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Mexico officially sealed	" 2 02	Finland	5
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Nyassaland, 1898	" 2 02	Great Britain Army off	2
" 1901, Giraffe	" 2 02	Greece '82	4
Paraguay, off, 1900	" 2 02	" '89	4
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9	½rp greenish blue		.08	03		66	10c dark green		.03	01
12	½rp blue		.03	01		72	3c brown		.04	01
18	½rp green		.05	02		82	2c dark violet		.08	02
*20	1rp blue on salmon		.05	02		84	5c brown violet		.05	05
*22	¼rp, buff		.75	35		97	2c red brown		.05	02
*24	10c blue		.03	01		*99	5c yellow green		.08	02
*47	10c green		.10	05		*101	6c orange		.05	05
*51	25c ultramarine		.03	01		*108	3c dark green		1.00	02
57	1p red brown		2.00	75		*111	2m salmon		.02	01
*64	25c ultramarine		.02	01		*114	2c lilac		.15	06
*65	50c blue green		.03	01		*121	1m violet brown		.02	01
*67	12½ green		.12	06		*124	1c claret		.03	01
*68	25c gray lilac		.05	03		*129	6c violet		.05	02
*72	12½c gray		.15	06		*131	20c olive gray		.15	05
*76	5c blue		.03	01		*135	1m orange brown		.02	01
*80	50c dark green		.05	01		*136	2m		.02	01
*82	5c slate black		.03	01		*137	3m		.03	01
*85	25c ultramarine		.03	01		*138	4m		.50	25
*86	50c gray		.06	02		*139	5m		.03	01
*92	50c brown		.03	01		*140	1c black violet		.06	03
*93	1p yellow brown		.30	12		*141	2c dark blue green		.03	01
*97	5c gray blue		.03	02		*142	3c dark brown		.03	01
*102	2½c dark brown		.10	04		*143	4c orange		1.00	30
*128	20c olive bistre		.25	11		*144	5c bright rose		.06	02
*136	10c brown violet		1.50	50		*145	6c dark blue		.05	02
*141	5c emerald green		.02	01		*146	8c gray brown		.15	06
*143	20c ultramarine		2.50	1.00		*147	10c vermilion		.20	05
*145	2c rose		.05	02		*148	15c slate green		.15	06
*147	20c red brown		.12	06		*157	4m blue green		.04	02
*148	1c dark violet		.02	01		*158	1c claret		.03	01
*149	20c claret		.03	01		*159	2c orange brown		.08	03
*151	5c slate blue		.02	01		*174	2c dark violet		.10	04
*152	10c emerald green		.03	01		*176	2c red brown		.08	03
*153	20c violet		.10	08		*177	5c blue green		.10	04
*162	2c dark blue green		.05	02		*180	5c on 1m violet		.05	02
No in set		Sets		Price		No in set		Sets		Price
10	Argentine Rep.			\$	06	8	Holland			\$ 06
10	Australian				04	14	"			35
6	Belgium Parcel post				10	11	Hungary, 1900			05
3	Antwerp Exposition				04	25	Italy			05
3	Brussels				02	11	Japan, 1900			14
4	British Guiana Jubilee				08	40	Japan			35
6	" North Borneo				12	6	Labuan			15
10	Bulgaria				06	6	Luxemburg			05
6	Costa Rica				06	20	Norway			50
4	"				03	*13	Peru			25
4	Cuba, 1900				07	*10	Porto Rico			09
*20	"				15	10	Portugal			05
20	Denmark				10	15	Romania			09
7	Ecuador Jubilee				35	20	Russia			10
10	Egypt				10	*3	San Marino			22
10	Finland				07	10	Servia			12
33	France				15	4	Soudan Camel			55
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3 Cuba 1878-79	2 South Africa	2 Iceland	15 Italy
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58	"	"	" " " 15
59	"	"	" " " 15
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W. Rae,

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A beautiful unsevered pair of genuine Confederate stamps used during the late war, to all sending for my Packet No. 29 containing 100 var. of choice stamps. Price, 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed or money returned.

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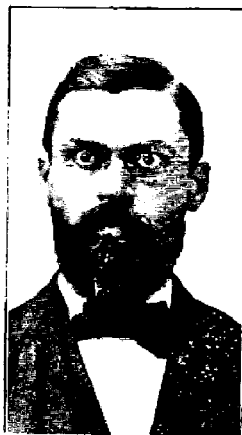
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A SONG FOR THE YEAR THAT IS NEW
BY ROY FARRELL GREENE

*The Old Year has gone with its four-season train
Of pleasures and sorrows, of grief and of gain;
We gave it God-speed and we bade it adieu,
And ushered it out to make room for the New.
Then here's to the future a toast and a song:
May Hope make us happy and Faith make us strong.
Our pleasures be many, our sorrows be few,
Throughout the whole year Nineteen Hundred and Two!*

*May each stamp collector have cause to rejoice
O'er adding to albums some rare "fine" and choice,
A 5-cent New Haven, of blue or of red,
Or an A 9 or 10 of St. Louis, instead.*

*May honest good-fellowship flourish and grow,
And may of new members a thousand or so
Each stamp-club, from Portland to Kalamazoo,
Enroll in the year Nineteen Hundred and Two.*

*May curio lovers from sea unto sea
Join hands and help push the A. S. of C. C.
May minerals, fossils, shells, postmarks and coins,
Increase the collection of each chap who joins!
May birds-eggs be plenty and autographs cheap,
Flint relics be found without digging so deep,
May each cabinet-drawer some rich specimen new
Display in the year Nineteen Hundred and Two.*

*May Brodstone and Wilkinson, Dorpat and Clute,
Friend Thiele, and your own humble servant to boot,
Each whilom contributor, those of today,
Be favored of Fate in an opulent way!
THE WEST, may it flourish and prosper apace,
Each rival leave farther behind in the race;
May its printer receive, and his "devil," their due
Throughout all the year Nineteen Hundred and Two.*



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EDITORIAL

not be forgotten when a choice for the 1903 convention site is made.

We announced last month that subscribers would receive a souvenir with this number. The best kind of a souvenir is a number of extra goodness, and this one, our Holiday and Sixth Anniversary number, is considered worthy of this description.

The portraits of the editors and publishers of the WEST which appear in this number are old ones, hence the dissimilarity of poses and general un-

ate—as usual—Scott's.
We trust that your Christmas was one unalloyed happiness. It is our hearty wish that 1902 will be a year of success and pleasure to you.
This our Holiday and Sixth Anniversary number. How do you like it?
St. Louis still insists that she shall

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satisfactory appearance. An unfortunate mishap prevented the usage of later cuts as anticipated.

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The only stamp we think of that honors a convict with his portrait thereon is the famous "Sydney View" of New South Wales.

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We must insist that all MSS for the WEST be written on one side of the paper, with ample space between the lines for notations, etc. We agree to take care of spelling, punctuation and minor difficulties if this rule is adhered to. Send all MSS to the editor—not to the publisher.

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The addition of camera and other departments to many contemporaries brings to mind the old adage about imitation. The immense success of the WEST has doubtless caused envy—and perhaps covetousness. We wish them all prosperity like unto that enjoyed by the WEST.

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We thank our many correspondents who have remarked favorably anent the advanced subscription price—particularly those who have testified substantially by resubscribing. The number of the latter is large, and it is gratifying to learn in this manner that so many recognize value.

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We have received Part I of Stanley Gibbons' catalogue, which includes the British Empire only. This edition of this catalogue marks the publisher's entrance into the American field. Although it cannot be held to be superior to Scott's, it is equal in many ways. Its greater cost will militate against its general use and obviate the wholesome competition that is needed.

In order to accommodate their American sales to the English money

basis, the minimum valuation is 2c. As the publication is ostensibly the publisher's pricelist, they may adopt this system without criticism.

Stanley Gibbons concedes no prestige to the American Collectors Co., stating that their stock is valued at \$450,000. This probably equals that of the American Collectors Co.

Stanley Gibbons have chosen to give the minor variety careful attention; crusaders against this fascinating branch of philately find food for reflection herein.

As a reference book, this catalogue is invaluable, being thorough and uniformly correct. It will be used extensively by those in need of a work of this character.

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We have found it expedient to defer the final announcements of the results of our MSS competition another thirty days. The labor attendant to the careful reading of the multitude of articles received is considerable, and a little more time must be asked. It is probable that another contest upon somewhat different lines, will be opened soon.

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Like Banquo's ghost, the minor will not down. A component part of philately, it cannot be easily cast out, as some of its traducers appear to believe. The invidious tirades of its pessimistic abusers serve only as an ephemeral distraction, and are accomplishing the securing for it the notoriety that they earnestly do not wish it to enjoy.

This abhorrence of this entertaining by-path of philately, where the student ever finds new vistas of delight, and whose work he who cares not to emulate should, if unselfish, regard with respect and admiration, can only be evolved from a fevered imagination, so imbecilic in its weakness that it distorts the minor variety into an evil creature of terrifying aspect.

We petition for the minor variety the

✿ Jottings from Old England ✿

By Regular Correspondent.

British collectors are agitating the question of annual conventions of the various societies. The American plan is urged upon with favor, and the great success of the American conventions has inspired this move.

The user of our halfpenny post cards is now privileged to write a part of the message upon the face, so long as it does not obscure the legibility of the address. In the inscription, the word "only" never appears, where the directions as to the name and address occur.

The most important recent addition to a philatelist's library is the work entitled "The Complete History of the African War Provisional Stamps", by Bertram W. Poole. Even though all do not collect these stamps, everyone is likely to admit their interest in them. Mr. Poole has covered the ground thoroughly, and the book would be interesting to a person who never saw one of these stamps. It is an apt blending in an entertaining manner of history and philately.

You Americans who detest minor variations should use the catalog issued by Messrs. Whitefield King & Co. as a basis for your collecting, as it omits all such. Another point of interest is that every stamp is priced, whether the firm happens to have it in stock or not. Of course it is unnecessary to remark, that in it, Messrs. Gibbons', prices on Great Britain and Colonials have ascended.

It is rumoured that the Great Britain five pound postage stamp will no longer be issued, the advent of the new set marking its discontinuance. There is little call for this stamp, and the rumour seems well founded.

The heir to the British throne has recently been invested with the title Prince of Wales. We who are aware of his philatelic proclivities may feel proud that we are associated—in spirit at least—with a personage of such exalted rank.

Another stamp swindler has been made to suffer. Henry Scorey, who victimized several English dealers, was tried recently and sentenced to twelve months imprisonment at hard labour.

The Birmingham Philatelic Society, although having a membership of only 267 would serve as an admirable criterion to other societies boasting a larger number of members. I note several interesting facts in the annual report. One of the unusual features of the society is its collection of stamps. Now there would be nothing remarkable about this were it not for the fact the idea is so original. Queer that other societies do not follow the same plan! The library of the society is in charge of a committee who have not been content with merely receiving donations; they have labored earnestly to increase it in size and value and have succeeded in building a library of unusual interest. Another original idea is the collection and preservation of photographs of all the members. What an interesting album that must be! Then there is the counterfeit collection; here again may be seen the same unusual efforts taken to excel, the completeness of this collection being noteworthy and making it of great value.

same cordial support the philatelic press and litterateurs have given it in the past. The emancipator from the "amassing and sticking" period of by-gone days, the minor variety has engendered a race of philatelists, not "ornamental," as one crusader has it, but progressive, logical and persevering, commanding esteem and emulation.

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We do not assert that, the minor variety being favorably regarded, it be arbitrarily insisted that it be given attention by all. This would be absurd. Autant d'hommes, autant d'avis. Let us exercise sound, consistent judgement in the matter and, permitting the student to continue his work unannoyed, encourage others to accept his method as a worthy criterion, not in an idiotic manner—and there are anencephalous individuals who, splitting hair lines and dividing inscrutable points, are nothing but extremists—but in a manner that is at once sensible, commendable and educational.

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The sixty-first edition of Scott's standard catalogue is out just in time to be received in 1901. It is a matter of general regret that this important reference book is not published earlier in the season, at least two months earlier. Perchance public opinion will cause the publishers to exert themselves along this line next fall.

As to the book—he who would find severe fault with it were indeed a carping critic. Errors will show up without doubt, but who can reasonably expect a volumn of this character sold at such a low price to be faultless? The publishers have probably been animated by a desire to issue a book that will be universally acknowledged the best in competition with the catalogues of the world. Gibbons, Moens, Senff, none are as acceptable in arrangement, printing, bind-

ing and cost.

One fault however is of a nature serious enough to call for mention. It will be remembered that a few months ago a circular was given the philatelic public, wherein the publishers declared their ambition to make their catalogue a correct compendium of actual market prices, and their intention to adopt this plan in extenso. That they have failed in this a cursory examination makes apparent. So the familiar 33⅓ and 50 per cent discount will continue to obtain. This fault is regrettable the more so because of the disappointment suffered by collectors who anticipated a conscientious regard by the publishers for the announcement. Their failure to adopt the net price method still leaves the American catalogue field open for successful competition.

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We acknowledge receipt of a beautiful McKinley sofa pillow cover. The donor Mr. Pomeroy of Lockport, N. Y. can supply them to our readers at an attractive price.

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We are planning to make our next number of special interest to P. S. of A. members. Cuts of officers will appear and some attention will be given the society. This number will reach the members of every American society of consequence, and, recognizing the fact that the society members are always the best buyers, advertisers will take advantage of this opportunity to get business.

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Do not forget that our Department of Inquiry, in charge of Mr. Dorpat, is open and ready for business. Send in your difficulties—they will be solved for you and gratis, too.

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We intended to start the year with new cover design but were disappointed. It may be expected next month.

DEPARTMENT
OF INQUIRY ?

Conducted by
L. G. DORPAT, Sheboygan, Wis.

Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address, and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included besides the fee above provided for.

9. *What is the nature of the 10 sg. Prussia as regards paper?*—This stamp, as well as the 30sg., is not printed on paper at all, but on goldbeater's skin, which is the prepared outer skin of the caecum of the ox. The color is soluble in water and is printed on the gummed side, i. e. on the back, the design shining through the transparent skin. It is very difficult, almost impossible, to remove these stamps from a letter without destroying them; either the color will come off, or the skin will shrivel.

10. *Do the color differences in the stamps of the Netherlands 1891-94 signify different issues, or are they shades only of the same issue?*—That depends on what is to be understood by a separate issue. Design, paper, perforation and use were not changed, but the change in color, though slight, was, no doubt, intentional, and may be considered an improvement of the issue or a new issue in improved color according to pleasure. I for my part prefer the former.

11. *Why are English Telegraph stamps so rarely met with?*—There were millions of them printed and used, but the stamps are affixed to the telegraph forms, which are filed in the office until destroyed. It is with them about the same in this respect as with U.

S. periodicals. These were kept by the postoffice and destroyed too.

12. *How may a beginner distinguish the early issues of U. S. stamps from one another?*—The first issue (1847) is inscribed "Post Office". The second (1851) has "U. S. Postage" but no figures of value except the 10cents which has a Roman X for 10. The third (1861) has Arabian figures of value in the upper corners. The fourth (1869) is almost square and has the higher values in two colors.

13. *Have the U. S. ever issued stamps with a "facsimile" on the face, and what is the meaning of that surcharge?*—The U. S. have not—but Senf Brothers of Leipzig have years ago sold copies or counterfeits of the rarer U. S. stamps (such as newspaper stamps) overprinted "facsimile" so as to make them easily distinguishable from the originals. Facsimile means likeness or counterfeit. The U. S. have, however, made counterfeits of the 5 and 10cents of 1847; the original plate having been destroyed a new one was engraved to reprint these stamps for the Philadelphia Exhibition of 1876.

14. *What is the meaning of the surcharge on the 1883 issue of Cuba?*—A large theft of stamps having been committed, all those remaining in the postoffices were overprinted to distinguish them from the stolen stamps. The surcharge consequently means as much as "not stolen".

15. *Does any one of the readers of the Philatelic West know whence the surcharge ^{I. R.}_{V. H. C.} in red on the 1 cent Omaha emanates?*

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

By A. L. Wissman.

With this issue your humble servant, at the request of the editor begins to give you items gathered each month. We sincerely trust that they be of interest to the many readers of the WEST.

We desire in starting, to mention a few facts regarding St. Louis, Mo. Its location on the Mississippi river almost in the geographical center of the U. S. has many advantages. For over an hundred years it has been the great supply depot for the ever increasing population of the boundless West the far away North and the sunny South. Almost everything for and from these sections passed through our great mound city. Foreigners do not know much about St. Louis because it is an inland city, but our citizens intend to advertise it as never before, by having the largest and best World's Fair ever held. It will positively open to the public on May 1, 1903. It will cover an area of about a thousand acres. The World's Fair management has control of fifteen million dollars to make it a grand success. Everybody far and near invited and welcome. While St. Louis has not gained renoun as a philatelic center, still it is not a "dead one" by any means. We want the society conventions of 1903, and have every argument on our side, we are going to get them—watch us.

Ye Merry Christmas season is at hand and the downtown stores are so busy now that the salespeople are very glad when the day is over. Ye scribe called on some of the stationers to inquire if calls for stamps and albums were more or less than in previous years. Some stationers said calls for this class of goods were better while others said that one year was about the same as the other. Of course some calamity Howlers were encountered. But then the less said of this class the better.

OUR GERMAN LETTER.

By Harold Roe Smith

Besides the discontinuance of the Wurtemberg stamp, the stamp of Germany is to be changed. The scroll work in the lower corners is to be taken out and the name changed at the bottom of the stamp from Reichsport to Deutcherrick.

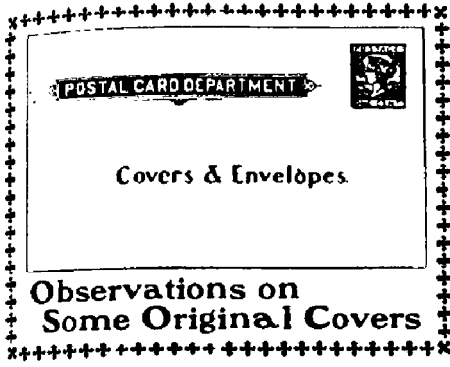
I have had a long talk with an expert on Bremen stamps. He has pointed out the difference between the genuine and counterfeit of the 3gr. The genuine has a small dot to the left of the middle point of the crown, this is omitted in the counterfeit.

A peculiarity of this first issue is that the three type varieties were printed on the same sheet. A collector pointed out a strip of three stamps, one of each variety. In this same collection I saw an entire sheet of the 1kr dark brown Wurtemberg 1857, unused, with original gum. This sheet is valued at \$1200.

The collecting of postmarks is in infancy in America; here they have a catalogue of all the rare postmarks of Germany and all the old states. Some of them being valued at 100 marks each where the stamp without the postmark is worth but 5c. There are four of the 1st issue of Wurtemberg 3kr that are worth over \$5 each the sketch of the enclosed gives an idea. Collector can look up their Wurtemberg and see if they have drawn a prize.

My intention was to write an item on passports but as it is foreign to the state business will only say I came with one, it was demanded, I made several trips to the American consul, found an American citizen who would certify my being an American, a few days later a passport back from Berlin, should the Bulgarians or Turks wish to see it will send it to them by mail. "I have not time or inclination to deliver it to any person."

By the way, I sent a unique entire the "Dovidge" at Omaha a few days since. A whole sheet of 50 2Pf Wurtemberg outside strip around entire sheet. It was placed on the back of an envelope large enough to be entirely covered. The package was registered, as it contained a lot of entires. The stamps catalogued 2c each, which makes it a investment on the face as well as a safety on the back of it. 50c would purchase this registered including a handsome Post Kart Views, which will serve to keep the envelope from being



CHECK LIST FOR THE MONTH ENDING DEC. 16.

(Adhesives)

By Albert H. Hall

- Austria** Regular Issue with lines.
 - 1 hel.er. lilac
 - 2 fillers, dark gray
 - 3 " bistre-brown
 - 4 " blue-green
 - 6 " orange
- Bolivia** Regular Issue.
 - 1 centavo, brown-violet
- Columbian Republic** (Cartagena) Provisional Issue.
 - 1 centavo, pale blue
 - 2 centavos, bistre-brown
- Dominican Republic** Postage Due Stamps.
 - 2 centavos, brown-olive
 - 4 " " "
 - 5 " " "
 - 10 " " "
- Ecuador** Regular Issue.
 - 5 sucres, gray-black and black.
- Gold Coast** Provisional Issue.
 - "One Penny" on 6d lilac and blue
- Guadeloupe** Regular Issue.
 - 5 centimes, yellow-green and red
- Hungary** Regular Issue.
 - 6 fillers, bistre
- Japan** Regular Issue.
 - ½ sen. slate
- Monaco** Regular Issue.
 - 15 centimes, brown on buff
- Newfoundland** Regular Issue.
 - 4 cents, Purple
- North Borneo** Provisional Issue.
 - 1 cent, yellow-brown and black, red sur'g
 - 2 cents green " " "
 - 3 " lilac and olive-green black " "
 - 4 " carmine and black " " "
 - 5 " orange " red " "
 - 6 " olive-brown " " " "
 - 8 " brown-lilac " black " "
 - 12 " blue " " red " "
 - 18 " green " " " " "
 - 24 " claret " blue black " "
- Paraguay** Regular Issue.
 - 1 peso, slate
- Rhodesia** Regular Issue
 - 7 sh 6d black
- St. Pierre and Miquelon** Parcels Post Regular Issue surcharged "Colis Postaux"
 - 10 centimes, carmine on rose
- Salvador** Revenue used for postage.
 - 1 centavo, black
- Servia** Provisional Issue.
 - "15 para" on 1 dinar, red on blue.

Observations on Some Original Covers

By R. R. THIELE.

(Continued from last number)

Some interesting covers are occasionally produced by the neglect of our foreign correspondents in not affixing quite as much postage as is necessary to prepay. As in the Postal Union deficient postage on letters of foreign origin is doubled in collection by ways of punishment for having such negligent correspondents, letters may on occasion show no end of postage due stamps. Thus there, is before me a letter originating at St. Johns, New Foundland. It bears 8 cents in half cent stamps (dog) and one 1c stamp, a total of 9 cents, being the triple letter rate. But it contained heavier enclosures than this postage would represent and the exchange office—New York presumably—impressed its deficiency mark, the T in a circle, with the ominous legend:

COLLECT POSTAGE, 68 CENTS

As a result the letter bears on its face 34 one cent postage dues, stuck all over its face, part of them adhering to each other and folding back to show the address, and three two cent postage dues, while the back of the letter bears 14 more one cent and 7 two cent dues. There is literally not room enough left to put on another stamp without partly covering those already on the letter. The dues are cancelled by an impression of the canceller at the corner of every four stamps, but the clerk's muscle gave out before he got through and most of them are virtually uncanceled.

(To Be Continued)

ERRATA

H Berg, Faribault, Minn. writes to change every 50 to 5; Toledo Stamp Co says to add Hawaiian 5¢ Rev stamp, blue, very pretty at 25¢; C Hovet says \$11 should be \$1; Washington Stp Co, Chicago, says No 12 should be 1897. No 25 \$1 and address should be 4216; C Cooley auction sale No 27 same as 81 and lot 87 has been removed and lot 70 K left out; Eagle Stamp Co 500 should be 5000; LW Stillwell, Deadwood, 15 Indian photos should be 150

Our Illustrations

CHAS. A. NAST.

The subject of this sketch was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1856. When twelve years old he narrowly escaped becoming a collector like his "big brother", the well known philatelist Fred A. Nast of Brooklyn, N. Y., was at that time a collector. Both forgot philately, until each, without the knowledge of the other, drifted back into it again later in life.

Mr Chas. Nast, who is now the leading photographer of Denver, Colorado, began to collect four years ago. He has a family of six children and it amuses these greatly to see "papa playing with his stamps", as one of them puts it. When his brother heard Charles was collecting stamps he advised him to go in for adhesives of the U. S. and colonies but the Colorado man began instead to collect entire the U. S. Revenues, then plate numbers took hold of him, then he added match and medicine to his specialties and later he has gone into cancellations of the proprietary stamps of 98.

In 1876 Mr. Nast was employed in the Denver Post Office and a part of his duties then, was the keeping of accounts with the various newspapers. Strange to say, though he handled thousands of dollars worth of each denomination of the newspaper stamps of that day, he never felt interested in the slightest degree. His collection is a large and very valuable one, his specialty of cancelled proprietaries numbering nearly 2000 varieties. He has promised the Philatelic West an article on this subject for the next issue.

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R. F. MADDIGAN.

Mr. Maddigan is 33 years old, and is engaged in the grocery business at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada- Mr. Maddigan is a general collector, but has a preference for Brit-

ish Colonies, Canada and the United States. During the twelve years that he has been interested in philately he has made a collection of 4000 varieties. His collection includes many of the desirable provisionals of his native province. He also exhibits an interest in original covers, post cards and has a nice lot of coins. As an amateur photographer, Mr. Maddigan has been unusually successful.

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LUIS ESPINOSA.

Mr.—or, more properly, Sr.—Espinosa commenced collecting stamps eleven years ago. He now possesses a general collection of value. He is a member of the American Philatelic Society, Philatelic Sons of America and Stamp Collectors Protective Association of America.

Face value of Stamps.
By L. G. Dorpat.

When our Post Office Department undertook to issue 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 dollar stamps, there was a complaint raised many that such high values were not needed, as no body would ever write a letter requiring so high a rate of postage. But before that our government had issued 3, 6, 9, 12, 24, 36, 48 and 60 dollar stamps to be used to denote the prepayment of postage on newspapers and periodicals, and they were used. The highest value ever issued by any country for a postal purpose was the \$100 periodical stamp of 1895 of the U. S., which was needed as long as any of the periodical stamps of that year were needed. Great Britain had as early as 1882 issued a pound stamp \$24 35. Other countries stayed far behind. But some of them excel in the issue of very low values, the lowest being the ½millesima de peso of Cuba and other Spanish colonies which equals 1-200 part of 1 cent U. S. money in other words; for 1 cent one might buy 200 of these stamps. Another very low value is the 10 reis Brazil which equals just 3 mills of our money. The 5 rits of Japan is of the same value. One Kreuzer of Austria is 4 mills, ¼ cent Canada is 5 mills, and Germany's 3 pfennig is 3 mills. The lowest rate, however, without any stamp, is that of the free sample in the U. S.

Notes For U. S. Collectors

E. R. ALDRICH,

In Drew's November sale while none of the great varieties are offered there are brought together eighteen lots of U. S. where the specimen catalogs \$50 or over.

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Now that the Pau Americans are a thing of the past we can expect to see the price of used set gravitate to what they really are worth. The range of price at which I have seen them advertised in the past fortnight is from nine to twenty cents a set.

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Since my remarks a couple of months ago about the \$30 revenue there seems to have been a change in the conditions of the market on that value for whereas they were then being seldom offered. In the last month I have noted over forty offers of specimens or pairs either in auction sales or dealers ads though in most cases no price is quoted in the latter.

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The finest collection of precancelled stamps in existence is undoubtedly that of C. C. Lewis of Northampton Mass. who possessed over three hundred and twenty five varieties on the first of November and who was still looking for a few specimens he knew existed but which he did not have. If you figure upon starting a collection of these interesting specimens you have a fair idea of what you have before you.

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The Perforator gives a list of rarities in the revenue collection of Clarence H. Engle and among the lot is a Thos. E. Wil on medicine stamp said to be the only one in existence, the same statement as is made in the Boston Society's work except the stamp was located in Boston.

In precancelleds I have received two specimens this month which could hardly be told as such off the cover. The C. W. Bennet Newspaper Agency of Coldwater, Mich. has been using one cent value pen cancelled with a single line and the Elkhart Carriage Co. of Elkhart Ind. using the same value cancelled with a wide rule.

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It is not often that Albinoes are offered at auction but six specimens are listed in the November Chicago society sale of the 1887 issue. Speaking of Albinoes I recently discovered as a present from a friend a pair of envelope, one folded within the other the outer normal, the inner without color, current issue on blue. It is an extremely interesting piece showing one way which Albinoes are caused,

In advertising articles, care should be taken to describe the article intelligently and thoroughly. Tell just how it is, what quality it is, how it compares in price and duration with similar articles, and, in fact, the whole story. Don't leave anything out—don't leave any points to be guessed at, and always have an illustration. Your advertisement is your salesman. What it says to the people who read it will influence their buying.

The ad that pays the reader will seldom fail to pay the advertiser.

An illustration in an advertisement gives to it individuality and tone. It makes the announcement of an establishment stand out with strong effect and enables the merchant to get greater benefit from the space used. If a two-dollar space can be doubled in value by the use of a 75 cent cut the merchant has made a profit of \$1.25 because of his wise use of that advantage which increases the value of his space.

The strongest point of the ad should always appear last, since last impressions are retained longest by the mind.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

The Porto Rican stamps canceled with thunder bolts have served as telegraph stamps.

No clue has been found to the stamps stolen from the government exhibit at Buffalo, July 3-4.

The correct pronounciation of 'Maf-eking' is Maf-ee-king (with 'a' as pronounced in cat, and accent on second syllable).

The 14c 1898 Prop. can be changed to any number of shades by subjecting it to sunlight different lengths of time.

The two-cent Omaha stamp represents a harvest scene taken from a photo from life on a field of the Sharon Land Company, at Amenia, North Dakota.

The Japanese government is about to issue a new stamp to commemorate the death of the Prince Kitashirakawa, who died November 5, 1895. The stamp will be of the 3 sen denomination.

In Paris and in London recently, men have been arrested in connection with forgeries of the current issue of Russia which were to have been used to defraud the Russian post office.

The Chinese in this country, especially on the Pacific Slope, buy or collect old United State stamps to use in purchasing female slaves from their own countrymen. The stamps are used in China for decorating.

The total number of all known varieties of postage stamps issued by all the governments of the world up to the present time is 16,081. Of this number 141 have been issued in Great Britain and 4,342 in the various British Colonies and Protectorates, leaving 11,798 for the rest of the world.

Dividing the totals amongst the Continents, Europe issued 3,823, Asia 2,966, Africa 2,775, America (including the West Indies) 5,258, and Oceania 1,243. 1,455 new varieties of stamps have been issued throughout the world in the space of 18 months.

The Republic of Salvador has issued more varieties of postage stamps than any other country, the number being 403. Next in order comes the United States with 303, Spain with 293, followed by Nicaragua with 279, the Philippines 228, Uruguay 221, Victoria 220; Cuba 217, and Mexico 214.

Danube S. N. Reprints.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

The Danube Steam Navigation Company reprints were made in 1877; the reprints which come perforated and imperforated are characterized by colors brighter than those of the originals, and the perforation gauging 10 instead of 9.5, as in the originals. The paper of the originals is hard and thin, while that of the reprints is thicker and rather soft.

A Notable Gallery. Philatelic Era.

Brodstone continues to cram the Philatelic West full of good things for collectors. The portraits which adorn the covers form a notable gallery of big and little lights.

Your advertising next month will bring better returns if your advertising this month convinces the public that what you say can be depended on

Chips.

By E. R. Steinbrueck

Interesting to collectors of postmarks and to those collecting stamps showing postmark may be the news that during last summer, in the cities of Alkassar and Meknes, in Morocco, postoffices were established.

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Probably not everybody has noticed that there are two different spellings on the stamps of the Marshall Islands, German possessions. The older spelling reads "Marschall Inseln", while the present is changed into the English version "Marshall Inseln". Of course are stamps of the former spelling the higher in price.

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The denominations of the German stamps in Pfennige latest issue showing the bust of Germania in armor will be discontinued April 1st 1902, and remainders will be called in. The new German stamps will have the bust of Germania smaller. This will render the present issue scarcer. But the Germans being great writers (as philatelic magazines prove) German stamps are not so very scarce, barring the lowest denominations 2 and 3 Pfennig of present and previous issue.

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Everybody knows how much fuss has been made about Admiral Dewey's victory over the Spanish wooden war tubs. Not everybody knows though that in Clarendon the fuss went so exceedingly far as to have used Dewey's head, it is said, on the cancellation stamp used on letters mailed at that postoffice.

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In Venice Italy stamps are cancelled lately by machinery, using a design of the Italian flag. The flag shows stripes up and down, in the left corner the cross of Savoy and the letters V. E. II in the middle. The machinery is made in the

U. S. and all the larger post offices are going to be supplied in the same manner

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I found a black print of 1 Groschen Hanover under 1 Groschen postally used both same type Scott's design cut No. 7. It may be a ½ Groschen the stamp being scalped a little at the figure. There is neither ½ or 1 Groschen black of that type though mentioned in Scott's. Who can explain?

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Talking about Scott's catalogue I for my part think it very unsatisfactory speaking of 60th edition. I came across several older stamps in my possession but of no recognition in Scott's. And what is the meaning of giving to the stamp world a catalogue which every exchange wants for a basis without quotations of a lot of stamps. I think that's absurd and hope edition 61st will be more to the point.

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A standard catalogue is not a private price list. A standard catalogue is a basis for every business transaction (or should be) among stamp men who buy such standard catalogue for that special purpose.

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Who wants to go to the philatelic convention at Helsingfors Finland? They were going to hold their fifth annual convention at that city, but no!—the Czar of all Russia forbade by imperial ukas the friendly gathering of the heralds of civilization, smelling some nihilistic schemes. Poor fretting thing such an emperor.

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Old Philippine stamps of the number of five millions were burnt at Antwerp. Should raise the price you speculators.

R. Roberts, Norwalk, O. says he could hardly get along without the West at double the price and we are are justified in raising the price. He often wondered why we did not do so before.

Past - Present - Future.

OUR SIXTH BIRTHDAY

The WEST is now six years old. December, 1901, was its sixth anniversary.

It is customary with the human family on such portentous occasions as birthdays to indulge in felicitations. Although it is our usual habit to refrain from self praise, we feel that such an event as a sixth birthday makes fitting some reference to the WEST, its past, present and future.

Six years is a ripe old age for an independent stamp paper; in fact, it is a remarkable age for a paper published by non-dealers to attain. No other American philatelic paper of similar nature is as distinguished; we believe we are correct in stating that no other philatelic paper in the world, owned and published by collectors, is as old as the WEST.

A publication may exist a greater number of years than its contemporaries for but two reasons: through the unremitting financial support of its publishers; through the support of the public.

SELF SUPPORTING

Since the first year of publication, the WEST has been entirely dependent upon the support accorded it by collectors and dealers. This is significant; it is readily perceived that this support must have been wholesome to have enabled us to publish the WEST for six years and to issue 100 pages monthly.

No stronger argument as to the merits of the WEST can be offered than this: it is what its subscribers and advertisers have made it—the oldest, largest and best.

UNUSUAL SIZE

The WEST has not only attained age—it has attained size. The twelve numbers issued during 1901 contain over 1000 pages, one half of which is pure philatelic matter. Here, also, the WEST leads. Venturesome competitors have, at irregular intervals, issued special numbers of 60 or 80 pages, but none have ever issued two such numbers in succession.

We do not resort to the use of reprinted matter, dry reviews or articles prepared to fill space, in order to continually issue 100 page numbers. Regular subscribers can attest that nothing but the best work of the most proficient writers is inserted. This rule is diverged from only in that a limited number of short clippings of unusual value and translations of the most interesting articles appearing in foreign publications are made use of. Attention is directed to the following regular features of the WEST that are original and are not to be found in other monthlies: Foreign Review; Department

SPECIAL FEATURES

of Inquiry; English Correspondence; German Correspondence; Illustrations of prominent Philatelists.

It is not our custom to speak of future prospects. We deal not in futurities. Prospective subscribers are expected to judge by what they see in the number before them—not by what may be promised. Thus no dissappointments are suffered, the gradual improvement being in the nature of an addition to what might have been consistently anticipated.

Suffice it to say that during the present year the editorial staff of the WEST will remain unaltered. In the philatelic work, Mr. Thiele will continue to give a monthly resume of the foreign philatelic press in his own inimitable manner. Mr. Thiele's review is not the usual curtailed, uninstrucive, uninteresting review, but a concise, thorough treatment, a full translation of leading articles being given, attention being paid only to those publications which

**FOREIGN
REVIEW**

the majority do not see or cannot read. A radical departure from the customary review has been made, no attention whatever being given American publications; instead, correct translations of the best matter of all German, Latin and other foreign publications is presented.

Mr. Dorpat will remain in charge of the Department of Inquiry, and subscribers are enabled to enjoy a valuable privilege not offered elsewhere.

**DEPART-
MENT OF
INQUIRY**

It will be remembered that Mr. Dorpat conducted a similar department in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News for many years with signal success; Mr. Wm. C. Stone recently remarked that this department "was always a source of interest to me and I often picked up bits of information there that were not easy to find elsewhere." Subscribers to the WEST are to be congratulated upon being able to draw upon Mr. Dorpat's diversified store of information.

Regular correspondents in England and Germany will continue to give in each number items of general interest noted in England and the continent. These correspondents are versatile news gatherers, and their work is of unusual interest.

**PHILATEL-
ISTS ILLUS-
TRATED**

A well liked feature of the WEST, the publication of half-tone cuts of philatelists of note, will be continued. Cuts of scores of well known collectors and dealers of America and abroad have adorned the pages of the WEST in the past; an owner of a file of back numbers possesses, in this one feature alone, something of great value and perpetual interest. These cuts are made solely for use in the WEST, and are necessarily expensive, as from six to ten are used for each number.

Collectors will be kept posted on counterfeits by a continuation of the articles on this subject. These are prepared by a well known authority and are invaluable.

An unusually attractive series of articles on other subjects will appear during the year. Expense has not been spared to secure the best work of the best authors.

We have been fortunate in securing a number of exhaustive essays on the postal emmissions of countries which, while affording interesting fields for work, have been neglected by American authorities. Other articles on topics of general interest will appear from time to time.

In the Curio and Camera departments, Mr. Greene and Mr. Clute will be found. Mr. Greene has made the Curio department interesting and valuable, and those engaged in this line of study find that in no other publication in its superior met with. Mr. Greene is a well known litterateur. He is on the staff of contributors to "Puck," and other work from his pen appears in the leading magazines. His management of the Curio department of the WEST is characterized by that same high degree of excellence that has made his literary work so successful.

**CAMERA
DEPART-
MENT**

Our camera loving clientele are aware that Mr. Clute is a leader in amateur photographic journalism, his work being eagerly sought for by the leading camera magazines. He has gathered around him a coterie of writers of note, and original articles from their pens appear each month. Under his efficient management the camera department of the WEST has been made equal to any camera magazine for amateurs published. Every effort has been made to make the camera department interesting and instructive; that this has been accomplished is evidenced by the great popularity this department has, the WEST having a larger circulation among amateur photographers than any other similar monthly.

No alteration will be made in the present size and arrangement of the WEST. Philately is allotted 50 to 60 pages in each number, the remaining space, 40 pages or more, being given up to the curio and camera departments.

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VALUE;
LEAST COST**

In subscribing for a philatelic paper, the greatest value for the least cost is what is wanted. No other monthly in the world offers as great a quantity of as remarkable quality as the WEST.

The WEST costs 50c per annum (outside of America, 75c per annum). It is fully equal to any four 25c publications, both in size and worth. It is the largest and best monthly published for the average collector—it has no successful competition whatever.

A subscription to the WEST is a safe, conservative investment, bearing an usurious rate of interest.

**Counterfeits and
Their Detection**

By *Lacus Viridis*

MEXICO. I have before me a number of counterfeits of the first Imperial issue of Mexico, the one of 1864 with crowned eagle. The genuine issue was engraved in *taille-douce* (the same as our U. S. stamps,) whereas these forgeries are lithographs, but at least some of the latter are nevertheless very deceptive. First of these is one of the 1 real blue. On the genuine stamp the head of the snake is quite distinctly drawn, even showing the protruded tongue on clearly printed copies, but on this counterfeit the head is quite blunt and shapless, giving the vicious serpent somewhat the aspect of an angleworm. The tail of the same serpent shows a distinct twist to the left and upward at its end, while on the forgery the tail ends with a downward twist. The left wing of the eagle on the genuine extends considerably below the top of the convolution of the snake next to it, but on the forgery it ends even with the top of this convolution. The top of the same wing on the genuine stamp is even with the base of the crown on the eagle's head; on the counterfeit it does not come so high by two or three shadelines. The cross on this crown on the genuine stamp points almost directly at the base of the second O in CORREOS, but the cross on the counterfeit points at the space between O and S. On the genuine the eagle is distinctly seen sitting on a leaf of the nopal or cactus plant with his left foot; on the forgery this foot is somewhat exaggerated and the leaf disappears entirely, leaving the eagle suspended in the circumambient atmosphere. The letters of the word CORREOS are not evenly spaced on the genuine, e. g. the C and O

are very close together, while their is more space between O and R; the two R are again rather nearer together than the R and E which are too far apart, due partly to the spacing, partly to their coming on the curvature. On the counterfeit the draughtsman sought to correct this evident defect, so that the letters of this word here are all evenly spaced. The letters of the two words UN REAL on the counterfeit are entirely too large (probably to give more prominence to the fact of the stamp being so unreal;) for instance the U of UN should be far below the first NOPAL, at the right, but it points at the outermost one.

