way. This idea of a weekly humorous pictorial hit is quite a novelty in philatelic pressdom and each one is proving highly enjoyable and alone well worth the paper's cost.

The *Montreal Philatelist* for December introduces four pages of "News of the Month" with the following paragraph:

"Colonial expansion is well represented by this month's chapter of philatelic history. Besides new issues for all German and French colonies and foreign offices, two new British colonies are for the first time introduced to the stamp collector. Japan is also following up

the lead of the European powers on similar lines. The long talked of universal penny post becomes an accomplished fact with the dawn of the new century, the progressive colony of New Zealand leading the way."

In the December number of the *New York Philatelist* "Veritas" treats of the "over-obliging postmaster" as a philatelic abuse. Associate editor Dodge chats pleasantly with us for quite a little bit and then his office cat says some cute things. A story, a kick and a poem complete the *New York Philatelist* proper, but under the heading of *The Fraud Reporter* some good work is done. Mr. Dodge says "Let's have the frauds, and let the victims of misfortune who cannot pay their bills have a rest;" and we wish heartily to endorse the sentiment. Official matter of the Sons of Philatelia is incorporated under that portion of the magazine named *The Collector*.

In the January *New York Philatelist* "Veritas" abuses "The Half Penny Buyer." By him he does not mean the boy who is necessarily so from a lack of finances, but later develops into a valuable customer, but "the close-fisted something-for-nothing sharper of long experience." Mr. J. F. Dodge gives us two pages of quite interesting paragraphs. Three pages are taken up by the *Fraud Reporter*.

The December *Perforator* opens with a picture of a group of Phila-

telic Sons of America at the Milwaukee convention, but as so many of the countenances are in shadow it is difficult to recognize even one face. A readable sketch by Mr. E. R. Steinbruck had the effect of making us think more than along any other line of what a motley set it is that is following the standard of philately. Mr. Reno continues "A History of the Philatelic Sons of America," and in the review department is content with reviewing two publications.

The Christmas Day issue of the *Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist* is the only philatelic magazine we received that contained a decidedly Christmas article. Under the heading of "A Christmas Reverie" Mr. M. C. Spears tells a readable story which reminds the advanced collector that it is not only his duty to advise and direct the philatelic novice, but that it is also a pleasure and one of the best ways in which to keep up one's philatelic enthusiasm. This issue is decidedly a fiction number, for it also contains the second part of "Mildred Deming's Legacy." "Review," "Advice," editorials, and a very large proportion of advertisements complete the issue.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* for a century opener presents us with a forty-page magazine, but over three-fourths of it is advertising. Marcus Mallett has a lengthy essay on "The Stability of Stamp Collecting" in which he speaks of the dangers

philately has withstood, and takes an optimistic view of the future. The article is characterized by an extravagant use of strong adjectives and much figurative language, which is rather unsuitable treatment for such a subject. From "Nuisma's Grumblings" we learn we're "Alloyed" Jones. Mr. C. K. Tarver well uses a page in giving us information about the "Vaal River Colony." Nothing else in this number needs special mention.

The four-hundredth issue of the *Philatelic Era* is the best one for a long time. It is entitled the "Chicago Philatelic Society Special." Its twenty large pages and cover are filled with very interesting reading matter, contributed entirely with perhaps one exception, by members of this hustling society. Pictures and biographical sketches are given of its retiring officers. We lack space to fully review the issue, but honestly say it is such an issue that would make anyone proud to say, "I am a member of the Chicago Philatelic Society." All other societies could well be modeled on the plan of this aggressive association of earnest enthusiastic philatelists.

#### A Sure Cure.

"And, O! did I tell you about little Henry, Grandma? He's got philately on his head."

"Land alive! Well, don't get excited. Jest you put a big poultice of soap and sugar on it, and change it every morning, and it'll be gone in three days."

## FUNNY PHILATELY.

### Cash as a Compeller.

"Do you wait for inspiration, Miss Phyllis Riter?"

"No, I write first and try to get the inspiration afterwards."

### The Charm of Novelty.

"Don't you find the fad of collecting stamps rather tiresome?"

"Oh, no. Now and then I quit collecting some kinds and collect others."

### His Contrary Ways.

"All the clerks in this stamp shop detest that man."

"Isn't he a good customer?"

"I should say not! He's always coming in here to buy some stamp we havn't got."

"This," said the collector, "is the rarest gem in my stamp collection."

"What is it?" asked a friend,

"It is a stamp of Brazil that escaped being surcharged."

E. N. Thusiast—"I only want to live long enough to complete my stamp collection."

Phil. A. Telist—"I wouldn't care to live a few centuries myself."

Col. Lector—"That young nephew of yours seems to be a sticker."

Dealer—"Yes, and you see I've placed him at work hinging stamps."



## SPUTTERINGS.

CHAPMAN-WURTELL CONFAB.—A few wily young "heap big philatelic scribblers" got it thumped into their heads that Chapman, Adhesive II. and Col. Wurtell had been on the war-path since babyhood when they first licked the sweet stuff off of postage stamps. Editors do talk lots through the columns of their papers, but that counts for very little, so if it happens again let the swell writers write their pens dry on the subject and then quit. Such gossip does philately no good and besides does not interest the reader, and is written by the writer solely to "fill space."

It mystifies the writer as notice is taken of the rapidity at which those cuts of philatelists change hands. Last May the likeness of a prominent young collector appeared in a certain eastern paper and every month since it has made its appearance in a journal along with his pedigree, sometimes in a paper in the East and a part of the time in the West. Many such cuts are kept on continually on the road to supply the demand of the enterprising publisher who has an "illustrated philatelic monthly."

AND SLILL THEY COME.—To cork the climax of the initial bow of so many Vol. 1, No. 1s, another monstrous philatelic publication will appear or has appeared this month. It will be about the size of MeKeel's

Weekly only the pages will be 3x4 inches. It comes from the Windy City. If Chicago can't have a stamp paper it can't have  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one.

RESOLVED.—Yes, that over-taxed mind of the editor of the Bay State Philatelist has actually resolved that U. S. Colonials are non-collectable, for the reason that they are "speculative." Well! Well! We would like to see his collection. Wonder if he collects those beautiful Seebecks, or Portugals and Heligolands, or "Greater than has been's"? Mr. W. Otis Wylie says U. S. Colonials are collectable and he ought to know. We'll take all of Mr. G's non-collectables at 65 per cent. off if he don't want them.

BIG CIRCULATION CLAIMS.—How many philatelic papers do you suppose have the circulation claimed by them? Nearly every publisher gives his paper about three times the circulation that it really has, counting three readers to each copy sent out. A certain Boston publisher claims the largest circulation among stamp collectors of any paper, and says the number is from 8,000 to 9,000. Yet a glance at the American Periodical Directory will show his paper with hardly more than 3,000 circulation, while three other journals are chronicled with a circulation exceeding 8,000. It would be a good thing if some enterprising person would issue a philatelic press directory and give the exact circulation of each paper.

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This month we issue our third number, and from the way subscriptions and ads. are coming in the success of the N. P. N. as a leading philatelic journal is almost an assured fact. We are here, and here to stay, and the whole philatelic world will heed our motto, "All the news first."

It is but a matter of time, I think, until the tax on proprietary articles is removed and then watch for a big jump in all kinds of proprietary stamps.

One cent postage is being urged throughout the United States, but so far no definite action has been taken by Congress in regard to the matter.

Now that the 20th century is far along on its journey we are safe from the onslaughts of commemo-

rative sets and 20th century issues from countries whose business it "seems to be" to furnish stamps to the philatelists of the world.

In the way of offering prizes no other stamp paper has ever given away such prizes as the N. P. N. in this month's contest. Glance at inside cover and read for yourself.

Four new vessels have been added to the mail service between the U. S. and China. Thus another distant nation has been brought more closely to this great land of ours.

Since the appearance of the new 1901 catalogue, one hears more complaint in regard to the binding of the book than to the prices it contains.

Our next number will be a special for spring. Dealers don't forget your ad. and send it in before Feb. 25th. The rates you will find elsewhere in this issue.

On account of the shortage of space our New York notes had to be left out of this issue, but will be given in full next time.

Don't miss our next number. There will be no more sample copies, so you had better subscribe now to get the N. P. N. regularly.

Information from Washington tells us that in a time not far off the United States is to have a new set of stamps for regular use. They are to be similar in size and design

to those now in use, but each portrait will have beneath it the name of the personage it represents.

We are all now anxiously awaiting the appearance of the Pan American stamps, and from descriptions they will undoubtedly surpass anything ever issued by this government.

Subscribe to the NATIONAL PHILATELIC NEWS and read "All the news first."

The two national societies will convene in Buffalo, N. Y., on the same date, August 20th to 25th.

Articles on philately appear regularly in nearly all the large papers all over the country, thus proving that an active interest is being taken in stamps.

Notice is given in the January Perforator that that paper is for sale.

Advertise in the NATIONAL PHILATELIC NEWS and prosper.

Something different every month.

China has still the old-fashioned system of letter-carrying. Letter shops are to be found in every town. If he has a letter to send, the Chinaman goes to a letter shop and bargains with the keeper thereof. He pays two-thirds of the cost, leaving the receiver to pay the rest on delivery.