The oval at the sides, between the upper and lower inscriptions, is shaded by parallel vertical lines; on the genuine stamp these show a curious *moire* effect, like watered silk, which is entirely absent on the counterfeit.—One odd thing about all genuine stamps of this set is that the left upper corner on the stamps of all values shows a slight downward hang, especially noticeable in the white horizontal line above the left upper spandrel. As all values show it, it would seem that it must have been in the original die, which was probably engraved without value, these being added on transfers taken from the original die. Whether it was a slip of the of the designer or an accident to the die that caused it, I cannot say, of course. This fault does not appear on any of my counterfeits; the forger here did not improve his product by improving on the original.—I have two other forgeries from the same stone, one for the 4 reales and one for the 8 reales. They are exactly similar to the 1 real already described except the value; this is much too large on both, both the CUATRO and OCHO beginning about opposite the serpents tail instead of near the nopal leaf.

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The History and the Stamps of Hawaii

By L. G. Dorpat.

The 2cts of 1864 shows Kamehama VI. an account of whom is not at hand. The 18cts acquaint us with Kehuanaoa, father of Kamehameha IV. and V. and husband of Kinan, the daughter of Kamehameha I. Lunalila (Lemalilo?) succeeded Kamehameha V. in 1872, but died two years later (see the 50cts of 1883), when the throne was claimed by Queen Emma, wife of K. IV., and by Kalakana. She got but 6 votes against 36 for Kalakana and appealed to arms and was in a good way to succeed, but English and American bayonets drove her back. Kalakana was king from 1874 to 1891 and must have made friends with his opponent, for on the \$1.00 of 1883 appears her likeness, while his own is found on the 2cts seal brown of 1875, the 10cts of 1882 and 1883. For his successor he had designated his younger brother, prince Leleiohoku whose image found a place on the 12cts of 1875, but who died in 1887. Kalakana's sister Likelike took the 1ct blue of 1882 and Queen Kapieolani, Kalakana's wife got the 15cts of that year. Kalakana was succeeded by his other sister Lydia Kamekaeha Liliuokalani (see the 2cts of 1891). She was the last queen and some of the readers of the PHIL. WEST may have seen her, when she visited the U. S. after losing her throne in 1893. She had attempted a change of the Hawaiian constitution, which the foreign-born element deemed cause enough for deposing her and instituting a provisional government. The stamps of the island, new and old issues, were surcharged, Provisional—GOVT. —1893' 10 of which are listed. In the following year the republic was proclaimed and a new issue of stamps with president Dole on the 25cts marked the new epoch. The 5cts of this issue is the only one that appeals to the old Hawaii patriotism, the 1, 2, 10 and 12cts being more of the nature of an advertisement for the islands. The new government from the

very beginning contained a strong element aspiring annexation to the U. S. with which close relations had existed long before as the stamps of 1852 and 1853 testify. This element succeeded during the Spanish-American war, and now Uncle Sam has made his own stamps do duty in those far-off islands. The white race rules now where the Kanaka (polynesian-malay) once were in royal power; it is to be wished for, however, that the original inhabitants will never disappear, because they are a people of peculiar and rare attributes, physical perfection, mild disposition, dexterity and poetical grace being among them.

For the Investor.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.

From a speculative point of view, old stamps are a far better class to collect than recent issues. Our Standard English price list proves absolutely that we are right. A cursory examination of the new "list" shows that practically all old issues between the prices of 6d and 20/- have made a distinct advance, whilst, though in one or two notable cases, recent issues have also advanced, the average appreciation is not half so much.

One cause of this is the increasing liking for fine condition and the abhorrence with which damaged or dirty copies are looked upon by the collectors. Time was when a torn or mended stamp would be taken cheerfully to fill up a space but since stamp collecting has emerged from the mere gap-filling into the specializing period and the standard of condition has continually improved. Every year the number of stamps that are marketable decreases as the standard of condition increases. Stamps that could, only two or three years ago, be sent by a dealer to fill an order would now have to be marked at half price. These facts have enormously effected the values of fine copies.

The Stamps of Roumania.

Translated from the French of Count d' Assche in "Le Philateliste Francais"

BY R. R. THIRLE

INTRODUCTION

Before entering upon the study of the stamps of the country now bearing the name of Roumania, a study which I hope to make reasonably complete, I deem it of interest to say a few words as to the history of these countries. It is not sufficient, to make it short, that a philatelist should know that their first stamps bear a bull's head, the following ones a bull's head and an eagle, later the effigy of Prince Couza and at last that of Prince Charles of Hohenzollern; he should also know the reason for these changes, the political treaties, the events, the revolutions which have caused them and I believe it interesting briefly to gather here the principle points of the history of this rather neglected corner of Europe. Those to whom this brief note may seem superfluous may pass it over; it serves merely as an introduction to the detailed catalogue which I publish today.

To better bring my work to a good end, I have consulted and verified the work, catalogues and articles which the specialists have published on this subject. It will be sufficient for me to mention Dr. Legrand, Moens, Mahe, Calman, Duerst, etc., and to say that I have been able to complete the labors of these eminent philatelists, thanks to an unrivaled collection of this country which has been placed at my disposal by a French collector.

HISTORICAL NOTES

The present Kingdom of Roumania has the form of a crescent turned to the North-East, whose concave part is defined by the Alps of Transylvania and whose convex part is laved by the Danube; its frontiers are: on the North,

an artificial line separating it from the Bu-Kowina, on the East, the Pruth and the Kilia branch of the Danube which separates it from Bessarabia, on the South, the Danube, from the Iron Gates, where the river encounters the Transylvania Alps, to Rassowa, and from Rassowa to Jilauluk on the Black Sea a conventional line; on the west, the Alps of Transylvania and the outer chain of the Carpathians. Its surface extent is 129,082 square kilometers (about 49,250 square miles) and its population 5,500,000. But before devoting ourselves to Roumania, let us turn to the history of the two principalities, Moldavia and Wallachia, of which it is composed.

Moldavia (or Bogdania,) has its capital at Jassy. This country was inhabited before the Romans by the Dacians, who made frequent incursions; Domitian tried to subdue them, but was defeated and forced to purchase peace. Trajan reduced Dacia to a Roman province (in 105) and in place of the weak Danube frontier, the Roman Empire had thereafter as border the impregnable line of the Transylvania Alps where it planted numerous Roman colonies. Dacia was abandoned by the Romans in 274 and served thereafter as road for every invader; the country underwent the yoke of the Goths, the Gepids, the Avans, the Huns and the Mongols and finally became in 1352 an independent state under the rule of Bogdam I. who founded Moldavia. After a century of freedom, Moldavia recognized the sovereignty of Poland; in 1504 it freed itself, but became a vassal of the Sultan in 1513 and was definitely subdued by Soliman II. in 1538. The Sultans from that line chose from the Fanariot Greeks the hospodars whom they placed over the country. In 1711 the Moldavians concluded a treaty with Peter the Great and in 1792 the Turks had to cede

to Russia their protectorate over Moldavia (Treaty of Jassy); but Czar Alexander II. renounced this right in 1856 (Treaty of Paris).

Wallachia has the same origin as its neighbor, like it forming a part in the second century of the Dacia of Trajan and like it forming the prey of the Germanic invasions, later being occupied by the Huns and Bulgarians. In the XII. and XIII. centuries it obeyed princes depending on Constantinople, who, after the capture of this city by Crusaders (1204), attached themselves to Poland and Hungary. The Sultan made it tributary in 1421; its laws were left intact and he merely reserved the right of naming its hospodars. In 1707 Wallachia allied itself to Russia and the treaty of Andrinople it placed itself under Russian protectorate, but by the treaty of Paris the Czar renounced this right.

Since 1847 a customs union had been concluded by hospodar George Bibesco between Moldavia and Wallachia who desired to unite, France was favorable to this wish, but Austria which was ambitious to possess the mouths of the Danube, and Great Britain which feared to weaken the Ottoman Empire, placed all the obstacles they could in the way of a union of the two states. On August 19, 1858, the question was solved: It was decided that Wallachia and Roumania should bear the name of United Principalities, forming two independent states, and that the hospodars should be elected for life by universal suffrage. The inhabitants of the two principalities voluntarily gave themselves the name Roumanians in memory of their Roman origin and they were not more than half satisfied with this decision, as it still left them divided, but they easily escaped it by naming the same hospodar in both Moldavia and Wallachia: they chose for this office Colonel Couza, deputy

from Galtz, who was proclaimed Prince of Moldavia and Wallachia in January 1859 under the name of John I. On Dec. 22, 1861, the union of the two provinces which de facto already existed for a year was proclaimed and accepted by the powers signatory to the Treaty of Paris. The new state took the name of Roumania and Bucarest became the capital. Prince Couza after having abolished the constitution pronounced the dissolution of the legislative chamber has his *cout d'etat* ratified by a plebiscite (May 1864), but his despotism produced a revolution. He died in bed on the night of February 22, 1866, he was released only after having signed his abdication.

The provisional government offered the crown to the count of Flanders, brother of the Belgian King, and his refusal to Prince Charles Louis Hohenzollern, a Prussian lieutenant of dragoons. He accepted and on July 20, 1866, Prince Charles I. on his arrival at Bucarest took the oath on the new Roumania constitution.

In 1877 Prince Charles allied himself with Russia against Turkey and by the treaties of San Stefano and of Berlin at last proclaimed the independence of Roumania. It was made a kingdom on March 26, 1881, by a vote of both Chambers and King Charles I. crowned at Bucarest on the 22nd of April, and acknowledged by all Europe. It is a constitutional and hereditary monarchy, the King is assisted by light responsible ministers and the parliament is composed of two elective assemblies: a Senate of 120 members and a Chamber of deputies of 178 members. Education and military service are compulsory; the Roumania army on paper footing consists of 20,000 men and 100 guns, but it can raise about 140,000 men; the navy consists of 6 steamers, 14 gunboats, 2 torpedoboats and a schoolship.

The Greek Orthodox church dominates; there are about 114,000 Catholics and 400,000 Jews

The crown-prince bears the title of Prince of Roumania; he is now Ferdinand, second son of the oldest brother of King Charles, as the latter has no children by his marriage with Elizabeth of Wied, known in literature by the pseudonym of Carmen Sylva.

The money current in Eoldo-Wallachia was the piastre divided into 40 paras, worth about 7 cents. It was not until 1868 that Roumania adopted the decimal system with the Leu as unit divided into 100 bani; Leu-100 bani-1 franc-20c

For the sake of information I give the enumeration of the numerals together with the manner of counting (this after Dr. Legrand's work): 1, unu; 2, doue; 3, trei; 4, patru; 5, cinci; 6, sese; 7, septe; 8, optu; 9, none; 10, dece; 11, un spre-dece; 12, doue spre-dece, etc.; 20, doue-deci; 30, trei-deci; 40, patru-dece, etc.; 100, o suta; 1000, o mia. Intermediate numbers from 20 to 100 are formed by placing after the tens the units and uniting them by the conjunction si (and): 25doue-deci si cinci; 35, trei-deci si cinci; etc.

The fractions read as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$ diumetate; $\frac{1}{3}$, o treime; $\frac{1}{4}$, o patrum;

But now it is time to turn to stamps.

(To be Continued)

New Leeward Islands.

Weekly Philatelic Era

On and after the first day of January, 1902, the designs and several values of stamps to be used shall be as follows:—

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Chips.

By E. R. Steinbrueck

I have reported the receipt of $1\frac{1}{2}$ brown yellowish stamp, oblong, from New Zealand some time ago I am informed now, that it is the so called Khaki stamp. Describing it I had mentioned "a winged animal of some kind" in the foreground. This animal is the Neh Nommoc, a bird mythic, heraldic or fantastic, with a human body, blowing a trumpet. The words "The Empires Call", designate what that bird is blowing about, and a soldier to the left got so scared that he is trying to draw his sword, which seems to be glued halfway in the scabbard. The bird is either ascending or descending in a cloud of dust or in a pool of water, can't tell. A very peculiar design.

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Talking about birds, there is another Stamp exciting our curiosity in the line of ornithology. It is the stamp of Guatemala. I was there in 1853-54, long before that country issued any stamps. Like pictures of a dream of wonderland the names of Guatemala and Costa Rica recall sweet reminiscences. The bird is Quezal, once sacred with the old Indians adoring Quezal Coasti, the God of the Sun, the benign, the blessing, previous to the time when pale facet strangers, supposed to be the sous of the God of the Sun, arrived to bring with bloody blessings and spiritual fluids christendom over the land and misery and destruction of the people and to thier simple mythological traditions. Quezal is getting scarcer and scarcer. The retreats before the spreading civilization of modern times and his places of refuge are now the dentest forests of that country. Only his picture reminds of the old happy times of liberty, and is chosen as its symbol retained on the stamps of Guatemala, once the home of the high cultured Maya Indians.



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Our only Puerto Rican contemporary, EL NOICIERO FILATELICO (though this should properly not be classed as foreign) contains nothing but advertisements. There is an announcement that a new paper, EL MENSAJERO FILATELICO will shortly be published by L. A. Monet, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

Mr. Melville continues his valuable papers on the stamps of Hayti in the Philatelic Referee. The November issue deals with the issue of 1898, the one with the portrait of President Simon Sam and the arms design, made by the American Bank Note Co. of New York.

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Revenue stamps continue to be the mainstay of Morley's Philatelic Journal. An instructive article deals with the revenue stamps of the Brazilian State of Alagoas and another (continued) with the British Newspaper Tax Stamps. Not less than twelve pages of the Argentine Fiscal Catalogue come with this number. If the work is carried out on these lines for the fiscals of other countries, it will be fairly monumental. By the way the first stamp to appear with the portrait of King Edward VII is a fiscal just issued by Queensland.

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The British papers are full of the London Society's South African Exhibition. No. 175 of the Stamp Collector's Fortnightly describes it at length and also reproduces the Australian Journal of Philately's account of the New Zealand Government Printing Office at Wellington. In addition to the stamps at the Cook Islands are printed here and the earlier issues of Tonga and the later ones of Samoa also came from here.

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In the Echo de la Timbrologie M. St. Martin deals with the two types of postage dues of Greece. They are usually classified by the larger or smaller lettering of the black inscriptions, especially the word Lepton (or Lepta); also by the difference in size, Type I measuring 24 mm. in height, but Type II only 23 mm. But M. St. Martin has a test that can be used without millimeter gauge. The essential difference will be readily "seen by glancing at that letter of the word eispakteon (or eispakteon) which corresponds to our letter r (it's

the one which looks like a p). In Type I the tail of this letter points vertically downward, whereas in type II it has a slope more in harmony with the setting of the whole word. The difference becomes more accentuated if one follows out the direction of the tail of this letter, for, whereas in type I a continuation of this line would strike the left extremity of the small ornaments in the band, the same continuation in Type II would carry the line of the 'p' along the leading line of the E of Enarithmon. (N. B. not too much attention should be paid to the last, as the black inscriptions are added at second impression and are therefore often out of place.)

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No. 11 of the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenzblatt* is largely taken up by reports of the 5th annual meeting of the Federated German and Austrian Philatelic Societies at Berlin; the usual counterfeit descriptions fill the balance of the number. An extremely valuable supplement is the stenographic report of the XIII Philatelic Convention at Berlin; no less than ten pages are taken up by Lieutenant Man's paper on the stamps and postal relations of China. The latter are so excessively complicated through the co-operation of the Chinese Imperial Post office with the foreign offices established in the various treaty-ports that the article can hardly be condensed sufficiently for this department. As to the stamps, I quote the following of interest. The Customs Postoffices handle private mail since 1878; 1, 3 and 6 candareen stamps were issued in this year. They were made at Shanghai and printed on thin hemp paper without watermark, in sheets of 160 divided into 4 panes of 40, 8 rows of 5, and perforated $12\frac{1}{2}$. Imperforate specimens are also known; many such were used at the Central Office as labels for seal-

ing packages of stamps sent to the various offices. A second issue was made in 1886 of smaller size and watermarked, otherwise like the previous one. The earlier prints of this issue are perf. $12\frac{1}{2}$ later prints are all perf. 12. Higher values being needed a new issue appeared on Nov. 17, 1894, the birthday of the Empress, Dowager. This was designed by R. A. de Villard, a customs employee, and printed in Japan on grayish paper, perf. 12. The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 candareens came in sheets as before; the 9, 12 and 54 candareens in sheets of 100, 4 panes of 25 each, 5×5 . The first printing of the 9 cand. had a *tete-beche*; it is the first stamp of the last row of the left lower pane. In 1897 the title of the department was changed to Imperial Chinese Post; new rates were adopted based on the Hong Kong dollar; this gave rise to the various provisionals, the old issues being surcharged. On stamps of the 1886 the official surcharge is in thin figures; a private surcharge was made in thick figures by an employee, who was discharged for the offense, but his provisionals were allowed to circulate. The 10 cents on 6 cand. was not intended to be issued, but some thousands were sent out by a misunderstanding; as it was bought up by speculators the issue was permitted. On 100 sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent, thin figures, on 3 cand. yellow, the first stamp of the first row of the left lower pane has no figure 2; 100 sheets with this error was sent to Amoy and Canton. Of the 4 cent thin figures, on 3 cents Revenue only a few sheets were printed and sent to Tientsin; immediately afterwards the surcharge was changed to heavy figures, so this stamp is very rare.

The 5 dollars on 3 cents Revenue was intended for money orders, the amount being pasted on in stamps. Some of the surcharges are on reprints of the 1894 issue, as the old stocks were exhausted before the new issue was ready;

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The 2c was retouched, the figure in the left lower corner being larger. The 9 cand. was so pale that some sheets were surcharged inverted: 6 sheets were thus found at Canton, but their may be more. On Oct. 1, 1897 a new issue appeared; it was provided in Japan and perforated 11, 11½, and 12 also compound. The cent stamps were in sheets of 240, in 12 small panes; the dollar values were in sheets of 40. These not giving satisfaction Waterlow and Sons of London were given the contract for another set towards the end of 1897; these were printed in sheets similar to those of the Japanese issue and perf. 14 to 15½, single and compound. The first values of this set were issued in February 1898 the entire Japanese set had been withdrawn and superseded by the London set.

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Our Swiss Contemporary, the *Schweizer Briefmarkenzeitung*, has a new lease of life, as the delegates to the federation of Swiss Philatelic Society, assembled at Znerich in October, decided on its continuation on improved lines. No. 10 is largely taken up with accounts of this meeting. An interesting item relates the discovery of a letter dated 1855 which bears two copies of an hitherto entirely unknown Swiss error, viz. the 5 rappen of 1854 printed in blue, the color of the 10 rappen.

They are not essays, as was at first suspected, for they have silkhreads, while the essays are known only on paper without silkhreads. The two copies on this letter could not have been adjacent ones, as the threads are at different heights, but it is entirely dark whether there was one or more sheets of this undoubted error. It is evident from the amount on the letter that they were sold and used as 10 rappen stamps, but nothing else has so far been learned about this curious error. When one considers how exhaustively the stamps

of Switzerland have been studied, especially in Messrs. Miraband and Reuter-skiold's monumental work it is plain that almost any country's stamps may yet furnish surprising discoveries. Another note discredits the reports of various compound perforations found on Swiss stamps; the only official gauges employed are claimed to be:

From 1882-91: 11½x12

On 20, 25 green, 40, 50, 1 franc.

From 1891-1900: 11½x11.

On 20, 25 green, 25 blue, 30, 40, 50 blue, 50 green, 1 franc.

But quite lately the 20c orange, 30c brown rose, 50c green have again appeared 11½x12 as formerly, simultaneously with the employment of new plates of these values. No. 11 describes at length Count Durrieu's famous collection of French stamps, but as I have already described this in a former number, I shall not repeat this here, much as there is of interest. As there has been considerable controversy as regards the retouched 25c of the late Swiss Jubilee set, the following official letter will be of interest:

"Bern, Oct. 11., 1901

".....

"Replying to your favor of the 10th, we have the honor of advising you as follows: The plates for the first printing of the Jubilee stamps were made at such short notice that the fineness of execution left much to be desired. For this reason new plates more carefully finished, were made and from these plates a second printing of the Jubilee stamps was made, but only the five and ten cents values of this were placed in circulation while the use of the 25c stamps decreased to such an unforeseen extent during the latter months of 1900 that, contrary to expectations, the old supply was sufficient and therefore no general issue of the second printing of this value was made. Nevertheless

a certain number copies of this stamp were used for Postage and had to be acknowledged as valid by the postal officials, as they were the first stamps of a printing intended for general use and not generally delivered to the public only for the reason that the first printing quite unexpectedly was not exhausted.

Respectfully.

The Chief Direction of Posts.

Lutz"

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The Philatelic department of our Cuban colleague, Arte y Letras, has already increased to two pages, devoted to a chronicle. I see that the Cuban Post-office Department contemplates making use of the new Special Delivery rate with corrected spelling "inmediata" no distant date.

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El Filatelico Espanol this time contains nothing calling for special mention.

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Filatelia, the sprightly little paper from Buenos Aires, with its No. 9. 10 (double number) issues the first sheet of a new work descriptive of reprints. I hope it will live to see the end of it. The paper is rather weak in this number, but it promises much for the future.

In the last review I called attention to an article in Le Timbrophile Belge (originally taken from Le Collecteur des Timbres-Poste) in which was recorded the discovery of a secret mark on the Bordeaux issue of France, consisting in the name of the engraver, Yon, on the upper leaf of the head. Since then much more has been learned on the subject and M. Maury, the writer of the article in question, has received two letters which clear the matter. One is from M. Yon himself, in which he says that his name was not added as a secret mark; the other is from a person who was employed on the manufacture of the stamps. This person indicated where the secret mark was to be found. I quote them from the article:

" cover that really there was a blank
 " among the small ornaments of the
 " right upper spandrel of these stamps.
 " (This applies only to those in the
 " 1849 type as used at Bordeaux.) These
 " ornaments consist of vertical lines
 " slightly wavy; the spaces left between
 " them are barred here and there by
 " short lines, producing an effect like
 " brick-work. If you wish to follow
 " my demonstration, place before you
 " some Bordeaux stamps, in preference
 " the most common 20c blue, i. e. Type
 " III. You will then see that the 5th
 " vertical band, counting from the
 " frame at the right does not like its
 " neighbors, have any horizontal lines,
 " except one at the top; in fact it ap-
 " pears quite blank in consequence.
 " This white band is also
 " found on the 20c blue of the 20c vtz.;
 " the 5, 10, 30, 40 ann 80c; the 10c be-
 " cause of its blurred color, is not well
 " adapted for our researches. On the
 " 80c the erasure is often incomplete, so
 " that there are traces of the small hor-
 " izontal lines.

These erasures were not made on the original die but on the matrices, which consisted of 15 impressions: only for the 20c, Type II, they were made on the working stone.

As to the lower values, the 1, 2 and 4c with large figures, there is no authentic information; M. Maury thinks he has discovered the secret mark in a small white line connecting the two pearls in the circle directly opposite to and above the point of the nose on the 1c and a little higher up on the two and four cent. (The three values were separately drawn and are not transfers from the original die.)

This paper also begins a detailed study on the old issues of Hawaii which promises great things to judge by its opening instalment. We will recur to this later.

Articles of interest in other papers:

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As posted, I was not slow to dis-

A YEAR OF PHILATELY

By L. G. Dorpat

Twelve months ago the stamp market had reached about its lowest, and many a collector was disheartened by seeing his gems losing their value—everybody seemed anxious to sell and nobody willing to buy except for one-fourth or still lower prices. Dealers and publishers alone seemed to uphold what was left of philately.

Since then there has been an improvement. All the great countries did something to help philately. The United States issued the beautiful Pan-American set of stamps, wisely restricting it to low values and (perhaps unwisely) permitting a few sheets with inverted centers to slip out. This drew everybody's attention to stamp collecting. Then there was the stamp exhibit at the Buffalo exhibition, several big stamp thefts and the pouring in of stamps from our new possessions, all of which awakened interest in stamps. The work on U. S. Revenues by Messrs. Toppan, Deats and Holland deserves mention here too, for it has, no doubt, in conjunction with the abolition of some of the war taxes, helped to enliven the collecting of U. S. revenues. Great Britain was stirred up by the prospects of a new issue with the likeness of King Edward for the mother country as well as for the long line of colonies. South African provisionals kept up the interest and the union of the Australian colonies gave further prospects of changes in stamps which always affect, "stamp-ites" no matter in what mood they are. France and Germany got their new issues into circulation, France the home-issue and Germany a whole series for home and for colonial use. Other countries, too, furnished their share without much attack from the S. S. S. S., which a few years ago had with good intentions done a bad thing in warning collectors to buy what they liked.

Societies have in most instances re-

ported conditions favorable, some had splendid results, especially in regard to exhibits of choice collections. Auction sales were numerous, and, though prices are yet low compared with those of five years ago, good stamps brought good returns, reassuring those who feared a total collapse.

Stamp papers have not weakened, although a few have died in birth and from atrophy, as usual, and there is a promise of several to appear shortly. The general press begins to recognize philately, giving reports of stamp-meetings, news on stamps and in some cases a whole department for the use of stamp collectors, besides sporadic articles of some merit. The quality of the old philatelic "standby" such as the WEST, shows a steady improvement, and the advertisements, last but not least, are as numerous and tempting as ever.

To sum up, it appears that the waning twelvemonth marks a new impulse to philatelic prosperity, so that for the coming year we may expect general thrift. From this, of course, we wish to except the stamp thief and all his kindred, unless they reform and start in legitimate paths before we hang up the new almanac.

Trusting that this is the universal sentiment of all the readers of this magazine, the WEST wishes them a HAPPY NEW YEAR and much success in procuring new subscribers, which, of course all are anxious to do, because, if circulation of the paper is doubled, the size and quality of the same may also be doubled.

As editor of the Department of Inquiry I will say: Be liberal in sending questions, no matter how hard or how easy they may be. If I can not answer them some one else will, and the subscribers generally will reap the benefit.

U. S. Clipping Bureau Chicago—We were very agreeably surprised to see such a prosperous paper in that line as the WEST.

COINS ISSUED FOR CIRCULATION IN AMERICA IN COLONIAL TIMES.

By T. L. Elder.

In the early part of the eighteenth century, and even down to the Revolution the colonists in America suffered from the lack of small coinage. Many schemes were advanced in England for coinages for the colonies. The Governor of North Carolina asked (1774) for official approval of a copper coinage for his state, the amount of which he suggested was to be limited to 50 tons in weight, and the coins were to be of the denominations of half penny, penny, and two penny. The obverse of these coins was to bear the portrait of the king of England and the legend GEORGIUS II REX, and on the reverse side the arms of North Carolina, inscribed SEPT CAROLINA, with the date beneath.

On July 22, 1722 came to public notice, a man who was destined to figure prominently and permanently in the history of the colonial coinages of America. I need but to say that this man was William Wood and the originator of "Woods money and tokens" is introduced to all American collectors. Wood was a metallurgist of Wolverhampton, county Stafford, England, and had previously made many experiments in the study of his choice. He invented a metal which he represented to George I consisted of "partly fine virgin silver, fine brass, superfine brass, pure copper, double-refined linck, or spelter," etc.

In connection with the Wood money there is a romantic and interesting story about the manner in which Wood obtained the "pull" from King George I which permitted him to coin his money. It seems that he was acquainted with the "Duchess of Kendall, a frail beauty, a German baroness, who came to England with George I before he was crowned," and through her influence he obtained from the king letters of patent which gave him the monopoly of "coining to-

kens" to be used as currency in America and Ireland. The royalty paid by Wood for the coinage to be issued for Ireland was to be given wholly to the Duchess of Kendall, and doubtless the sum paid for the privilege of coining for America was given to the same lady. Wood's letter of patent gave him coinage rights covering fourteen years from the date of contract, and it was decreed that during that time he might issue "three hundred tunns" of his coins, a certain number of tons each year. The coins were to be "half pence, pence and two pence", and of such a size that "thirty two pences sixty pence, and one hundred and twenty half pence may weigh sixteen ounces avoirdupois," and the metal was to be of such quality that when heated red hot it would spread thin under the hammer without cracking. This latter test was to be applied by officials of the government from time to time. For the benefit of the Comptroller, Wm. Wood was to pay the sum of \$1,000 per annum for his privileges, and in addition he was compelled to pay \$500 per year to the King. As soon as his rights were established William Wood began to coin money in a surprisingly extensive scale, taking ample advantage of one of the most remarkable "pulls" that a private individual and subject of a king ever possessed.

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Hey?

The Adhesive

The editor some time since called attention to a fact, with a specimens of late issues of the 1c and 2c Canadians being shorter and wider than former emissions. People who try to explain say the stamps are shorter owing to shrinkage of paper, but they fail to tell us by what hocus-pocus the stamp was widened. Did the paper inflate sideways? Hey?

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A stamp exhibit worthy of the philatelists of the United States will be made in St. Louis in 1903. The greatest security for exhibition will be provided for, and gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded. The committee having the matter in charge will make its announcements from time to time in these columns.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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Commercial Stamp Co. Mass reports A. Holmes
313 Sartoga st. E Boston, Mass got stamps of them
over 5 months ago and dont reply to letters. Mrs
Pastla of Mich reports Luis Fernandez of Havana.
Cuba warns others not to send him stamps
G Squires of NY reports Bo Lowenmark of Abe
Finland got him for high value U S warns others
C Neinman of Iowa reports E Guild of Des Moines

regards Frauds to get PO dept Inspector to get hold of them and prosecute write to PM of their town or city find out the name of the Postal Inspector for his district and write him full facts of the case, submitting copies of applications and any other correspondence and if it is considered that you have sufficient proof against the party the inspector will take hold of the matter. Always best to have as many complaints against the party as possible. This instruction given by an old PO Inspector who has got a good many We except to give cut of him in our next no.

AUCTION DEPT.

Fellow Members:—There is more and more interest being shown in the auction dept. My aim is to go forward and to that end I want about 100 lots in the next sale. Is there not some members who have some duplicates, job lots or good single stamps to place in the next sale, as the sale is placed before a large number of collectors your stamps will bring better prices than if you offered them to a dealer and my commission is only 10c on what I get for you so it is to my advantage to get the bids from the best buyers and then you will get more for your stamps and my commission will be more. Cannot each member place some lots in the Feb. sale? Send some right away. Yours truly, C. E. COOLEY.

PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS

The American Society Of Curio Collectors.

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Cost of Membership—Initiation fee, 10 cents; annual dues, 25 cents. Members receive a copy of the official organ each month. The secretary will furnish application blanks to all honest collectors, whatever be their chosen branch of collecting, except stamps, are invited to join. We do not solicit stamp collectors as members as there are so many good philatelic societies now in existence, but collectors of stamps who collect along other lines also are invited to become members.

Free Identification Bureau for naming and classifying shells, minerals, fossils, coins, etc., for members only, in charge of a competent superintendent, will examine and name doubtful specimens submitted to them by members. A list of superintendents is given above, with whom members can communicate direct.

Many other benefits accrue to collectors through membership. Address the Secretary for an application blank and fuller details or write to the President or any of the following members of the Recruit Bureau for blanks and information: Howard E. Bishop, Sayer, Penn; Clarence C. Downs, Box 162, Atlantic City, N. J.; Basil G. Hamilton, Collingwood, Ont. Canada; W. G. McLean, Edison, Ohio; Geo. W. Dixon, Watertown, So. Dakota; C. L. Curren, Fox, Illinois; or Joel H. Hobbese, Huguenot, Georgia.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The applications are increasing gradually each month now and I trust that we will all work with the determination to advance the interests of our society the grand A. S. of C. C. and at the same time work for the betterment of our collections. Quite a number of our members are doing especially fine in securing new members and I would like for more to ask for a few blanks and hand them to their friends.

The year book which is to be issued within two or three months is going to be something very fine and will doubtless prove a fine advertisement for the society.

It is going to contain the list of all the members in good standing, what they collect, exchange, etc., and other interesting matter.

Now we want everything to be accurate and if any member desires any correction in his name or address or the article he collects and exchange please communicate with me at once. A few members have never supplied the information as to the subjects they collect and would like to hear from them at once.

Another matter I wish to repeat is that of dues. All members whose numbers run to No. 68 should send in 25c at once and get the new card for 1902 and also Nos. 68 to 93 should renew sometime during January. Please give this your prompt attention. Some have already remembered and most all will do so, and appear in list of paid up members in the Year Book.

The election of officers was neglected last month and as a few members have already mailed me their ballots I suppose it will be satisfactory to the society for the votes for the Vice-President to be mailed me within 10 days after the Jan. number appears unless the Pres should make another arrangement. Please select your three vice presidents at once from the list given in the December number. Am too busy to prepare a financial statement for this month and will report the same next month. With best wishes for a successful and happy New Year, remain Fraternaly F. W. CONING, Secy.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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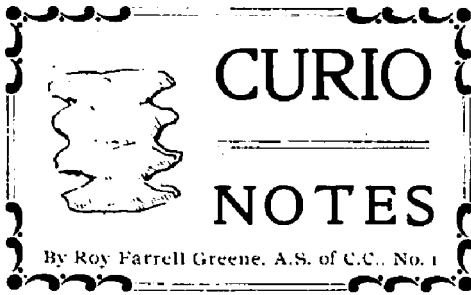
181 Andrew G Aiken, 6 University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 289 J Howard Davis, c-of Davis Bros. Diamond, Ohio (51) ancient arms, old china and glass pioneer, war, Indian and historical relics, and antiques.
290 Herman S. Reed [25] Redmond, Wash. Indian relics, unused U. S. stamps, army relics and coins.
291 Ben J Witt [53] 1706 Alamo St Houston, Tex stamps, coins, stones and curios.
292 Zeno Strain, Wilkier, Phelps Co. Mo. Indian relics
293 Evans Stewart [15] 29 Moss st Westerly, R.I. minerals, fossils, Indian and war relics, arrowheads, agates, gemstones and curios
294 Mrs. I Frohman c-of Frohman Trading Co, 13 and Wash. Sts., Portland Oregon. Indian baskets and curios.
295 H G Hodge [54] York, Clark Co. Illinois. Everything old, odd, rare, quaint and curious. Specialty: mound and Indian relics
296 Geo. D. Barnes [44] 900 Kirby Ave Chattanooga, Tenn. Mound and war relics confederate money and stamps.
297 B. C. Seay [32] Paineville, Amelia co. Va. coins, Indian relics and confederate bills—specialty coins.
298 Louis G Rodrigues [19] bx 74 Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana, S. A. stamps, picture post cards, coins, shells, photos.
299 Thos H Sherborne [40] 114 W Johnson st, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS.

- 300 Jas D Cox Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, Can
301 E S Johnston, Gregory Landg Clark-co. Mo
302 Chris P Forge, Carman, Man, Canada
303 Miss Roy Memory, Whiteville Col'bo, N C
304 A P Mulvey, 341 E. 124th St. N Y
305 Howard M Rittenhouse, Beamsville, Ont. Can
306 G W. Oliver, Jordan Harbor, Ont. Can
307 Frank E. Shilling, bx 46, Navarre, Ohio
308 D J Snider, Bolchow, Mo
309 H G Brown, c-of The Owl, Spokane, Wash
310 Edwin C. Yost, 113 Depot st Latrobe, Pa
311 Clarence P DeKay, Florida, New York.



Spodumene, a mineral which comes from the Black Hills, contains a large amount of lithia and is being used extensively in the manufacture of lithia waters and tablets, used for medicine purposes.

Miss May McKinney, a young lady curio collector residing in West Philadelphia recently made a "find" in the curio line which is as valuable as interesting. Miss McKinney's brother, who is a traveling salesman, often picks up many curios for her collection while he is traveling about the country, and a short time ago the young lady received from South Carolina an old musket which her brother had purchased at an auction that took place at an old homestead, the gun being a relic of the war of 1812. Examining the gun she found it very rusty and thus it was she hired her younger brother to give it a thorough cleaning. The lad, after polishing the outside, ran a stick into the barrel and found it was choked half way up. The stoppage seemed to be too loose for a charge, so a hooked wire was secured, and, after fishing awhile young McKinney brought out a small roll of discolored papers. Examination showed that three of the lot were plans of fortifications, and were dated 1865, being signed "R. R. Blaisdell, who was described as a traitor to the cause, and contained the signature of General Robert E. Lee.

The trees now growing on the farm, near Franklin, N. H., where Daniel Webster was born, are to be cut up into friction matches, a manufacturing company having paid \$2300 for the standing timber upon it. The legislature of New Hampshire refused at its last session to pay \$3000 for the entire farm, though many patriotic citizens of the state petitioned to have it preserved as a perpetual memorial of the state's greatest son.

When the famous Agassiz died he left a son who has followed successfully and with individual distinction in the scientist's footsteps, and a widow who is said to be one of the best authorities on scientific subjects in the United States. Although now aged, Mme. Agassiz, as she is always called, is still an active and important factor in the intellectual life of the intellectual city of Cambridge, Mass. It was due largely to her efforts that the Harvard university Annex was founded, and it owes its rapid progress in a measure to her wisely directed efforts as president of its governing board. After the Annex blossomed into dignified Radcliff college she remained its chief figure, and every graduate received her diploma from Mme. Agassiz's hands. She resigned the presidency of the society last year, and was made honorary president, but still influences its work largely.

It is said that a flower has been found in South Africa which is visible only when the wind is blowing. The shrub belongs to the cactus family, and is about three feet high, with a crook at the top. When the wind blows a number of beautiful flowers protrude from the little lumps on the stalk.

The first autograph of President Mc-

Kinley offered at public auction in New York City after his death was sold by a Fifth avenue firm on October 30. It was simply his name in full "William McKinley," written across an original cabinet photograph of him. Nevertheless, much interest was manifested by autograph collectors in the disposition of this item. After spirited bidding the autograph was secured by George D. Smith for \$6.25. This indicates that McKinley's autograph at the present time commands as high a price as any of the Presidents.

In this connection it might be well to mention that among the late President's papers, now in the hands of Secretary Cortelyou, are five thousand requests for Mr. McKinley's autograph. It had been his custom to devote spare moments to the gratification of these demands in so far as he could, but during a few months' absence, or through a period when the President would be busily occupied with affairs of state, these letters asking for autographs would pile up. The five thousand referred to accumulated during the summer vacation season.

When a person speaks to us of a topaz it usually suggests to us a yellow stone, yet there are light blue, brown and green varieties, which are frequently sold as aquamarines. The genuine aquamarine, may, however, be easily distinguished from a topaz, as the former stone more closely resembles the color of green sea salt. Besides, the topaz admits of a higher polish, and is extremely slippery to the touch. Strange to say, the yellow topaz when slightly heated becomes pink; heated further the pink grows paler, and by long heating it is entirely expelled leaving the gem colorless. The sherry colored or brown topaz is bleached in a very short time by the rays of the sun or strong daylight, and all the

white topazes found in nature have been colored in this way. The topaz is found in granite rocks in Siberia, Japan, Peru, Ceylon, Brazil and Maine, and in volcanic rocks in Colorado, Utah and New Mexico.

Frank L. Stanton recently said, jocularly, in the Atlanta Constitution:

There has been a great run on the war relic department of the south, but curio seekers need not be discouraged; the factories are going night and day, and old swords and bullets are being turned out as fast as possible. Order early and avoid the rush!

After nearly eleven years of constant work, R. C. L. Perkins has completed a practically perfect collection of the fauna of Hawaii. He has been employed in this work by the British Museum and the Bishop Museum, both of which institutions will be enriched by complete collections. Mr. Perkins' work includes conchology, as applied to land shells, ornithology and entomology. The collections he has made include a great many thousand species and varieties, and disclose a number of curious facts. Among these is the fact that Hawaii has the only species of dragon flies that do not start in life from water. Both the entomology and the ornithology vary greatly on the different islands of the group. The results of Mr. Perkins' labors will be detailed in several large volumes, much of which has already been written and which is being published by the Bishop Museum.