The documentary and proprietary stamp taxes for the year 1900 netted the Government the sum of \$40,964,365. Quite a neat sum for Uncle Sam to carry in his pocket.

## SPUTTERINGS.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 31.

**SAMPLE COPY FIENDS.**—This does not apply to philatelists only, but to any tight fisted galoot who gets it into his head that he will get a collection of papers at one cent per copy. The best place for such critters would be behind iron bars with their spoils as company to pass the time away. A list of such fiends would be another help to philately.

**THE BEST STAMP PAPERS.**—What do you consider the best kind of stamp journal? Is it these kind that give a page of space in exchange for "notes" and review, etc., or the kind that give stamp gossip and helpful, interesting news? Some papers are run for the fun there is in it, and some for the profit. The majority of "short note" papers are being absorbed by the other class and from the view now it seems that we may have a respectable and decent lot of papers by the first of next year. Mekeel's Weekly is acknowledged as the leader among the weeklies, and, if I were choosing from among the monthlies I would have on my list to select from, the Montreal Philatelist, Adhesive, Virginia Philatelist, National Philatelic News or Perforator. Let us hear your choice.

**PUNCTUALITY VS SIZE.**—It seems that several publishers have gotten it into their heads that their subscribers will be satisfied if their paper comes out a month or so behind with two numbers in one and a few extra pages added to make up for the lateness. It is much better to have a paper appear regularly with a fair number of pages than to have it appear irregularly with a few more pages.

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## President's Address.

PEARL, OHIO, February 10, 1901.

GREETING: It is with gratitude that I have the opportunity to greet the members of this society as President, and wish to thank those who so kindly elected me as your leader, and will do my best to fill the office in a satisfactory manner.

I have appointed Mr. H. A. Miller, of Columbus, Ohio, to fill the office of Auction Manager, instead of Mr. Frey, who is suspended.

Also Mr. A. C. Read, of Toledo, Ohio, to act as Librarian.

Hoping that one and all will strive to get at least one new member by next month,

I remain yours fraternally,

R. L. DOAK.

## Secretary's Report.

Cash on hand last report.....57c

Expended since last report, postage.....02c

Expended since last report, O. O.....14c

16c

Balance on hand.....41c

## Application For Membership.

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## Ocean Liners That Handle Tons of Mail.

Most of the big liners that carry the mails now have floating post-offices on board, where all letters and postal packets are dealt with while the vessel is plowing her way through the waves. The sorters have by no means an easy time on board, for they are often at work 12 hours a day during the entire voyage. One sorter on the Kaiser Wilhelm stated that during five months an average of 58,368 letters, 220 sacks of papers and 847 registered articles were handled by four men, or an individual average of 14,592 letters 50 odd sacks of papers and 212 registered articles. In the same period the average post worked on the voyage of the American liners in 17 trips were 92,400 letters, 144 sacks of papers and 1,164 registered articles, or 46,200 letters, 72 sacks of papers and 582 registered articles per man.

The duke of York is one of the most enthusiastic stamp collectors and he has collected to such good purpose that he now possesses one of the finest private collections in the world, and its value is estimated at over \$150,000 at present "philatelic" prices. The poet laureate, Alfred Austin, is another "stamp enthusiast."

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Novelty dealers desiring a good mail order article should read the ad. of the Hodgson Photo Button Co. Photo buttons are all the rage now, so reap your harvest now.

The Cincinnati Postage Stamp Co.'s ad. should interest you. They are on page 38. Read it over and see if there is not something that you want. Write them anyway.

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8 Varieties Corea	10
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4 Varieties Iceland	10
10 Varieties Porto Rico	10
4 Varieties China	10
100 Fine varieties	10
500 Mixed U. S., good lot	30
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50 Varieties, cat. 3c and over	50
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50 Blank approval sheets	20
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8c " "	15	10
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3c Green, 1870-71, O G	2 00	1 00
3c Green, 1873, no gum	1 00	50
3c Pink, 1861, no gum	50 00	15 00
4c Columbian, O G, in lots of 3	24	18
6c " "	12	08
15c " "	30	20

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No. 4 of THE NATIONAL PHILATELIC NEWS will be a

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By purchasing the subscription lists of a number of juvenile papers and combining with our own, it will be necessary to circulate 2500 copies. We know the majority of these to be buyers of stamps, while a great many are beginners. Averaging two readers to each paper, the circulation will reach

# 5000.

**Mr. Dealer...** You would do well to place your ad. in this Special Number, and just to get you to try it, we will make the following

### SPECIAL RATES

1 Page.....	\$2 00	½ Column.....	\$ 90
½ Page.....	1 50	1 Inch.....	30

On account of low rate cash must accompany copy unless persons are known to us. Space can be contracted for at this rate until March 10th, and can be used at any time.

### Important

All copy should reach us not later than 25th of this month. ALSO, any of our advertisers desiring proof of circulation may have same by sending to us, enclosing stamp.

Now don't put this off until tomorrow, but send your copy today.

## The National Philatelic News

Indianapolis, Indiana.

## FREE!                      FREE!

In order to introduce our new approval books and sheets of U. S. and foreign stamps at 50 per cent discount from current catalogue, we will give to every collector who sends for our sheets and encloses good reference and 2 cents for postage,

# Fifty Foreign Stamps Free.

The above packet contains stamps from Cuba, Hawaii, Venezuela, etc. Only one to a customer.

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‡Bolivia, Scotts, No. 106, each.....	04c	‡Venezuela, 1887-88, 2 varieties, lith..	12c
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10c-1869 unused, O. G.....	6.00	3.00
12c-1869 unused, O. G.....	4.00	1.75
90c-1869 used, fair, off cen..	14.00	8.00

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Orrin White has struck a small fortune in a coin recently obtained by him at Vernon.—Manchester Commercial Herald.

Charles H. Bamford of Fayette has made a lucky strike in getting a valuable coin. It is a quarter dollar.—Lewiston Journal.

Hillary Skean of Pottsville, Pa., has received a penny worth several hundred dollars.—Elmira Gazette.

A coin worth a big price to any coin dealer has been found by J. C. Derby of 749 First Street.—Milwaukee News.

Edward Johnson, a young man residing on First Street, has obtained two coins which are rare and valuable.—Wilmington Republican.

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## THE HONORED MEXICANS.

BY E. R. ALDRICH.

While the United States series of adhesives present quite a National portrait gallery, only three heroes have been thus honored by our neighbors across the Rio Grande.

Just as Washington's semblance has graced the greater number of Columbia's issues, so has that of the Mexican Liberator—Hidalgo—been the features most employed by our southern neighbors, gracing all the portrait issues save those of "The Empire" (Scott's type A5), and the 1879 issue (Scott's type 15). The features depicted vary from a full face view in the first issue to a profile in the last, the most faithful representation being said to grace the American Bank Note issue of 1864.

The "Great Deliverer," as the Mexicans delight in calling Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla was born on May 1753, and was educated for the priesthood, and received the little village of Dolores (which in 1824 assumed the name Villa de Dolores Hidalgo in his honor), where besides his priestly duties he busied himself

with agricultural improvements, devoting especial attention to grape culture, as well as interesting himself in public affairs. In 1810 Jourer de Venegas, the Spanish vice regent by attempting to more strictly enforce certain laws drew upon himself the odium of the populace and an extensive conspiracy was organized, of which Hidalgo soon made himself the head. On Sept. 16 the insurgents took possession at such points as they could and on Oct. 20, having concentrated their forces at Valladolid, Hidalgo was made commander in chief. A number of engagements occurred between his forces and those of the Spanish authorities, the success usually lying with the latter until July 1811 when through treachery of his own men he was betrayed into the enemy's hands and by them shot at Oaxaca on the 27th. The seed of freedom planted by "The First Hero of Our Independence" was fostered by Guerrero and later by Iturbide who established the first Mexican Empire in 1822.

To the existence of the second empire Mexico owes the second addition to its national stamp gallery, the profile bust of the unfortunate

Emperor gracing the issue of 1866.

Ferdinand Maximilian Joseph, the younger brother of the Emperor of Austria, was born May 7, 1832. He was governor of the Austrian provinces of Italy when the Napoleonic influences caused the clerical party of Mexico to offer the throne of that faction rent country to him. With the pledge of French protection, urged thereto by the ambitions of his wife, the unfortunate Charlotte, he accepted, and in June, 1864, was cordially received at the Capitol by the clergy and the army, although the adherents of Juarez still held Chihuahua and other portions of the northern part of the country, from which, however, he fled across the boundary the next year. The next year, however, found the republicans again active and under pressure from the United States, the French troops supporting Maximilian were withdrawn and the Empire began to totter. By singular coincidence, treachery, as with Hidalgo, brought about his death, and being betrayed by his own officers he was executed on July 19, 1867. In 1879, as a tribute to his memory, President Diaz ordered the design on the current stamps to consist of a likeness of Juarez.