Mexico is a rare field for the curio collector. With Maximilian and his court many rare works of art came to the country. The disastrous ending of his empire prevented most of these leaving Mexico and they were lost or left behind

by their owners in their flight for their lives. These, picked up by persons who may not have known their value, and stolen by rateros, are constantly finding their way to market. Within the last few months a fan, which experts say is beyond all doubt by Watteau, was bought there for \$8. Its value is problematical, but it is easily worth \$150, for the painting on each side are bright and but little injured, while the lace with which it is bordered is of the most delicate texture and the ivory sticks are inlaid with gold. Old paintings, too, can be found in Mexico. None by any famous artists have been secured so far as is known, but odd little canvasses, whose age is apparent at a glance, some of them cut from their frames, others as they were taken from the walls, can be found at any time. Many of these are bought by speculators, amateur or professional, who clean them and dispose of them to private collectors. Several bibliophiles of the United States have regular agents in the City of Mexico who buy for them any books which they may come across and which are rare and valuable. And for these agents the "Thieves' market" and some of the pawn shops are the places where they make their finds.

Every bee carries his market basket round his hind legs. Examine the body of a bee through a microscope and you will observe that on the hind legs of the creature there is a fringe of stiff hairs on the surface, the hairs approaching each other at the tips, so as to form a sort of cage. This is the bee's basket, and into it, after a successful journey he will cram enough pollen to last him for two or three days.

The new nickel coins which are being put into circulation by Belgium are pierced, so that they may be strung on strings, like Chinese "Cash", except

that the Belgian coins have a round hole in their centers instead of square ones. It is only the five and ten centime pieces which are thus treated, and it is claimed that they will be much more easily handled in the ordinary course of business. One side of the new money bears two intertwined Ls (for Leopold), surmounted with a crown, with the words "ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE" and the date, and the other a spray of laurel with the figures 5 or 10 CENTIMES.

The archaeological section of the Wisconsin Natural History Society has made a movement toward securing the preservation of the historic Indian mounds in the state. A committee was appointed recently to look into the matter and suggest a means to the Society, and it is probable that a memorial will be presented to the coming legislature, asking legislation to that end. At a recent meeting L. R. Whitney read a paper on the "Preservation of Local Archaeological Evidences". A. S. Mitchell of Ripon exhibited a large and valuable collection of stone and copper implements collected in Green Lake County, and Alphonse Gehrrid of St. Francis also exhibited stone implements and sketches found by him on ancient village sites along the lake shore at Sheboygan.

A. E. Ortmann, curator of invertebrate paleontology at Princeton University, has made a scientific discovery which, he says furnishes valuable corroborative evidence to the theories of Ibering and Headley that formerly there existed on this globe only two main continents, known to scientists as Archelonos and Archinotis. Dr. Ortmann has discovered, after a careful study of the geographical distribution of the fresh water crayfish that one family is found only in Europe, the eastern part of Siberia, the northern part of Japan, and that portion of North America which extends south

from Alaska to Mexico. Another family prevails only in Australia, New Zealand, Southern Brazil, Argentine Republic, Chili and Madagascar, while in the West Indies, tropical America, tropical Africa and India no trace of the fish is found. The peculiar distribution of the crayfish Dr. Ortmann asserts, furnishes valuable evidence that the lands in which they occur must originally have been one main continent. Thus according to Dr. Ortmann's discovery, Archelonos, or the continent which did not have crayfish, consisted of what is now India, Africa and tropical America; Archinotis, or the continent in which the fish did occur, consisted of the southern part of South America, Australia, the Antarctic regions and the eastern part of Asia.

F. P. Cuppernull of Watertown, N. Y. who has a large collection of tomahawks, flint arrowheads and prehistoric implements in general recently found on Grindstone Island a clay pipe decorated with curiously marked figures. The wide flaring bowl is about three inches in diameter and three and one-half inches high. The stem is broken off less than an inch from the bowl. The markings are superior to most Indian decoration on pottery. From the shape of the bowl and the marking, it is evident that the pipe was of Iroquois manufacture. This nation alternated possession of the Thousand Islands with the Algonquins, and implements of the two tribes are often found together in the same ash-pits. Mr. Cuppernull has sent the relic to the Smithsonian institution at Washington, to have its origin effectually settled, and the probable period of its manufacture determined.

Again ye Curio Editor invites all collectors of the curious in nature, lovers of the antique, etc, to join the American Society of Curio Collectors, a national society which has for its object the dis-

semination of information, the protection of collectors against frauds, and the general advancement of the hobbies. The dues are low and no collector can afford not to belong. Address F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tennessee for further particulars or write to Roy F. Greene.

Victoria Varieties

Ewen's Weekley Stamp News

"There is a very striking error in the recently issued $\frac{1}{2}$ d green Victoria without postage. The word 'Victoria' is spelt 'Victoria' in the 7 row from the top and 2nd stamp from the right hand stamp (i. e. last but one in the 7th row).

Also, in the first row, on the 3rd stamp from the right hand side, the ' $\frac{1}{2}$ ' is joined to the D in the left hand top corner. Both of these varieties occur only once in each sheet of 240.

Formosa and Liu Yung Fu.

Morley's Philatelic Journal.

In 1895 Formosa suddenly issued two sets of stamps one succeeding the other in a very short space of time. It happened thus:—Formosa had been ceded to Japan by the Pekin court but the Chinese in Formosa objected, especially those in the South. After the Japanese had captured the northern parts of the island a strong force of Chinese, under the command of Liu Yung Fu, known as "Black Flags" held the strong forts which were situated near the capital of the island. Among other methods of raising money Liu decided upon an issue of postage stamps. Their use was rendered obligatory for he ordered that no letter should go through native post offices, nor over the mainland without bearing sufficiency, the new stamp according to rates imposed.

The reason for the second issue was that the first die did not print well and a large amount of work and material was thrown away in the printing, so a new die and a fresh variety of paper was substituted with certainly not unqualified success.

The Bad Lands.

Forest Gaines, A. S. of C. C. 135.

The Bad Lands of North and South Dakota present a formation unknown to us elsewhere in the world. There are of course similarly shaped hills known, but the former method of construction is what stamps these hills as very remarkable in origin.

These peculiar hills of the Bad Lands present two distinct periods in their formation. While mountains are formed mainly by lateral pressure, these hills were first of volcanic origin, and were subsequently molded into the present form by the action of water and its great eroding power. This eroding action of water is what has caused the peculiar step-like appearance of many of the hills. The "steps" are caused from the different degrees of hardness of the composing rock stratifications and the erosion of water.

Some of the greatest fossil fields in the world both vertebrate and invertebrate occur in the Bad Lands. The age of the Cretaceous is especially well represented in it's species. The Bad Lands of North Dakota furnish the most species of invertebrates and those of South Dakota, the greatest number of large vertebrate species. These localities are known to authorities in the subjects all over the world.

Vegetable life in the Bad Lands is rather limited and the two chief species are cactus and sage-brush. Scrub cottonwoods are also rather abundant. In some parts grazing can also be carried on rather extensively.

Animal life is more abundant and is represented by a great number of game animals, prairie dogs, horned-toads etc. In some few sections also rattle-snakes are very pestiferous. These later are found mainly among the rocks on the hills, but sometimes they are met with very abundantly on isolated ranches.

Primitive man had his ancient abode in those sections as is easily proven by the number of stone implements and other relics picked up. Arrow and spear heads are very abundant and range from the small arrow points called bird points to very large and clumsily fashioned spears. Pottery of any description has not yet been found to any great extent.

During the earlier days of frontier warfare, the Bad Lands were favorite fastnesses for Indian tribes when pursued by the U. S. soldiers. Let them once get off from the prairie into the hills and all the country's soldiers would never find them, owing to the extremely tortuous windings and passages which they knew so well, as their chief protection against discovery. For months and even years they could thus remain hidden securely.

President Roosevelt as is well known spent considerable of his earlier life in the Bad Lands while ranching in North Dakota, and it still seems that he enjoys the memory of that period of life.

Freak formations and various other odd scenery are features of these sections and the writer has quite a number of photographs of these interesting oddities.

ANOTHER CONFEDERATION.

Stamp Exchange.

Possibly philatelists have heard about a projected confederation of our West India neighbors. Following are the names of the islands proposed: Cuba, Bahamas, Bermudas, Jamaica, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Danish West Indies, St. Thomas, Santa Cruz and St. John, French Islands, Guadeloupe, Martinique and lesser isles, Leeward Islands, Antigua, St. Kitts, Nevis, Montserrat, Virgin Islands and Dominica, Windward Island, St. Lucia, Grenada, and the Grenadines, Barbados and Trinidad, Curacao, Saba and St. Eustatius.

The Value of Autographs

By G. Lemair, Secy. Mich. Hist. Socy.

(Continued)

A Polk letter for instance, is also worth about \$5.00. Tyler is not rare, and his letters bring about \$3.00, while \$4.00 will buy a Martin Van Buren, a very good letter by Franklin Pierce, is worth about \$8.00, for \$6.00 you can get a Madison letter, and for the same price one by John Quincy Adams. Andrew Jackson's letters are fairly plentiful, an ordinary one is worth \$7.50, fancy ones, meaning those whose contents are valuable, bring from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Thomas Jefferson is a common one, only \$3.50 for an ordinary letter, and \$7.50 for a good one. President Hayes is common \$2.50 gets one of his letters. William Henry Harrison, wasn't given to "driving the pen", and neither was Benjamin, letters of "Old Tippicanoe" bring \$12.50. Benjamin Harrison rarely wrote an entire letter himself. While his signature is common enough, the complete letters are rare, and are already worth \$10.00. Grant letters are not so rare, but owing to his great fame historically they are worth a good deal. An ordinary letter sells for \$13.00. Garfield's are worth a little less than Arthur's which are not common a little less still. Here is a note from him introducing "my friend" Robert Morris afterwards mayor of Philadelphia, to Jay Gould. That is worth \$6.00, or \$7.00. But the greatest demands are for Lincoln's letters. The Washington's are worth more, but there are not so many persons that want them. An ordinary bearing Lincoln's signature is worth \$15; and an ordinary little octavo letter brings \$25.00. The more important the contents, the higher the price.

A three page quarto letter to Stanton dealing with the war, sold in Philadelphia last year for over \$200.00. He invariably, so far as I know signed a formal document with his full name, "Abraham Lincoln". Letters he as invariably signed "A. Lincoln".

Collectors are more conservative, and are not so impatient as to buy a thing at a fancy price today, when they know that day after tomorrow, relatively speaking, they can get it for a reasonable price. There are people who have McKinley letters who doubtless think they can sell them now for \$10. or \$15 apiece. That is absurd. The supply and demand regulate the prices. In good season I will pick up the letters I want and at the proper prices.

Another recent case of a man's autograph becoming enhanced in value, is that of King Edward. Before his accession to the throne one of his letters was worth only \$5. Now it is worth \$15. As far as his signature as the prince of Wales is concerned it is as if he had died. That signature is completely stopped. Signatures are not worth very much anyway; at least it doesn't seem as if it is improved compared with the importance of the personage. A signed document by Queen Victoria is worth only \$7.50. There are scores of autograph collectors in this country and all those who are making either general or American collections want sets of the presidents. Probably the most popular direction in which the collectors' mania shows itself is that of literary autographs. The finest general collection in this country is that of John Boyd Thatcher at Albany. It must be worth \$100,000 and contains a great many rare autographs, such as those of Leonardo da Vinci and of Charlotte Corday. The best collection of American autographs is the one in the Lenox library. It was purchased from Dr Emmet and has many additions.

Among present day writers, Stevenson is the most in demand. His letters bring \$15, which is a large price for so recent an author. His great popularity and his comparatively early death has a good deal to do with making the price, but a still more powerful factor is the quality of his letters, which are often literary gems and are always exceedingly individual.

Kipling's letters bring good prices but are not so much in demand as they were a few years ago. A full autograph quarto letter by him is worth perhaps \$10. A complete set of the presidents, by the way, containing autograph letters by most of them and signed them and signed documents by the rest, is worth about \$200; perhaps more now that we have one more president.

The collections of autographs parchments and vellum manuscripts etc., of the Michigan Historical Society, number over 12,000 items dating from 1290 A. D. to present date. Among the rarer ones are the entire letters of Victoria, Edward 7th., Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Monroe, Adams, Johnson, McKinley and documents signed by Kings and Queens of, Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal, France, Rome etc., also of such personages as, Sandro Botticelli the famous Florentine painter Lodovico Ariosto, great Italian poet, letters of Tennyson, Lord Byron, Longfellow, Coleridge, Whittier, Oscar Wilde, Emile Zola, Esterhazy, Dreyfus, and hundreds of other letters of greater and lesser lights. The collection of letters of actresses and actors, singers, orators, etc, number about 500, among them are, Daniel Webster, Patrick Henry, Wm. E. Gladstone, Disraeli etc, also, a complete set of letters of the presidents, and signatures, and a few letters of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In auction catalogues and among collectors the following abbreviations or terms are used;

N. D.		No date.
A. L. S.	meaning	autograph letter signed
A. N. S.	"	" note "
A. D. S.	"	" doc. "
L. S.	"	letter "
D. S.	"	doc. "
N. S.	"	note "

The last three meaning that the signature only is autographic.

Just Notes

By DeKay

Who said the number of block Collectors was not increasing.

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Here in Florida, N. Y. one copy of the "Philatelic West" goes the rounds to nine collectors.

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Pre-cancellations from large cities should not be expected to bring a very high price.

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The stamps of Samoa are gaining in favor, since their annexation, even more than those of Hawaii.

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In Japan we have the cheapest postal service in the world. For 2 sen—about 1 2/3 cents—letters are conveyed to all parts of the empire.

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A three cent Canada with the surcharge occupying two lines has been discovered. After an inquiry to the Post Office Department, it was found to be a spurious one.

GERMANY

The "United Germany" postage stamps will shortly be issued. The Kingdom of Wurtemberg will be in the new postal union. Nine hundred million stamps of twenty-five different denominations will be printed. Instead of the inscription "Reichspost" (Imperial Post) as at present, the new stamps will bear the words "Deutsches Reich" (German Empire).

The widow of the late Herr Lobbecke of Bremen Germany has turned over to that city her husband's collection of shells, which according to a fair estimate is worth \$125,000, besides having great scientific value. The collection is the largest of its kind on the European continent, and is equaled only by that of the British Museum at London. The gift also includes specimens of reptiles, corals, mollusks, minerals and a fine library of natural history, together with cash amounting to \$12,000, to be used in the interest of the collection.

—Chicago Record Herald

A Find that Proved A Fizzle.

By Orrin F. Hallam

Several years ago, I received a postal card from an uncle of mine, requesting me to call at his office, and mysteriously mentioning the fact that he had something to show me.

My uncle was an ardent stamp collector. He had a fine display of United States Stamps, and it is needless to say I was always more than interested in his finds. He did not care more than transiently for envelope stamps of any kind, had never known the intricacies of detail attached to their study, and never even kept a collection of them.

Of course I complied with his request, and was duly surprised on taking a seat in his office, to hear him say that his last find consisted of a "batch" of more than one hundred copies of the 5 cent 1853-5 U. S. Envelopes, Scott's No. 1313, die 4, which are now catalogued at \$10.00 each, and were at that time high.

Well, he proceeded to haul out his "batch". Then, intending to edify me I presume, he scraped up a millimeter scale, and very elaborately went to measuring the "three" label, (the deciding question in these stamps) of first one, and then another, and so on until suddenly I called him to a halt. The question I asked him was "where did you get that millimeter gauge?"

There is an old saying that "pride goeth before a fall", which applies very directly to this station of events as they transpired.

In the first place when he revealed his millimeter scale, it appeared to me that it had a rather a familiar and yet suspicious look; so that when he began to show me how easy it was to find ten dollar stamps, I got to thinking, and presently a little further in the game, (for it surely was a game) it struck me like a flash that his scale was merely a

fac-simile taken from the advertising section of Scott's Catalogue. The millimeter on this scale were much smaller than an a correctly graduated one, and therefore, the labels on his stamps, were apparently 20 millimeters in length. Instead of being worth ten dollars each, the majority of the stamps were only the five cent variety.

Thus an apparently inexplicable problem had a decidedly simple and yet nonplussing solutions. The question agitating me was "how on earth does my uncle so easily find such a quantity of valuable stamps?" But shortly the following inspiration come upon me—"surely a queer scale-not worth buying-cut from larger sheets of paper: "then the recollection that Scott's catalogue contained such a scale, merely as an advertisement, lead me to make my revelation in the form of a question.

While this was a large case of "counting your chickens before they are hatched," it very seldom occurred that my Uncle was mistaken in what he at first sight thought to be good stamps. I have known him to discover all at one fell swoop, a block of eight of the \$20.00 orange, third issue United States Revenue, as well as several \$25. blue, second issue.

Advertising Cuts

One of the strongest arguments in favor of the use of illustrations in display advertising of any kind, is the wellknown fact that pictures are more attractive than type.

The child delights in pictures long before it attempts to read. And the child is father to the man. It's human nature to look at an attractive picture; it's human nature to want to know about the picture you see; it's human nature to read what is printed about the picture.

The advertiser who illustrates his ads. will find he has more inquiries for the articles that are illustrated than for those announced where no cut is used.—Ad World.

Civilization and the Birds

By Roy Farrell Greene,
Arkansas City, Kans

Every student of bird-life whose home is in the West, in that broad prairie path where Bishop Berkely long ago said "the course of empire takes its way," must have noted with great interest the effect that civilization and settlement has had upon the bird-residents of a given locality.

It has been my privilege, perhaps, to have been more fortunately placed than some of my brother collectors where one could see the rapid changes brought about through such agencies as the the pioneer's plow and the settler's axe and it is possible that a few observations at this time based upon jottings in my oological note-book made at different times during the past fifteen years may be of interest to collectors in general.

In 1885 I first began to take notice of the feathered tribe that haunted the prairies, cliffs and timbered streams in that portion of the Great West which is now known upon the map as the territory of Oklahoma. I was then living upon my father's cattle-ranch, near the head-waters of Duck-Creek, a tributary of the Chicaskia River, in what was then called the Cherokee Strip, a locality which you may now find, by consulting your late atlas, lies in Kay County, Okla. Ty. This ranch was twenty-five miles from the nearest town and post-office, (in Kansas,) and it was at least eight miles as the cowboys measured it, from any other ranch, so man's presence did not intrude upon the sylvan quietude.

Out upon the prairies, where long-horn cattle grazed, the Prairie Hen made its nest and raised a brood undisturbed, while the Lesser Prairie Hen was by no means an uncommon Summer resident. The Mountain Plover nested here abundantly, while on the alkali wastes and the salt-plains but a little farther to the Westward the

Snowy Plover frequently raised its young. I learned to know these birds well, and frequently took clutches of their eggs, though I look back now with regret at my little knowledge of oology in those days, when, as a careless boy, I prepared these sets for my collection by blowing the contents of each egg through two large holes—one in each end!

Marsh-Hawks, Ferruginous Rough-Legs, Poor-Wills, Frosted Poor-Wills, Night Hawks, and Western Night Hawks were, in those old ranching days very common out on the prairies in the nesting season, and along the timbered water-courses that wended their way through these Virgin plains one could quickly spy in some high tree or iow, some stubby bush or thick-grown clump of poison-vine, the nests of such interesting birds as the Mississippi Kite, Cooper's Hawk, Swainson's tailed Hawk American Osprey, American Long-eared Owl, and occasionally a Bald Eagle.

The Vesper Sparrow sang his song at dusk, far from the haunts of men, and made his nest in a cavity in the soil, of his creation, where the infinite stretches of plaine blended into the distant horizon line. The Grasshopper Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, the Lark Sparrow and Prairie Horned Lark made these prairies their summer home, and when riding leisurely along on a cow-pony, I have had these birds fly up gingerly from their nests in the grass-clumps only in time to keep themselves from being crushed by the pony's hoofs. Riding along thus I often felt certain that my sure-footed pony had set his foot upon some speckled spherical treasures and crushed them into a grewsome scramble.

Along the creeks Traill's Fly-catchers Acadian Fly-catchers, Wood Pewees, and the Western variety of the same, Olive-sided Fly-catchers, Crested Fly-catchers, Red-eyed Vireos, White-eyed Vireos Bell's Vireos, Yellow Warblers,

Long-tailed Chats, Yellow-breasted Chats, American Redstarts, Hooded Warblers, Mockingbirds, Catbirds, Blue Gray Gnat Catchers, and Cardinals held sweet carnivals of song, disported themselves among the tree-tops, and in the tangled thickets, while raising their little broods without fear of being dispossessed.

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In 1893, only eight short years ago, but worrisome twelve-month spans for the feathered inhabitants, this country was thrown open to white settlement by the Government, it having been by act of Congress purchased from the Cherokee Indians, and given to white settlers in quarter-section farms. The grasslands, the wide prairie reaches, became martyrs to the plow, and happy homes have been builded, towns and villages have sprang up as though by magic, roads and bridges have been constructed rail-roads run their sinuous lines in divers directions, and the hand of man hath carved the marble bust of Civilization from the rough block of Nature.

(To be continued.)

The American Camera Abroad

By H. W. Conard.

Do not forget your camera when you start on your vacation "over the pond" next summer or the summer after or whenever it is your good fortune to be a "globe trotter". True the less luggage you have and the fewer articles you are obliged to carry with you or entrust to the individual bedecked with the brazen number-plate indicative of intelligence and responsibility (?) the more small coin your purse will contain and the fewer inconveniences you will experience. But this is one of the little extras that will pay its own way by the invaluable record of the trip it will keep for the retrospective days of the future. You may have an excellent memory and elequent descriptive faculties but in a few years the details will begin to fade from memory

or mingle promiscuously with those of scenes entirely apart from the one you desire to recall; and then there are so many little things that language is incapable of expressing intelligently to those who must rely upon the imagination for their impressions. Your camera will not forget nor will it get its stories mixed if you treat it considerately.

There are numerous reasons for wanting to preserve pictures of places and persons seen beyond the Atlantic on a trip of this kind, principal of which possibly is their historical interest. They can justly claim more history to the square mile on that side than we can because they have been hundreds of years longer in making it. Writers for centuries have been busy giving that history publicity. It may be but a pile of crumbling stone or a tottering condemned old bridge but it has a tragic or a romantic history and the man with the camera, and especially the woman with one, has an impulsive desire to "snap" it. I have seen them climbing over fences and stone walls into private yards in order to get a closer range of a desirable view. One young gentleman and a party of young ladies touring Germany stepped across a railway track for a view and found themselves promptly arrested. Satisfying the officers that they were ignorantly violating the law by walking over the track they were released upon paying a fine of one mark each.

Of course views of historical places as well as those characteristically illustrating the people and the country can be purchased of the resident photographers and from a technical standpoint these are often more desirable than what you would obtain yourself. Opinions differ though and just the view you would most desire would be unobtainable. And then too, pictures you have a hand in making tell more about your trip than any others can. Some scenes interest only those intimately connected with them but to them they are ever a source of delight if pre-

served in their originality. I recall some such now which I wish were preserved.

As to the size and kind of a camera to take you will have to be governed by your judgment and circumstances. I would advise, however, that it be not smaller than 4x5 as even this size will make many pictures too small to do the scene justice. The film camera is much more convenient than one requiring plates because the supplies are lighter, less bulky, less liable to breakage and easier manipulated. The new cartridges can be mailed to you anywhere and the exposed ones mailed home for development. In this way of handling them, though, you run the risk of the postal authorities getting curious and exposing them to the light. There are some advantages in favor of the plates. They are more generally carried in stock by dealers, are a little cheaper and any plate of the desired size will fit any camera of that size. If you can carry all your supplies with you of course you can use any kind but many of the American manufacturers have only one or two agencies on the continent or in Great Britain.

Before starting on the trip it would be well to correspond with the makers of your camera and ascertain where they have agencies established and use this information as a guide in purchasing your supplies. This article is not in the interest of any particular firm but it may be of advantage to a good many to mention the enterprise displayed by the Eastman Co. They have anticipated the wants of the American tourist abroad with his camera by placing their camera supplies on sale at nearly every important point on the tourist routes and these cover the country pretty thoroughly.

If you want to do your own developing and printing you probably will often have to improvise dark room or develop after night. In some of the larger places you can hire this work done and quite a

number of the supply agencies have dark rooms fitted up and at the disposal of their patrons free of charge.

Usually the camera is admitted wherever its owner goes but of course you must expect it to be excluded occasionally. Anything in the nature of a private institution or a public exposition where concessions are granted you may expect to be requested to leave the camera outside or to secure a license upon payment of a nominal fee. I will name only one particular place where the camera will not be allowed; inside the Casino at Monte Carlo.

If you are making a hurried trip you may be disappointed with a good many of your views. The weather may be unfavorable or the light may be from the wrong direction, at the time you happen to be at that place. But if you are traveling leisurely or staying any length of time in a place you can generally arrange to overcome these difficulties. Do not do as I did and leave the camera behind or like me you will be sorry you did; and again I say **DO NOT FORGET YOUR CAMERA.**

Troubles With a Camera.

In London this season American tourists have been complained of for the indiscriminate use of the camera. It is against the law to photograph people in the park except by special permission, and on Sundays only are cameras allowed to be carried promiscuously. It is said that the American girl, armed with her kodak and heedless of these unwritten laws is the terror of the British Bobby.

Often the man who is disappointed over receiving but slight returns for his advertising, is really to be congratulated over getting any returns at all, as the advertising was so bad as to not justify the expectation of returns.

E. Howe of Minnesota who has printed the West, says he has ads in papers of over 200,000 circulation but the West brought the most replies.

Something About Mica

By H. W. H. Stillwell
(A. S. of C. No. 28.)

There never has been such a large demand for mica in its various forms as there is at the present time. Good mica is always in demand, and a good mica mine would yield a much more abundant harvest in dollars than many of the rich gold mines now being worked. Mica is found, to a greater or less extent, in every state in the union in some form or other, although some of the deposits are so small and impure as to be of little, if any, use to the manufacturer.

Some of the principal uses, to which mica is employed, are for insulation on electrical fuse blocks, switches, electrical machines, and between the copper segments which compose the commutator used on brush dynamos; and for a great variety of electrical purposes it is especially useful on account of its being a non-conductor. Mica ground into very small flakes, called "mica snow," is much used by Taxidermists in the mounting of birds and animals. Perhaps the most common use to which it is put is in our stove doors.

Probably the best mica producing localities at the present time are those in New England, some of the Middle Atlantic and Southern, as well as a few of the Western states the principal ones being North and South Dakota. Some extensive deposits of fine mica have been discovered in Canada at N. Burgess and Villeneuve. In fact the best mines are those of Carolina and Canada, which yield a fine grade of mica and plenty of it. Mica was at one time used in Siberia for glass, hence the so called "Muscory Glass." Gem stones are often found in mica such as garnets and tourmalines, some beautiful and very valuable crystals of tourmaline have been found at Paris, Maine, and Haddam, Conn. I have

several small gem crystals from Haddam and Paris in my collection which while they are not very large or worth very much, show the shape and color, which usually runs from green to a deep pink or nearly a red. Garnets are found in mica and make very attractive specimens.

There are several varieties included under mica, the most common of which is the white transparent or semi-transparent muscorite which, although generally white, is sometimes of green, yellow or brownish shades. It is sometimes, though rarely, found of a rose-red or rose-violet color. The composition of this variety affords Silica 46.3, Alumina 38.8, iron sesvioxide 4.5, potash 9.2, fluorine 0.7, water 1.8-99.3; and from three to five per cent of water is often present. The magnetized muscovite is a very interesting form. Very recently I received a large shipment of mica in its various forms, and among it I found a large lot of mica with curious fern-like inclusions, of many shapes and colors. This started me upon a study of this truly wonderful mineral.

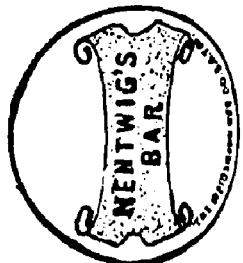
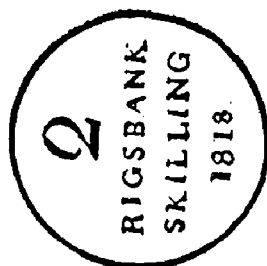
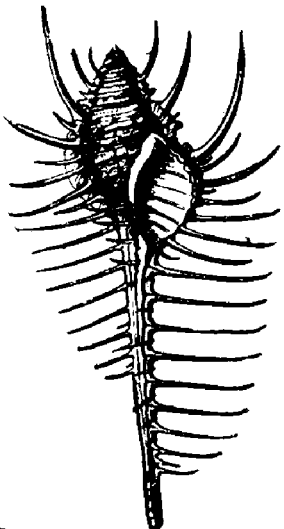
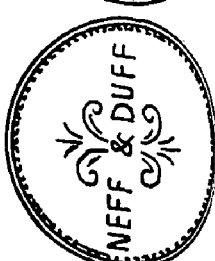
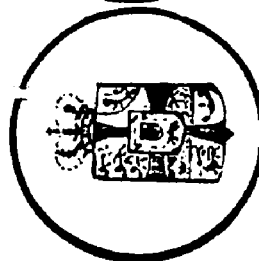
Lepidolite is another mica variety. It contains 3 to 5 per cent of lithia. The composition affords Silica 49-18, alumina 27.28, lithia 4.09, potash 12.81, fluorine 9.84-103.79. Margarodite, hygrophilite, damourite, sterlingite and sericite are also species of mica.

Paragonite resembles muscovite and is found generally in pearly scales, constituting a schistose rock. The formula is about the same as that of muscorite.

Cryophyllite resembles a green muscorite. While most of the micas cannot be easily fused by the blow-pipe flame, this last named variety may be fused in the candle flame without difficulty, owing to the large amount of Alkali and fluorine. The composition is potash 13.15, lithia 4, iron protoxide 8 and fluorine 2.49.

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CURIOUS COINS AND SHELLS



BLACK MUREX.



WHITE MUREX



Camera & News



Editor, F. J. CLUTE, San Francisco

Photograph Exchanges

G. C. COOK, Box 791,
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Five years ago I began the exchange of photographs, and I am fully assured that the exchange of prints has kept up my interest in photography when otherwise it might have waned or even died out altogether. To day, looking over my first exchanges, and comparing them with those that are received more recently, I am impressed with the advance and improvements made by the amateurs doing the exchange work. At first I received only the regulation chloride of silver prints, while at present I am sometimes at a loss to tell what kind of paper has been used. When a particularly good effect strikes my fancy and I write to enquire the process used, I sometimes learn that it is a paper with which I am familiar, but with which a different formula for working has been employed. This accumulating of new ideas is one of the advantages of exchanging prints.

I no doubt have in my collection, prints that were made by those who will never make any more, and doubtless also, their friends would be pleased to get them back. This brings up the question: How many of us keep a record of the prints sent out? Could you, if you were to break a pet negative, and having no print from it, send to the proper one of your exchanges with the hopes of obtaining one?

The best way to keep a record of your exchanges is by using the card system. You can then keep them alphabetically arranged and easily referred to. You should also keep your negatives in envelopes, numbered, and stored in a dry

place. A good plan is to make boxes for them with the lid opening at the front, and tack or glue corrugated paper inside the top and bottom. This will form nice grooves into which you can easily slide the enveloped negatives. By placing a number at the top of each groove, you can immediately pick out any desired negative.

To begin exchanging, take a few of your best negatives and make a number of prints from each of them, taking care to make the best work of which you are capable. Put your announcement or "Exchange Notice" in the "WEST"; stating briefly what you have to exchange, and you are then well started.

When you get your return prints, and after the first pleasure of looking at them is over; take them up again, one at a time, and see what kind of workmanship has been put upon them, study each one, ask yourself how they are lighted, is the composition good? is the print worth keeping? If it is satisfactory, file it away, and then when you have a number of good ones, mount them according to your liking. Shellac has several advantages over paste; it never deteriorates, will not warp the mount, and the print can be removed at any time. I will describe its use in another paper.

In sending your prints by mail, always put in a piece of cardboard the size of the envelope, to prevent the prints being damaged in transit. Give a description of the subject if the title does not describe it. Always grant the privilege of returning prints if not satisfactory or of insufficient interest to the party to whom they are sent, and only send three prints at a time to one exchange. If you have a hobby, follow it up, you will find other interests in the same class of subjects. Another thing I have learned, and that is: "Genre" pictures, i. e., pictures that tell a story, are the ones most sought after. If well done, they are always appreciated.

American Camera Club Exchange

President—H. V. Thornton, 11 Memorial Tower, 37 and Spruce st, Phila., Pa.
Secretary—L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

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THE WORLD-WIDE PHOTO EXCHANGE.

A SOCIETY FOR AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS
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Membership free to all subscribers to the West sent through to the secretary of the W. W. P. E. at 50c each. Free exchange notices on this page sent with subscription.

The Bulletin, former organ of this society has been consolidated with the West and all standing subscriptions will be filled by the West.

Membership list No. 47 will be suspended. All new members to date will be listed in the February list No. 48.

Send in your subscription and join the oldest and most popular postal Camera Club in the world. The W. W. P. E. badge or button will be sent free to all new members on request. when their subscriptions are received.

The W. W. P. E. directory of its first 600 members will be mailed for 10 cents in stamps.



Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute
16 Marye Terrace, San Francisco, California

J. T. H.—Using Distilled Water.—Distilled water is only necessary in making up the gold solution for your toning bath. Ordinary tap water will answer nearly as well for your developer, fixing bath, toning bath, reducer and intensifier. If you wish, you may boil the water to expel the air before mixing up your developer. You will find the solution will keep better. If the water is at all dirty looking, it is advisable to filter it before using for any of the photographic solutions.

W. R. H.—Aid to Correct Exposure.—Of the meters, scales and tables you mention, the Wager exposure scale is perhaps the best. I have not used all of them, but have used a Wager scale for several years. A letter addressed to the Wager Scale Company, Philadelphia, Pa., will reach them, and I would advise the trial of one before denouncing them all as frauds. I got mine on a "money back" proposition, and I think you can do the same.

H. P. L.—Working Developing Paper.—From the print you send in I should say you are overprinting and

depending on the fixing bath to keep your prints from going to dark. Don't do it. You must give all these papers the right exposure if you wish good results. A correctly exposed print will not develop too far. It will come up to the right depth and then stop, or almost so. Too strong a fixing bath or too great a variation in temperature between it and the wash water will cause blisters.

R. S. D.—Photographing Interiors.—You will require a wide angle lens to do the kind of work you wish. Either buy a lens of this class or confine yourself to characteristic bits instead of trying to take the whole interior of your rooms. I can assure you that the former is the most satisfactory plan, if you but give it the thought and study that good work demands.

A. K. T.—Fogged Prints on Developing Paper.—Vincor paper, as you have found out, is faster than Velox. You have failed to realize that the extra speed means increased sensitiveness and hence have fogged the paper by not using enough care in keeping it away from too strong a light. This is where the entire trouble lies. Your developer is all right and your method of handling the paper thoroughly practical if you will only use a safe light in filling your frames and developing the prints.

Pan-American Camera Workers League

(FORMERLY PENNA. CAMERA CLUB EXCHANGE)

H. F. MAXWELL, PRES., OIL CITY, PA.; H. R. PFAFF, V.-P. AND CONSUL-GEN., JENNINGS, ALA.
AUG. LUFT, SECY.-TREAS., ASPINWALL, PA.

All amateur photographers are invited to join by sending 25 cents to the secretary which include membership, and subscription to the Philatelic West and Camera News for one year. Present subscribers send 10 cents for membership.

Departments:—Print Exchange, Print Criticism, Photo Contests, Sales and Exchange Department, Correspondence Department and Question Box.

Address all correspondence to August Luft, Secy., Aspinwall, Pa. All letters will be answered personally if stamp is enclosed, otherwise will be answered through this column.

With the advent of the New Year, we hope our members will take a more lively interest in new organization than they did in the old. Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel. Ask for application blanks, and as soon as the printer gets them finished, (he has had the order since) we will distribute them liberally.

We have just received some interesting Indian pictures from Mrs. C. W. Hoffman, Ellwood, N. D. Mrs. Hoffman desires to exchange prints with any of our members. We thank her for kindness in sending us the pictures, and would be glad to receive more of the same from our members.

New Members: No. 77, Oliver Negley, 5608 Walnut St., Pittsburg, Pa.; 78, W. H. Chamberlain, White Sulphur Springs, Mont.; 79, E. F. Latsch, Phoenix, Ariz.; 80, Mrs. C. Hoffman, Ellwood, N. D.

The Postal Camera Club

For Readers of this Paper, Conducted by H. R. Pfaff, Jennings, Ala.

The first circulating album of the Postal Camera Club is now being made up, and is to contain 50 or more prints not larger than 4x5. Every one is requested to send a Print in at once with full information regarding the subject and particulars as to the making. As fast as received it will be mounted in an album and when the required number has been contributed the album will be started on the rounds from one member to another, each is to keep it not over two days, then mail to next on list. Postage on album will be less than 10c. Rottle sheet and key go in separate cover for 2c. Membership fee 6 cents.

As there has been some hesitation with some in sending prints we give this month a new rule which is more explicit. Read it carefully, select your most interesting negative, make a print on paper most suited to it and mail at once. Do not think that your work is not interesting as what is common place to you may prove interesting to others. Don't delay but send at once.

Good things grow slowly but we trust that many will become interested, and the album will be filled and can be started within the next thirty days. The circulating albums where ever conducted have always proven very successful as they are without a doubt very interesting to any one and to those owning a camera they are of great educational value.

The Universal Photographers Society.

Membership 50 cents a year.

Office: 66 East, 114 Street, New York.

OBJECTS.

1. The advancement of both, amateur and professional photographer, international in its character. It will be so developed as to ensure the active interest of all and induce their ideas upon a scale without parallel in any other society.
2. The latest and most advanced progress for better knowledge and a better acquaintance with each other.
3. The exchange of Photo-ideas, prints and apparatus.
4. Mutual co-operation for the protection of stamp collectors, investigating and assisting members in anyway.
5. The Prize contests every two months and the criticisms of prints and negatives.
6. The buying and selling of new and second hand photographic apparatus for the members, without commission.
7. The selling of prints on 10% commission.
8. All the fees will be deposited in a bank to pay expenses of printing, mail, parcels—post.

RULES.

1. Any photographer, amateur or professional, may become a member by remitting the membership fee of 50 cents, U. S. money or its equivalent yearly.
2. Every member must have a Diploma of the Universal Photographers Society, to be entitled to its benefits, by sending 10 cents extra.
3. The membership includes a year's subscription to the Philatelic West and Camera News, the official organ and to write articles on any photographic idea.
4. With every complaint send 4c stamps for purpose of investigating on or adjusting your claim if possible to do so.
5. No accounts will be open for goods to be sent. Cash must accompany each order. Catalogues and circulars free.
6. The prize contests. All the work must be done by the contestant; the pictures must be unmounted with the name of sender and the title of the picture on the back with pencil, and any number of pictures may be entered, as there is no limit as to how many entries you may make. These contests are only for city views and landscapes.
7. Address all communications to the Secretary.
8. Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Universal Photographers Society.

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1. El adelanto de todos los aficionados a la fotografía con caracter universal desarrollado de tal manera que otra sociedad no nos iguale.
2. Los últimos adelantos en fotografía para mejor conocimiento.
3. El cambio de fotografías, ideas y aparatos por otros.
4. Cooperación mutua para proteger coleccionistas, investigando y asistiendo miembros de todas maneras.
5. Las exhibiciones cada dos meses y critica de negativos y retratos.
6. La compra y venta de nuevos y viejos aparatos fotográficos para los socios, sin comisión.
7. La venta de retratos con 10% descuento.
8. Los gastos de correo, imprenta, y premios deducidos de las cuotas.

ESTATUTOS.

1. Cualquiera aficionado puede ser socio remitiendo remitiendo la cuota anual de 50 cts. U.S. oro.
2. Cada socio debe tener un Diploma de la "Universal Photographers Society" al costo de 10 cts oro.
3. La cuota incluye una suscripción al organo oficial "The Philatelic West and Camera News" ya exponer sus ideas en articulos.
4. Con cada pregunta envíese 4 cts oro o su equivalente para pagar investigación y ajustar positivamente.
5. No se abran cuentas. Todas las ordenes deben venir con su valor. Catalogos y circulares gratis.
6. Acerca de las exhibiciones: todo el trabajo debe ser hecho por los socios particulares, los retratos deben de ser sueltos con el nombre del contestante escrito con lapiz al reverso y en cualquiera cantidad. Los envios deben hacerse al Secretario.
7. Dirigir todas las comunicaciones al Secretario o al agente Unico en Costa Rica, los de aquella Republica.

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PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS
THE NATURAL HISTORY PHOTO SOCIETY
ORGANIZED JANUARY 1902

Address all communications and send all photos direct to
Geo. E. Moulthrope, Photographer, Bristol, Conn., Sec.-Treas.
Robert H. Woodford " " " Pres.

Objects of the Society are:—

1st. To form an association of all those interested in Photographing Natural History Subjects Both wild and domestic Animals, Birds, and Birds Nests.
2nd. Monthly Contests, in which photos of the above Subjects received from members will be judged and the person sending the best photo each month will receive a fine Bromide Enlargement of same free of charge.
All members, addresses, photo received, and those securing Enlargements will be mentioned in the P. West & C. News and other advantages announced later.
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One year's subscription to the P. W. & C. N.

To enter the monthly photo contests, and to an elegant 5x7 photo mounted on a heavy 8x10 mount of "A Live Quail on Her Nest". This photo alone is worth much more than the price charged and is a gem showing "The Live Quail" nearly half life size.

Mr. Moulthrope, refused a fine offer from a prominent publisher for the exclusive use of this photo.

The Nebraska Camera Club

FOUNDED JANUARY 1898

Wishes everyone in Nebraska having a camera to join. Send your name with 25c, it gives you full membership and use of all its privileges, paper which inserts your notices free of charge, where you can secure prints from all parts of the world. Cut out blank printed elsewhere and send to the secretary. Membership free to subscribers in Nebraska.

OFFICERS:

President—Miss L P Tillotson, Omaha, 843 Park Avenue.

Secretary—L T Brodstone, Superior.

NEW MEMBERS.

542 Cleve Scott, Central City. Cyclone camera X western scenes.

543 Eureka Art Co., Aurora.

544 Dr. J. Shelby, Omaha, 17 and Cass.

545 F. Albright, David City.

646 A. M Stewart, Lincoln, 1034 P St

547 G. Hyde, Omaha, 1816 Chicago St

APPLICATIONS.

548 Dr L. Michael, Sheldon, Has 4x5 Korona and Premo cameras; wants to X Lantern slides etc.

549 O Olson, Cedar Bluffs

550 F Shears, Beatrice

551 Prof W Smelser, Brockville, Has several cameras, wants to X for 8½x10 size

552 H Conard, Wymore, Eastman camera

553 G Mair, Galiaway

All readers be sure and send for sample of Bradley's paper on which the masterpieces are made, we want any suggestion or ideas that you think will help. Secretary would like to X unmounted photos of all readers.

If readers want to see prints try the Postal club under Pan Am club.

TO PHOTOGRAPH VERY DARK OBJECTS.

It sometimes happens that we want to photograph some object nearly all black like jet carving, or one showing very little relief as fossils in coal and the like. The difficulty of securing contrast will be greatly reduced if we apply the merest trace of very fine arrowhead, just dusting it on through two or three thicknesses of fine muslin. We only want the projecting parts of the object to have a suspicion of the white powder on them.

DEVELOPING ROLL FILMS.

Get of the glazier a strip of waste glass as near as possible of the desired dimensions. Roughen any sharp edges it may have with a file, in order to avoid possible cut fingers. Sew a piece of tape around each end, making the join come in the middle so that an inch or more of the tape left loose may serve as a handle for lifting. By pinning the corners of the film to the tapes, they can be developed as easily as glass plates,

HOME PORTRAITURE.

By F. W. HUMPHREYS

WE would suggest that you take the time, and spend the little money necessary to make a background with side and top light, as shown in the accompanying cut. The writer has had occasion at different times to make photographs in the house, and always found the trouble of having a too contrastic picture, due to the harsh light. The background here shown has been the result of many attempts at making home pictures, and we feel sure that with such a background, the amateur could produce as creditable work as is done under the skylights by most of the professional photographers.

The background should be about five by six feet, the side light about the same size. It is not necessary to have the top light more than four by five feet; the side and top lights are joined to the background by means of hinges or screw eyes and hooks. The top light is raised and lowered by means of a cord passed through a screw eye on the edge of the frame and one in the ceiling or window frame, and is fastened in

easy reach on the frame of the side light. A small triangular piece of wood on the side of the background at the bottom and one on the side light act as feet, and keep the background firm. The whole outfit should not cost more than \$3.00, and can be made by any one who has hatchet and saw ability. With such a light as this, in an ordinarily bright room with northern exposure, you should be able to obtain any desired lighting, from the plainest to the Rembrandt.- The Photo Record, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.





**Editor
SAYS**

Another good leader. This month Mr. G. C. Cook of Denver, Colo., gives the readers of "WEST" the benefit of his experience as a collector of prints through the medium of the exchange system. The promised article on mounting prints with shellac will appear in our next issue. I have seen some prints mounted on very thin paper by Mr. Cook and I was so impressed with the neatness of the work that I have asked the gentleman to give us all the benefit of his knowledge and skill.

Winter being the time that print exchanging flourishes most abundantly, the article is indeed timely. It is more, it is doubly so, as Mr. Pfaff writes me under date of Dec. 12th. that "another object of The Postal Camera Club will be the encouragement of the exchanging of prints between the members." This seems to overcome the main difficulty connected with the regular Exchanges. By becoming a member of the P. C. C. and seeing the albums as they make their rounds, you know just the kind of work the members are doing and can choose your exchanges accordingly. Aside from this, a postal camera club is a good thing in many other respects. I know, because I have been running one for some time. As mine is full, with several on the waiting list with their \$1.00 dues posted, the best thing you can do is to get in on this album route of The Postal Camera Club before it is too late.

The promised article on Home Portraiture will be found on another page.

The publishers of the Photo Record who so kindly loaned us the illustration with permission to use the article, informs me that they can start a limited number of subscriptions with their first issue. This will allow those wishing to subscribe to obtain the series of articles on retouching that I mentioned last month as being so valuable. The address is Photo Record, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Southwestern Photographer" is the brand on a pretty lively "two-year-old" that recently came tearing in from Cunning's ranch at 634 Main St., Dallas, Tex. For \$1.00 you can round up twelve of them and a request will bring a sample copy. We will give you a copied article from its pages the first chance we get. They are good practical talks.

"Imitation is the sincerest flattery," we have been told. Will Mr. Brodstone please swell his chest out a little? The Minnesota Philatelist announces that it will "start a camera club" in its next issue and on another page advertises for "a competent person" for the camera news department. I wish them and the "competent person" all success. As the "WEST" is a good advertising medium and numbers some good writers amongst its readers, I will add that the address is Minnesota Lake, Minn.

This will no doubt reach your eye a few days late, but at time of writing it is yet early. I wish you all a most Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. To those who have so kindly helped me to make this department what it has been, I wish to extend my thanks. That all our readers are indebted to them for their kindness goes without saying. Wishing you all Many Happy Returns,

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Fossils, Minerals, arrow-points, stamps, postmarks and curiosities to trade for perfect arrow-points from any locality. write!—Roy F Greene, Arkansas City, Kans.

To X buy and sell stamps, curios, Indian reles and kodak views. Particulars for a stamp. Harry E. Green, Superior, Neb., box 37

Old china, war; pioneer, historical mound and Ind relics, out of date flint and cap lock arms and other antique relics to X for cash at low prices. Davis Bros, Diamond, Portage-co, Ohio, B.

X specimens of ancient pottery from Arizona ruins for U S revenue stamps. Send selections or stamps by return mail and if they are satisfactory will send pottery by return mail. If stamps are not satisfactory will return them. Dr. Burt Ogburn, Phoenix, Arizona.

J Mitto Finch, Dayton, O wants to buy or X for Indian relics any description

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Will X 6 foreign stamps for each Indian arrow points sent me, Arthur M Hurst, Marshall Ill

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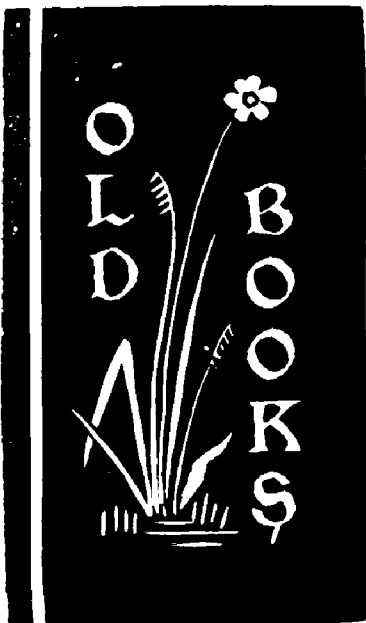
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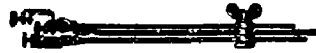
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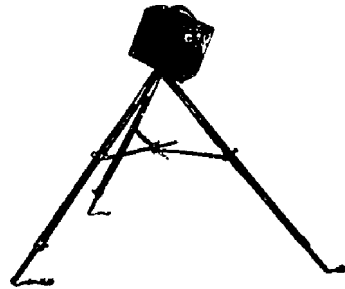
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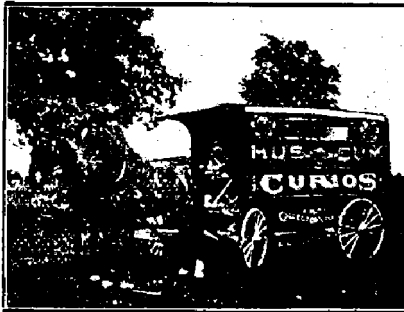
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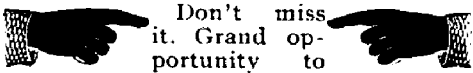
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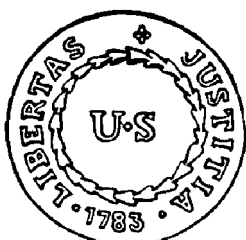
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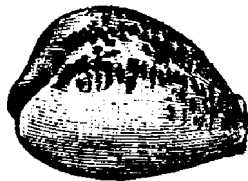
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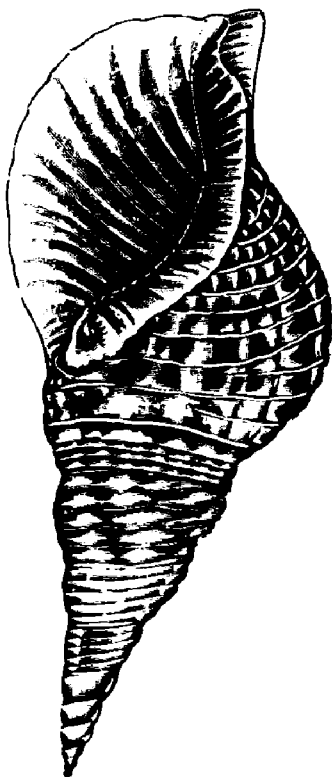
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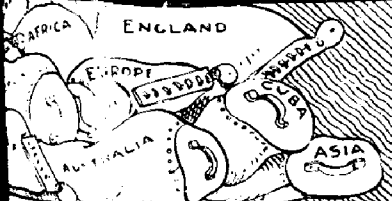
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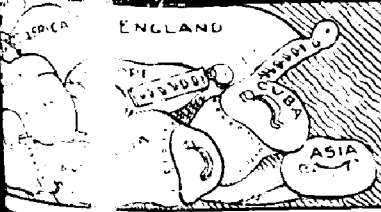
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*1875	50c blue green	.02
*1876	50c ultramarine	.05
*1877	25c dark green	.03
*1877	50c black	.04
*1877	1p yellow brown	.30
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*1878	25c light green	.02
*1878	50c dark green	.03
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*1879	25c ultramarine	.02
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*1881	5c gray blue	.02
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*1890	1c gray brown	.08
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*1891	5c emerald green	.01
*1891	10c claret	.06
*1894	1m rose	.01
*1894	3m rose	.03
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1886	1-20c 5 varieties
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1895	1c ultramarine
1895	2c blue
1895	5c indigo blue
1895	10c yellow
1887	5c green
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*1889	2½c ultramarine
*1891	10c claret
*1896	2c ultramarine
*1898	3c dark brown
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PORTO RICO		
*1891-3	½m olive gray
*1891-3	2m violet brown
*1891-3	4m ultramarine
*1891-3	6m rose
*1891-3	8m yellow green
*1891-3	6c orange
*1894	½m red brown
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2c Express, blue	03		50c Probate of Will	35
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2c Proprietary, blue	05		\$1 Conveyance	08
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3c Proprietary	1 10		\$1 Inland Exchange	01
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10c Bill of Lading	03		\$1.90 Foreign Exchange	75
10c Foreign Exchange	20		\$2 Conveyance	16
10c Power of Attorney	02		\$2 Mortgage	18
10c Proprietary	1 15		\$2 Probate of Will	50
15c Inland Exchange	13		\$2 50 Inland Exchange	17
15c Foreign Exchange	1 30		\$3 Charter Party	10
20c Inland Exchange	60		\$3 Manifest	15
20c Foreign Exchange	02		\$3 50 Inland Exchange	85
25c Bond	05		\$5 Charter Party	15
25c Certificate	01		\$5 Manifest	1 40
25c Entry of Goods	05		\$5 Conveyance	15
25c Insurance	02		\$5 Mortgage	45
25c Life Insurance	10		\$5 Probate of Will	45
25c Power of Attorney	02		\$10 Charter Party	50
25c Protest	15		\$10 Conveyance	1 00
25c Warehouse Receipt	35		\$10 Mortgage	55
30c Foreign Exchange	90		\$10 Probate of Will	55
30c Inland Exchange	04		\$20 Conveyance	95
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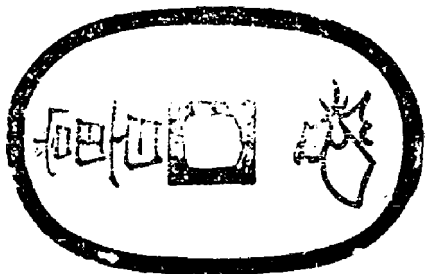


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"	1901 "Buffalo" set 1-10c complete, used, fine	.19	.12
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53 "			1.00		
54 "			1.25		
Tasmania:					
13 B "			5.00		
22 "			7.00		
28 B "			1.50		
Western Australia:					
23 unused			4.00		
22 used			6.50		
69 A unused			.30		
United States:					
30 used			15.00		
31 "			.15		
32 "			6.50		
64 "			3-75		
113 unused			.50		
119 used			.90		
119 unused			4.00		
116 used			.40		
112 "			.30		
2801 Imper			7.50		
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2840 "			.50		
2876 Perf			.35		
2925 "			.75		
2897 Perf			.60		
2869 "			2.50		
2890 Imperf			2.50		
2889 "			2.50		
Confederate States:					
200 used			.25		
201 "			.40		
203 "			.25		
205 "			.10		
206 "			.05		
207 "			1.00		
207 unused			.10		
210 used			.10		
211 unused			.02		
212 "			.06		
213 "			.50		
Argentine Republic:					
12 used			1.00		
New South Wales:					
24 used			.45		
35 "			.52		
49 "			.20		
52 "			.02		
53 "			.02		
Queensland:					
38 used			.25		
39 "			.50		
40 "			.08		
58 "			.04		
48 A "			1.50		
27 A "			1.00		
18 "			1.25		
Fiji:					
40 A used			.35		
42 "			.08		
44 "			.40		
49 "			.12		
51 "			1.00		
52 "			.02		
St. Helena:					
26 used			.30		
34 "			.08		
21 "			.70		
Straits Settlements:					
70 used			.05		
71 "			.05		
72 "			.15		
73 "			.02		
75 "			.01		
41 "			.65		
19 "			3.00		
54 "			7.50		
65 "			5.00		
Selangor:					
9 "			.10		
12 unused			.75		
16 used			1.00		
Amoy:					
9 used			.45		
56 "			.04		
56 A "			2.00		
Orange Free State:					
2 used			.55		
3 "			.10		
11 "			1.20		
Hawaii:					
11 "			18.50		
11 "			15.50		
15 unused			15.00		
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24 "			7.50		
48 "			7.50		
49 "			12.00		
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" 45 6.	" 91 1.50	" 24 .15	
" 46 4.	" 95 1.50	" 26 .08	
" 47 2.	" 96 .25	" 46 .35	
" 48 2.	" 97 .30	Chile	
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*	" " 5 " purple " "12
*	" " 10 " green " "12
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*	" 1896 1c green15
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The recent Danish West Indies surcharges are attracting as much attention as the new English set, which is saying a good deal. These surcharges (8c on 10c and 2c on 3c and 1c on 3c postal cards) are perfectly legitimate, being necessitated by the decreased postal rate effective Jan 1st. The purchase of these islands by the United States seems certain, and the popularity of these stamps, while somewhat speculative, is not surprising.

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While a translation may be just as valuable and correct if the translation is done without the authors permission, an authorized translation is always preferable. In the case of the article on Roumania by Count d' Assche, now appearing in the WEST, full permission to translate and use was accorded, thus the ability of the translator being fully recognized. As it originally appeared, this article was invaluable; the additions made by Mr. Thiele made it the finest work on Roumania that has appeared in any stamp publication.

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The publisher of the New Perforator recently saw fit to make some mis-statements that we deem it proper to criticize. In a tempestuous assault on the WEST, it is stated that the advance in the subscription price of the WEST was merely an imitation of the aforesaid publisher's schedule. We will pass by the obvious inconsistency of the remark, and will merely state that we were considering the matter of a fifty cent price before the aforesaid publication had been heralded, and prior to the aforesaid publisher's embarkation on the "sea of philatelic journalism" we had definitely

decided to advance the rate on Jan. 1st. The publisher of the New Perforator vents his spleen in other remarks which we will only mention as being perversions of the truth and entirely unmanly. In attempting to locate the beam in another's eye, the mote in his own optic has been completely overlooked. Further comment were a waste of space.

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In Conclusion

If, as the editor of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News states, the inspiration of his remarks against the minor variety was that it "is being forced down the throats of those who gag at it, by the unwholesome publicity given it," why in the name of consistency, has he not started the ball rolling by eliminating from the columns of the paper over which he is presumed to exercise supervision? He has consumed a great amount of mental muscle in attempting to gain a point while he contradicts argument with practice, for few publications accord the minor variety more thorough treatment and frequent mention than Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

We would suggest that Mr. Sever cause to appear in some conspicuous part of his admirable paper the following excerpts from his recent remarks on the subject, together with some slight addition pertinent to the end in view:

"We believe the minor variety to be legitimate and helpful corollary to philatelic progress besides furnishing an interesting subject for the study of some number of collectors, and we regard the collecting of minor varieties to be commendable. Not wishing to thrust the minor variety down the throats of those who gag at it, we hereby announce that until further notice we will eliminate mention of the minor variety from the columns. Contributors please take notice and be governed accordingly."

This done, his clientele will have been

offered (to further quote) "the philately that is wanted" furnished by the "person of experience" in place of "that which, if you will, should be wanted."

By the same token, let the novitiate paste his stamps in his scrap-book, trim his envelopes to shape and his stamps to size, love reprints, reverence counterfeits, choose remainders, admire speculatives—is he not to have "the philately that is wanted rather than which, if you will, should be wanted"? Bah! Such argument is puerile. The WEST is primarily the monthly for the average collector. Believing in the educational, elevating and laudable work of the specialist, we are always ready to grant admission to these columns to technical MSS., with the stipulation that it be free from what may be termed silliness and that it pays attention particularly to that class of stamps obtainable by the collector of average resources. This is obviously the only possible method of interesting collectors in a philately, logical, interesting and enduring

"One cannot ignore wholly in mind that which is insistently and continuously brought to one's attention". Therefore, let us treat the minor variety as in the past, giving it attention not exclusively, but moderately, not fanatically, but sensibly, and by daily familiarity with it, embryo collectors will learn to like it, advanced collectors will, after sober consideration, respect it, and eventually will be paved to its ultimate adoption as a standard, modified by the inclination of the individual and defined by lines of public opinion.

Chicago Record Herald:—Stamp collecting is popular in London, the very smartest people are going in for it. The present war started over 250,000 collectors, and any number of officers. All the war stamps bring high prices.

Ye Caustic Critic's Column.

By Yours Candidly

I notice in a contemporary reference to the "acute" philatelist. Webster says acute means, among other things, "perceiving or using minute distinctions". So here we have the minor variety crank aptly described. Hereafter, let us designate him as the acute collector. Why not?

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"Yours Truly", of the Philatelic Magazine has chosen a new forte, and is now a review artist plenipotentiary and critic extraordinary. Omnipotent and omniscient as ever, he bombastically proclaims "this is good" and "this is bad"; so throttled with impossible ideals is he that "this is bad" predominates. His previous work thoroughly exposed his vacuity and exhibited his narrowness; his efforts in the review line are but an additional mar to what might be a passing fair publication, were his insipid space fillers omitted.

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Ab Leve, the poet, philosopher, editor, proprietor, manager, et al, of the New Perforator pours oceans of contumely on the WEST, so incensed is he at my alluding to his "good stamp paper" as "paper and ink—ink and paper". Leve is so blinded by conceit that a good humored play upon his own words causes him to resort to tricky, fact avoiding and altogether reprehensible methods. Let us be fair, Ab., let us be fair.

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According to an ad in the January WEST, on the Millegville \$5.00 Confederate bill there is "a cut of a female with a money chest". Poor female!

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While I have always recognized the value of beer chips, and have oft times felt the desirability of possessing them, I never was aware of their classification as coins by collectors until I noticed illustrations of two varieties in the January WEST.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

The half-cent of Canada is really intended for use on newspapers, but its use on letters, provided that sufficient stamps are affixed thereon.

Scott's Catalogue, including only one country or group of countries, bound in leather is the latest.

The gray documentary revenue stamps are no longer issued, the new series being supplied instead.

Don't think your stamp has been used because it is cancelled for several countries cancell to order and used sets can be had which never saw an envelope.

Don't buy "Seebecks" except in sets, for the two or three specimens you want will cost as much as the full set.

The honey-bear is the latest addition to the philatelic menagerie. Its supposed liveness appears on the 10 cent Labuan and North Borneo.

A 16c stamp issued by the above countries at the same time as the 10c illustrates an alleged railroad, although it is rumoured that no such thing exists on the island.

The following table shows the number of Pan Americans that were printed; were all issued to postmasters, but of course quantities of them were returned.

1-cent	91,401,500
2-cent	209,759,700
4-cent	5,737,100
5-cent	7,201,300
8-cent	4,921,700
10-cent	5,043,700
Total	324,065,000

Split Provisionals of the U. S.

BY MAC.

There is something fascinating about these halved stamps of the early issues of U. S., which were genuinely used. Their irregularity commends them to the collector. These split provisionals were natural creations. There was nothing queer or unreasonable about them; they represent the easiest way out of the dilemma in which a correspondent was liable to find himself in the old days, when stamps were scarce and post offices far apart.

The halved stamps of later days since 1882, cannot compare in interest with those of earlier dates. To the recently-made provisionals, the well-grounded suspicion is attached that the wily, experimentative philatelist is responsible for their being. The split stamps used previously to 1889, a year hit upon for no particular reason, were not, it may be said made for or by philatelists, but a provisional postmark but a few years ago, has not the appearance of authenticity. There is little or no excuse for improvisation needed values nowadays, when so extensive accommodations for stamp buying are offered. The law against using fractional parts of stamps would seem to effectually bar any successful attempts on the part of the experimenters with halved stamps, but carelessness of postal officials makes it possible for split copeis of late issue to appear.

Revenues used provisionally are some philatelists not uncommon: they are of the two cent blue proprietary value usually, if not always, and were employed in lieu of the one cent stamp. Stamp hunters find these slip revenues on the original packages now and then. Of the half stamps used within the last 20 years or so, there is little to be said in commendation. An exception to this may be cited in favor of the two cent due stamps used provisionally in Detroit by a postal official in Detroit some years ago, when the supply of ones was exhausted.



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Foreign Papers

Two newcomers to the editorial exchange table are EL ECO DE COMERCIO and EL ANUNCIADOR COMERCIAL, both coming from the City of Mexico. Neither is a stamp paper, properly speaking, but both contain philatelic notes. Perhaps they may yet blossom out into real philatelic papers; one would think Mexican collectors could support one.

little of interest, but I quote some paragraphs from an article on postage stamp exchange relations:

"Collectors take particular pleasure in exchange relations with distant or less accessible countries, often deceived by exaggerated advertisements. But the risk is far greater and there are no advantage in such relations, for the collectors of all the world in these late years with their flood of catalogues are so well posted on stamp values that you cannot expect to receive 20 or 30 dollars worth of stamps in exchange for 10 dollars worth. In most cases collectors would do better to sell their duplicates, even at low prices, through the societies and to buy other stamps for the money. Some collectors will argue, that their duplicates could not be sold through a society, being too common. It may be replied that, if stamps are too common to be exchanged through societies, they are equally not such that anything could be made from them in foreign exchange, for you will never get rarity in exchange for the stamps usually sold by the pound. If you have to buy stamps to satisfy your exchange friends—which may happen oftener than one might think—the money had better be used to buy the stamp you want."

AND IN REGARD TO CHEAP OFFERS:

"The desirers of collectors for bargains continually lead them into snares. If collectors would only remember, once for all, that 99 out of a 100 cases there is something wrong with the "extraordinary bargains" of unknown persons, they would not burn their fingers as often as they do."

Szekula Briefmarkenverkehr has moved from Budapest to Geneva and is developing pretty well. No. 4 has an illustrated article on the Pietersburg (S.A.R) provisionals, but as it is reprinted from "Mekeel's Drummer" I

DIE POST this fine (No. 12) contains

On the re-engraved stamps the figure of value in the shield in the left lower corner is not solid, like that of the first issue, but is formed of parallel lines, more or less plainly visible. The figure of value on both issues also differ in form. Thus on the first issue of the 5c the lower curve of the 5 ends almost in a point, while on the re-engraved type it ends broadly in 4 parallel lines and is terminated by a small cross-bar. On the 10c value of the re-engraved type the foot of the 1 is heavier and 1 1/4 mm. long, while on the first type it measures only 3/4 mm. On the retouched 25c both figures of value are considerably broader than on the first issue.

Another difference is found in the altered design at the left edge of the shield which hangs from the telegraph pole at the top. On the first issue the double marginal line of this shield just opposite the left arm of the cross diverges and form an open space (in which a dot is visible) instead of remaining parallel; on the second issue this defect was corrected: the two lines are parallel and there is no dot.

A third difference is reliable, but less easily seen: on one of the falling letters the first issue shows a blot representing a seal, which is absent on the retouched type.

In general on the re-engraved issue the hair of the haggard female is rather darker than the rest of the shading of the design, but it is said that these are some sheets of the first issue also which shows the hair darker, so that this is not absolutely reliable.

In addition to these easily seen differences there are the following smaller ones:

FIRST ISSUE

Smudgy and blurred impression; little difference between light and shade.

The sky is shaded in heavy strokes in which the telegraph wires almost disappear; the edges of the clouds are indistinct.

The figure of the female is drawn in rough strokes the shades are clumsy and heavy, the hair is but slightly distinct from the face and the drapery shows only rough shading.

SECOND ISSUE

Generally fine, clear impression; the shaded parts stand out clearly.

The sky is shaded in fine broken strokes, the telegraph wires stand out distinctly and the edges of the clouds are distinctly drawn.

The figure is better drawn, the shading is very fine, the hair is very dark and sharply distinguished from the face, the drapery is carefully shaded.

The first printings of all values were perforated in two operations, first

horizontally, then vertically; later a machine was altered to perforate the whole page at once.

It appears from another article that these stamps were not printed from the real plate, but that the 50 separate clichés were clamped together to form the printing form. The article enumerates a great variety of small errors on the various clichés, such as broken lines, blots, dots, strokes where there be none, and the like, but they are of comparatively little interest. The most conspicuous one is the omission of the name of the engraver, Florian, on the 10th stamp of the righthand half of the sheet (they are printed in sheets of 50, divided into two panes of 25, 5x5, separated before issue).

An interesting article in No. 1 of *De Postzegelgids* deals with the various errors in the inscriptions found on postage stamps. I quote part of it.

"The Italian postage due stamps of the first and second issues have the inscription *Segnatassa* which on the issue of 1870 is changed to the correct word *Segnatasse*. On the same set we find 1 Centesimi and 1 Lire in place of 1 Centesimo and 1 Lira—certainly a great error which is explained by the fact that for the Centesimi and Lira values only one die was made, the figure being printed separately. Of course Centesimi and Lira remained for all values, though this is the plural form. Less excusable is the error Lira on the stamps of San Marino, where for a long time there was no stamp of higher value. On the old stamps of Modena the entire value was separately set up and inserted in the plate; hence the errors Cnet, CInt, CenI; Cetu. The two rectangular stamps of 1851 of British Guiana, 1c carmine and 4c blue, have the faulty device: *Damus Patinusque Vicissim* which on the later issue was corrected to *Petinus*. The error on the Turkish 1 pi. blue is well known: 1 Piastres; not until a year after did this receive the correct term 1 Paistre. The 20c violet of Columbia with Republica (without h) was never corrected, as Lira stamps of this value had different designs. A curious error was found in the text of the Greek international card of 10 lepta carmine, on which the word "Universal Postal Union" is given in French as "Union universelle des Postes" instead of the official designation "Union postale universelle." Unsurpassed are the Brazilian wrapper stamps. These as well as other stamps with head of emperor were made by the American Bank Note Co. while the upper part of the stamp has correct Portuguese text, the value was expressed in Spanish and thus read: *Veinte, Cuarenta and Sesenta Reis*, as shown by the later correction. The paper devotes much attention to counterfeits, giving illustrations of many

shall not quote from it. The following may be of interest:

Within a short time new stamps will be issued for Bosnia-Herzegovina. A 35 heller value will be newly issued to serve for single registered letters, which will be a great convenience to the public as well as to the officials. The 20, 30 and 40 heller value will also be reissued as the old stock is used up. On all these stamps the present design will remain unchanged, but the figures in the corners on these new 20, 30, 35 and 40 heller will be reprinted in black, as the present style of these values, especially in artificial light, made it difficult to tell them a part. The 35 heller stamp will be issued in blue, the others in their present colors.

Nos. 8, 9, 10 of the Rivista del Francobollo (it is only one triple number in reality) are almost entirely taken up with the various decrees and official notices relative to the new Italian issue as well as with a collection of the opinions passed on the new set by various stamp papers of other countries. Upon the whole these opinions are not exactly flattering to the new designs; their style of art comes in for considerable condemnation. I must admit that there is only too much ground for the criticism: compared to the sober but dignified design of our own issues or the magnificent work of the American Bank Note Co., the South American Bank Note Co. of Buenos Asres, Waterlow and Lous of London and other similar firms the new Italian issue appears trivial.

Marbi of Kiew, Russia, has visited me for the first time. It is largely devoted to illustrated postal cards, but has a philatelic chronicle and the first instalment of an article on the issue of British Guiana from 1850 to 1860.

Arte y Letras, our Havana colleague, is steadily improving, but the philatelic section is still confined to a chronicle. I hope to see it grow.

From the January number of El Filatelico Espanal I quote the following: "By order of the Portuguese Government there will be sold on Feb. 21st next at public auction at the Mint at Lisbon, the entire remainder of colonial stamps out of circulatory, in stock at the Mint as per a catalogue which will be sent free on application to the Administration of the Mint at Lisbon, Portugal. The sale will be made to the highest bidder. Di Diario de Noticias of Lisbon indicate that the following quantities are part of the lot.

Angola 1885.		Cape Verde 1886	
5 reis	black	12,564	20,696
10 "	green	8,205	49,315
20 "	carmine	2,419	93,554
25 "	lilac	16,184	13,844
40 "	chestnut	169,931	5,058
50 "	blue	19,033	41,852
100 "	brown	82,153	
200 "	violet	130,002	
300 "	orange	131,558	98,664

We believe that the auction will not be limited to the stamps named, but will be extended to those of other colonies."

The December number of the Schweizer Briefmarkenzeitung brings several interesting articles dealing with the curiosities issued by the Swiss postal authorities in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Postal Union: the 5c, 10 and 25c of 1900. As is well known, these stamps were rather hurriedly prepared and there was a re-engraving of the plates made on this account. I quote the following from an article dealing with this re-engraving:

"After the first printings had been issued with the beginning of July 1900 a new issue was made in the latter half of 1900. First came the 5c in September, then the 10c in October and finally, under curious circumstances, the 25c in the last hour of the old year. This second issue was merely a new issue of the first one, made by better means of better, re-engraved plates, and can be told from the former by various details.

Revised Edition of Civil War Revenues

By Charles A. Nast

Happening into a drug store the other day, in search of cancelled proprietaries, my friend, the clerk, handed me a box of pills with the remark "Here is an old timer, I used to sell goods with these on them twenty-five years ago". I looked at the package and sure enough there was the old fashioned picture of J. H. Schenck and son printed in green ink; it looked like the old war-time stamp of the one cent value, but on a closer examination I failed to find the words "United States Internal Revenue", and the numerals were also missing. It was simply a trade mark, they had used the old design as an advertising label. Pasted over the face of this was the $\frac{5}{8}$ stamp of the '98 series, cancelled "J. H. S. September, 1898.", in three lines, horizontally, in black ink. Accidentally I discovered that they used the $\frac{2}{2}$ cent value in the same manner.

This occasioned a train of thought. I had noticed that a few other firms, who in the civil war days had private die stamps, were using the same designs or similar ones now as trademarks and advertising labels and I wondered how many firms who were doing business then and whose names had become household words in "philatelic homes" were still in existence. On consulting the catalogue I was surprised at the number of firms that had returned in our day to the old practice of stamping their goods with a tax label.

I thought also that it would be very interesting to add to the old pages in the Match and Medicine collections, the recent emissions of the same firms. True some who had private dies then, did not procure them in '98; but they did use some distinctive form of cancellation and this mode if their's, as much so, as if specially printed for them.

As the limits of my available space

would not permit me here to go into this matter in detail, I will take only six firms, or names, who had private designs in both the Civil and Spanish-American wars, and consider them only, leaving to some future time a resume of the remaining names on the list.

To begin with, let us take the Centaur Co. As is well known their private stamp of '98 was printed in black, and only one value viz; the $1\frac{1}{4}$ ct. It contains the distinctive word "Castoria". But before this was ready, namely on July 1st 1898, this firm surcharged three denominations of the then current proprietary, as follows; the $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{5}{8}$ and 1ct. In the upper left hand corner the words "The Centaur Co" in three lines, then diagonally the signature "Charles H. Fletcher, Pres" and lastly the date "7-1-98". The $\frac{1}{4}$ in black ink and the other values in red. The next printing was on the $1\frac{1}{4}$ in black ink and this I believe is the rare type of this group, the reading is the same as the above but the date is changed to simply "98". The next year the $1\frac{1}{4}$ was printed in red, the date "99" appearing. Thus we have 5 distinct varieties to place between the old Centaur stamps and the Castoria stamp of '98.

Hostetter and Smith reappear as "The Hostetter Co" in one value only, the $2\frac{1}{2}$ ct; but the design of the old stamp, as to shape, style and engraving was closely followed. I have never seen any of the '98 proprietaries cancelled by this house, and yet there must have been some, for the government did not supply the private stamps for some time after the law went into effect, and I mention this here in the hope that some of my readers may supply the missing links. I am told that they had a great stock of goods on hand which was placed, to avoid paying the tax themselves as much as possible and in many cases, agreements and prices were so fixed that jobbers and retailers had to stand the tax. This latter phase of the question of cancellations will ex-



plain a whole host of initials not easily identified now. It might not be amiss to state here that these stamps were always delivered to Hostetter without rouletting of any kind and without gum. The old man evidently supplied this latter in the original state himself.

The same condition prevailed with regard to Lauman and Kemp. So far as I know, and the data before me is immense, no cancellations, other than those on their own private stamps are known. This firm like the two preceding selected a design for the '98 stamp substantially the same as that used in the Civil War days. Certain it is, that some of these pictures and labels are so firmly rooted in the mind that at sight of one of the firm itself and the preparations they stand for are immediately associated mentally. In the beginning this firm did not cancel their stamps. The law prescribed that the stamp must be either cancelled with the initials and date or so placed on the package that in opening the same the stamp would be destroyed. Some firms and especially perfumes have a habit of placing the stamp on the bottom of the bottle or box of powder. Here certainly they are safe from destruction, hence the government officials directed that these stamps should be cancelled by a surcharge of initials and date. This explains the surcharging of the Johnson & Johnson, the Warner and other private stamps. Old Hostetter always pasted the stamp over the cork in the old-time fashion, hence no cancellation is ever found on his stamps. Lauman and Kemp cancelled first in two lines the initials L. and K. and date underneath; latterly this was done in three lines always in red ink and on three denominations viz. 5s, 17s and the 14ct. value. The latter is decidedly not common; the two former very plentiful.

(To be continued.)

CHECK LIST FOR THE MONTH ENDING JAN. 26

- (Adhesive)
- Compiled By Albert H. Hall
- Abyssinia.** Provisional Issue.
- Regular issue surcharged "Ethiopo".
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| 1/4 | guerche, green |
| 1/2 | salmon |
| 1 | blue |
| 3 | dark brown |
| 4 | lilac |
| 8 | violet |
| 16 | black |
- Austria.** Offices in the Levant.
- Provisional Issue. Regular Issue
- surcharged with diagonal lines.
- 1 piastre on 25 hellers, blue
- Bosnia.** Regular Issue.
- 35 hellers, ultramarine and black
- British Honduras.** Regular Issue.
- 10 cent lilac and green
- Columbian Republic.** Antioquia
- Provisional Issue
- 1 centavo deep blue
- Fernando Vo.** Provisional Issue.
- Revenue stamps surcharged
- "Correos" in red and signed in black.
- 15 centavo on 25c de peso. green
- Greece.** Regular Issue. Thin paper
- 5 lepta green
- Gold Coast.** Provisional Issue.
- 1 penny on 2 1/2 pence, lilac & ultrme
- Labuan.** Regular Issue.
- Stps. of N. Borneo surch. 'Labuan'
- 10c, light brown and green
- 16c, light blue and brown
- North Borneo.** Regular Issue.
- 10c light brown and green
- 16c light blue and brown
- Reunion.** Provisional Issue
- 5 centms. on 40 centms., red on straw
- 5 " " on 50 " " carmine on rose
- 15 " " 75 " " violet on orange
- 15 " " 1 franc, bronze green.
- Soudan.** Provisional Official Issue.
- Regular Issue perforated "S. G."
- 1 millieme, carmine and brown
- Victoria.** Regular Issue
- 1 pound deep rose.

Inscriptions on Stamps

By L. G. Dorpat

The English language is to be found on more stamps than any other. At first sight it seems that English inscriptions need no explanation for English readers. Yet on closer examination some points appear which deserve attention. There are abbreviations, certain developments of expression, and inscriptions which should hardly be expected on stamps.

U. S.—P. O.—Dept. are familiar but "Dolls" for dollars on the \$20. State is unusual enough to be noticed. Canada has the "V. R.". This, of course, every englishman knows to mean Victoria Regina or queen Victoria, but on the jubilee issue an "I" is added in the "V"; this means imperatrix or empress. "Xmas" for christmas on the map stamp of 1898 is another Canadian abbreviation. "H. I. & U. S." is peculiar by joining the Hawaiian Islands to the United States as early as 1852.

The corner letters on British stamps are well known as indicating the position of each stamp on the plate or sheet, but the "W. W." embossed on the lower edge of the bust in the British embossed stamps could hardly have any meaning to us unless we learn: it means William Wyon, the engraver. Bhopaul has "H. H." before "Nawab Shah Jahan Begam". The only writer whom I found to express himself regarding this "H. H.", thinks it stands for "Her Highness". The letters in the corners of the 1884 issue are said to stand for B(hopa) L C(entral) I(ndia). This state as well as Bikanir ought to get a medal for spelling. There is an eldorado for the minor variety hunter.

"R." on the stamps of Jhind stands for "Ragbhir Singh", the name of the Rajah. "E. I. C." on the Scinde District label means "East India Compa-

ny". "Shanghai L. P. O.", of course, means Shanghai Local Post Office. "C. R." on the early issue of Fiji are the initials of Cakambau rex (rex = king). Rex, Regina and Imperatrix are Latin words.