If Hidalgo is termed the creator of Mexican liberty well may Carlos Benita Juarez be termed its preserver. Born on May 21, 1806, he was but a lad of five when "The Father of Liberty" died, but he seemed to absorb the spirit of freedom from

the very air, even in boyhood, and the love of liberty seems to have been a portion of his Indian heritage. Though born in poverty, through the assistance of a well-to-do benefactor he was enabled to go to the Capitol and study law and became a notary at Oaxaca and soon became the leader of the Liberalists of that state, and was elected in 1864 as deputy to congress. In 1848 he became governor of the state, which he held until Santa Ana became dictator of Mexico, when he was banished. At the restoration of the republic he returned and was appointed by President Alvarez as Minister of Justice. Upon the election of Comonfort the next year he became Chief Justice and Vice-President of the republic. Upon Comonfort's overthrow by Zuloaga and the clerical party he retired to Vera Cruz where he was practically head of a liberal government, styling himself "Constitutional President." Civil war continued during the ascendancy of Miramon, Zuloaga's successor, until he was defeated by Ortega at San Megulilla when he fled to Europe and became the Mexican leader in the French intrigues, Juarez meanwhile (Jan. 1861,) re-entering the capital. In June he was elected president for for four years, and proceeded to enforce the reform inaugurated by Alvarez, but the continual plottings of the Clericals, together with the French invasion, again drove him forth. But never, even when defeat seems so immi-



ment, that penned in with his few followers in the extreme north of Pass del Norte, he sent his family to New Orleans, did he despair of final victory. The downfall of Maximilian brought about his final entry into the capital by force of arms, in July 1867, and he was again elected president and re-elected in 1871 by a narrow margin over Porfirio Diaz (by some error Moeus describes the portrait on this issue as his). This triumph however, he did not enjoy long being stricken by apoplexy and dying on June 18, 1872.

Maximilian after the European custom, placed his own likeness on his adhesives, so only two—the Founder and the Preserver of Liberty—have been honored by the Mexicans, and it is likely to so remain until the day comes when after his death they can similarly honor the memory of their great Pacifier, the present president.

### LOOK OUT FOR THEM.

Collectors should be very careful when purchasing Japanese stamps, as many dangerous counterfeits are seen floating around the country. They are undoubtedly the work of that enterprising "Jap," who sprang up in the vicinity of New York some weeks ago.

The King of Spain can no longer be called "a boy," as his photograph on the new stamps shows him to be quite a man, if looks count for anything.

## WHY THE PRICES OF STAMPS ADVANCE.

BY DON H. WINNER.

What causes the price of stamps to advance? This is a question which many collectors have asked. It is for the collector's benefit that I make the following apology of a reply: The first, and principal cause, is the scarcity of the stamps. Now this does not apply in all cases, for the high price of some stamps are caused by the great demand from collectors, or a very limited quantity being used to begin with, or by speculation. Right now the principal cause for the high prices in certain stamps, especially the Chinese, Hawaiian, Cuba, Porto Rican, etc. In the case of the Hawaiian stamps, the supply is limited, this is a very plain and a very good reason for the high prices charged for them. The Cuban and Porto Rican stamps were mostly all bought up, by one man who cornered the market, then quietly disposed of them to the principal dealers. Since the time he flooded the markets, the prices have fallen considerably. These high prices were certainly cause by speculation. Its true, that before this man, who bought up all the remainder, flooded the market with them, that the extremely high prices were caused by their large demand from collectors and dealers. A speculation will for a time cause extremely high prices, but sooner or later the prices caused by the speculation is sure to lower, for as soon as the speculator floods the market there is almost sure to be an over surplus, thereby causing dealers to lower the prices in order to dispose of them.

## THE PRESS.

By A. LLOYD JONES.

The *Canadian Stamp Sheet* for January has two pages of paragraphs, mostly relating to Canadian stamp affairs. One column treats of a philatelic abuse in the person of the "no-return-postage-man." The closing sentence of an article by "Edmonds," entitled "Stamp News vs. Balderdash" is "More cream, my friend, more cream and less skim milk." The rest of the twelve pages is taken up by advertising and non-philatelic reading matter.

For February the *Stamp Sheet* contains several pages of interesting paragraphs. "Water-marks on Paper" is an instructive essay, occupying two pages. However, it does not treat its subject from a philatelic stand point. The closing paragraph though, says that "stamps on water-marked paper bring from five to fifty times the price of the same stamps on ordinary paper." This is not always so, for the reverse is many times the case. A discussion of "What is a Post Letter," brings out some interesting points and completes this issue's generous quota of reading matter.

Ohio seems to have a climate whose tendency does not seem to produce longevity in philatelic publications, yet it seems to be never

without at least one stamp paper. Its sole representative at present is the *Columbus Philatelist*, published 15 cents per year, by George W. Linn, 85 Wisconsin Ave., Columbus, Ohio. The February number consists of a six page (4½ x 6) and cover publication. Its reading matter consists of notes, under various headings. Not a very pretentious publication, but it has a neatness that augurs well for the future.

In the *Exchange* for January Edgar S. Brightman treats of the denunciations of review departments and of "the idea that an imperforate stamp on original cover is doubtless genuine," when, in fact, it may have been deperforated by the user, as "Popular Errors." The revenue, review, and editorial departments complete the reading matter of this unwieldy publication.