We may as well take up a latin abbreviation here: the "Sigillum Nov. Camb. Aust." standing for "Seal of New Cambria of Australia". It is on the Sydney-view stamps of New South Wales. On the same stamps we find "N. O. 1788" on the bale at the left; 1788 was the year of the first settlement in the site of Sydney; what N. O. means is a mystery. On the Japanese stamps we have "R" for Rin and "Yu" for Yeu. "J. B. R. S." of Sarawak means James Brooke, Raja of Sarawak. The second issue has "C." in place of the "J." because James Brooke was succeeded by his nephew Charles Brooke. So much of English abbreviations.

The development of inscriptions as in the case of the U. S. from "U. S. Post Office" to "United States of America Postage", may be easily followed up by the reader, and is only mentioned, because of variety represented. Inscriptions with a special (non-postal) cause for their appearance on stamps are the titles of pictures on the commemorative issues of the U. S. We need not repeat them here, as we may suppose them familiar to all who take any interest in these stamps. Another unusual inscription is: "Sec. 38 Act of congress Approved March 3d 1863" on the early U. S. newspaper stamps. These have also in very small print at the bottom "National Bank Note Compsuy, New York" an advertisement of the printers.

The map stamp of Canada proclaims "We hold a vaster empire than has been". The 25c 1883 of Hawaii offers

"Kamehameha I.", the name of the first Hawaiian king, whose statue is represented on the stamp. The Br. East Africa Company's stamps are remarkable for "Light and Liberty" and those of the Central African as well as the South African Company for "Justice, freedom and commerce". The Jubilee stamps of Mauritius have "Diamond Jubilee 1837-1897". New South Wales issued a series in 1888 bearing the legend "One hundred years", i. e. after the first settlement at Sydney; the 5th of this issue bears as the central design a map of Australia with the names of the several states thereon; and in 1891 came a 2d stamp with the motto "Advance Australia". Liberia dons the motto "The love of liberty brought us here".

Finally it may be noticed that Formosa, China, Corea and Japan have English inscriptions besides those of their native languages, and that some countries as Canada and Heligoland express the value in two kinds of money, throwing a light on the history of those countries in regard to conditions of language, population and commercial relations.

Latin mottoes appear on the following stamps: Br. Guiana: "Damus petimusque vicissim"; We give and take in return or We give and ask alternately. (Reciprocity!) St. Vincent 5sh.: "Pax et Justitia"; Peace and justice. Mauritius Jubilee: "Stella clavisque maris indici"; Star and key of the Indian ocean. British North Borneo: "Pergo et perago"; I reign and act through to a finish or more freely: Whatever I do, I do thoroughly. The Sydney views: "Sic fortis etruria crevit"; Thus groweth Etruria strong.

We turn to other languages now, and take Hawaii first. Uku Leta: Paid let-

ter; Akahi Keneta: 1 cent; Elna Keneta: 2 cents; Elima Keneta: 5 cents; Eono Keneta: 6 cents; Kanalima Keneta: 50 cents; Akahi Dola: 1 dollar.

Other languages will be taken up similarly, French, German and Dutch being next to follow.

(To be continued.)

Another Omaha society

It cannot be truthfully asserted that philately is not lively in Omaha. Last fall the Omaha Collectors club was organized, and it has met with great success. Last month the Omaha Philatelic Society was organized, starting out with a charter membership of 30. The following are the officers of the new society:

Pres., H. A. Cameron;

Vice Pres., N. Thorson;

Sec., P. Jamison;

Treas., J. Ogle;

Auc. Mgr., S. Mortenson;

Ex. Supt. J. F. Negreen; Atty. H. A. Whipple; Counterfeit Detector S. Mortenson; Trustees, A. H. Hennings, Thos McCague, E. H. Wilkinson.

The election of the Omaha Collectors Club occurring Jan. 3rd, resulted as follows: Pres. W. C. Estes; Vice Pres. F. S. Parmelee; Sec.-Treas., Frank Brown. The later organization has 35 members.

A Fine Counterfeit.

It is a 4 pesos, brown, of Buenos Ayres, 1st issue, and it is "fine" because it has the value in English, FOUR Ps, whilst the original has GUARTRO Ps in Portugese. If counterfeiters were always careful to give so plain a distinguishing mark to their products, not much could be said against them.

Test M. C. Hart, N. Y. My ad has worked wonders. Best results of any paper yet.

W. Noyes, Me. I should say WEST is cheap for one issue for what you ask.

Entre Nous

(Between Ourselves.)

The permanency of an ad in the WEST is illustrated by the experience of Mr. H. E. Tuttle, Osage, Ia. He says "Received \$1.00 order other day; party said saw ad in May number of WEST—six months ago. Received another order today from ad several months old. Your paper is a good one."

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Better get it for yourself.

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"Answers to our last ad in WEST coming in at a great rate—14 this A. M." This from the Randolph Stamp & Coin Co, Chicago.

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Did you ever receive 14 answers, in one mail, to your ad in any other monthly?

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If you have stamps to sell, you can sell them quickly and at a satisfactory price by an ad in the WEST.

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Don't take our word for it—read the unsolicited testimonials. We print a few—we receive dozens of them every month—unsolicited in every case.

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Have you a collection for sale? John U. Perkins, Washington, D. C., sold his—you probably read his ad. Read what he says:

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I am glad to say the ad in WEST has been entirely successful. I have sold my collection, so you may discontinue."

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Other monthlies claim we prove. Results tell.

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We have 100 inches of ad. space to sell at a remarkably low figure. Ask us about it.

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And don't forget—"the publication which carries the most advertising is the best advertising medium."

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Compare the amount of advertising in this number, or any number, of the WEST—then draw your own conclusions.

Notes For U. S. Collectors

E. R. ALDRICH.

I recently met with a two cent stamp cancelled with a fancy F. It is evidently precancelled being type cancelled but where does it hail from. Can any of the readers of the WEST say?

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A recent eastern auction sale contained what is probably a unique specimen—a fine used copy of the ten cent Providence upon the original cover.

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At Bogert-Durbin Co. 178 sale there was the finest lot of private locals offered which have been put up for public competition for some time, sixty-eight specimens being offered, the rarest of which was the Frazer & Co. two cent blue, (catalog type 2475 b) of which but three specimens are known.

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Two hundred and twenty-five dollars is the price an eastern dealer is asking for a set of post office department and interior departments in blocks of fifty, each specimen being the bottom half of the sheet with the plate number.

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Another find of inverted Pan American reported, this time from Minnesota, has had the effect of dropping the price below the double eagle mark. There are others held that I know of but the owners do not seem yet inclined to sell, while I am not positive I am inclined to believe that they came from the same office as those already on the market.

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Speaking of the inverts it is now definitely announced that the four cent so printed is actually in existence and in the collection of a New York philatelist. As yet only a single specimen is reported as known.

In the collection of W. S. Valiant of New Jersey rests the entire Pan American series precancelled St. Paul, Minn. The same collector possesses a double surcharge precancelled "St. Paul" one cent. I have also seen the one cent Pan American with "St. Paul". In my own collection I have the 4c 1894, which I have not noted as listed elsewhere.

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I recently was asked relative to a three cent green on "oriental buff" paper, the owner being unable to identify it with any Scott number. The specimen undoubtedly should rest in space 95 of the International Album and is on cream paper. The National Society's work on envelopes says "many of the latter (oriental buff) are not to be distinguished from the shades of the so-called "cream" of the Reay period.

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Since writing the above I have received another auction catalogue — Scott Co. 156 and find another fine collection of private locals offered. The collection is much larger than that above mentioned but does not contain as many great rarities, the scarest being W. E. Loomis & Co. 5c rose catalogued at \$35 and the Price's City Express 2c green listed at \$20.

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At the present time it would seem extremely doubtful if the St. Louis Exposition could count upon any "postal advertising" in the shape of commemorative stamps as the "powers that be" seem to have hardened their hearts Pharoah-like against any further special issues. Specialists, of course, are hoping that Gov. Francis will find a Moses and Aaron to overcome the prejudices of the rulers.

 R. Robinson, Kansas City: Only fault, WEST don't come often enough, and is so large takes a long time to read it.

St. Louis Notes

By A. L. Wissmann

A great deal of guesswork has been done as to whether the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1903 would apply for and receive an extra set of postage stamps to commemorate that important event. To all those who have tried to solve this problem let us say; that as this is to be the greatest World's Fair ever held, application for a set of stamps will be made in due time and without a doubt will be granted too.

Many people imagine that the Worlds Fair will not open on time viz; May 1, 1903. Mr. D. R. Francis, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co. says, that the Fair will positively open on that date—hence further worry on that point is unnecessary.

Mr. C. E. Hussman of this city is in possession of a complete reconstructed plate of the famous St. Louis stamps commonly known as "Bear Stamps". It consists of 2 each of the 5c, 10c and 20c values all in first class condition, some pen-canceled and others postally cancelled, the rarest being one of the 10c value.

A Century Stamp Club held its regular semi-monthly meeting on Friday eve, Jan. 17. The members turned out in force owing to the fact that a proposition was to be voted on to change the clubs headquarters. After the matter had been thoroughly discussed a committee was appointed to look up a new location and report at the next meeting in Feby. After concluding the routine business an auction sale was held which proved a success financially, some very fine stamps being disposed of.

One of our local collectors has the finest collection of Samoan stamps,

that it, has ever been my fortune to see. Shades, perforations, surcharges and minor varieties; all in line in regular order making a very fine display.

Special dies bearing the words "Worlds Fair St. Louis 1903" are now in use at the post office for cancellation. This makes a novel and striking post mark.

Some of our readers have perhaps been already informed of the marriage of Mr. F. E. Ellis, the genial manager of the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Co., but to those to whom this is news, we will say that that joyful event happened about Holiday time. Well, here's congratulations and best wishes old boy, and may your future be as full of sunshine as a Peruvian 1 cent stamp of 1874, and may there be no grills back of the sunshine either.

A "NAWING CONSHENS".

Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.

A long time ago Whitfield King & Co. sent a collector a selection of stamps. He stuck to the lot. But years afterwards he was converted by the Salvation Army, and, having been led to see the error of his ways, he was seized with remorse, and forthwith sent Whitfield King & Co. half the value of the stamps, promising to send the rest later on. But, although that was long ago, his "conshens" has not yet "nawed" a second time.

BRITISH GUIANA \$1., 1899

Stamp Collector's Fortnightly.

In May, 1890, there were received in the Colony, 114,000 of these stamps, and 7,946 were supplied by the Crown Agents, subsequently making in all 121,946. No more of these stamps have been ordered or received from the Crown Agents. Of the 121,946 received, 144 stamps, and no more, were issued to the public as \$1 stamps. Two stamps were destroyed and the remainder, 121,806 stamps, were surcharged and issued to the public as 1c stamps in 1891.

DEPARTMENT
OF INQUIRY

Conducted by
L. G. DORPAT, Sheboygan, Wis.



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address, and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included besides the fee above provided for.

17. WHICH ARE THE MOST COSTLY STAMPS AND WHAT ARE THEIR PRICES?—

Stanley Gibbons in their new catalogue state in one place: "We have a large number of stamps on hand from \$500.00 to \$4,000.00 each." On another page they call the 1d and 2d "Post Office" Mauritius of 1847, "the two rarest stamps in the world" and say they were purchased by them "for \$3,400.00 cash." Another very rare stamp is the 2c, 1850 of British Guiana, which a few years ago changed hands for (I think) \$1010.00. The 20c St. Louis Postmaster stamp is another of about the same value. Every individual stamp of these great varieties will command its special price, according to condition and demand. A stamp sold yesterday for \$1000.00, may tomorrow bring \$2000.00 if there is a purchaser and the owner is willing to part with it.



18. SHALL I COLLECT MINOR VARIETIES?

—That depends entirely on your own inclinations and pleasure. For the beginner or general collector the most natural way is to start without any attention to minor distinctions. There is plenty of work in getting one of each stamp from all the world. But, if in trying to do that, the collector finds interest in the study of each issue, he will at the same time begin to make distinctions and to note varieties which before had no attractions for him. Without study I see very little inducement for the collection of 2-3-4 or more of the same stamp. On the other hand, if the cause of any variation is understood, I do not

see why that variation should not be demonstrated in the collection. It seems to be the same in botany. One may collect one specimen of each known plant, another botanist may collect a whole series of each plant demonstrating thereby how that particular plant will differ in its growth under different circumstances of soil, climate, moisture, etc. Take for an instance the common dandelion. On poor dry soil the flower sits directly on the root with hardly any stalk; on rich moist soil the stalk may become 12 inches long and over 1/4 of an inch thick. There is a similar difference in the leaves. Yet it is all the same seed. In the south some plants assume the form and height of trees, whilst in the north they are small bushes. Who would start a botanical collection by trying to get these minor varieties first? Or who would dare to forbid the collection of such varieties, if the collector be well acquainted with the whole flora of a certain vicinity and then begins to study each plant as it appears under different circumstances?



HOW MAY THE PERSIAN ENVELOPE STAMP OF 1888 BE KNOWN FROM THE WRAPPER STAMP?—First by the value, 1 ch. for the wrapper and 6 and 12 ch. for the envelopes. Then by the difference of the surcharge, the wrapper has two up-strokes, one in the middle and one at the right, the 6 ch. envelope has only one in the middle, and the 12 ch. has one at the left and one near the right.



20. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TYPE I AND II OF FRENCH STAMPS 1876?—Under the word Republique is in very small print, 'A.Sage Inv.' In type I the INV is under the B of Republique. There are other differences, as in the type I the uppermost olive leaf at the left is broad, in type II, it is parted by a small colored line into two leaves, etc.

The Stamps of Roumania

Authorized Translation from the
French of Count d' Assche in
"Le Philatelic Francais"

BY R. R. THIELE

(Continued from last number)

A MOLDAVIA.

ISSUES OF JULY 15, 1858.

Bull's head surmounted by a five-rayed star, above a post-horn, within a circle. Within the circle PORTO SCRISOREI* in Russian letters; printed on colored paper.

1. 27 paras black on yellowish rose laid paper.
2. 54 " blue " green laid paper.
3. 81 " blue " blue wove
3. 108 " blue " violet-rare laid paper.

The diameter of the outer circle varies; it is 19¼ mm. for the 27 and 54 paras, 20 mm. for the 81 paras and 20¼ mm. for the 108 paras. They were printed at Jassy in sheets of 16 stamps in two rows of 8, by means of a hand-stamp, and were in circulation from July 15, to Nov. 1, 1858.

(NOTE OF THE TRANSLATOR).

The author will no doubt excuse me if I insert here some statistics taken from Mr. Duerst's article on this subject. The tariff fixed the following rates:

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| For small letters up to 75 miles | 27 paras |
| " " " more than 75 miles | 54 paras |
| " " large " any distance | 81 paras |
| " " registered " " " | 108 paras |

These rates applied only within the country; foreign mail was handled by the Austrain postoffices.—The first requisition called for 24,000 stamps—estimated to be a year's supply!—as follows:

6,000 stamps of 27 paras
10,000 " " 54 " "
2,000 " " 81 " "
5,000 " " 108 " "

An invoice dated July 1st states that there has been delivered to the Post Office the following:

992 stamps of 27 paras
962 " " 54 " "
450 " " 81 " "
3,520 " " 108 " "

Whether these are in addition to the 24,000 already mentioned, does not ap-

pear, Mr. Duerst thinks so, but the figures given by him do not agree. After the retirement of this issue the following numbers were destroyed—

2,325 stamps of 27 paras
5,244 " " 54 " "
1,307 " " 81 " "
3,432 " " 108 " "

and Mr. Duerst gives the following numbers sold:

4,667 stamps of 27 paras
2,748 " " 54 " "
1,173 " " 81 " "
6,088 " " 108 " "

Total 21,676

which added to those destroyed gives a grand total of 33,984. Other statistics found by me give the number used as follows:

3,691 stamps of 27 paras
4,772 " " 54 " "
709 " " 81 " "
2,584 " " 108 " "

Total 11,756

Quite a difference; but as most of us will hardly ever own one of these stamps, the matter is not so important to us.)

Tete-beche pairs are known only of the 27 paras, but as all the stamps were handstamped, the others may have existed in this state. The laid lines in the paper of 54 paras are sometimes so faint that it seems to be printed on wove paper; the copy in Dr. Legrand's collection was of this kind. These stamps were printed in small numbers and were used only within the Principality; hence their great rarity. The Lemaire Catalogue prices them as follows: (I permit myself to make a few commentaries on these prices). The 27 paras is priced at 7,000 francs unused and 1,800 used. The price of this stamp unused can be only approximate, as not a single one in perfect condition is known; the only one which has ever been sold is a remounted specimen which now forms part of the collection of a British collector. 1,800 francs for a used copy seems to me to be a fair price. The 54 paras is priced at 1,800 francs unused and 500 francs used; the used copy at 500 francs ap-

*Letter postage.

appear to me to be fairly priced, but on the contrary the unused at 1,800 is decidedly very cheap. This stamp unused is quite as rare as the 81 paras and worth quite as much. The 81 paras is priced at 7,500 francs unused or used. The price of the unused stamp is correct but the used stamp is much rarer, about the proportion of 1 to 3. As to the 108 paras at 1,500 unused and 850 francs used, it seems well priced used, but unused it is well worth 1000 francs more. These four stamps were unknown to early collectors; the three higher values were not discovered until 1862 and the 27 paras not until 1868 by Dr. Legrand. As Dr. Magnus said at the time when his book appeared, there was only one official type for each value; others are imitations made to cheat collectors or the post office, for imitations are known properly cancelled. The genuine collection of the period consisted of two concentric circles with the name of the city above and Moldavia below, the two names placed between the two circles; in the center two figures, one above the other and separated by a bar, the upper figure indicating the date and the lower the number of the month; all impressed in blue and 20¼ mm. in diameter.

ISSUE OF NOVEMBER 1, 1858.

Bull's head surmounted by six-rayed star within a rectangle; under the head a post-horn; at the left PORTO. right, GAZETDI on the 5 paras, SCRISORE on the two others; the value (above and below) in Russian letters; handstamped on wove paper.

- A. Nov. 1, 1858 On thin bluish wove paper.
 - 5. 5 paras black.
 - 6. 40 " light blue, dark blue.
 - 7. 80 " vermilion, bright red.
- B. June 23, 1859. On thin yellowish wove paper
 - 8. 5 paras black.
 - 9. 40 " light blue, dark blue, greenish blue.
 - 10. 80 " vermilion, orange.
- On medium thin white wove paper
 - 11. 40 paras dark blue, greenish blue.
 - 12. 80 " red, bright red, brown red
- On light buff wove paper.
 - 13. 80 paras vermilion.
- On thin white paper
 - 14. 5 paras black, grayish black.

The stamps, like the preceding, served only for the interior of the principality; letters for other countries were turned over to Austrian offices and were franked by means of the Austrian Levant stamps. The stamps of this issue were never reprinted, but they have often been imitated.

TRANSLATORS NOTE

I add the following information. These were printed in sheets of 40, 5 rows of 8, the lower rows being inverted, so that the stamps of the third and fourth rows are tete-beche to each other. This seems to be the case with all values in all printings; Count d' Assche mentions only Nos. 6, 12, and 14 above in this condition. The dimensions of these stamps are:

5 paras 16mm horizontally 18mm vertically outside
40 & 80 paras 17mm " 19¼ " "

The 5 paras was intended for the single newspaper rate the 40 paras for the single letter rate and 80 paras for registered letters irrespective of distance, the former mileage tariff having found inconvenient. The first requisition called for:

12,000 stamps of 40 paras
5,000 " " 80 "
3,000 " " 5 "

The total number printed were:

78,500 stamps of 40 paras
49,000 " " 80 "
108,000 " " 5 "

(To be Continued)

DENVER ANYWAY.

Western Collectors, who were disappointed in the location of the conventions so far east, will be pleased to learn of the proposed social meeting to be held in Denver during August. The low railroad rates prevailing to Colorado during the summer will also enable many eastern collectors to attend, and a number of officers of the national society have signified their intention of going. Properly arranged, the Denver meet will doubtless be as well attended as that held at Springfield. All interested are invited and requested to ask Mr. E. H. Wilkinson, or any Denver collector, for further particulars.

Counterfeits and Their Detection

By *Lacus Viridis*

—MEXICO—

(Continued from last number)

Another type of counterfeits of this same issue is quite different. It is also a lithograph, but rather finer than the one already noted. Most of the characteristics above given for the genuine as regards wings, crown and inscriptions are faithfully reproduced on this forgery, even the irregular spacing of CORREOS. But there are other slips that betray this fake. For instance the tail of the serpent is correctly drawn, but by way of compensation the head is entirely misshapen and points at the middle of the letter M above it instead of pointing at the letter E. Another fault can be found in the word MEXICO. Each spandrel is bounded above and at the side by a heavy white line; the vertical line of the right upper spandrel strikes the oval near the I of MEXICO. Now on the genuine stamp this I is considerably to the left of this vertical line; on the forgery the white line if prolonged, would just about strike the top of the I. The nopal leaves of this forgery are rather clumsy and bear little resemblance to the genuine ones, but the differences are such as cannot very easily be made plain without illustrations. Of this second type I have two values: UN real and OCHO (8) reales. Both of them plainly show the faint colored lines on at least three sides which are usually employed by lithographers to place their transfers properly and which usually show on lithographed counterfeits. Just look your collection over for these faint outlines; they are an earmark of the common or garden forgery. I can not at this writing recall more than a few scattering instances of genuine lithographed

stamps that show such dividing lines on the plate—or stone, rather.

Both varieties of forgery in all values are cancelled with a nondescript "postmark" consisting of a large number of narrow parallel lines, tapering to form an oval apparently. I am not aware of such a cancellation being in use at the time of this issue of this set, though a similar one occurs frequently in the time of the 1874 and 1879 issues. The prevailing cancellation on the earlier issues of Mexico is the date stamp, but in such a large variety of types and designs—some very fanciful—that it is impossible to describe them here; this would be a fine field for some specialist in cancellations. Many of them show the word FRANCO which means "Paid" and formed part of the old "Paid" stamps in use before the issue of stamps; this mark was often applied superfluously to letters franked by stamps, by mere force of habit, no doubt.

(To be continued.)

DAY DREAMING.

American Philatelic Magazine.

While on this line of thought, it is an interesting speculation to inquire whether the fascination of philately would be heightened or impaired to the faithful few, if nine-tenths of the world's philatelists ceased collecting if an equal proportion of the dealers gave up in despair, and stamp societies and journals suffered in like measure. Think of what an opportunity would be presented to the faithful remnant, what superb and complete collections could be acquired at a trifling outlay, how we of large desire and slender means (assuming that you and I would be of the final sifting) could at least satiate our philatelic longings.

T. O. Young, N. Y., WEST is a great puller for business. It keeps me busy with mail orders all the time.

Jottings from Old England

By Regular Correspondent.

In spite of a universal dislike to the portrait of the King, the new King Edward stamps are immensely popular. For the nonce, everybody is a collector. At most every post office there were a few collectors who got themselves talked about in the daily papers by going to extremes to be the first purchasers. At most of the offices they went on sale at 12 midnight, Jan. 1st. but all the officials were not so strict, some giving out sets at 8 P. M. of the 31st. When it is remembered that no new designs have appeared since 1887 and also the radical change in the stamp itself that for sixty years bore Queen Victoria's likeness, the immense public interest in the new issue may be understood. That this interest exists the world over is shown by the fact that immense consignments of the sets were shipped during the first week of issue to all points of the compass.

As to the stamps themselves—most of you have seen them or cuts of them ere this, so I will just give you some amusing comments on them from the English dailies: "The design lacks unity, it is all in bits and has no character"; "The face is cadaverous, hungry-looking, discontented"; "A little girl * * * * said, 'mamma, has the King sent his collar to the wash?' This remark * * * * expresses exactly the impression the bare neck of the King has made on many people"; "The likeness to His Majesty * * * is a pseudo-classical effigy, fresh from the handbox." Of course some papers bestow praise, but it is chary. Some idea of the great demand may be learned by the value of the stamps issues by the Comptroller of stamps during Jan. 1st and 2nd—\$1,354,600 (approximately)

No one will be surprised to see a new

set issued within a year, so universal is the dissatisfaction. This feeling must be disheartening to the designer of this much maligned set.

Part II of Stanley Gibbons new catalogue is cut.

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England has 23 stamp societies. A new one for fiscal collectors only is being organized.

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A new issue from Spain is announced, it being commemorative of King Alfonsos coronation soon to occur.

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A new idea in stamp mounts has been recently put on the market by a London firm. This mount comes in two pieces, one—the "back-piece,"—being gummed for attachment to the page, and the "slide-piece," which has a gummed tongue cut from its centre to which the stamp is attached. After the stamp is attached to the "slide-piece," this part of the mount is inserted in two slets provided in the "back-piece" by means of projections at the ends which are readily inserted in the slets. Thus it will be seen that a mount has been provided which permits the removal of the stamp at any time and its easy replacing, without the usual bother of remounting. For the pains-taking collector this new mount will have attractions.

IMPORTANT NEWS.

The new issue English have been called in, owing to the fact that the cancellation can be readily removed from the stamps. It is impossible to get any at the postoffices today, Jan. 25th, 1902.

Gold and copper coins are out with the King's head on.

Our German Letter

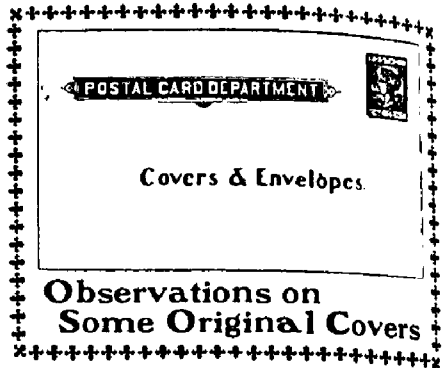
By Harold Roe-Smith, Stuttgart, Germany.

New Years week is a busy season in Germany, picture cards and Post-Korten are sent and received by every one, millions being distributed. It is not unusual for a family to receive a hundred of them during the week and they send just as many as they receive. It is an exchange so it would not do to give to any one you do not receive from as this would be too near a treat to suit the German; he does not believe in treating.

One would suppose there would be an abundance of 2 pf stamps which are supposed to be used on circulars, but not so. When a business firm sends out a lot of circulars the person taking them to the office tells the stamper how many there are, pays for them at the rate of 2 pf each, the stamper registers the number he has been paid for, and stamps the envelope with a rubber stamp in the corner where the stamp is usually placed, the name of the city, date and 2 pf appears instead of the stamp

I have seen the new English stamp. They are "not much for pretty", but there is a rush for them all the same during the two weeks they are on sale. No more will be issued till the stock of old ones is exhausted. The coloring matter used has been much discussed but experts announce it is quite harmless taken in small doses; the glue is made from dextrin and is the purest material that can be used, so those who have formed the habit of licking stamps need not be afraid of being poisoned. It is scarcely necessary to say that every one on both sides of the Atlantic has formed this habit.

Spain does not wish to be behind France, Germany and England in having a new issue. She is to have The Spanish Commemoration Stamp to be issued at Madrid on the occasion of the young King's coronation. There will be 13 (lucky number) new stamps, on each of which will be the head of one of the thirteen King Alfonsos who have reigned in Spain.



By R. R. THIELE.

(Continued from last number)

This reminds me of another cover before me which surely made the cancelling clerk weep. It is the cover of a package containing a book which lately came to me from Belgium. Postage and registration amounted to two francs fifty centimes (fifty cents); the sender prepaid this by pasting two panes of 25 each 5 centimes stamps, 50 in all, on the package, and that poor clerk placed an impression of his postmark

BRUXELLES (NORD)

date

VALEURS

(in a circle) on each stamp. He must have become tired indeed! The word VALEURS, by the way, indicates that the package was mailed at the post office division for money letters, what we would call the registry division.

I have described various registered covers before, but new ones keep on presenting new points of interest. Here is an old registered letter originating at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and addressed to the postmaster at New Glasgow in the same province. It bears one 2c and two 6c Canadian stamps of the 1869-72. The postmark of the mailing office reads

YARMOUTH, N. S.

date

DOMINION OF CANADA

arranged in a circle, but without any surrounding line. I have not heretofore

noticed Canadian postmarks calling attention in this fashion to the fact of their being in the dominion. They have come into fashion during the first flush of enthusiasm after the confederation of the provinces. The registry mark is hand stamped and reads

REGISTERED
LETTER No

the number being written in. There were no registration stamps at that time; if I am not mistaken they were issued in 1872. The total postage, as above stated, was 14 cents; if I remember right, domestic registration was 5 cents, so that 9 cents represented the postage, being the triple letter rate presumably.

Another postmark reads:

H
M Y 7
1872
NS

na transverse single-lined oval. I presume the H stands for Halifax, though I am not positive. There is no arrival postmark.

In more modern times Canada uses the R in a single-lined oval to denote registration. I have a cover before which came from Montreal, Quebec, and is paid by two map stamps, a surcharged 2 on 3c and two 1/2 cent numerals. The stamps are cancelled by a machine postmark showing the usual heavy bars and

MONTREAL, QUE.

R. I.

vertically disposed. I cannot say what the R stands for; perhaps a Canadian will enlighten us. But in addition the letter is postmarked both on face and back, three times in all—rather superfluously.

MONTREAL CANADA

date
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in a single lined circle. I suppose this was applied in the registry division, as it is in the same ink as the large R. Next comes the postmark

WINDSOR
date
ONT.

in a single lined circle; here the letter left the Queen's dominions and entered on Uncle Sam's ground, for on the same date we find

REGISTERED
date
DETROIT, MICH.

within two concentric circles, the date being in the inner circle. No doubt the Detroit office acts as exchange office for very much of our Canadian mail, so many lines of railroad converging there.

(To be continued.)

Corrections in Ads of

Warner of Michigan moved to Chicago. R248 Auditorium hotel.

Conker Nov Co. Chicago, word six should be before "two cents" in their page ad.

Voorhees. Blue Island. Ill. 15c US should be 10c

Brobaugh. Minn. 1 lb Foreign \$1.50

Pertree. Richmond, Va. .90c war Dept at 40c

Frauchenheim. NY City, \$5 red at 15c (\$1 gray 2c is no \$7 rev) last 3 items rev 15c not 75c

Randolph Stamp Co Chicago. 2c Cerf Ban O blue and orange at 30c each, 3c prop 10c; 4c prop 50c; 4c pay card \$1.50; 10c power atty 15c; 15c For. Xch 30c; 50c pass tick at 9c; \$2 conv at 6c; \$2 mtg at 18c; \$2.50 Int Xch at 7c

SURCHARGED WITH INFORMATION

Southwestern Photographer.

The PHILATELIC WEST & CAMERA NEWS is surcharged with a fund of information on stamps of every name and nationality. Its department "Camera News," is edited by H. G. Clute of San Francisco, and contains many excellent items of practical use to both amateur and professional.

Mr M Steffan of Mo., who bought the 1st million of U S stamps of 2 barrels, says WEST is the best monthly paper I have seen for coin and stamp collectors and better than any when I was dealer.

Our Illustrations

B. L. VOORHEES, Blue Island, Ill.

Mr. Voorhees began collecting in 1894 but in 1898 decided to sell his collection, which by that time had become large and valuable. Shortly before the sale, he started dealing, and, finding himself successful, has continued the business. At this writing his stock is large, and his mail order work is prospering. He has many fine views from various parts of Europe taken during his visit at the Paris Exposition.

WALTER J. SPEETER,

Born at St. Charles, Minn., 1885. After graduating from the public schools last year he secured a position as head clerk in one of the leading general merchandise stores of that city. Last summer while visiting in Wisconsin, he saw some colored view cards and bought a few a souvenirs exchanging them with card collectors whose names he saw in the WEST. He now possesses a collection of over 2000 different cards. Began collecting stamps and coins in 1895 and has a collection of over 3,500 varieties stamps and 1000 coins.

M. M. KICKLES, Iowa Falls, Ia.

Born in Oak county, Ills in 1873. Located at Iowa Falls, Iowa in 1891. Became interested in curios in 1898 and now values his collection at \$10,000.00. Mr. Kickles has made a special study of fire arms and has a magnificent showing in this line.

ONEY K. CARSTARPHEN

The subject of this sketch has been a collector for nearly twenty years, and although at the present time having sold

his collection, is still interested in the hobby. He has always been to the fore and been prominent in all large societies. Besides being president of the P. S. of A. in 1893 he was also president of the Colorado Philatelic society in 1898 and the Trans-Mississippi society in 1899. At the present time he is a member of several societies and of Denver Commercial Club and an applicant for membership in the Collectors club of New York city. He has been a resident of Denver for many years and has been with several of the newspapers. At the present time he is connected with the advertising department of the Rocky Mountain News.—
J. S. D.

GEO. B. MAIR, Callaway, Neb.

Mr. Mair was born in Wisconsin in 1851. Located in Custer County Nebraska in 1887, the free, wild frontier life being to his liking. Mr. Mair started the Callaway Courier, a paper well known in Western Nebraska, in Callaway in 1887. The camera, stamps and Indian relics are all hobbies of Mr. Mair; his collection of stone age relics is interesting and valuable.

C. W. ABBOTT.

Mr. Abbott is an old friend of ours possibly of yours too. A stamp collector since '90; dealer since '98. Mr. Abbott will be remembered in connection with "The Fraud Reporter" in which he conducted such a successful crusade against the approval frauds. To the regret of its many friends the "Fraud Reporter" has not appeared for several months, we learn that this was due to Mr. Abbott's ill health which necessitated his taking

an extended rest. Mr. Abbott is a camera enthusiast and always glad to correspond with amateurs, exchange prints, etc. His present address is Walters Park, Pa.

W. A. SISSON

Mr. Sisson was born in 1851, near Henderson, Ky., was raised "on the farm" and educated in country schools. Being ambitious to receive a college education, Mr. Sisson bent his energies to earning sufficient amount to carry him through college with honors. His business career was begun in 1881 with R. G. Dun & Co. He located in St. Louis in 1886, where he is with the above company. Mr. Sisson became interested in stamps while assisting his sons to arrange their collection, and he began to collect for himself in 1890. Speaking of stamp collecting, Mr. Sisson says:

"As a mental relaxation from the worry of business cares I found it a very effective remedy. My interest has grown as I studied stamps more closely and the habit acquired by the study of small details has been of great advantage to me in my business transactions. I am a general collector, giving preference to the adhesives and revenues of the U. S. I have something over 7000 varieties; am an advocate of "minor varieties", believing that each collector should follow the bent of his own taste and fancy thereby realizing the greatest pleasure out of it."

M.S.S. Contest.

Consideration of the immense number of articles entered in our writers contest, the following have been chosen in the order named, as being worthy of receiving prizes:

"The 'Impuesta de Guerra' Stamps of Spain", by E. R. Steinbrueck.

"Stamps and Covers of the Confederacy", by F. R. Stearns.

"A Find that Proved a Fizzle", by

Orrin F. Hallam.

"Present Day Philately", by Edward W. McCready.

The customary rules governing contests of this character—spelling, punctuation, writing, construction, etc.—barred many manuscripts from consideration that otherwise would have received attention. Many articles of this nature will be re-written and used later. Many articles were received, which, while well prepared, were on subjects that have been written about so frequently that they were unavailable.

To all unsuccessful contestants we extend our thanks for the interest shown and ask them to try again.

BUSINESS MANAGERS SAY

We will give a 3 mos subscription for a copy of the January 1902 WEST.

Our next number will be still better, and will have an increase of circulation more than any yet. We have another society with a membership of 950 members. Figuring our subscriptions and the members of societies of which WEST is organ you will readily see it has over 11000 readers. Where is there a similar magazine with anything like this number of readers?

Through new society taking all our extras, we are "shy" on January WEST, and will give a 3 mos subscription to the one sending us a good copy of that month.

We expect our next number to be extra good, and will give picture of the only Indian girl now engaged in publishing a magazine in Oklahoma. Also many others, among whom will be the leading publisher of England. Our illustration features are alone worth the price asked for WEST.

Suggestions to The New Coin Collector

By Coin Zerbe. From Nut Shell Facts on Coins.

The experience of old and successful collectors suggest stepping stones that lead to the finding of money rarities. Become familiar with the common coins; known their characteristics, acquaint yourself with the premium dates, talk coins among your friends, make inquiries regarding odd money in the streets and shops, ask the old residents regarding the money they have used in their early days and if they have any, talk on the subject with your former friends, and, most important of all, examine every piece of money that goes through your hands.

Coin collecting is still in its infancy. Good coins are in circulation and many are kept as family relics without any

knowledge or consideration for the premium value they possess. If you locate a good coin and the possessor don't want to part with it, don't lose sight of that coin, get a promise that you can buy it if it is ever for sale, and at an opportune time it may be yours. Hid away in a corner of the merchant's old safe or desk that has not been empty for years, or in a little box in the money drawer may be a prize. Deaths and failures often cause rare coins that have been kept for years to pass into circulation. Among the assets of a failed business man may be some premium money. Make inquiries of the one settling up the business. Very rare coins have been found among the personal effects of the deceased. They may have valued them but those settling up the estate may sell them cheaply.

(To be continued.)



SOME COINS OF SWEDEN

PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS

The American Society Of Curio Collectors.

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 Department of Conchology (Marine Atlantic Division)—J. Lewis Wheeler, 30 Lenox Ave., Providence, R. I.
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 Department of Bibliography—Daniel E. Pannepacker, Supt., 34 No. Dewey St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Department of Birds and Mammals—W. E. Snyder, Supt., Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.
 Department of Colonial Curiosities and Antiques—Daniel E. Pannepacker, Supt., 34 No. Dewey St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Cost of Membership—initiation fee, 10 cents; annual dues, 25 cents. Members receive a copy of the official organ each month. The secretary will furnish application blanks. All honest collectors, whatever be their chosen branch of collecting, except stamps, are invited to join. We do not solicit stamp collectors as members as there are so many good philatelic societies now in existence, but collectors of stamps who collect along other lines also are invited to become members.

Free Identification Bureau for naming and classifying shells, minerals, fossils, coins, etc., for members only, in charge of a competent superintendent, will examine and name doubtful specimens submitted to them by members. A list of superintendents is given above, with whom members can communicate direct.

Many other benefits accrue to collectors through membership. Address the Secretary for an application blank and fuller details or write to the President or any of the following members of the Recruit Bureau for blanks and information: Howard E. Bishop, Sayer, Penn.; Clarence C. Downs, Box 162, Atlantic City, N. J.; Basil G. Hamilton, Collingwood, Ont., Canada; W. G. McLain, Edison, Ohio; Geo. W. Dixon, Watertown, So. Dakota; C. L. Curren, Fox, Illinois, or Joel H. Dubose, Huguenot, Georgia.

SPECIAL TO COLLECTORS.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Year-Book for 1902 of the American Society of Curio Collectors is now in preparation and will be the best and most interesting volume of the kind ever issued. It will reach 1000 active, energetic curio collectors, numismatists, conchologists, ornithologists, oologists, botanists, autograph, post-mark and war relic collector, archaeologists, Etc. If you have any kind of specimens to sell, and want buyers who have the cash to spend, place an advertisement in the book. You can reach 1000 buying collectors with a small ad. for soc. A page ad. will cost \$5, any portion of a page in just proportion. Spend 50 cents or a dollar and get ten times that amount back in cash orders for specimens within 10 days after the book's appearance. Every collector, especially A. S. of C. members, has something to sell and if you'll tell us what it is and send 50 cents, we'll tell 1000 other collectors about it in the Year Book. Address Roy Farrell Greene, Pres., Arkansas City, Kansas.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

A number of members have been doing good work the past month and so I am able to present a very flattering report this month. I am compelled to again speak about the payment of dues, and all members whose numbers ran from 1 to 92 will please remit 25c at once and receive their cards for 1902. The official journal will be discontinued to members whose dues remain unpaid 30 days. I am always glad to hear from the members on any subject of interest and if at any time I can be of service to any of the members I trust they will not hesitate to command me. I remain, Sincerely,

F. W. Coning, Sec'y.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Only a few ballots were cast and the result is given below:

T. L. Elder, 6; Geo. J. Rensburg, 5; Wm. Warner, Jr., 4; J. L. Wheeler, 3; Burt Ogburn, 3.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

15 Basil G. Hamilton, Winnipeg, Man., Can
 28 Harnus J. Cherry, 2908 16th St., San Francisco, Cal.
 18 Forest Gaines, Glendive, Mont.

50 C. R. Curren RESIGNED 77 Burt Newkirk

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS		
Balance on hand, last report		\$ 5.77
Fees and dues, October		3.25
" " November		3.35
" " December		5.05
January		8.90
		<u>\$26.32</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Printing constitutions		\$ 2.70
Official Journal, November		2.86
" " December		2.97
" " January		3.08
" " February		3.21
Postage, October		1.26
" " November		.82
" " December		1.04
January		1.51
Stationery, Aug. 1901 to Feb. 1902		4.00
Balance on hand		2.57
		<u>\$26.32</u>

NEW MEMBERS

- 300—James D. Cox, (32) Upper Stewiack, Nova Scotia, Canada; coins, arrowheads, curios
 301—E. S. Johnston, (18) Gregory Landing, Clark-co, Mo.; Indian relics, sea shells, stamps.
 302—Chris P. Forge, (30) Carman Manitoba, Canada; Taxidermist, also collects birds and their e. gs.
 303—Miss Roy Memory, Whiteville, Columbus-co., N. C.; Sea shells, stamps, Indian relics, coins, flowers, postmarks
 304—A. P. Mulvey, (50) 341 E. 124th St., New York; Stamps, coins, rare literature, entire envelopes and cards.
 305—Howard M. Rittehouse (18) Beamsville, Ont., Canada; Indian relics
 306—G. W. Oliver, (50) Jordan Harbor, Ont., Canada; Indian relics, war relics, coins.
 307—Frank E. Shilling (28) Navarre, Ohio; confederate money.

- 308—D. J. Snider (30) Bolchow, Mo.; Coins currency, Indian relics.
 309—H. G. Brown, c-o The Owl, Spokane, Wash Indian relics, coins, curios.
 310—Edwin C. Vost, (19) 113 Depot St., Latrobe Pa.; Minerals, Indian and War relics, coins, medals, paper money.
 311—Clarence P. DeKay, (19) Florida, N. Y.; Stamps, Postmarks.

APPLICATIONS

- 312—D. Hugg, Richmond, Ill.
 313—Frank W. Smith, 224 W Colton Ave., Redland, Cal.
 314—Mrs C. W. Hoffman, Elbowoods, N. D.
 315—Ambrose P. Spencer, St. Cloud, Minn.
 316—Harry M. Raab; Dallastown, Pa.
 317—Dr. C. C. Ross, 1075 Oak St., Columbus, O.
 318—Newton P. Johnston, Gregory, Clark Co., Mo.
 319—Willard Mix, 3 Raines St., Rochester N.Y.
 320—Alfred Schaub, 72 Clifford St., Rochester, N. Y.
 321—E. C. House, Attica, Ind.
 322—Fred Coddling, 4 Ballou Place, Rochester, N. Y.
 323—D. M. Day, Royal Centre, Ind.
 324—Geo. R. Sawyer, Lock Bx 11, Davenport Wash.
 325—Oswald A. Bauer, Box 49 Piermont, N.Y.

A Wonderful Collection of Engraved Gems

By Thomas L. Elder, A. N. A.

Any collector, be he a lover of coins, stamps, bric-a-brac, or curios of any nature, if he happens to be in New York, has the enviable opportunity of visiting the celebrated Metropolitan Museum, located in Central Park. There he may spend a day of keen enjoyment in examining the almost numberless objects of art. The writer was particularly impressed by one exhibit in the "gold room," the marvelous Johnston collection of engraved gems, gathered together between the years 1845 and 1877 by Rev. C. W. King of Trinity college, Cambridge, Mr. King being a distinguished authority on antique gems.

In this collection 331 little treasures are to be seen, each one a genuine antique. Two thirds are Greek and Roman, and the remainder comprise Sassanian, Gnostic, Assyrian, Phoenician, Etruscan, Persian, Indian, Christian and Chinese.

Modern imitations of these ancient signets there are almost without number, but their very workmanship, independent of their execution betray their late origin. It is clearly apparent that during the earliest times the chief object of the gem, whether cone, cylinder or scarabeus, was that of a talisman, intended

to gain the favor of the supernatural power whose symbol, image or attribute decorated its surface. Secondly it was used as a signet for securing receptacles for things of value, with a seal of clay.

In this collection the subjects of the signet are as varied as are the quality and style of workmanship. In this collection there are symbols of war, victory, fate, religion, portraiture, animals, masks, art, science and mythology. The latter subject is lavishly treated, in some cases in a fantastic and crude manner, but in many instances we are amazed and charmed by an artistic finish, delicacy of form, beauty of expression unsurpassed. The figures seem to breathe with animation, and after being lost to human gaze for over two thousand years, we see them still as perfect and fresh looking as though the engravers simple tools had been laid aside but yesterday. It is a matter of deep regret that practically all the ancient artists who engraved these gems are unknown to us.

In the case at my finger's tip I saw Jupiter standing on a globe, tall and majestic; on the next gem a bust of Juno crested with a pea-cock; beside it another Juno cut to a most extraordinary depth in a transparent black agate, evidently selected for its analogy to the subject, as it gives exactly the hue of a negro's skin. Then Serapis, with hand uplifted in command, armed with a spear; and with it Galeatea in the act of swimming; and Pallas in Attic helmet, chased with the figure of a sea-horse. A glance at this latter gem convinces us that the engraver was inspired with the true Greek spirit. Mars, Venus, Cupid and Psyche, Hercules and many others are strikingly portrayed.

Words are feeble; in conclusion I can but say to all lovers of antiques, and to all worshippers at the shrine of the Goddess of beauty, that if they can possibly see these gems, to do so.



Curio Notes

By Roy Farrell Green, A. S. of C. C.

A Paris antiquary recently acquired for his collection a bath tub which is alleged to be the one in which Jean Paul Marat was enjoying his bath when he was assassinated by the peasant girl, Charlotte Corday, in the year 1793, of the French revolution. The tub is made of zinc and is shaped like a gigantic shoe.

Not since the famous Clark collection of Washington portraits and prints was sold has there been such a choice lot of early prints offered by auction sale as the auction at Libbie's in Boston a few months ago brought forth, when the Washington and Revolutionary portraits, views, prints and engravings of the late R. C. Watterson was offered. The portrait of Maj-Gen. Benjamin Lincoln of the Revolutionary army was bought by Boston dealer at \$155. Another Boston collector secured a mezzotint folio engraving of General Lafayette, painted and engraved by P. L. de Bucourt, 1790, for \$60. A colored copy, a re-impresion from the original, representing "The Bloody Massacre Perpetrated in King Street, Boston, March 5, 1770, by a party of the Twenty-Ninth regiment. Engraved printed and sold by Paul Revere, Boston, copyright secured," a small quarto in old frame, was sold for \$55 to J. F. Sabin for a New York collector. A portrait of Benjamin Franklin went to J. O. Wright of New York for \$40.

Mrs. Joseph R. Drexel recently secur-

ed two fans of great value, which were owned by Pope Leo XIII, which she has donated to the museum of the University of Philadelphia. The fans are made of ostrich feathers and ornamented with diamonds and other precious stones. Mrs. Drexel had donated to the museum a splendid collection of fans gathered in all corners of the world, before this, but Mr. Stewart Culin, curator of the museum, considers the last two donations will be the most elegant as well as the most valuable souvenirs.

A. Dobrowsky of Redding, Calif., is the owner of a clock with a history. Nearly sixty years ago in a large clock factory in New York state the interesting time-piece was manufactured. For several years it adorned the window of a Wall Street jewelry shop in the Nation's metropolis. In 1849 a California miner who had made a fortune was visiting in the Empire state, and seeing the clock concluded he must have it at any price to take back with him to far-off California. He bought it and in the fall of that year the clock started on its long trip around the Horn in a sailing craft. In due season it reached its destination and found its way to a jewelry store on Montgomery street in San Francisco, owned by Sperry & Co. For more than ten years it remained here, until, in 1861, L. A. Kelley a jeweler of Shasta bought it and took it to that city where it remained a few years, finally to be bought by the present owner, who later took it to Anderson, kept it there a few years, and some eight years ago removed it to Redding. The clock is still doing duty as a reliable time-keeper and is a prized relic of other days.

The Berlin Royal Library has but recently acquired a valuable collection of autographs of musicians. It was made by Artaria, Bethoven's publisher, who got the best part of it for a few hundred

florins from Bethoven's heirs when that composer died. There are 93 autographs of Bethoven, including some of his most famous works; 32 of Hadyn, and others by Schubert, Rossini, Paganini, etc. After keeping these seventy years the Artaria family offered them for sale by auction. To prevent the collection from being scattered Dr. Erich Preiger of Bonn paid \$50,000 for it, expecting the Prussian government to buy it from him. It has now, after four years of negotiating, done so, but for the same sum that Preiger paid.



Most curious are the sewing or tailor birds of India—little yellow things not much larger than one's thumb. To escape falling prey to snakes and monkeys the tailor bird picks up a dead leaf and flies up into a tree and with a fiber for a thread and its bill for a needle, sews the leaf to a green one hanging from the tree; the sides are sewed up, an opening to the nest thus formed being left at the top. That a nest is swinging in the tree no snake or monkey, or even man, would suspect.



Prof. W. H. Holmes of the Smithsonian institution last summer explored the region of the white sulphur spring near Afton, Ind. Ty. and made finds of great importance. This spring is located on the flat prairie, there being no hills for considerable distance and no timber for several miles. For years the locality has been known to be a hidden mine of wealth. The water in the spring comes up in a bog or quagmire, and there is at least half an acre of ground where man nor beast can go in without bogging. If you jump about anywhere on the bank the bog will shake like a huge bowl of jelly. A number of years ago several residents of the neighborhood gathered to clean out the spring, and in their work they threw out a half-bucket full of arrow

and spear points, three large teeth, some few bones, and exposed a huge bone, the round end sticking out, presumably the thigh joint. They hitched a span of horses to this bone but did not succeed in pulling it out, and it is still there. A school teacher in the neighborhood one day succeeded in getting from the spring a huge tooth which he later sold to a museum for \$15. Dr. Harper, a physician in Afton one day dug into the spring and got several quarts of arrow-points and one big tooth which weighed five pounds. At last through the efforts of the Doctor the Smithsonian people sent Prof. W. H. Holmes to investigate, and upon his arrival, the very first day he took half a bushel of fine flint relics and two gigantic teeth from the spring. Holmes worked in the locality for a week and his final showing was three large boxes of prehistoric remains, including the tooth of a mastodon, the measurement of which was: 16 inches long, 10 inches deep, up and down, and 4 inches wide across the top from side to side. It weighed 21 pounds, and it must be born in mind that this was only the crown of the tooth above the jaw bone, there is not a particle of the root attached. The rest of the collection consisted of smaller teeth and of two distinct families—the mastodon and the mammoth. There were also found the bones of the bear, wolf, deer and buffalo. There were three buffalo heads and one wolf head. Prof. Holmes only partly examined an area of the deposit about 10 by 15 feet in size and 8 feet deep. The deposit consists first of a two-foot layer of bog, then two feet of sand, and sixteen feet of gravel which rests on solid limestone. The bog is about two acres in extent, and there seems to be an endless field for research here. I understand the owners of the land would welcome a scientific party, and as Afton is accessible by railroad this would be a good place for some of the WEST'S curio lovers to spend their vacation the coming summer.

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A fruit supposed to bear the mark of Eve's teeth in one of the many botanical curiosities of Ceylon. The tree on which it grows is known by the significant name of "the forbidden fruit" or "Eve's apple tree." The blossom has a very pleasant scent, but the really remarkable feature of the tree, the one to which it owes its name is the fruit. It is beautiful, and hangs from the tree in a peculiar manner. Orange on the outside and deep crimson within, each fruit has the appearance of having had a piece bitten out of it. This fact together with its poisonous quality, led the Mohammedans to represent it as the forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden, and to warn men against its noxious properties. The mark upon the fruit is attributed to Eve. Why the bite of Adam did not also leave its mark is not known, but as only one piece seems to be missing, its loss is ascribed to the woman.

One of John D. Crimmins' fads is the collecting of autograph letters, and of these he possesses an exceptionally fine collection. There are one or more letters written by each of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, saving only Lynch and Gwinnett, and of these he has autograph signatures. There are also letters written by distinguished generals and other officers in the Revolutionary war, letters penned by the various presidents of the United States and by other famous Americans, historians, poets and statesmen, as well as letters of Carlyle, Hunt, Moore and other celebrated Englishmen. His collection of the mayors of New York was some time ago exhibited at the Lenox library. Each series of letters has its own handsomely engrossed cover, and in order to protect his treasure from fire Mr. Crimmins has had safes built in the basement of his city residence in East Sixty-eighth street, the safes being concealed by handsome doors, so that they in no way

detract from the appearance of the room in whose walls they are placed.

The editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of one of the extremely handsome photographic sofa-pillow covers made by Mr. N. Pomeroy of Lockport, N. Y., which reached us at holiday time, coming as a splendid Christmas remembrance. The cover is as artistic as it is useful and no reader of the WEST who answers Mr. Pomeroy's advertisement in another portion of this issue will have reason to regret having parted with his shekels in exchange for one of the blue-print covers. Our thanks for the kind remembrance.

The Ellis book sale in London some time ago, where a little copy of the poems of William Blake sold for \$3,500, realized in all \$27,940. The Kelmscott press books bringing prices so high that collectors of the works of William Morris are confident there is a decided advance to be expected. The Vellum Chaucer sold for \$2,550, but the highest price in the whole sale, \$4,000, was realized by the eighty-seventh original pen-and-ink drawings of the illustrations of the Chaucer. These drawings were re-drawn, from sketches in pencil by Burne-Jones.

Plants and flowers from other countries bring with them new migrants in the shape of bugs, bees and other insects. Concealed in the blossom or bud of the plants, they remain dormant during the long voyage, but when they reach land where climate and surroundings are congenial to their active growth they come forth to establish themselves in their land of adoption. Thus from Bermuda we have brought insects by the hundreds concealed in the beautiful Easter lily blossoms, and from all parts of the world strange insects, hid away in the cup-like blooms of orchids, which hunters have risked their lives to secure, have been introduced in our midst.

The Archaeology of Ohio

By Arthur B. Coover.

The Archaeology of Ohio is doubtless familiar to most readers of the WEST through the many publications and articles written on the subject.

Most all museums of this country have many specimens from Ohio, but through the explorations of The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society many new and interesting specimens have been added to the Society's museum at Columbus. This Society made an exhibit at the Pan American exposition which secured for them a Gold Medal over all competitors (and many choice collections were there represented). One quadrant and the center of the Ethnology building was occupied by the Ohio exhibit, and in it was shown the work of pre-historic men as it has never been shown before at any Exposition. In the center of the building, occupying space twelve feet square, was shown a section of a burying ground containing seven skeletons as found at the Baum pre-historic site. Arranged in cases in a neat and systematic manner were the implements and ornaments of this once mighty race of people of which so little is known.

Here was shown the skeletons of children who had died in infancy and had been thrown into the ash-pits, the ashes acting as a preservation of the small and fragile bones. Here also was shown the implements and ornaments of bone, stone and shell. The food products were represented by charred corn, beans, hickory nuts, walnuts, hazlenuts, seeds of the wild plum, grape and pawpaw. Bones of the elk, deer, bear, raccoon, wildcat, mountain lion, indian dog, wild turkey, wild goose, fish and turtle, showing an unlimited and unfailing supply of food. In other cases were shown arrow points of bone and stone, fish hooks of bone and hundreds of fine bone awls, pestles

and mortars of stone used for grinding grain, axes, hammers, pottery in which they cooked their food, a rare collection of pipes, many copper ornaments, and ornaments made of slate, ocean shells, pearls, etc.

The Ohio exhibit contained some ten thousand specimens of which a full description would fill a large volume, and can be found in the society's reports.

The Baum Village Site (in Southern Ohio) extends over an area of some ten or twelve acres and entirely surrounds a large mound. Near by are a number of earthworks and several stone forts. That these people understood the need of a sanitary system is evident, from the facts that in exploring the site the workman would find the post molds of their little tepees or houses, and outside this circle they would find pits (always circular) from two to four feet in diameter and from four to seven feet deep, in which were found the bones of various animals, fragments of pottery, implements and ornaments, skeletons of babies and children, and in two instances adult skeletons. From the appearance of the pits it would indicate that the inhabitants gathered up the refuse from the camp each day and threw it into the pits and then threw hot ashes over the fresh refuse. When a pit was filled to the top, another pit was dug close by the first. In one instance five pits were dug so close together that the sides overlapped, showing that the site was occupied for a long time. Explorations have been made at this site each summer for the past five years, and of the thousands of specimens found, there is nothing to show the least trace of European contact. That these people were Indians there is but little doubt. Where they came from and how long since these mounds and earthworks were built is the question?



La Sociedad Filatelica Hispano-Americana—The Spanish-American Philatelic Society.

NOTICE OF ELECTION!

In compliance with the law of the Constitution of the Spanish-American Philatelic Society, as Secretary of the same I have the honor to submit herewith, the list of candidates for officers during the year of 1902. We hope during the coming year to surpass all previous efforts, and especially with regard to Exchange and Sales Departments, and also the Library. In order to be perfectly successful, we must have the hearty co-operation of all the members of the Association, and many new regulations will be introduced during the coming year. In order to properly place your vote, please make an **X** by the side of the respective candidates, sending me your vote within ten days for receipt, thus enabling me to report the results by next month. With best wishes for a prosperous and beneficial year in our institution and with Philately everywhere I beg to remain,

CHARLES WILLARD MYERS,
Secretary of Committee on Credentials, Wichita, Kansas.

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS—LA LISTA DE NOMINACIONES.

La Sociedad Filatelica Hispano-Americana—The Spanish-American Philatelic Society.

President, Eduardo M. Vargas, Irapuato, Mex.
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Agustin Vazquez, Havana, Cuba.
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Librarian, German Helmrick, Tepic, Mexico
Attorney [Abogado] G. E. Alexander, Denver, Colo., U. S. A.

gar, Amando Céspedes, Allen McCoy, C. W. Myers, Felipe Naveda

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Canada, C. W. Merriman, Brockville, Ontario.
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Costa Rica, Isaac C. Lean, Puerto Limon.
Yucatan, T. Mediz Bolio, Merida.
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Peru, Carlos Tirado, Apartado 993, Lima.
Ecuador, Simon Intrigo, Guayaquil.

NOTICIA DE ELECCION.

Por el presente, cumpliendo con los Reglimentos de la Constitucion de la Sociedad Filatelica Hispano-America, yo, como el Secretario de dicha asociacion, tengo el honor de someter a Uds, la lista de los candidatos para la eleccion de 1902. Durante el ano entrante, esperamos sobresalir en todos respectos al progreso hecho durante el ano pasado. Deseo llamar la atencion de Uds, especialmente a los Departamentos de Ventas y cambios, y tambien a la Biblioteca. Esos Departamentos necesitan el sosten entero de todos los socios de nuestra corporacion. Para poner su voto, correctamente, sirvanse Uds, poner la marka **X** al lado de todos los nombres, devolviendome la lista, dentro 10 dias de la fecha de la presente Sociedad un ano de prosperidad y a la Filatelia engeneral, me es grato subscribirme como de Uds. Su Servidor Seguro.

CHARLES WILLARD MYERS,
Secretario de la Junta Electiva, Wichita, Kansas, E. U.

Something About Mica

By H. W. H. Stillwell,
(A. S. of C., No. 28.)

(Continued from last No.)

Zindwaldite is similar to Cryophyllite in containing Iron and Lithium, but the amount of Alkali is proportionally less, hence the fusion is more difficult.

Polyolithionite is very similar to the two last named varieties in composition.

Phlogopite another mica variety, varies in color from yellowish brown, with a copper like reflection, to white. Composition affords Silica 43.00, Alumina 12.37, Iron Sesquioxide 1.71, Magnesia 27.70, Potash 10.32, Soda 0.30, Water 0.38, Fluorine 5.67 = 102.35. Next to impossible to fuse it.

Biotite, the color of which varies from dark green to black (rarely white), transparent to opaque. One analysis afforded Silica 40.00, Alumina 17.28, Iron Sesquioxide 0.72, Iron Protoxide 4.88, Magnesia 23.91, Potash 8.57, Soda 1.47, Water 1.37, Fluorine 1.57 = 99.77. In blowpipe flame will whiten and fuse on thin edges. Biotite has also been called Anomite. Euchlorite is Biotite. Other varieties of Biotite are Meroxene, Lipidomeiane, Haughtonite, Annite, Siderophyllite and Astrophyllite, the last named is uncertain whether it be a mica species or not. I should think that it would belong to the Pyroxene group.

Mica is indeed an interesting mineral. I have before me a drawer of micas, some of which are very beautiful, while others are of a more sombre hue. Some of the varieties represented are Magnetited Muscorite, Biotite, Phlogopite and Lepidolite. I have some excellent mica specimens inclosing tourmaline from Maine and Connecticut, also a few from New Hampshire some of the specimens from the last named locality have small beryl crystals partly imbedded in the mica.

Confederate Curios

By Miss Roy Memory
A S of C C No 303

Sometime ago I sent to a well-known curio-magazine, for insertion in its columns, this notice: "Confederate money to exchange." It was really amusing to read some of the answers that I received to this notice, as, strange to say, there were lots of people, even in the South-land who had never seen a Confederate bill. One of the parties wanted "a thousand dollars to sell to fellows who wanted to make-believe they had plenty!"

One peculiar I noticed in regard to these bills was the different value placed upon them by different persons. Some would think the price of 2½ per cent of face was much too low, while others thought such a figure outrageous.

There are small bills, ranging from five cents to two dollars, which were issued by the separate states, (commonly known as "shinplasters") which by some are thought more interesting than the regular issue of the Confederate States government. As regards Confederate States stamps. There are very few of them to be picked-up in the South-land today, however they prove very interesting to the collector, (principally to Americans.)

Among the Confederate relics owned by our family is a letter written by Alexander H. Stephens, Vice-President of the Confederacy, to my grandfather. The envelope had been originally addressed to Mr. Stephens himself, but as he was evidently of a saving disposition it had been turned, then re-addressed to my grandfather. Stephens wrote a very illegible hand.

It is quite interesting to get a lot of Confederate bills together and read the different signatures upon them, in this way one can easily tell when the office passed from one guiding hand to another. The bills dated 1862 are very rare. I have one before me of that date,—a hundred dollar note. The designs on this issue are different from the ones of the 1864 issue. I notice that the bills issued in 1862 seem mostly to show peaceful scenes, women and children, a view of the Richmond capital, and on one, at least, the figure of the Good Samaritan. The bills of later date have more war-like scenes, such as horses, cannon and like subjects.

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The secretary has been sending out notices to all the members whose names appear on the roll of the Society, giving them a statement of their standing with the Society. Any member who has been over-looked will confer a favor upon the under-signed if he will advise him of the fact. If any address has been changed please send in word at once so that the Philatelic West can be properly mailed.

If any of the members of the Society can use any application blanks be sure to send for them. We ought to increase our membership at least one hundred this fall, and if every member now enrolled will put in his best licks this can certainly be done.
 T. O. Cunningham, Secretary,
 No. 635 Washington Avenue, Kansas City, Kans.

REPORT OF SALES DEPT.

16 Books in circulation Dec, 20th, value	\$107.51
5 " received since	51.22
21 " "	5158.73
14 " Retired in Jan. from which	\$91.35
had been sold \$28.57	
7 books in circulation Jan. 22nd, value	\$67.38

Members are slow about being put on circuit. Stamps are sold as cheap as any good stamps can be sold and large variety to select from. Can use a few good books of U. S. stamps?
 Respectfully,
 W. P. Kelley Supt.,
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Members of the N. P. S.:—It is now the best of

the year for collection of stamps. Many new people are starting collecting. Are you doing your share to see that they are put in touch with a good society? which has a fine official organ, such as the N.P.S. At our annual meeting in Omaha last September, the members present pledged themselves to each obtain a new member before the next annual meeting. Cannot every member of the society at least do as much? Our Auction Manager and Manager of the Exchange Department notify me that members are not taking the interest in these departments that they should. If you have any stamps to sell or put upon the circuit, or wish your name put on the circuit to receive selections, please notify the managers of these departments.

Respy.,

W. C. Estes, Pres.

How many members have tried each of the departments or asked regarding same?

New Member: G. Mair, Callaway.
 Good many of member's dues fall due. Have you looked up your card to see if you are in the list. Can't you help out?

STAMP COLLECTOR'S Protective Assoc'n OF AMERICA

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Any stamp collector of good recommendation may become a member by applying to secretary. Benefits: Mutual co-operation for the protection of honest collectors; for the furtherance of philately in general; annihilation of frauds and schemers by exposing them; collecting, investigating and assisting members in any way. Become a member and help us. With every complaint send 4c for purpose of investigation or adjusting your claim if possible to do so. A great many will pay rather that be published.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Is time for election of officers, send in your nominations.

W. K. Hall of Canada, would like to get address of Howard Kemp lately of Omaha or Kansas City.

G. Rice, of Va., complains of H. Amman of Orville, O.

J. Dodge of Pa., writes that he has turned over to P. O. Inspector, V. S. Clay of Ga.

E. Smith of Ill., reports W. Rae, of Japan.

NEW MEMBERS

C. Tobey, Scranton, Pa., 820 Electric ave.
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We can use more members, and glad to hear any complaints

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Organized Dec. 1st, 1901, in Deseronto, Ontario, Canada, at a general meeting of Philatelists.

OBJECTS

The society was formed to encourage the study of philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among collectors the world over, and to promote honest exchange among its members.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person of good recommendation and social standing may become a member by applying to the secretary, said applicant must have two references. The secretary shall cause to be published in next number of official journal, the name and address of such applicant, and if no person files objections with the trustees within 15 days of such publication, he will be considered elected, and shall receive the certificate of membership on payment of all dues.

The dues of the association shall be 15c initiation fee and 35c yearly dues.

The officers of the association shall be elected on the majority vote of the members and for a term of two years.

BENEFITS

The International Stamp Collector's Association with all the usual benefits will give one which is in itself worth far more than the cost of membership. The association will shortly have representatives in every stamp issuing country. Such representatives will be persons of high commercial standing. Members can by sending return postage cash remittance buy unused current issues at **FACE VALUE.** List of representatives will be sent to **MEMBERS ONLY.**

Such official representatives shall be known as president, vice-presidents, and shall be appointed by Governing Board consisting of president, secy, treas, and three trustees, who will appoint or

remove at their discretion.

The duties of resident vice-presidents will be to purchase for members of association current issues of stamps at face value. To induce stamp collectors to join and to see that such are proper and fit persons to enjoy the benefits of the association.

We the undersigned Committee on Organization hereby invite all philatelists of good social standing to join the Association.

H. W. WOODALL,

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Com. on Organization

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For application blanks or further information apply, secy, Treas, C. W. N. USSHER,
 137 Baldwin St,
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Mounting Prints With Shellac.

C. G. Cook, Denver, Colo.

Once the knack of handling it has been mastered, shellac will be found about as good a mountant as one could wish for. It is not only cheap but posses several advantages over paste. If kept in a bottle well corked it will never deteriorate; and should it thicken by evaporation, the addition of a little alcohol will correct matters. It will not warp the mount, no matter how thin the material may be. You can remove a print from the mount or from the page of an album at any time without the least injury to either.

About as good a way as any to apply the shellac is to cut or tear old newspapers into pieces somewhat larger than the prints to be mounted and use these pieces to lay the prints face down upon while applying the shellac. Make a swab by winding a strip around the end of a stick somewhat in the form of a brush though more flat than round will be found the best shape. Burn it up each time after using as the alcohol required to clean a brush costs more than it is worth.

Place each print on separate pieces of newspaper and give them a good coat of the shellac; laying them aside face down to dry, being careful not to let them touch one another. The prints can be trimmed and mounted at any

future time.

To mount, place the print in the desired position on the mount and rub down with a warm iron. If the corners turn up, the iron is too hot. To remove the print one has only to iron over with a hot iron and the print may be peeled from the support. Be sure, in either case, to have the iron clean or smudged prints will be the result. Should the shellac strike through the print it is because the solution is too thin, and some of the alcohol must be allowed to evaporate. This is easily done by leaving the cork out of the bottle for a longer or shorter period.

For mounting squeegeed prints shellac has no equal as the gloss is not impaired in the least. For the leaves of albums it is the mountant par excellent. As a safeguard against moisture destroying the print from the back, shellac is to be recommended, if for no other reason. Where high priced mounts are used, the ease with which the prints can be removed should make shellac a prime favorite as a mountant.

Landscape Work.

When out after choice bits of nature, give the condition of the atmosphere some thought. If you find a dainty bit of foreground study and the air is clear with the sun bright, leave it alone for another day. If you want distant vistas and "all outdoors" on your plate, choose the clear, bright days, you will then get the contrast that gives the picture life. The other kind have plenty of contrast as a rule, and a softer light or slight haze is better for them.

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There has been some delay in getting the list of members in shape for the transfer to the WEST. Hope all will be patient as we expect to have everything in shape by the March issue. Will all who did not receive list 47 let me know and one will be forwarded to them if in print. If not subscriptions will be extended one month. Give street number or P. O. box when you subscribe or renew so there will be no delay in getting your WEST.

Prints for the 5x7 circulating album are coming in in a more satisfactory manner now. Send yours along there is still room for a few. 4x5s will be accepted if you do not make 5x7s.

No. 1 circulating album is on its 7th trip. Contains 100 4x5 prints from 100 members of the exchange and is accompanied by an index to your prints. Send one and it will be mailed to you in your turn. You to pass it on to the next one post-paid—postage to cents. Well worth your while. Has traveled 25,000 miles and delighted many members of the exchange. The 5x7 album is growing steadily. 2,485 prints will be accepted if you have no 5x7 camera. Prints will be acknowledged in Bulletin.

Prints have been received for the 5x7 circulating album from the following members:

- 1 C C Cook, Denver, Colo.; 2 A J Swanson, Fair-
bank, Minn.; 3 H F Oliver, Lynn, Mass.; 4 Mrs G
W Flanders, Boreman, Mont.; 5 F P Storm, St
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Hines, Fulton, Ill.; 13 E M Adams, Akron, O.;
14 Mattie M Stevens, Enfield, N H.; 15 W H
Chamberlin, White Sulphur Springs, Mont 18 (?)

SECRETARY—Received circulating album
D. K. and am delighted with it, so glad have had
the opportunity of seeing it. Will forward it to
next on list directly. Mrs. C. W. Hoffman,
Elbowoods, N. D. No. 588.

We are glad to see that the management of
St. Louis Exposition have assigned a special
room in the fine art section for the display of
photographs.

Black and White Effects on Solio.

Take one grain of gold from your stock solu-
tion and fourteen ounces of water dissolve in
the fifteen grains of baking soda. Toss to
separately in eight to ten minutes rinse and fix
for ten minutes in following bath:

Hypo 1 oz water 32 oz; salt 1/2 oz; alum 1/4 oz.
Prints must be well washed both before toning
and after fixing and should be printed quite
dark. No. 587.

Sky Light Effects.

For sky light effects in home portraiture select

a north window if possible, curtain the lower
part half way up admitting light in upper half
only. Place sitter side to window and 3 ft from
it and the knees in line with side of window,
place background 3 ft behind sitter. Place
camera also 3 ft from wall and in line with sitter.
Now by turning sitters face to or from the light
any lighting can be secured. Keep the eyes on
a level and looking in the direction that the
head is turned. Hope that many members may
send experiences to the Bulletin. C. F. Morton,
No. 850.

Developing Paper Hints.

The phrase "no darkness required" misleads
many and a good deal of fogged developing paper
is the natural result. The safest way to work
any of the developing paper is by ruby or orange
light. I do all my paper manipulating of this
kind by a double-ruby-and-one-thickness-of-
orange-paper light. If I find a fogged print I
know that my light is not to blame but that the
paper maker is. I have had replaced several
gross of velox in the last 6 years that arrived
fogged. I don't suppose there is a photographer
in the country save myself that uses a metro-
nome as a guide to the uniform exposure of
developing papers. Most of you do not know what
a metronome is and so here goes to enlighten
you. Being a musician the idea of using a metro-
nome to time velox with came a good while
ago and as a happy solution of a very difficult
problem. This little instrument consists of a
pendulum, operated by clock work, and having
a sliding weight by which the length of the strike
is adjusted from 42 strokes to 205 strokes per
minute. Each strike terminates with a sharp
tick that can be heard some distance away. The
instrument is supplied with a scale and it takes
but a moment to change the length of the stroke
Set the weight at say 60 and you have exact
seconds. Set it at 120 and you have half seconds.
The latter tempo is most useful in printing bro-
mide papers or velox by daylight and the former
in print in velox by gaslight. Given an even
light and 1000 prints can be made exactly alike
after the time in seconds or half seconds is ascer-
tained. You know what a nuisance it is to have
to keep an eye on a watch in the darkness to get
your seconds and how many of us can correctly
count seconds? Get a metronome by all means
and save time and paper. Dealers in musical
goods keep them but if you are not able to find
one handy I will supply you with one for \$2.50
by express. It would be difficult to estimate the
amount of paper I have saved by the use of a
metronome and I would not do without one for
\$10.00 a year. F. R. ARCHBOLD.

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EXCHANGE LIST NO. 49.

NEW MEMBERS.

[One exchange notice of any kind allowed with each yearly subscription.]

No. 953—Nick Bruehl, box 36, Sherwood, Wis. Have Telephoto Premo 5x7 use Aristo Platino and Solio. Have lake, farm, cliff and snow views, will X for good and interesting views, size 4x5. Will sell at a bargain a 6½x8½ Scovill camera or X for smaller camera.

No. 954—John B. Sutcliffe, box 720, Holyoke, Mass.

No. 955.—F. Steffan, Sherwood, Wis.

No. 956.—O. T. Kirtley, 513 Church-st Hannibal, Mo. Cycle Poco 5x7. Empire state view 8x10—work all sizes 4x5 8x10 Aristo Platino, Solio and Velox. local views, etc., for sale. Will buy good negatives of land scape views, public buildings and photos of current events of importance.

No 957.—W. G. Wright, Grant's Pass, Oregon. Eastmans 5x7 and 4x5 Cart-ridge Kodaks fitted with Collinear high grade lenses, Velox and Solio papers, California views.

No. 861.—F. J. Vadilek, Jr., Wilber, Nebr. 4x5 folding Poco, 5x7 Thornward View camera. Velox and Velox only. Always willing to X interesting pictures for good pictures of anything. Will have views of capitol building now have good 5x7 of Lincoln City to X. Would like to trade for a good stereoscopic camera have 4x5 Poco to put in deal if necessary. An amateur is not an amateur till joins the W. W. P. E. and I wouldn't be an amateur without it.

M. R. Gilmore, Valley, Nebr.
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 W. Alexander, box 901, Pittsburg, Pa.

Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute 16 Marye Terrace, San Francisco, California

H. A. L.—Making a Focusing Scale.—You can make a new focusing scale yourself for the lens you wish to fit to your camera by pasting a strip of card on the bed in the right position and marking it for different distances. Focus on something as distant as you can see plainly; when sharply focused, make a mark on your card where the pointer comes. Focus sharply on something four feet distant, and make another mark. Half way between these two marks will be the position of the pointer for eight feet, and half way between this last mark and the first one made, which was infinity, will be the focus for sixteen feet, and so on.

W. L. B.—Paint for Backgrounds.—So-called "flatted oils" are common oil paints made by mixing white lead with turpentine and a little japaners' gold size. They are colored with ultramarine and lampblack to give a gray; while burnt sienna is used for browns. A painter will prepare them for you if you will explain their use. No medium is required, the untinted color being first put on and the scenic work added by using the same flatted paint tinted as required.

Miss R. K.—Testing Camera for Fog.—Stick a square of black paper lightly to the center of a plate, place it in the camera, withdraw the slide, and then leave the camera in bright sunlight for several minutes without opening the shutter. Remove the black paper and develop the plate. If the center shows fog as well as the edges, the dark room is at fault; if the center only is clear, the camera or shutter leaks light.

Pan-American Camera Workers League

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All amateur photographers are invited to join by sending 25 cents to the secretary which will include membership, and subscription to the Philatelic West and Camera News for one year. Present subscribers send 10 cents for membership.

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Address all correspondence to August Luft, Secy., Aspinwall, Pa. All letters will be answered personally if stamp is enclosed, otherwise will be answered through this column.

Secretary writes that he is sick and unable to get report.

A The Postal Camera Club A

For Readers of this Paper, Conducted by H. R. Pfaff, Jennings, Ala.

In order to give the increasing number of "Camera News" readers a chance to take a hand in the 4x5 album, it will be held one month longer before starting on the rounds. Very near the original number of prints required are now on hand, however as a Buechner "Snap Shot" album will be used and as it is adjustable there will be plenty of room for all. When completed it will be very interesting, so remember that by contributing a print you will be entitled to a "look" at it and that the postage to the next number on both route sheet and album will be less than 10c.

Photographing at Night.

I wish more of my amateur friends would try their hand at night scenes this winter. Choose a well-lighted street after the pavement has become quite wet from rain or white from snow and make a few trial exposures giving an exposure of twenty or thirty minutes with a medium stop and a double-coated plate. Try the same thing on a moonlight night. A moonlight night is the best, perhaps, but there are few street lights burning at that time. Do not trouble your mind about people passing. Unless they stand still for some time they will not show in the picture. It is best to cap the lens while street cars are passing to avoid the queer-looking white streak their headlight will cause in the finished picture.

Shadows and Developments

Talking about shadows there is another point I would like to call your attention to and that is the importance of modifying the developer to suit dif-

ferent cases. In views containing great contrasts such as foliage close at hand, with perhaps a roadway or stream partially in bright sunlight, the developer should be well diluted that softness in the negative may be secured. Where the view is a more distant one or where the shadows are delicate and inclined to be weak, a stronger developer should be used, in order to increase the contrast which is lacking in the view. This is important. Under-exposure in the case of distant views will not give contrast. It must be secured by correct exposure and a strong developer. Over-exposure should be avoided, of course; but it is the developer that we must look to in these cases.

Magnesium Ribbon.

A correspondent writes me that he has made a great many silhouette pictures, as described last month, only that he uses about a foot of magnesium ribbon instead of the flash. Hold the end of the ribbon between the jaws of a pair of pliers and light the end with a match. I think this hint a good one and shall try it myself at the first opportunity.

The-Natural-History-Photo-Society

R. H. WOODFORD, Bristol, Conn., Pres.; GEO. E. MOULTHROPE, Bristol, Conn., Sec.-Treas.

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NOTES

We wish to obtain photos of all species of birds and animals (both wild and domestic) and to enable us to accomplish this, we must have members residing in all sections of our country. To the first person from each state joining our society, and inducing a friend to join with them we will give any four unmounted 5x7 photos from our list of Natural History photos, found on another page of this publication.

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The Natural History Photo Society Monthly Directory

Which will contain addresses of members joining the previous month. Subject of Prints or Natural History Article received from each, also line of Prints they wish to exchange and collect. Address all communications to Geo. E. Moulthropé, Secy.-Treas., Bristol, Conn.

1. L. T. Brodstone, Pub. Superior, Neb., sent us a very interesting 4x5 print of "Group of 10 Beach Birds, from Life." He wishes to exchange unmounted print of himself; for same of all members.

2. R. H. Woodford, Pres., N. H. P. S., Bristol, Conn., makes the following offer to all joining the society before March 15th, an 8x10 (unmounted) Bromide enlargement from any 4x5 negative a film sent him for only 50c extra.

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4. N. E. Arnold, Grenoble, Pa.

OUR ORGANIZATION.

By Geo. E. Moulthrop, Secy.-Treas.

Postal camera clubs, print exchange societies and the like are organized from time to time, and while they flourish for a period, soon go out of existence from a lack of enthusiasm and interest amongst their members. Believing that their failure to receive support is due to the fact that they are organized with no specific aims and with no definite plan of work, we have taken natural history for a basis on which we hope to establish a permanent organization that will be a credit both to the art science of photography and the study of natural history.

Natural history affords a field for photographic study that has no limit, that allows no waning of the interest, and that is always presenting new charms to the worker therein. The photographic enthusiast soon discovers that there is little satisfaction in the random exposing of plates or film. He must learn to make his work more specific, more with a definite purpose, and more along some particular line. Any novice can "press the button" and he may even secure good results if he but confine himself to the ordinary landscape or view, but he soon tires of this. In attempting to achieve success in the photographing of wild animals or birds, a trout leaping for the fly, a hunting dog at work in the field, or even the domestic dog or cat, a new problem is presented and interest is revived each time the subject changes.