The *International Philatelist* is now "published every once in a while." Vol. X, No. 2, is the March number. It is an eight page house organ, and contains a half column of reading matter.

In *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* of recent weeks, there have been a number of page advertisements, and although we're glad to see such "a revelation of the commercial resources of philately," yet we miss the cartoons they have crowd-

ed out, and are sorry to see the necessitated curtailment of Mr. Severn's "Weekly Review."

The "Twentieth Century Number" of the *Philatelic Advocate* is an issue of over one hundred pages. About half is reading matter, almost every article being an original, readable contribution. It is impossible to review each article in such an extensive magazine. Many of our well known writers are represented. Canadian writers are especially prominent. Arthur R. Butler contributes most, he using ten pages in giving interesting information about United States stamps. The enterprising publishers surely merit the praise they will receive for this star issue.

"Just the same as usual is the way to designate the February *New York Philatelist*." Veritas abuses the "Discount System." We suggest he take himself for his next subject. Editor Herbst, and associate editor Dodge, together fill four or five pages with paragraphs of interest.

The *Office Cat* has a column of bright items, and Abbott keeps up his good work eliminating frauds.

Stanton's *Philatelic Index* of current philatelic literature has been absorbed by the *Philatelic Chronicle*. As Mr. Stanton still has charge of the *Index* feature, this portion will probably add much to the popularity of the *Chronicle*. Herbert Armstrong leads off in the February issue of the *Philatelic Chronicle*, with

a well selected list of stamps that he terms "Good Things to Buy," and especially mentions the 5c Peru of the 1880 issue. Edgar S. Brightman tells how some British dependencies practice "Scientific Robbery on the stamp collector.

The January *Philatelic Inter-Ocean* opens with an essay, entitled, "What is Philately?" that shows one of the reasons for the fascination of philately. A considerable number of newsy notes, and the well-kept-up "Press Directory" complete the eight pages of this interesting paper. However, undoubtedly this periodical would be of still greater interest if its entire space could be devoted to reading matter on our literature.

The *Philatelic Post*, besides its news and review (?) department gives a good article each week, usually by Miss Swift or Mr. Brightman. In the issue of February 7th, was one of the best essays, entitled, "Philately for the Poor Man," by Oliver Crinkle.

The *Philatelic Record's* February issue is Vol. I, No. 2. It opens with a good philatelic essay, on "Hungary." "A Plea for Boys," which appeared in 1896 in the *American Collector*, is well reprinted. A couple of pages of editorials complete the reading matter.

The *Philatelic West and Camera News* is always mammoth, but its January issue is extra large. It is devoting considerable space to coins, Indian relics, pottery, photography,

and philatelic side lines, such as foreign revenues, pre-cancelled stamps, post-marks and souveiner cards. This is a well illustrated number. We have not space enough to even mention the many good articles, to say nothing of reviewing them, but wish to say one of the departments well conducted is a review of foreign philatelic periodicals. There is such variety of reading in this publication that there will be found something to appeal to the tastes of every collector.

A Fearless Champion of the Faith," is what the *Quaker City Philatelist* terms itself. The February issue consists of twelve pages. Mr. Brightman takes "The Sixtieth Edition" for this month's "poetizing." There are two pages of "Gumpaps and Hinges," and two more of editorials. A tabulated list of the number issued of each value of United States Department stamps completes the issue.

The *Stamp Exchange* has been changed to a monthly with the opening of the century. The January number contains cuts of Messrs. G. F. Dold, Robert C. Miller and Rudolph F. Schwedeler, and editor Moisant writes an accompanying biographical sketch for each. Prof. Peltz gives us some good "Philatelic Notes on Hawaii's Stamps." Don. H. Wimmer prophesies from an economic stand point what, in the future, will be "The Demands of Philatelicism." Mr. Brightman,

with this issue takes charge of a very readable department, under the heading of "Among Our Magazines." Many interesting notes, and a goodly proportion of advertising complete the sixteen pages and cover of this magazine, with which the editor, without provocation, expresses himself as displeased.

Copies of the *Rover*, *Odds and Ends*, *The Youths' Realm* and *American Boy*, all of them papers for boys, have been received, and each contains a suitable stamp department. It is such publications as these that do the most philatelic missionary work. The January *American Boy* also contained a stamp story, entitled, "The Problem of a Philatelist," by Carroll Watson Rankin. The plot is hackneyed.

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#### A PULLER.

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After the second number of the *National Philatelic News* was mailed we received this letter, two weeks afterwards: Richmond, Ind., Jan. 28th. *National Philatelic News*, Gentlemen:—I inclose copy for my ad in the next number of the *National Philatelic News*. The N. P. N. is certainly a puller. I was quite surprised at the number of replies received to my small ad, especially since the N. P. N. has just entered the field.