In this class of work there are opportunities that are not offered by other branches, of photography, for producing work that will be a credit to, and perhaps make a reputation for, its follower. Skill and intelligence to overcome the fear and cunning of the subjects, are required in a high degree. Patience and a cool head are also demanded. While one must be prepared for disappointment, the results sometimes obtained are marvelous. The photographing of deer in their natural haunts at night by the use of a flash is a case in point.

Prints of this class are worth collecting. They are both interesting and in-

structive. With the privilege of exchanging your own work for that of others in distant parts of the country, such a collection is easily obtained. To those working along this line, to those desiring such a collection, and to all interested in natural history, we extend an invitation most cordially to join The Natural History Photo Club.

There are few camera users who have not made at least one good negative that could be included under this head. We wish them to make two of their best prints, developing paper preferred, from this negative and send them to the secy. of this society. With them send full data as to camera, plate, paper, stop, exposure, and condition of light. Also state whether you wish to exchange prints or not, and if so, give titles of those you have for exchange. With your request for enrollment send 50cts. as yearly dues. Those interested but not possessing a camera may secure enrollment by the payment of the same yearly dues and by sending a short article on some subject of natural history, some observations made of the various phases of bird or animal life, or the like. Those already subscribers to the WEST need only forward 25cts., of course, sending the two pictures or the article for this department.

In this department we will publish each month the prize article for the month, the title, with comments on and makers name, of the prize print and a list of the new members with their addresses, indicating those who desire to exchange prints. This will facilitate exchanging, particularly as we will also list the prints sent in by each new member so joining.

Being in a position to obtain cameras and other photographic supplies at a low figure, and with a complete photo enlarging plant at our disposal, we can offer a list of monthly prizes that will be most attractive if you will but give our society your support. Additional features of a unique and original character are to be added to the program from time to time in order that there need be no excuse for a lack of interest. Will you help us to make The Natural History Photographic Society a success?

The Nebraska Camera Club

FOUNDED JANUARY 1898

President Miss L. Tillotson, 843 Park St., Omaha

APPLICATIONS: C Rhodes, c-o Barton House, Superior; Eastman camera, western scenes. HE Green, Superior; 4x5 and 8x10 cameras, Kansas and Nebraska scenes. Hattie Douglass, Franklin; Imperial camera; 4x5 western scenes O Dockeral, Wymore. J Green, Beaver City.

Glad to see any hints or ideas which you think will help the club. See Chicago Record-Herald Sunday paper and Browning, King Clothing Cos Monthly paper have photo contests. It will pay any readers to try, it is free. Youths Companion and other papers have contests, can give list of papers if you send postage to secretary. L. T. Brostone, Superior.

Preparation for Intensification.

If it is desired to produce a bright clear negative it is most important that any veil or fog, however slight, be removed before intensification be commenced, otherwise this almost invisible veil will be rendered very visible by the process. To prepare a plate for intensification: When the plate is thoroughly fixed, place it in a tray of quite clean fixing bath for a few minutes. Meanwhile prepare a solution of potassium ferricyanide of a strength of three grains to the ounce of water. In a second tray place the plate straight from the second hypo bath without raising, and cover with the ferricyanide solution, rocking the dish for half a minute or so, then return to the hypo bath. This should be done in good light, and the operation closely watched, as the reduction takes quickly when once started. In case of badly fogged negative it may be necessary to repeat this alternate ferricyanide and hypo treatment more than once. As soon as the fog veil is nearly gone, place under the tap and wash for ten minutes.



CHOCKTAW INDIAN GIRL IN NATIVE COSTUME

INTERIORS

In approaching this subject some harsh critic may be moved to get off that time-worn adage that "Fools rush in where Angels fear to tread," and I will admit 'tis dangerous ground, but I think I can say with truth that I have discovered the secret and the whole secret is—Exposure.

This is a secret that can only be discovered by one who has waded waist deep through his own fallures and learned by bitter experience that though the light be bright it may not affect the plate, and vice versa. When you have exposed five seconds on a seemingly bright interior and spent an hour in your 'sweat box' trying to get the image that would not 'be got,' and have your friend who was hooted at by you for giving forty seconds, show you a beautiful negative, you may discover that the paper was a bright red and—but why go on, you have been there.

As to the plate to use, that is easy, at least for me. I have tried and tried and finally discovered that Seed's Double Coated Non-halation is about the only thing worth trying to take interiors with. Perhaps (only perhaps,) chemistry may give us a plate some day that will give soft detail in the highlights (for instance a lace curtain with bright lights shining through) and at least a glimpse into that 'dark corner,' but though that plate is yet to appear we can use the next thing to it, and that, I firmly believe is the double coated.

In lighting interior have the light come, if possible from the back and the side and shade all windows included in the view during the first part of the exposure at least. If impossible to get an exposure light except through a window which must be included, you may screen that and give an hour or so exposure, and, if carefully developed, it will give a fine negative. However, in this class of work you might give two exposures of different lengths of time. Of course flashlights can be used—if you know how.

In the development of these plates it is necessary to use a very dilute, but fresh developer. I also have a tray containing some good contrast developer. I use Tolidol Process Developer, in case of over-exposure where drastic measures have to be used to save it, but be certain you have a case of over-exposure as these plates are very apt to fool you in this regard. What is wanted is a medium thin negative full of detail, and just enough strength to give it snap. Develop for the shadows, and should the highlights become overdeveloped or clogged, which they are very apt to be, reduce with Persulphate of ammonium, which attacks the highlights alone, not reducing the shadows. I fix these plates in a strong Chrome Alum Fixing bath for 30 or 40 minutes and there is no fear of their fading, if they are well washed—twelve or fifteen 5 minute soaks.—The Southwestern Photographer, Dallas, Tex.

Quick Shutter Release

The best way to set off a shutter with ball and tube for very rapid work is as follows:—Squeeze the ball tightly in the palm of the hand with the last three fingers, having previously nipped the tube hard with the thumb and first finger some inches from the ball by quickly opening the finger and thumb at the exact moment when the exposure is required, a very smart set-off is obtained.

Cupboard in the Dark-Room

A small, light-tight cupboard in the dark-room is a great convenience. A box fastened to the wall by two screws through the bottom is all that is required. The lid should be made light-tight and may open downward, upward, or sideways, as may be most convenient. The side which forms the bottom should be large enough to take the largest developing tray that is used, and the space above this may be divided by shelves to hold open boxes of plates. The convenience of this arrangement will be fully realized the first time you wish to open the door or leave the room while a plate is in process of development.



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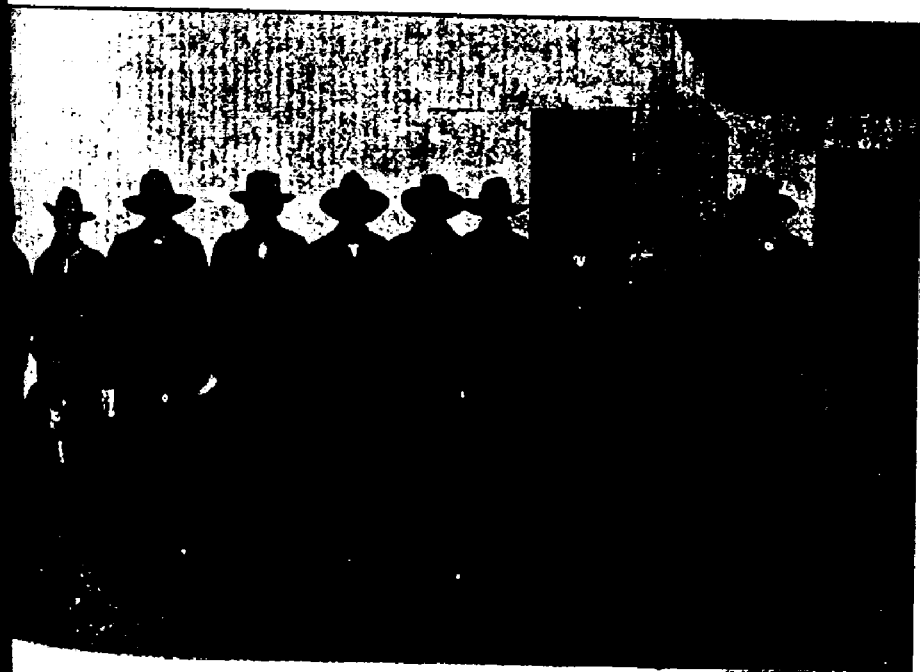
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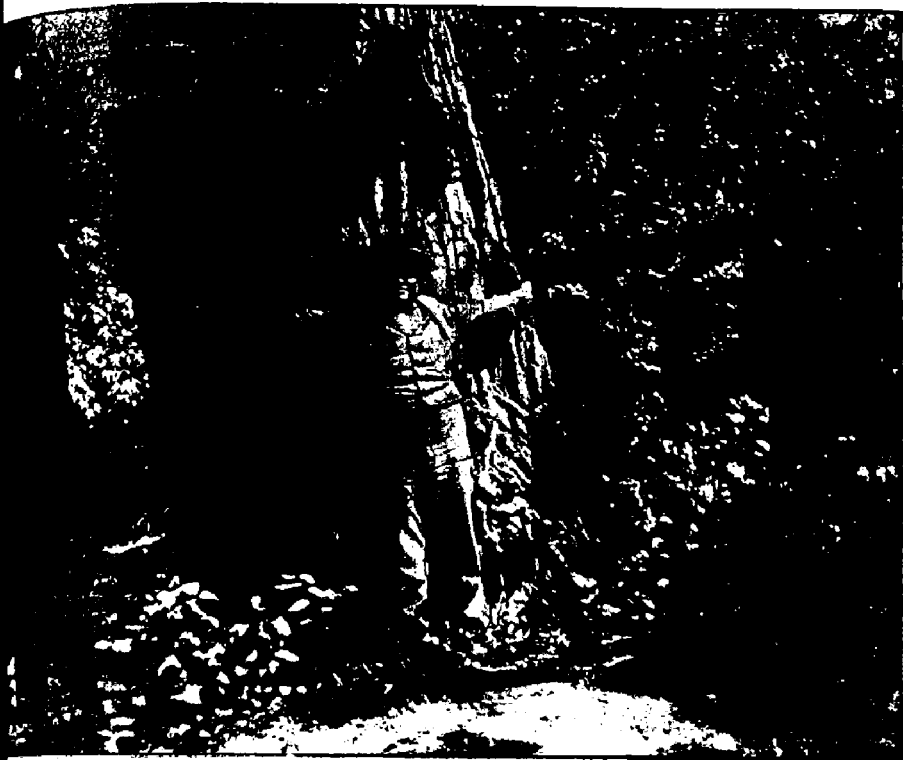
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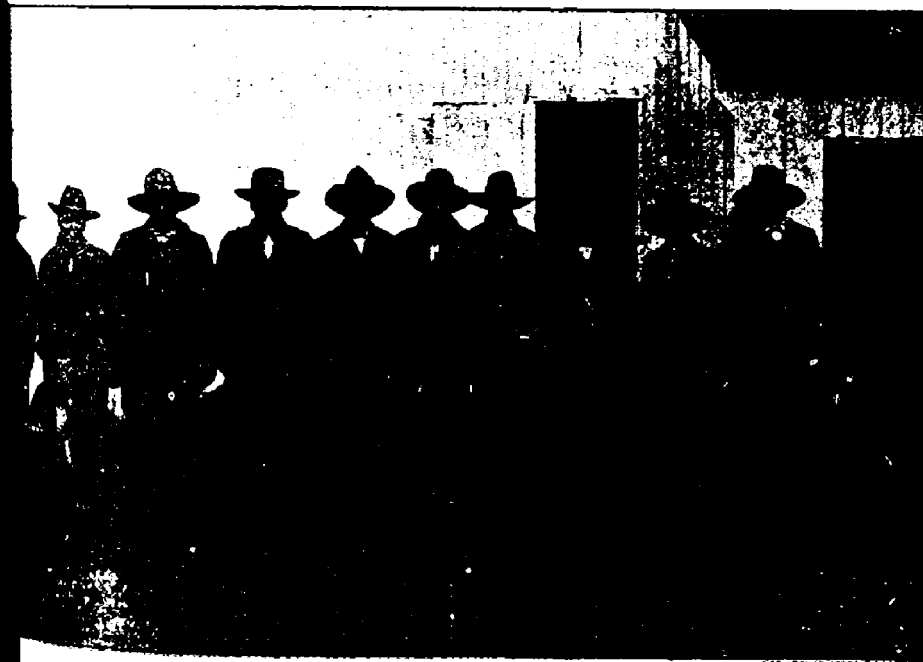
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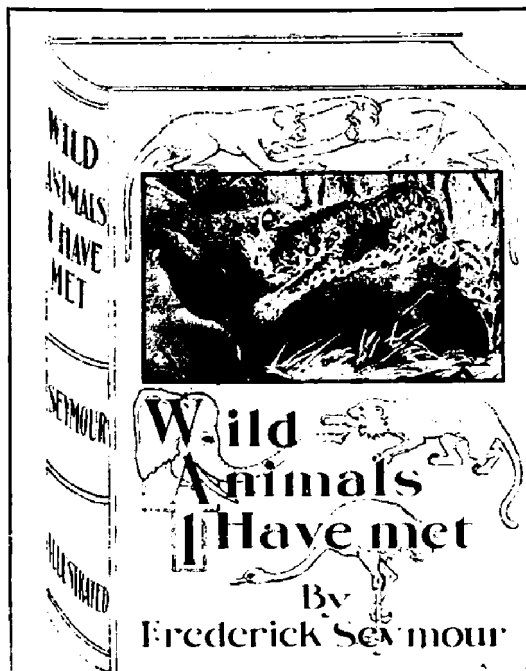
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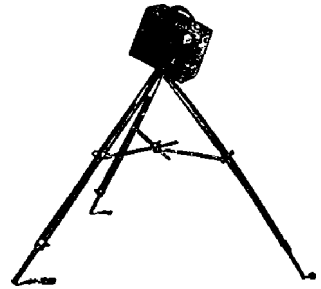
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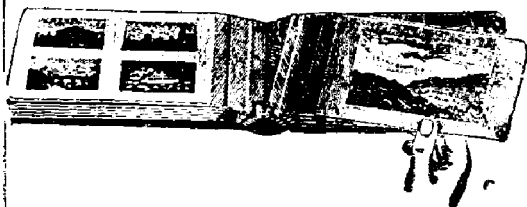
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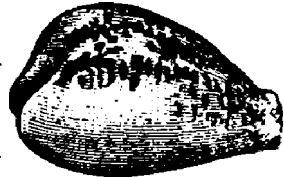
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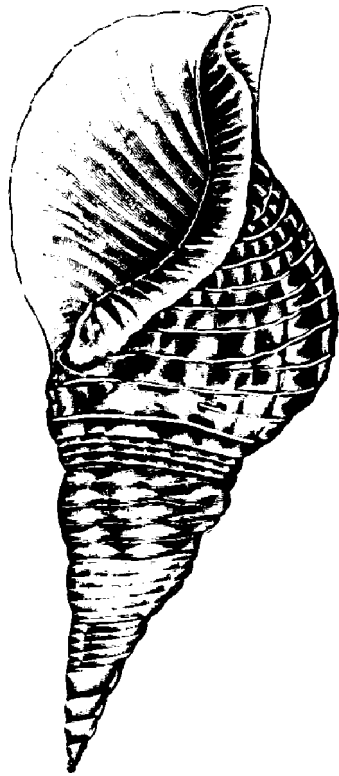
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" " 25 l violet			24
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" " 40 2	72		6.00
" " 50 40	48		4.08
" " 1dr 40l	1.20		9.60
A M " 50 25 bl Blg	6.00		
" " 50 1dr (Olymp)	1.20		9.60
1901 New 1-20l (6 diff)			32
" " 25l		06	60
" " 40l		36	3.10
" " 50l		24	1.92
" " 1dr		96	7.20
1889 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25 per 10,000			9.60
1896 Olympian 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 per 1000			3.12
1901 New 1 to 20 l per 1000			2.88
SETS		per 10 sets	
1889: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50, 1dr			73
1896: Olympian 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25,			
40, 50, 1dr			2.40
1886: Belgian 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40,			
50, 1dr			7.20
1900: Surcharged 20, 30, 40, 50, 1dr			2.88
A M on Olympian 5, 25, 50, 1, 2dr			14.40
1901: New 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30,			
40, 50, 1dr			2.16
1902 A M 5, 25, 50, 1, 2dr			12.00
Postage due: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60,			
70, 80, 90, 1, 2dr, 100, 200l			28.80
CRETE		Per 10	Per 100
1900: 1 lep			28
5 l			73
10l			84
20l red			4.80
25l			4.28
Postage due: all values used or unused			
with a commission of 30 per cent. Pack-			
et "Oriental": 100 different postage			
stamps, value by Gibbons \$7.20 for only			
\$2.40. Approval lots with 30 per cent			
rebate from Gibbons against references			
or deposit. Send want list. We execute			
small orders also. References: Bank			
Mytelin. Prinaris, Athens Bourse.			



Philippines!



ALL UNUSED at
60⁰ off Scott's
1902 Cat.

1880	2c Carmine	1898-99	2 pesos blue
1882	2 4-8c Ultramarine	1894	2c Claret
"	5c Grayblue	1894	2 4-8c Olive
"	20c Bistre	1898-99	1, 2, 3, 5m, in sets
1889	2 4-8 on 2 4-8c Ultramarine	"	1c Blackviolet
1889	2 4-8 on 20c Lilac	"	8c Darkbrown
1890	5c Dark blue	"	15c Olive
1890	10c Bluegreen	1890	1 m.d. Violet
1891	20c Salmon	1890	2 m.d. Violet
1894	25c Blue	1899	1m Olive
1892	25c Dark blue	1 set 1880-89, 15 diff. (some shades)	cat \$1.47
1891	2c Violet	1 set 1883-89 surcharges, 14 diff.	cat. \$1.69
1891	15c Redbrown	1 set 1889-96, 41 diff. (some shades)	cat. about \$5.76
1892	20c Darkbrown		
1884	15c Rose		
1896	15c Bluegreen		

Stamp Photos

Your photo in the shape of a Postage Stamp, perforated and gummed. Send your Photo, (cabinet or bust) and you will receive your Photo back and 100 stamp photos.

Price **\$1.00** postfree.

Combination Card and Bill Case.

And 100 visiting cards

Postfree **75c.**

Rubber Stamps

On rubber cushion 1 line **20c**
 additional lines **10c**

For 10 Cents

I send postfree
10 PHILATELIC PAPERS

For 30 Cents

I send postfree
 1 approval sheet, (25 different stamps,) Cat. 75 cts
 1000 hinges, and
 10 philatelic papers

For 50 Cents

I send postfree
 1 approval book containing 30 different pairs, Cat. \$1.20
 1 approval sheet (25 different stamps) Cat \$1.00
 1000 hinges and
 10 philatelic papers

Agents wanted. Write me for particulars. Enclose return postage.
DEALERS OUTFIT Containing:

250 Noteheads (fine bond paper, printed with groundwork.)

250 Envelopes (duplex, inside blue)

250 Business cards all printed with a stamp cut

250 Blank approval sheets

25 " " books

5000 hinges; 100 small envelopes; 250 stamps Cat. \$5.00

All for **\$5.00 Cash**

M. TAUSIG,

9 E. 108 St.

NEW YORK.

Philatelic Advertising

The Thoughtful Stamp Dealer oftentimes cogitates thus: "In which paper should I advertise to secure remunerative results?"

Jones says "My paper, the 'Perfection Monthly', is unequaled"; Smith & Co. assert "We guarantee results from advertisers in the 'Modern Philatelist.'" What Qualifications Should An Advertising Medium Possess to Insure Profitable Returns?

1. A large circulation.
2. The right clientele.
3. Rates commensurate with returns.
4. Thorough independence.
5. Unquestionable reliability.
6. Age, with prestige.
7. The abundant patronage of advertisers.
8. Value to subscribers.

The Philatelic West.

The PHILATELIC WEST consistently claims to possess all of these qualifications. No other monthly possesses them all, nor does any other monthly possess any one of them in as high degree.

May we demonstrate the perspicuity of this claim?

Our tale is not a fantastic relation of something that may be—it is a plain statement of existing facts. It is a relation of what is today—not of what was yesterday or what may be tomorrow.

1. A LARGE CIRCULATION.

The publishers of the PHILATELIC WEST claim the largest paid subscription list of any American philatelic monthly. For four years we have challenged publishers to compare subscription records for the benefit of advertisers. This challenge has never been accepted. Our subscription books are always open for the inspection of advertisers. Circulation is not only claimed—it is proved.

The PHILATELIC WEST covers the same territory that any other philatelic monthly does. It reaches a vast number of collectors that other monthlies, later arrivals, do not reach regularly, and hundreds that no other monthly reaches at all.

Don't take our word for it. Read the unsolicited testimonials.

2. THE RIGHT CLIENTELE.

The PHILATELIC WEST circulates extensively among the active, buying class. Its subscribers are those who appreciate quality and quantity and are willing to pay for it to get it. The limited number of sample copies sent out are mailed to secure subscriptions and not fictitious circulation. The actual cost of printing is too great to permit indiscriminate distribution.

The circulation of the PHILATELIC WEST has been secured by merit and not by catch-penny schemes. The uniform excellence of contents make unnecessary a resort to inconsistent premium offers or cut rates. The value of such a subscription list is apparent.

Advertisers in any publication receive their best returns from the regular subscribers. The desirability of reaching this class is obvious. Advertisers in the PHILATELIC WEST may feel confident that their advertisements are read by a far greater number of actual subscribers than if they appeared in any other monthly.

3. RATES COMMENSURATE WITH RETURNS.

Many monthlies maintain lower advertising rates than the PHILATELIC WEST—some have higher. In either case, it is not the rate that must be considered—it is the returns and their value. The "Modern Philatelist" may charge fifty cents per inch, but this may be more expensive than one dollar per inch in the PHILATELIC WEST. Cost is governed entirely by returns. One dollar per inch in a medium of known worth is far cheaper than twenty-five cents per inch in an unreliable medium having small circulation.

Space for space, other publications may have lower rates; returns and value of returns considered, the rates of the PHILATELIC WEST are the lowest.

Don't take our word for it. Read the unsolicited testimonials.

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4. THOROUGH INDEPENDENCE.

The PHILATELIC WEST is not published by a dealer. To the informed this is important. Advertisers in a publication owned or controlled by a dealer are open to unfair competition. The dealer-owner may use unlimited space for his own advertisements, the cost being only the actual expense of printing. He has the advantage of inspecting the copy for each advertisement prior to publication, and may meet the advertiser's offers, securing the trade because of his prestige as publisher.

The majority of American philatelic monthlies are owned and controlled by dealers. The PHILATELIC WEST is not. It is published in the interest of philately and not as a dealer's private organ.

5. UNQUESTIONABLE RELIABILITY.

Advertising contracts are made with the publishers of the PHILATELIC WEST with the assurance that the publishers will faithfully observe their provisions. An untarnished reputation during eight years of publication evidences this. Substantial quotations may be secured from either Bradstreet's or R. G. Dunn & Co.

6. AGE WITH PRESTIGE.

The PHILATELIC WEST is the oldest independent American philatelic monthly. The first number was issued in January 1896, 7 years ago—an age never before attained by any independent American monthly. It has appeared with uniform regularity, never missing a number.

The PHILATELIC WEST is a recognized leader among American monthlies. Independent, authoritative, and not ephemeral, its prestige is indisputable.

Don't take our word for it. Read the unsolicited testimonials.

7. THE ABUNDANT PATRONAGE OF ADVERTISERS.

It may appear on first thought that an advertisement in a publication containing a small amount of advertising would be more conspicuous and productive of greater returns than when inserted in a publication containing thirty or forty pages of advertising, such as the PHILATELIC WEST. This is not true. A simile is found in ordinary business; the small unprogressive store receives little patronage; it is to the large establishment, where wares of every variety are found, that the people go. So it is with stamps; the buyer wishes a variety to choose from. In the PHILATELIC WEST he finds from thirty to forty pages of advertising each month. Here he may choose as fancy or purse dictates.

8. VALUE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers to the PHILATELIC WEST pay regular rates and are given full value in amount and excellence of contents. "The best, and plenty of it" is a rule closely observed by the publishers. For more than a year each number has contained from eighty to one hundred pages. The editorial staff is noted for its worthiness and proficiency. The work of the corps of writers is not surpassed. Many features are unique and expensive.

In eight years the PHILATELIC WEST has steadily grown from a four page sheet to a one hundred page magazine. Eight years of regular publication and a steady increase in size demonstrates conclusively that collectors appreciate such a publication and that their support has been forthcoming.

**The Best
Advertising
Medium**



**The
Philatelic
West**

Dealing in stamps being primarily a mail order business, stamp dealers must depend largely upon advertising to secure trade. To secure business they must advertise in those publications which experience has shown to be worthy. Whenever a publication secures a good circulation among the purchasing class the philatelic advertiser quickly becomes aware of it and makes use of its columns. Following up this line of thought, it becomes apparent that those publications which are little patronized by advertisers are those which lack circulation, or, having circulation, lack the right clientele.

Stamp dealers are not in the habit of knowingly making philanthropic

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donations to publishers. They demand full value received. They avoid contributing to the support of poor mediums; likewise, they liberally patronize those mediums known to give returns. Whenever a publication carries a large amount of advertising, it is patent that this is so because of its worth as an advertising medium. It is obvious that:

The publication which carries the most advertising is the best advertising medium.

The Philatelic West

The PHILATELIC WEST carries a greater amount of philatelic advertising than any other American philatelic monthly, without exception. More advertising appears in one number than in twelve numbers of many monthlies. The number of advertising pages is constantly increasing. The PHILATELIC WEST would not contain from thirty to forty pages of advertising in each number if advertisers were not getting satisfactory returns. If this were not true, it would be unreasonable to suppose that so many dealers would advertise therein, and that they would become permanent fixtures, as they do. A number of prominent dealers advertised in the first number, eight years ago, and are still using space, and more of it. They are not doing this from motives of generosity.

Compare the amount of philatelic advertising carried in the PHILATELIC WEST with that in any other monthly, and the inevitable conclusion must be: The PHILATELIC WEST gives better results to advertisers than any other American Philatelic monthly.

Don't take our word for it. Read the unsolicited testimonials.

There can be no more convincing argument as to the "pulling" qualities of an advertising medium than the experiences of dealers who have advertised in it. The following testimonials tell a true tale of the value of the PHILATELIC WEST as a "puller." They are sincere expressions of satisfaction from well known advertisers. They are taken from recent letters, and are unsolicited in every case.

The authenticity of these testimonials is guaranteed. The ability of the publishers to guarantee the truth of their assertions is shown by Bradstreet's or Dun's.

TOLEDO STAMP CO., TOLEDO, OHIO.

Our advertisements in the WEST pay handsomely.

CHAS. C. DE SELMS, RICHMOND, IND.

I get more replies and at least cost from my advertisements in the WEST than in any monthly.

ARNDT & CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

Our advertisements in the WEST pay us better than in any other paper. We received over 200 replies from our first advertisement.

D. T. EATON, MUSCATINE, IOWA.

Mr. Eaton has had an advertisement in nearly every number of the WEST since the first issue. A better recommendation could not be asked for.

TWENTIETH CENTURY STAMP CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Results from my advertisements in the WEST are very agreeable.

C. H. WILSON, HUTCHINSON, KAS.

I received so many replies to my first advertisement they nearly swamped me.

SAMUEL P. HUGHES, OMAHA, NEB.

Returns from my advertisements in the WEST are very good.

OMAHA STAMP & COIN CO., OMAHA, NEB.

We advertise in many stamp papers. Of the monthlies, the WEST is the best paying medium we have ever used.

FREDERIC L. KLINE, RIDGWAY, PA.

The advertisements which I had in the last WEST gave excellent results. Considering that these were the first of any importance which I have tried in your paper, I believe that it is the best paying medium I have ever tried for quick results. I intend to keep my advertisement in your paper from now on.

CONSOLIDATED STAMP & PUBLISHING CO., WYMORE, NEB.

My first advertisement in the WEST brought satisfactory returns.

F. NOYES, ALICE, TEXAS

I like the WEST very much.

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., NEW YORK, N. Y.

I have felt for some time that the WEST is one of the better class published in the United

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LEON V. CASS, MCGRAW, N. Y.

I received two orders from my advertisement in the WEST the same day the paper reached me. It is a good trade bringer.

H. E. TUTTLE, OSAGE, IOWA

Results from my last advertisement in the WEST very good.

BICKEL'S ADVERTISING AGENCY, GOSHEN, IND.

We consider the WEST a fine advertising medium. Are well pleased with results of previous advertisements therein.

COMMERCIAL STAMP CO., MELROSE, MASS.

Returns from our last advertisement in the WEST were O. K.

META E. GARMAN, KANEVILLE, ILL.

My last advertisement in the WEST paid well.

A. CARTER, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

I am well pleased with my advertisements in the WEST.

G. W. LEONARD, HAVANA, CUBA

My advertisements in the WEST pay me better than those in other papers.

FOREST GAINES, GLENDIVIE, MONT.

Have had many answers to my advertisements in the WEST.

JAS. SPIBEY, STAFFORD, ENGLAND

I received more replies to my recent advertisement in the WEST than I ever have from advertisements in any other philatelic paper of England or America.

L. W. CHARRIAT, NEW YORK, N. Y.

My advertisement in the WEST proved to be a decided success.

E. SPINONY & CO., SAN FRANCISCO.

We received more replies from advertisements in the WEST than any other paper.

C. E. BILES, KANSAS CITY, MO.

I have received more replies from my advertisements in the WEST than from advertisements in any other paper.

VON SCHAEZLER & CO., DAVENPORT, IA.

We have always had good results from our advertisements in the WEST.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN, ROCKY HILL, CONN.

I have received numerous replies to my advertisement in the WEST.

H. E. TAYLOR, CLEVELAND, O.

our advertisements in the WEST paid.

GEM STAMP CO., RICHMOND, IND.

our small advertisement in the WEST brought us a fine lot of replies.

J. T. ROBERGE, SOREL, P.Q., CANADA.

I know that the WEST gives me the best value for my outlay, of any paper in the States far from home.

L. E. MOORE, MOOREFIELD, ARK.

The WEST is the best advertising medium. I have tried "Mekeel's" and others and know.

THE IMPERIAL CO., MEDFORD, ONT. CAN.

Our last ad in the WEST brought us many replies.

T. A. HAYWARD, ALAMOSA, COLO.

The WEST sells me something every month, which is more than any other monthly has done.

RANDOLPH STAMP & COIN CO., CHICAGO.

Answers to our ad in the WEST are coming in at great rate. 14 this A.M.

Remember that these testimonials are all unsolicited, and are recent. could fill this little book from cover to cover with words of praise received the last few years. The above are lately received and are sufficient to prove our contentions.

Many of our advertisers are conservative and do not make statements for publication. However, we know that they are satisfied with returns because many of them are large space users and most of them are permanent advertisers in the PHILATELIC WEST. Among the well known dealers continually advertising in the PHILATELIC WEST may be noticed the following:

C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Pub. Co.,

St. Louis, Mo.

M. E. Viles, Boston, Mass.

C. A. Stegman, St. Louis, Mo.

Miss L. H. Murray, Ithaca, Mich.

Randolph Stamp Co., Chicago, Ill.

Clarence E. Hobbs, Nelson, Neb.

G. Ingram, Hempstead, Texas.

Frank R. Kirby, New Bedford, Mass.

F. Gifford, New Bedford, Mass.

H. E. Morey, Boston, Mass.

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Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Canada
 North State Stamp Co., Greensboro, N.C.
 F. N. Massoth & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 H. Cormack, Port Ewen, N. Y.
 Quaker Stamp Co., Toledo, Ohio.
 Fredk. R. Ginn, London, England.
 C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. St. Louis, Mo
 M. C. Berlepsch, Gt. Barrington, Mass.
 M. Tausig, New York City.
 Crowell Stamp Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
 St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., St. Louis, Mo
 A. Frankstein, New York City.

FINIAL ARGUMENTS.

- 1 The PHILATELIC WEST is a first class advertising medium. The numerous expressions of satisfaction make this evident.
- 2 The PHILATELIC WEST is the best advertising medium of American philatelic monthly. The superior amount of space carried demonstrates this conclusively.
- 3 A large number of well known dealers advertise in the PHILATELIC WEST. They do because they find it profitable.
- 4 The amount of advertising space carried in the PHILATELIC WEST is increasing monthly. A certain index of superiority.
- 5 The advertising rates of the PHILATELIC WEST are not exorbitant. Circulation and returns considered, they are the lowest of any monthly.

SUMMING UP.

We think that we have clearly shown that the PHILATELIC WEST has, in a high degree, each of the necessary qualifications for a good advertising medium. We have made no statements that are not clearly borne out by facts. Realizing that the present day advertisers cannot be "gold bricked", equivocation has been refrained from.

HERE YOU ARE!

U.S. packets at lowest prices ever offered.

25 diff.04, per 100	\$1.25
30 diff.05 per 100,	1.75
35 diff.06 per 100,	2.50
40 diff.08 per 100,	3.00
50 diff.10 per 100,	4.25
Without cut envs.	
25 diff.05 per 100,	\$1.75
30 diff.06 per 100,	2.50
35 diff.07 per 100,	3.00
40 diff.09 per 100,	3.75

J. F. Dodge, Abbottstown, Pa.

Postage extra under 25 c. If you don't know me ask Brody.

Competition Impossible

- 100** different stamps of the offices in the Levant viz.: German, French, Italian, Austrian, British, Russian and Roumanian, splendid mixture, value by Scott enormous only \$2.50
 - 200** different Colonial stamps, viz.: German, British, French, Russian, Portuguese, Spanish and Dutch, many rare, value by Scott ten times my price only \$3.00
 - 10** Roumania, 1858 to 1872, value \$5.00 only \$1.00
 - 25** Oriental stamps, value by Scott \$5.00 only \$1.00
- Cash in advance; postage extra. Also wanted exchange, basis Scott. Salomon Rosenstein, Strada Barnovschy, Jassy, Roumania, Europe. Oriental Stamp House.

The Minnesota Philatelist

15c per year with 20 word exchange notice. Ad rates 20c per inch. Sample copy 1c. Published at Minnesota Lake, Minn.



BEGINNERS
 25 foreign stamps free to those applying for my sheets at 50 per cent commission.
WALTER SPEETER,
 St. Charles, Minn.

Please mention WEST when writing advertisers

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	Cat price	My price
Confederate 1863 2c rose un'd	25	12
Confederate 1863 20c green	12	08
Argentine Republic '90 20c blue	25	12
Argentine Republic '92 1 peso	18	08
Argentine Republic 1882 2 peso	30	15
U. S. 1851 12c black	\$2 00	\$ 95
" 1857 1c blue	12	07
" 1857 10c green	30	15
" 1861 1c blue	06	03
" " 90c blue	3 50	1 98
" 1869 1c yellow	60	25
" " 6c blue	60	32
" " 10c yellow	75	38
" " 12c green	50	30
" " 15c brn and blue	1 50	90
" " 15c not framed	3 50	2 00
" " 24c	5 00	3 00
" " 30c	2 50	1 75
" 1870 1c blue grilled	50	20
" " 3c green	05	02
" 1872 12c purple	40	20
" " 90c carmine	1 00	45
" 1883 2c red brn un'd	08	05
" 1887 3c vermilion	12	07
" " 30c brown	35	20
" " 90c purple	90	58
" 1890 30c black	08	04
" " 50c yellow	50	25
" 1893 50c Columbian	50	30
" 1895 50c orange	10	05
" " 1 00 black	45	20
" " 5 00 green	1 75	1 50
" 1898 Omaha 50c olive	30	15
" 1895 30c due		15
10c Special delivery orange	06	02
10c Bill of Lading Imp	75	27
25c warehouse receipt Perf	60	22
1 00 Power of Attorney Imp	1 00	37
2 00 mortgage Perf	15	06
Congo 1887 50 brown	25	13
" 1888 25 blue	12	06
" 1895 1 franc	15	10
" 1896 40c	15	08



Canada 2c map issue unused	04
Canada 20c olive green used	10
Canada 2c purple entire envelopes	50
Canada 2c green entire envelopes	05
Canada 2c on 3c red entire envelope	05
Chili 50c purple	08
" 1 Peso	25
Cuba 1900 1c to 10c set unused	41
" " special delivery un'd	18
" 1, 2, 5 Entire Envelope	18
" same amber paper	18
" 1900 3c on 3c purple	08
Germany 1 mark red	04
Canada special delivery unused	15
France 75c red	04
" 5 F purple	10
Gold Coast 1 shilling purple	12
Great Britain 10 shilling blue	50
New Brunswick 2c orange	05



Newfoundland 1863 1 shilling	75
Newfoundland 6c red unused	25
Newfoundland 2c brown unused	35
Newfoundland 2c green cod	18
Newfoundland 1896 3c blue un'd	35
" " 3c violet	35
Netherlands 1896 1g brown and olive	12
Netherlands 1898 1G Jubilee	15
Paraguay 1892 1 Peso Olive	40
Porto Rico 10c on 10c U.S.	12
Transvall 1d Jubilee unused	04
Virgin Islands 1/2c & 1d both un'd	06
Russia 1883 70K	30
" 1889 50	08
" 1890 35	06
U S Entire Letter Sheet unused	04



Newfoundland Royal Issue unused set...

Oswell Peartree,
Box 22, Station A,
Richmond, Va.

OMAHA STAMP & COIN CO.,

209 So. 13th Omaha, Neb.
OPPOSITE OMAHA NATIONAL BANK.

Our Advertisements
in last numbers
are still good
look them over.

**We offer
these Bargains**

U.S. 1895 Dues 30 for..... 12c
50 for..... 21c
1895 postage, 50c., \$.05; \$1 black.. 26c
" " \$2.00 Sapphire, rare, 85c

1000 different stamps mounted on
sheets, foreign, catalog over
\$20 price The best on market.... \$4.00

U. S. 2nd Issue Revs.

1c blue & black, .40	25c blue & black .01
2c " " .15	40c " " .27
3c " " .25	60c " " .35
5c " " .03	70c " " .30
6c " " .95	\$1.50 " " .15
10c " " .01	\$2.00 " " .30
15c " " .20	\$3.00 " " .60
20c " " .07	

SEND FOR BARGAIN LIST.

We buy stamps and collections and
pay highest prices.

In Coins

U.S. 1/2 "cents" each 16c 3 diff. for .45
" 15 large "cents" before 1845 " .80
" 1805 \$1/4, 75c: 1806 \$1/4 for75
" 1800 \$1. beauty \$3. 1795 \$1/2 for 1.25
" 1857-1858 Flying Eagle, 2 for .60
" 1892 \$1/2 Columbian 85c: 1893 " .09
" 1893 \$1/4 Isabella beauty for 1 00
" Confederate Bills 5c to \$5 " .80

400 diff. stamps, a grand col-
lection, worth \$5, price
\$1.00 1000 mix. foreign stamps for 25c
diff. U. S., 10c. 200 diff. stamps for

Omaha Stamp & Coin Co. Omaha, Neb.

PHILIPPINES—Philippine Loteria ticket 10c
Very large and curious
5 var large Spanish revs..... 100c
The sensitive Fish..... 50c
The 20th century novelty
Billy Baxters letter in New York..... 50c
The finest book ever written
The lot postpaid..... 200c

F. WETHERINGTON, 1723 Harrison St.
Paducah, Ky.

S=N=A=G=R=A=B.

This is not a puzzle, but anyone
sending us an order for 10c or
more and stating what it is will
receive a handsome present free.
The longer the order the better
the present. Reference Brodstone
IXL Microscope for examining
stamps..... .05
Tweezers for handling stps. .05
12 Fancy Photo Mounts .25
"Stamp Book" one year .12
1000 Blank Approval sheets, by
express not paid, weight 45 oz. 1.00
100 Stamp Cards (latest thing
thing out and very popular with
collectors) Your name & address
and genuine stamp on each card
35c without stamp, blank space .25
100 gummed stickers (name & ad-
dress only) two colors .20
500 Buffalo Hinges .05
100 high grade, kid finished visit
ing cards (ladies or gents size)
printed in latest style text.
Tiffany)..... .50
No postals answered. Enclose
stamp when making inquiries
WALTER J. HATCH, 9 Faunce Place
Brockton, - - Mass.

Postmarks:—1000 all different \$1.55.
Butler, 1816 Eighth St., Washington,
D.C.