Yours very truly,  
CHAS. C. DESELMES.

The advertisement referred to the above letter did not occupy over two inches.

### SPUTTERINGS.

WOULD IT PAY?—We hear that R. W. French, formerly publisher of the *Evergreen State Philatelist*, has declared his intention of starting a new philatelic monthly, the subscription price of which will be one dollar per year. Will the philatelic public support such a magazine, and would it pay? We think that such a monthly, conducted on the line of the *Cosmopolitan* or *Munsey's* would take favor with the majority. The *Philatelic West*, if entirely philatic, and if good paper and better printing was used, would be the almost ideal journal. A one dollar monthly should have plenty of illustrations, chronicle of new issues, good editorials, and have good, readable articles on philately. If Mr. French conducts his journal along the proper lines it will pay.

WHAT TO COLLECT?—We notice the editor of the *Montreal Philatelist* discusses in his editorials the following subject: "Should Philatelists Collect Fiscals?" First, does that editor know the definition of a "philatelist?"

If he will look in Webster's dictionary he will see that Noah says a philatelist is a person who "loves stamps," or one who collects stamps for the pleasure or profit contained therein. Then fiscals are stamps, so why should'nt a philatelist collect stamps? That old subject, "What to Collect," if often brought into

use when the pen is unable to scratch on other subjects. Let the philatelist collect what he wants from a Brattleboro to a stamp covered cigar box.

PRE-CANCELLED.—Well, as the rest of the "push" have had their say in regard to the above subject, I will now scribble a little. I notice in the *Canada Stamp Sheet* that a writer says that the stamps are cancelled and affixed in the presence of an official of the government, while a correspondent in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* says stamps may be cancelled without the presence of an official or ad libitum. One thing is certain, and that is the pre-cancelling will make a stamp no more valuable than if cancelled in the usual way. Collect what you want.

In this issue will be found the letter of Mr. Barnum of Cleveland, O., in regard to the P. S. of A. being in need of a new secretary. While dwelling upon this point it would be well to state that the secretary of the P. S. of A. is not so well liked, and should not be so "important," or at the next annual convention he will find himself taking a wonderful drop, from which he will never recover.

A certain enterprising society recently had a discussion as to which dealers were the slowest in answering their correspondence, and filling their orders, and it was found that Chicago dealers were the most negligent.

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Our blood begins to boil with envy as we read the account of the New York party who found the block of 25 thirty cent 1869's.

\$1 Red Doc. Revenues are very scarce, and it would be well for all to take advantage of the N. P. N's. generous offer on inside cover.

Since our consolidation with the *Ohio Philatelist* we have found it unnecessary to send out many sample copies, as our regular subscription list is now over 2,000, so those who receive this number marked

"Sample," will kindly subscribe at once, as it will be the last number they will receive unless they do.

The editor wishes it distinctly understood that this paper is not responsible for any remarks or attacks made by its writers and correspondents, as our columns are open to all.

The winners of the prize contest in our last number will be announced next month. It proved such a huge success that we will undoubtedly have a similar contest in the near future.

We have it from good authority (?) that China is soon to issue a new stamp. The design will be a band of boxers murdering a minister. Undoubtedly it will be a very beautiful stamp, (from the Chinese standpoint.)

Advertising experience is the best that any person can have. Once learn to advertise and "the world is yours," so to speak. Never advertise a bargain unless it is a bargain. Stick to the truth and success will ultimately crown your efforts.

This issue is later than usual, but owing to other work of greater importance ye editor could not get to his work sooner. However, we assure our readers that it will not happen again. Will try to give them something better each month. Forms for next number will not close until April 1st, on account of late appearance of this number. Our columns are always open to all subscribers, and do not be afraid to use them.

## ANTI-KISSINGER CRUSADE.

**A Few Reasons why the Boss of the Philatelic Sons of America Should be Relegated to the Back Ground.**

At this time when reform movements of every description are occupying the public eye it is hardly to be wondered that a movement has been started that is destined to catch the eye and hold the ear, for the moment at least, of every up-to-date philatelist in general, and every member of the Philatelic Sons of America in particular. Not that we reformers, in this particular line, wish to be classed with the "Woman with a hatchet," Carrie Nation, or others of that ilk. In the words of the vaudeville classic, Al. Wilson, "Far be it from so." In this instance, however, we feel that reform is a necessity if the P. S. of A. is to live on and be a benefit to our pastime, philately.

Since the society was organized, nearly eight years ago, it has, as time progressed, become more and more, under the control of one man, Mr. C. W. Kissinger, until at the present time it is practically his property to use and do with as he sees fit. Some of the less active members may argue that so long as this "ruler" wishes to devote a goodly portion of his leisure time it is just as well to let him have this control. It is to these members particularly that I now wish to give a few facts which will go to show why this so-called one man rule is

injurious to the welfare of the society, and why steps have at last been taken, to at least attempt, to take the controlling interest out of Mr. Kissinger's hands.

Inasmuch as the writer is at present your treasurer, and consequently greatly interested in the financial affairs of the society, he will dwell on that point first.

As the older members will recall, our first treasurer was Mr. L. W. Mott, and so efficient an officer he proved himself to be that he was almost unanimously re-elected at the second election in '94. However, a few months later his college duties became so arduous that, finding but little, if any, time to devote to philately, his interest in the P. S. of A. began to wane and before his second term expired we find Mr. Kissinger acting as treasurer. Nevertheless, as the next election drew near we find Mr. Mott again a candidate for the office of treasurer. Here Mr. Kissinger's power began to assert itself and by the aid of the votes he controlled elected Mr. Mott to a third term. As in the latter portion of his second term he was treasurer in the name only; the Secretary receiving instructions to turn all funds over to Mr. Kissinger, then president, and from that time to the present Mr. Kissinger has had entire control of the funds of the society. Though Mr. Bishop was elected to the treasurership for two terms and Mr. Brodstone for one term, neither of these gentlemen ever received so much as a pen-

ny from the Secretary, who, happened to be, as now, Mr. Kissinger.

The writer, being partially aware of the way affairs had been conducted in the past, accepted the office of treasurer upon Mr. Kissinger promising to turn over all funds, as the constitution requires. This promise was made to the writer, at Milwaukee, in the presence of President Brodstone and Vice-President Schad. In closing this incident I only need to say that Mr. Kissinger has entirely ignored his promise, and has continued to run things as before.

Possibly the privilege that Mr. Kissinger has most abused is the manner in which he has conducted the official journal. While for the first few years we had an organ of which we could feel, in some measure proud, it has gradually grown into nothing but an abomination, of which it has been, to date, an impossibility to rid ourselves; for Mr. Kissinger saw to it years ago that his paper should be the official journal, and although there has been much complaint against it he has always controlled sufficient votes to keep the constitution from being changed in this particular, and so to-day in our Constitution we find, under Article X, Section 1, that "The Official Journal of this Society shall be the *Perforator*, at Reading, Pa."

Another source of revenue for Mr. Kissinger has been the Auction Department. Although, by the

Constitution, all reports of officers are to be pulished in the official journal without cost, Mr. Kissinger, at an early date, discovered that the advertised sales of the auction department took up much valuable space for which he received no remuneration. This did not please his naturally thrifty nature, so he decided that the auction manager must pay for all space used in advertising the auction sales. So far, so good, but, as the interest in this branch of the society declined, the auction manager found that it was impossible to hold sales with regularity, and so we find three, and even four, consecutive numbers of the official organ minus the auction sales. This did not suit Mr. Kissinger. Just at this time, however, he discovered what a power he was in the society, and that he could run things about as he choose. It was then that he thought of a scheme which would insure a steady income, and he proceeded to carry it out by writing the various candidates for auction manager, to the effect that if they would guarantee to take so much space, in each issue, at so much per page, (and so cheap!) he would see that they got the office. Of course he was far too wise to speak out quite so plainly as this. Instead he asked, so he said, this simply in the interest of the society, that personally, he didn't "need the money." No indeed, he simply wanted a promise to this effect, so that the society would be assured of a good, active man as



auction manager. Did the scheme work? Well, a few times. But if the auction manager failed to get enough lots to fill the space he had promised to take, did Mr. Kissinger make any concessions. Far from willingly. Of course, as I have already said, he was working solely in the interest of the society, so he felt that he should demand the full amount, not for his own benefit, mind you, but so they would work the harder to get a sufficient number of lots for the next sale. To any member who may question the above I would ask that they communicate with either C. E. Babcock, H. C. Crowell or S. P. Lev, all former auction managers. They can also tell a thing or two.

Fellow members the time has come to rise together, and once, and for all time, let this false prophet and schemer know that we have had enough of his arbitrary and hypocritical ruling, and that from now on we intend to have something to say in the management of society affairs.

The Philatelic Sons of America is not dead by any means, we have one of the best sale's departments in existence, we have dozens of enthusiastic and true blue members, and in closing this rather long appeal I wish to beg of every member to stay with us until the fight is over. We need you badly. Don't resign, better days are coming, and that they will be with us by the first of September next, is the prediction of, Yours for the welfare of the P. S. of A.,  
W. H. BARNUM,  
P. S. of A., No. 24.

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