25 different stamps, good copies, cat.
\$1.00 for 16c. 50 dif. cat. \$2.50 for 40c.
7 lots at price of 6. J. F. Dodge, Abbotts-
town, Pa. Ref. Brody.

**Perfect used copies of the 1868
Canada 12 1/2c blue.** Write your dealer
for a copy and see if he can supply you.
Its a rare stamp as they all know. The
new catalogue prices them at 25c which
is far too low. However send us a quar-
ter and we'll fill your long vacant space
with a fine copy. We know dealers who
ask 40c for the same stamp. We publish
the Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Phi-
latelist. Send for free sample.

Naumkeag Stamp & Publishing Co.,
357 Colu mbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

Please mention WEST when writing advertisers.

Beginners!!

Send for approval sheets and books, cheapest on earth.

Ben. J. Witt,
1706 Alamo Str.,
Houston, Texas.



LOOK! LOOK! BARGAINS!
Postmarks 100 different 15c
" 100 mixed 12c
Germany (stamp) 1900 1 Mark 05c
and other good bargains on my
BARGAIN LIST. Send for it, it is
free. Approvals 50 per cent com-
mission. Ref Req. postage extra
on all orders. Clifton A. Brink,
Doon, Iowa.

DEALERS

What! Do not sell "OME-
GA" hinges?

"Never too late to mend"
Send 35c and get 10,000 pack-
ed in our new transparent
envelopes.

They are "just too sweet for
anything".

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*Fernando Poo 1901 5c	.03
*Venezuela 96 Meranda 5c	.02
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EDITORIAL

Look out for some startling change in the make up of the WEST.

J. F. Dodge, of Abbottstown, Pa., comes to the rescue and supplies our long felt want for a "catch phrase" with the addition to the publishers address of "Publisher of a vaster paper than has been". By adding "and the best ever" to this, which is the description another of our friends applies, we have "a vaster

paper than has been and the best ever"! Who will suggest another addition?

Sell! Sell! Sell! is the dealers' watchword from now on, unless he is blessed with sufficient capital to enable him to carry his stock over the dull season—summer—without embarrassment.

Dealers wishing to sell stamps are invited to advertise in the WEST.

No, dear reader—we will not reprint that famous newspaper article entitled

"History in Postage Stamps". Thus we are distinguished as not doing something that every other publisher has done.

In the death of E. F. Gambs of San Francisco philately loses an old and valued friend. The name of Gambs is familiar to collectors the world over, and his untimely demise brings sorrow to thousands who admired him in life and will revere him in death. *Dei gratia*, so be it.

Mr. Thomas O. Young, of New Haven, N. Y., a well known advertiser in the WEST, is a candidate for re-election as school commissioner of Oswego county, N. Y. Mr. Young has won universal approval during his past incumbency in the office, and his re-election will be fitting as a recognition of faithful work well done.

Some one has bothered the Query editor of the Philadelphia (Pa.) Inquirer about the definition of philatelist, and the reply is unusually intelligent—we reproduce it in part.

STAMP COLLECTOR (Mrs. G.).—The word you refer to is doubtless "philatelist," although it is not strictly speaking a "synonym" of "stamp collector." Its real meaning is a "lover of stamps," it having been coined on the pattern of "philanthropist" (a lover of mankind), "philologist" (a lover of language), "philofelist" (an old word meaning a lover of cats), etc. Seeing that it is made up of Greek words one might wonder how the thing was done in view of the fact that there were no stamps in the old Grecian days, of course. The ancient Greeks had no word for a stamp, but from their vocabulary we borrowed the word "atelos," which means "duty less," and we applied it to the little slip of paper which enables our mail to be delivered to our correspondents free of charge. "duty less."

An amusing incident is related concerning the preparation of quarters for the Mecca Stamp Co., which, by the way, is a new Omaha concern who have put \$25,000 into the business.

In arranging the compartments of a large safe to accommodate stock books the artisan remarked to one of the firm "This is a funny way to fix a safe—I don't see how you are going to keep your stamps in here very handy".

Amused at his non-plussed manner his listener replied "Why, that is made so our various stock books will just fit in nicely".

"Well", said the carpenter, "maybe I aint posted, but I don't know what you mean by 'stock books'".

"Stock books", was the reply, "are used to hold our stock of stamps".

"Hum", replied the puzzled carpenter, "I knew you people were going in the stamp business, but I'm dummed if I can see what you want to keep your stamps in books for".

"What kind of stamps do you think we handle?" was asked him.

"Rubber stamps—rubber stamps, of course! What other kind would you handle?"

Some one who is well posted and has the gift of telling what he knows in an entertaining manner is responsible for a stamp department in the Cincinnati (Ohio) Commercial Tribune. Publicity—particularly this kind—is what we want.

In our English correspondence this month is mentioned a resolution adopted by a London society relating to the value and use of expert knowledge. This resolution, while it contains nothing startling, is well worded and is an apt presentation of the case. It certainly is true that "business is business", in philately or elsewhere, and the desire to buy cheap

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is always in evidence. If the dealer was to adopt the motto "buy cheap—sell cheap", perchance critics would be more magnanimous. But what a big IF!

Not only are we to have a 13c U. S. stamp, but an entire new set is promised soon. The addition of the 13c denomination is very sensible as this represents the amount required for registration and postage to Postal Union countries. The new issue will bear the likeness of Benjamin Harrison, and it is said that Faragut will supercede Perry on the \$1. value. Another addition which is expected is the date of birth and death of the subject and the wording "Series of 1902" on each stamp.

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I cannot refrain from writing down part of a bit of humorous story telling appearing in an English Newspaper. It seems that a schoolmaster desired to employ a tutor, and negotiated with an alleged linguist, with unexpected developments:

Could he speak French? the schoolmaster demanded of this paragon. Oh, yes, fluently. Had he a nodding acquaintance with Italian? Indeed he had—was excellently well versed in it, in fact.

These answers pleased the schoolmaster mightily, but he was an enthusiastic stamp-collector, and preferred to have, if possible, a tutor with corresponding tastes; so he inquired—"Have you any knowledge of philately?"

And back came the triumphant answer—"Can speak it like a native, sir!"

The negotiations ended abruptly.

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CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES.

(Adhesive only)

For the month ending February 25

Compiled by Albert H Hall.

Austria Offices in the Levant. Unpaid Letter Stamps, Surcharged in black with new value

"10 para" on 5 heller, green

"20 para" on 10 heller, green

"1 piaster" on 20 heller, green

"2 piaster" on 40 heller, green

"5 piaster" on 100 heller, green

Belgium Parcels Post Regular Issue

30 centimes, orange

40 centimes, dark green

70 centimes, dark blue

90 centimes, bright red

3 francs, black

Bolivia Regular Issue

2 centavos, green

Bulgaria Unpaid Letter stamps. Provisional Issues

Surcharged "T" in circle

5 stotinki, green and brown

10 stotinki, rose and black

30 stotinki, brown and black

50 stotinki blue, and brown

Chile Regular Issue

5 centavos, dark and ultramarine, perf. 12½

50 centavos, brown, rouletted

Columbian Republic (Antioquia) Prov. Issue

1 centavo, deep blue

Cook Islands Provisional Issue

1 penny, brown, surcharged with a crown in black

Danish West Indies Provisional Issues

"2 cents" on 3 cents

"8 cents" on 10 cents

Dutch Indies Regular Issue

1 cent, olive

2 cent, brown

2½ cents, green

3 cents, orange

5 cents, rose

France Office at Hoi-hao. Regular Issue surcharged in red

1 centavo, black on azure

2 centavos, brown on buff

4 centavos, claret on lavender

5 centavos, green

10 centavos, black on lilac

15 centavos, gray

20 centavos red on green

25 centavos black on rose

30 centavos brown on bistre

40 centavos red on yellow

50 centavos, carmine on rose

75 centavos, violet on orange

1 franc, bronze green on straw

5 franc's, lilac on lavender

Greece Parcels Post Stamps

5 lepta, orange

25 lepta, green

50 lepta, blue

1 drachma, carmine

2 drachmac, brown

Labuan Regular Issue

1 cent, brown and black

Netherland Regular Issue Unpaid Letter Stamps

½ cent, dark ultramarine, value in black

Jottings from Old England

By Regular Correspondent.

If you happen to need any rare perforations, you need not worry about getting them—you can have them made to order. At least there is a fakir over here who is submitting a schedule for perforating, and rouletting, also, to various collectors hereabouts.

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I believe there is one organization here that is little known to American collectors. I refer to the Stamp Trade Protective Association. Its purposes are just what its name indicates, and it is as near a "combination" as English dealers can get to, although it is not very prosperous at present, the office of Secretary being vacant and a search being made for a capable man to take charge of the work.

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Just out with King's head on. ½ post cards ½-1d Envelopes. 1d Letter card, also new coinage.

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The following interesting resolution was adopted, after a spirited debate, at a recent meeting of the Junior London Philatelic Society:

"This Society considers the practice of depriving the ignorant of their property, the value of which they have not understood, is justifiable to the extent that a Philatelist's knowledge is his own property, and he is at liberty to refuse to give it away when buying, though he is not at liberty to tell or act lies; but that when the motive of sale is clearly imperative poverty it is not justifiable to buy below value." As I aim to keep these jottings free from personal opinion I must be content with giving the resolution for my readers' edification.

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Some interesting information relating

to Paraguay (from the philatelic standpoint) is contained in a paper read by the President of Leeds Philatelic Society at a recent meeting. I glean from it that previous to the issue of its own stamps, the 1867 5, 10 and 15 Centavos of Argentine were used. The postmark in use at this time consisted of the letter H surrounded by diagonal lines, and it is by this postmark that these stamps can be distinguished from those used in Argentine. Needless to say these stamps are very scarce indeed, and the information is of interest, more so as the catalogues fail to mention this "issue" or whatever you would term it.

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Another fad somewhat related to philately—although distantly—has struck the continent. Not content with the many opportunities offered in stamps, and apparently tired of picture post cards, collectors are going in for "picture stamps". For fear that some of my readers may not be sure what "picture stamps" are it may be well to define them as exposition labels (Pan American stickers are a type. Ed.) advertising labels of hotels, resorts, and firms, labels issued to commemorate events historical or otherwise and convention labels. In a word, any kind of a label, as long as it is artistic. Well—a collection of these should call for but a small outlay, unless some "limited edition" is encountered. At this writing, nothing has been said about minor varieties!

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I have had occasion to mention that most enterprising organization, the Birmingham Philatelic Society, in these jottings before. Another originality now commands attention. At the meeting of Jan. 9 a "lantern display" was conducted by Mr. J. A. Margoschis. By means of a contrivance called the aphenngscope—what a name!—the stamps were reflected directly on a screen, the image being an exact reproduction in color and detail magnified as high as sixty times the natural size. The vast interest of such a display can be imagined. Here the minor variety crank is in his glory, for the immense enlargement makes the most minute variety easily perceptible.

Notes For U. S. Collectors

E. R. ALDRICH.

The plates of the Pan-American have been destroyed and the only means of any reproduction is from the original dies and that these will ever be used is exceedingly improbable.

Feb 17, 1902 witnessed two events in congress which cannot fail to interest the U. S. specialist. The ratification by the senate of the Danish treaty, ceding the Danish West Indies and the passage by the house of the war tax repeal bill.

The "Adams" postcards have been pushed into much more general use the past month than ever since their issue, as the supply of large size card was running low at the supply office and it was desired to make it last until the new "McKinley" card was issued, which would now seem to be likely about March first.

U. S. postmasters may now sell money orders to offices in German New Guinea, and to Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen, Herbertshohe, Stepensort and Ponape, Caroline Islands, also on the Japanese office at Newchang, China.

Rumors from Washington say that we may expect a new value to be added to our current set—a thirteen cent—paying the postage on a single rate registered foreign letter to postal union countries.

Chicago, Minneapolis and Attia, Ind., have contributed the only February dated precancelled I have yet

found. Of these Minneapolis alone has the month expressed by name.

For the first time this year I notice this week the offering of an inverted "train" stamp. This stamp is rapidly climbing into the same class, in value, as the upside downs of the '69 issue, being held at about fifteen eagles, American gold.

\$6.60 was the price paid for a block of four original eagle carriers at a recent eastern sale. While this price nearly approximates catalogue value yet it would seem that for a block catalogue price should be exceeded and that the block should have brought at least ten dollars.

Griggs and Goodwell used the L. G. Hunt one cent black stamp for nearly a year in 1873-4 having purchased the business of Hunt, but in July 1874 they had the die changed. Stamps used during this period constitute a variety which might be classed as provisional private die and rank with the Griggs & Goodwell one cent green, stamped R. C. & Co., (Ransom-Clark & Co.,) who purchased the G. & G. interests early in 1875.)

Going to the Denver Meet?

The Rock Island, Union Pacific, B. & M., Santa Fe, Missouri Pacific have announced they will cut rates to the grand lodge meeting of the Elks at Salt Lake City, August 12-14, fixed by the Western Passenger association. All other lines will follow suit. The new round trip from Missouri river points will be \$25, \$5 less than the regular fare one way and a reduction of \$7 from the aged rate for this meeting. From Chicago the figure will be \$35, and from St. Louis \$31. For Denver it will be about \$10 less.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

It has been discovered that there is an error in the Portugal 5 reis orange-brown of 1895; the error lacks the numerals of value.

The U. S. 7 cent Stanton was issued to meet the demand occasioned by a reduced rate of foreign postage under the postal treaty with the North German Confederation effected in 1870.

The U. S. 5 cent Taylor was issued for the new letter rate of postage under the Convention of the General Postal Union adopted at Berne in 1874. The reduction of postage to 5 cents made the 7, 12 and 24 cent stamps unnecessary.

In Lemaire's new catalogue (Paris) a novel plan of pricing is followed. The dealers of France have always been able to use a lower minimum value than English and American dealers because of the lower fractional currency, the centime being but twenty mills in U. S. money. Lemaire does not regard some stamps of a very common nature as even pricing at one centime, however, and puts them at "0" and some at "0,00"

The "Dum-Dum" society, a philatelic club of India. As Tommy Adkins bullet subdues the enemies of King Edward, so the "Dum-Dum" society is virtuous in the cause of philately.

A French contemporary has discovered that philately's patron saint is St. Adrian, who was a postman of King

Chilperic's times.

Durbin's 1883 catalogue priced the 90c Justice at \$1.00 and no Executive stamp was priced over 25c.

A WISE MOVE.

Minnesota Philatelist

Our friend Brody of the Philatelic West has raised the subscription price to his journal to fifty cents per year. He can get fifty cents per year just as well as he can twenty five, and we are glad to see him make this wise move.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Weekly Philatelic Era.

The WEST is to raise its subscription price to fifty cents a year, commencing with the January number. This is a step in the right direction.

"ESCUELAS"

Philatelic Herald.

The 1883 Venezuela with the word "Escuelas" at the top was used for postage and revenue both, and those cancelled with a pen are worth less than the postally cancelled copies. It may not be generally known that the word "Escuelas" means schools, and when the stamps are used for fiscal purposes the money received is used for the benefit of the state schools.

IF WE PUSHED PHILATELY.

Mekeels Weekly Stamp News.

No man can say what results might follow a campaign of education by any concern that had the money and the nerve to spend, say \$100,000 a year, for a few years, to acquaint the American public with stamp collecting's real attractions. Suppose "demonstrators" were to be sent from place to place, to secure in each town privileges of a prominent show window, to fill it with a glittering display of stamps to present to all comers a small packet and a cheap album, and missionary literature graded according to the enquirer.



**Observations on
Some Original Covers**

By R. R. THIELE.

To the International registration labels already described in the course of these articles I may add a few others such as have lately come under my notice. A number of them, all alike, come from Argentine Republic and are of this type:

BUENOS AIRES

95763

REPÚBLICA ARGENTINA

There is no outer border; they are type-set, including the number. The R is in red, the rest in black. For some reason unknown to me, on all the labels before me the lower edge only is perforated, the other three cut. The covers on which these came all bear the request for a return receipt; hence they are handstamped at Buenos Aires:

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As I have previously explained the A R stands for Avis de Reception = Advice of Receipt, which is sent free by most countries if you request it when mailing a registered letter or package. These covers bear no other transit stamp than that of New York registry division so no doubt they came up by a direct steamer. This is noteworthy because—small credit to Uncle Sam—a good deal of South American mail reaches us via London!

A number of covers from here and

there in South America are also before me which offer some points for observation. Many of them come from the Argentine Republic. Several 1/2c wrappers of 1889 bear the postmark.

BUZONISTAS CAPITAL NO. 2.

in a singlelined circle, date in center. They were mailed in Buenos Aires, no doubt, as indicated by Capital; but the Buzonistas is not quite clear to me. Does it indicate the mailcarrier who emptied the mailbox = "buzon"? This latter word also occurs on a small envelope directed to a married couple in Buenos Aires—that is, Buenos Aires is not mentioned in the address which merely says "Cindad" = "city". The stamps—two 1c stamps of 1888—are obliterated

SUCURSAL

date

CENTRO AMERICA

between double concentric circles, the date within the inner circle. Sucursal here means what we would call "Branch Post Office" and Centro America is the name of the Branch in question, probably named for the street or square on which it was located. In addition the face of the letter bears a small handstamp shaped like this:

**BUZON
26**

presumably the number of the box from which it was collected. The back of the letter bears a number of postmarks. First is an invert of the handstamp just described, caused no doubt by this letter being pressed upon another one below bearing the same mark still moist with ink. Next comes a double concentric circle, similar to that on the face of the letter, but bearing this inscription:

SUCURSAL

date

NO 1.

the date in the inner circle. This is presumably another branch office elsewhere in the city—for Buenos Aires is no country village by any means, but a city at perhaps the size of St. Louis.

(To be continued.)

CHIPS.

(By E. R. Steinbrueck.)

I collect every shade I can find different from the one in my possession and I find lots of different shades in U. S. as well as foreign not mentioned in Scott's standard. I am sure these shades will be enumerated in the future, as older issues are now, and some will become valuable in time to come.

While working at a piece of MSS. about new designs for our U. S. stamps I saw in Mekeel's that "the postal authorities have decided to place a portrait of General H. W. Lawton — on one of the new issues of postage stamps." As this has been one of my propositions my contemplated manuscript becomes stale partly. The other proposition was to select the 10 cent for Wm. McKinley in two colors. Portrait surrounded by laurel wreath in black; frame and corner emblems in yellow brown. In this manner we do not interfere with the colors of the Postal Union and the colors set off well. Crimson is not suitable for a mourning stamp though the red indicates martyrdom. For information I have tried a number of persons asking them to name the men whose faces they see represented on the 1, 2, 10 cents and higher up. They shook their heads in a commiserate smile. This is to show that the saying is true: "Old people belong on the shelf." The portraits of these men on stamps have outlived their time. They have become strangers to the multitude which handles the stamps. It is time that meritorious men of our own times take their places. Let honors be justly divided.

Of course Geo. Washington's picture is an exception and should adorn our 2 cent stamp forever. Or if the 1 cent

becomes the stamp for our home letters it should be transferred there.

New Zealand the thriving little is and in the South Seas has a new perforation machine imported from England, the mother country. The new colonial stamps, the universal penny post stamps and others are now neatly perforated 14½, while the former colonial stamps had been perforated 10 in a ragged manner. The new colonial issue will be quite difficult to distinguish from the first English printed stamps, which were perforated 15. Did you ever see the mentioning of these differences in Scott's?

In the last issue of the N. Y. Philatelist Feb. 1, 1902, I see a facsimile of a letter mailed in China and covered with stamps of different nations. Mr. C. A. Howes of Boston undertakes to solve the "puzzle". Now let me tell you, what I know about it as a fact. Soldiers and even officers of the divers military forces (there are philatelists among that crowd) thought it a splendid joke to "puzzle" the philatelists outside. They covered postal cards and letters purposely with postage stamps of different nations and got them cancelled at the different corresponding post offices just to get them sent out into the philatelic world or to friends for a joke and a puzzle.

The joke was cheap and the puzzle costs many a wiseacre dear, and that's the explanation of the "puzzle," short and sweet. In truth that collection of stamps is not worth more than 50 per cent off catalogue.

The new English postage stamps bearing the image of King Edward with a stiff neck are not liked so well. A good solid rub a ter applying sufficient quantity of turpentine may help to improve.

**Counterfeits and
Their Detection**

By *Lacus Viridis*

—MEXCIO—

(Continued from last number)

A trained collector will not need much warning against a counterfeit if it is a lithograph, while the original is a steel engraving. But not all collectors are posted on the difference between the two processes of manufacture, let alone that no doubt many beginners will read these notes. Especially for the benefit of the latter I will take the opportunity of describing several forgeries of the first Mexican issues which are made by lithography while the original was made by the copper-plate process. The first one before me is an imitation of the $\frac{1}{2}$ (Medio) real blue of 1856. This can be told at a glance by the fact that the head of Hidalgo is in a perfect oval, while the oval of the genuine stamp shows a small ornamented indentation opposite the middle of the face on either side. The counterfeit is thus easily recognizable, but as this distinguishing mark may be covered by a "cancellation", I will give some others. Similar little ornaments break the oval of the genuine at the top and bottom which are also absent on the counterfeits. Hidalgo, the noble martyr of patriotism is no great beauty even on the genuine stamps, but the counterfeiter has made him resemble a mullato of rather dark complexion; the shading of the face is very coarse, especially on the cheeks, where the genuine stamp shows very fine lines and dots. The eyes of the genuine are on the same level, whereas on the forgery the right eye (i.e. to the right of the observer) is set a trifle higher than the left. The coat collar on the left

(also; on your left, as you look at it) is distinctly visible on the genuine stamp, being shaded obliquely from the left to right downwards; on the forgery it shows no such distinct shading and disappears in the lines of the background. The shirtfront of Hidalgo shows but one shirtstud on the forgery, while there should be two, as on the genuine. The letters of the word Correso on the ribbon above the oval are not exactly vertical on the genuine, but are slightly inclined, following the undulations of the ribbon on which they are placed; this is especially noticeable in the two R which lean a little to the left, while the E and the second O lean a little to the right. The forger has not paid due attention to this peculiarity, for on his production all the letters of Correso Mejico are perfectly vertical. On the genuine stamp the letter O of Medio in the lower label is a little to the left of the notch formed by the meeting of the two ornaments under the oval; on the counterfeit the O is a little to the right of the center of this notch. The background between the arabesque ornament surrounding the oval is shaded with lines running obliquely downwards from right to left on the genuine; on the forgery these lines run obliquely downwards from left to right. There are many differences in the arabesque ornaments themselves, but language is not adequate to describe them. When Brother Brodstone has become as wealthy through the "PHILATELIC WEST" as he deserves to become, we will use some of his wealth for reproduction of the forgeries described; in the meanwhile we must let it go at that. From the same stone as the one just described—or from transfers from that die—I have before me other forgeries of the 8 reales violet, the 8 reales black on reddbrown, the 8 reales green on reddbrown and an imaginary 2 reales black on very light pink. They all show the characteristics already described: of course the value in the lower label is altered to suit. These inscriptions are all executed fairly well and furnish no special clue.

(To be Continued.)

*Revised Editions of
Civil War Revenue*

By Charles A. Nast

(Continued From Last Issue)

The next in alphabetical order is the Piso Co. This is the old E. T. Hazeltine stamp re-divivus. It is almost a perfect copy of the old design. Being one of the first to use the private stamp it is not remarkable that there is only a few connecting links between the old and the new, but they are very interesting and very pretty and to tell the quite rare. They used generally the $\frac{3}{8}$ blue proprietary and their surcharges are always in red ink. There is one authentic cancellation on the $1\frac{1}{4}$ cent also in red

The first printing consisted of the words "The Piso Co." and the date "1898" underneath in small fine type in two lines. The next printing was also in two lines, but very much larger type while the numerals "1898" cover half the stamp. The third stage is the same as the last with the exception that dates are placed between the name and year, thus "2-17" and again "1-28" making it three lines, and the year is changed to 1899, also tremendous size. The last printing, evidently an emergency affair, is in a wavy square frame on the $1\frac{1}{4}$ value, placed with a rubber hand stamp. I have never seen any of their private stamps cancelled.

Radway & Co. come back to us with the characteristic "R.R.R." printed in blue ink this time instead of black, but just as distinctive as ever. I have no surcharges of this house except the $\frac{3}{8}$ proprietary overprinted in black, with the full name of the company in a circle. The date on this pair (they always use them in pairs on the relief medicine) is "May 1st 1901." It is a rubber stamp, and was evidently used lately

when the stock of private stamps had run out.

Lately we take up Warner's Safe Cure Co. A beautiful design surely, even if it is the same old man from "darkest Africa" picking herbs. We have plenty of cancellations of this house before, and all the while he was using his own private stamps. The surcharges cover every year from 1898 to 1901. They consist generally of the year only, and the letters "W.S.C.Co." sometimes above the year and sometimes below, and very often inserted all with a rubber hand stamp, on the $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{3}{8}$, $1\frac{1}{4}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$. It is not unworthy that the firms who have the finest private stamps have absolutely the most wretched cancellations on the current proprietaries. I have only one stamp in my collection which I think belongs to this house. It is on the $\frac{1}{8}$ green printed in black as follows; "W. & Co. July 1st 1898 New York" If it does not belong to Warner I should like to have it identified. In conclusion let me call attention to the cancellation on the private design stamp in green ink, consisting of the words "Warner Safe Cure Co." in script, placed by a rubber hand stamp.

A very interesting phase of this question remains for the future paper, namely a listing of all cancellations of those firms who had private stamps in the Civil War, but contented themselves in this latter day with simply surcharging the current proprietaries.

Advertiser says: "In my opinion it does not pay to use advertisements of less space than one page in leading magazines. The page advertisement, if attractive is effective. It carries with it weight and strength. It demonstrates that the advertiser has confidence in his product and is willing to back it up with an announcement of sufficient size to attract attention.

St. Louis Notes.

By A. L. Wissman.

The stamp season at present is at its height and dealers hereabouts seem well pleased with the amount of business done. The small boy is in evidence in larger numbers than heretofore which is regarded by local folks as a good omen.

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The Century Stamp Club held its regular semi-monthly meeting on Feby 7th. The attendance was fair although the weather was unpleasant. Owing to the absence of the President and Vice President the business part of the meeting was postponed to the next meeting. An auction sale took place and some fine stamps changed hands at top notch prices.

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It is the intention of the members of the Century Stamp Club to locate the meeting place further west and to that end the committee on location is looking around for quarters which would be more convenient for all the members. We hope to see the efforts of the committee crowned with success.

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A local collector has a beautiful specimen of a Lacour match stamp. While this is not such a rare stamp, yet how few can be found in first class condition. A well centered and perfect stamp on silk paper is a gem and is worth full catalogue value.

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Although Scott's catalogue prices the 1 cent blue of the Maryland Match Co. on watermarked paper higher than any other Match Stamp, there are some collectors who are of the opinion that the 1c green of A. Goldback is equally as scarce on pink paper. Look over your collection and see if you have either in fine condition.

One cent letter postage is a topic discussed quite frequently nowadays. If you are desirous of having this important bill passed, you can help the good cause along by means of a rubber-stamp. A local concern has for some time been rubberstamping every piece of mail matter which it sent out with this request: "One Cent Letter Postage, you need it in your business. Its a good thing. Ask your congressman to push it along".

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Many St. Louisites heartily endorse the Denver boy's idea to hold a sort of a reunion next July or August. It seems the concensus of opinion that such an affair would be successful, and would be a good thing for western collectors.

Niger Coast.

Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A stamp underpriced in the new catalogue is the Niger Coast 2s 6d. Its catalogue value is given at \$1, but a search among dealers would result in few copies being found. This same observation might be made concerning the Chile 5 on 30c, carmine, the provisional of last year. This stamp catalogues 8c, and the wholesale price in England is 6s per dozen.

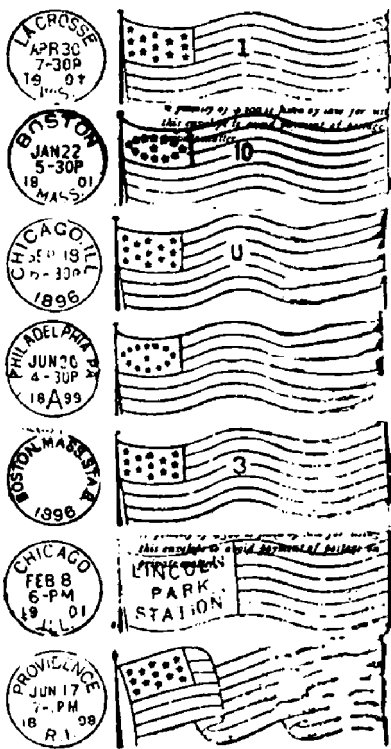
For Revenue Only.

Canada Stamp Sheet.

There was a good reason on the part of the post office department of Hungary for issuing the 1888-91 stamps. during the years 1887-88 the government noticed a great falling off in the revenue of that country, and it decided that the postage on letter and mail matter was too low. So they raised the postal rates on all kinds of mail matter and ordered a new issue with new and high values to be made.

FLAG CANCELLATIONS

J. L. Wheeler.



"Flag" cancellations of all the varieties of postmarks are the neatest, and draw the most people in to the ranks of collectors. The history of "flags" as postmarks would make an interesting story to some, but most would prefer to leave this out and come directly to the postmarks themselves. It is sufficient to say that flags came into use less than ten years ago, and extended to all the first class postoffices. As yet it has not extended to the second class offices.

In figure 1, we see the most widely used of all the flags. The difference between this and the next one, lies in the arrangement of stars in the flags. In the first, the thirteen stars are arranged in five vertical rows, but in the second they are in an oval outline. The last variety has been very rare compared with the first, the only office I know of where it is

now used is Boston.

Both of these have minor varieties in some cases the figures in the middle of the flag is left out, at other times are continuous, not leaving even the space.

No. 3. This at first sight looks like No. 1. (Do not criticize the engraving too sharply, we will try another man on the next job.) On looking again you will see that the name of the state does not appear at the bottom of the circle, but immediately after the office. The year has its place. This postmark also has the stars like No. 2. These were the first flags that appeared it was not till about 1898 that the position of the state was changed. All the flags which had the year at the bottom are now obsolete.

The use of No. 4. has been confined chiefly to a few large offices, New York, Boston and Philadelphia. We would be glad to get some more information on this variety from our readers.

No. 5. is extremely rare and I think is not used at present. It is quite difficult to get hold of these for collections.

No. 6. has taken the place of 5x6. It is used in all the large offices that have stations. Notice should be taken of a small figure which appears in the left lower corner of the stripes. In the cut there is a space here, but no figure. In some cases there is no space left at all.

No. 7. This very pretty postmark is not shown to advantage in the cut. The flag flies in three folds and there is no station in the canceller. The only office in the U. S. using a mark anything like this, at present, is Buffalo, N. Y. In this case the words "Pan American Exposition 1901", appear in the last two folds.

Besides these varieties there are many others which will show up in a short time. You will never regret starting a collection of flag cancellations.

Why do amateurs cut postmarks out round and glue them into books? Do

Get things up brown, mount your treasures with stamp hinges they are just as cheap as glue. Another thing, postmarks that are cut square dont take up any more room, and look twice as neat.

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Some of the most active collectors have compiled a list of all the 2nd class hand cancellations known to exist. This will be a great help in arranging an album, and making out want lists. We would be pleased to have calls for it, and additions are welcome. If this meets with success, lists of flags and other varieties will be made. Send a stamp for postage.

PHILATELIC KLEPTOMANIA

BY HARRY S. SWENSON

The psychologist should direct his eyes to the field of philately for unrivalled examples of the phenomena of human consciousness, or rather unconsciousness. It is truly wonderful how some men, whose books in the ordinary walks of life show a clear list of honest items, make but a step into the radiant, rose brown garden of philately and they stumble over the first little pebble in the path. I have known of boys, delightfully honest little fellows who wouldn't filch a hairpin from their sister's coiffure, yet thought no more of extracting a ten cent Executive from the confines of a friend's stamp album than to steal a ride on a tob sled. Our logical friend would no doubt say that the field of philately affords better opportunity for rascality, and smaller chance for detection. And this may be true; but when you see dignified College professors, and even a minister of the Gospel securing a bit of philatelic gold dust through clever machination closely resembling fraud, you begin to think that the seductive influence is so great in some instances, that kleptomania has in philately a cause.

A distant relative of mine, held some valuable stamps of the 1869 issue, and among the lot was a beautiful specimen

of the inverted medallion. The Rev. Mr. Blank ingratiated himself into the confidences of the owner of the inverted, who knew not its value. The good clergyman said: "See, I have some pretty Japans, valuable and beautiful. I will trade the same for your 69s, which are not worth the paper they are printed upon". Forthwith the trade was consummated, and the Reverend Mr. Blank starts on his trip to China where he will by his shrewd missionary methods bring the heathen into light. This minister of the Gospel had cheated my young and unenlightened relative to the financial tune of \$500.00.

I am aware that ignorance of stamp values should excuse no one, and that the axiom, the vendor should know the value of his wares, applies to many cases in which the educated has secured at a bargain valuable stamps from the uneducated. But I am directing my criticism toward those who lead astray the seller as the true value of his stamp wares, who in the guise of friendship replace the rare stone with an imitation of paste.

There are so many philatelic vampires that the kleptomania theory is altogether absurd. But we find the stamp of dishonesty upon men, who are least suspected of such an impress. Perhaps after all these self same men are not as honest in their everyday business life as the schedules indicate. Entering philately's flowery kingdom, the sweet gentle perfume disarms them; they throw aside their cloak, and many times they are found out.

Yes philately is neither a moral nor immoral stamping ground.

The words "moral and immoral" refer to the ethics of men and not to the pastime or study or science of philately.

Southwest Photo Tex.--'Mention brought quite a number of requests for copies.

J. Speeter, Minn. "I got lots of answers to my last ad and it paid me well.

Our German Letter

By Harold Roc-Smith, Stuttgart, Germany.

Seven million marks of the new German stamps have arrived at the Stuttgart post office, the genial President handed me a sheet of each for inspection. I suggested taking them along with me, there was no chance in these case of getting them so far in advance of the public. They will not be put in use till April 1st. Should any of my friends desire sets I will be pleased to send them on receipt of amount to cover face value.

My letter of January gave the changes made in present German stamps. The same bright colors remain.

Collectors here are glad of the change, they can now complete the country of Wurtemberg in the books. Every family here seems to have a stamp collection. There are two large societies, and dealers are found everywhere. Think of a dozen large show windows in a city of two hundred thousand being given up to the display of stamps. There is much competition, which gives beginners and small collectors a chance, for 1000 all different are furnished for \$2.

Dealers and collectors are holding on to all the new English stamps they can get hold of as there is still a good deal of discussion over a reissue and it is expected there will be one. The present ones will be used up till the time of the Coronation in June, then there certainly must be an alteration in them, as now the Crown is as it were hovering over the King's head, then it will be resting on it. There were over thirty designs made for the stamp and it looks as though there ought to have been one amongst them that would answer unless there was some hocus pocus business about it and we can hardly believe this country would be a party to anything of this kind.

A WESTERN STAMP MEET

All western philatelists remember the stamp convention in Denver in 1895, and several have suggested that a meeting should be held there this year. It seemed a foregone conclusion that the 3 national societies would favor us this year, but the honor was lost to us. This is funny, as we had extended an invitation to both societies from our Mayor and Chamber of Commerce, and Denver is noted for her hospitality.

There seems no reason for Springfield to have the convention this year, other than Billy Stone's popularity. Now, Stone is a fine fellow, but the societies could have made more recruits by coming to Denver.

The idea of a western meet should meet with an instantaneous success. The best plan seems to be to hold this meeting in Denver at the same time or a close date to the Elk's convention at Salt Lake City, Utah. Billy Schad, the president of the P. S. of A., will be in Salt Lake City and intends to stop off in Denver.

So if we could hold this convention at that time we could take advantage of the cheap rates, as well as the presence of President Schad. W. H. Barnum is also talking of coming to Denver this summer, and a western convention could bring Beardsley, Phinney, Bescher and the Kansas City crowd; Wilkinson, Brody, Negreen and the Omaha boys. Possibly Swenson and some of the Minneapolis boys. There is also a talk of having the American Curio society in Denver at that time. This would bring Roy Farrell Greene, its president, and many others. If we can get the crowd together we might possibly be able to persuade Makins and a few of the 'Frisco contingent to come.

There is but one way to go about this, and that is to work, and we can have a crowd in Denver that will surpass the Springfield meet, and I can well say Denver will do herself proud and treat you right if you come. Let us hear from some others on this subject.

ONEY K. CARSTARPHEN

The Stamps of Roumania

Authorized Translation from the
French of Count d' Assche in
"Le Philateliste Francais"
BY R. R. THIELÉ.

B. MELDO-WALLACHIA.

After the union of the Danube principalities under the scepter of Prince Couza a new issue of stamps was made bearing the arms of both countries.

ISSUES OF JUNE 25TH, 1862

Bull's head surmounted by a five-rayed star besides a crowned eagle essorant (-soaring) holding a cross in its beak, both above the post-horn; at the Franco, at the right Scrisorie, above and below the value, all the inscriptions in Roman capitals; the whole in a rectangle with blunted corners, formed of two lines. Only one type for each value; handstruck very irregularly in sheets of 32, 4 rows of 8, the two lower rows being inverted with regard to those at the top, so that the stamps of the two middle rows are tete-beche; they are so carefully placed that sometimes a stamp encroaches on its neighbor.

The color contains a large amount of oil which gives an excessive transparency to the stamps; they are always of more or less blotched impression. The gum is yellowish; it is very brittle and crackly, sometimes thin, sometimes thick.

I. On white paper, horizontally laid.

- 15. 3 paras yellow, orange
- 16. 6 " carmine, bright red
- 17. 30 " blue, light and dark.

II. On white wove paper

- 18. 3 paras citron, yellow orange
- 19. 6 " rose, carmine, bright red
- 20. 30 " blue, light and dark.

These two papers are very thin and the impression is easily seen on the reverse.

As it was impossible to furnish a sufficient quantity of these stamps by printing them one at a time by hand,

it was decided to prepare plates and the stamps appeared in 1863 printed on a handpress; the sheets contain 40 stamps. They are identical with the she same proceeding, but better printed, clearer and in brighter colors.

1863. I On thin white paper, laid horizontally or vertically

- 21. 3 paras yellow, yellow-orange
- 22. 6 " pale and dark rose
- 23. 30 " pale and dark blue

II. On thin white wove paper

- 24. 3 paras cit-on, yellow, orange, dark orange
- 25. 6 " rose, carmine, vermilion, dark red
- 26. 30 " light blue, dark blue, Prussian blue

III. On bluish wove paper

- 27. 30 paras dark blue

IV. On thick white paper

- 28. 30 paras dark blue

Varieties.

- 3 paras tete-beche.
- 6 " " "
- 30 " " "
- 3 paras wite a dot after the horn
- do. " " above left wing of the eagle
- do. " " and after the horn
- do. " " under the I of Scrisoriei.
- 6 paras with a dot after Franco.
- do. short E in Scrisoriei.
- do. E and I of " touching each other
- 30 paras. with dot after the horn
- do. " " above left wing of the eagle
- do. " " and after the horn
- do. " " between O and R of Scrisoriei.

Half of 6 paras serving as prepayment on a paper.

These stamps were reprinted in 1867 on white paper; they have also been imitated, but less so than those of the preceding issues.

The sheets contained 40 stamps in 5 rows of 8, arranged as follows:

3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

(NOTES OF TRANSLATOR.)

(Here also I beg leave to add some few fragments of information from various sources, notably Mr. Duerst's article in the P. J. of G. B. and Mr. Beckton's article in the LONDON PHILATELIST.

The rates covered by these stamps



Foreign Papers

The chief strength of the Vertrau-liches Korrespondenz-Blatt lies, as always, in its reports on all kinds of counterfeits and frauds. From its miscellaneous notes—chiefly reprinted—I gather that the new German international card with "Deutsches Reich" will also differ from the present one in having no border.

With its new volume the Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung begins an exhaustive article on the Swiss cancellations as found on the Rayon and Rappin issues. The subject is fascinating, but finds so few devotees over here that I must resist the temptation of entering on this subject at length. Swiss collectors are still occupied with the U. P. U. jubilee labels and finding all kinds of differences between the original and the retouch; in this number a writer thinks he has discovered a second retouch, though a very slight one. I fear to describe it lest some enemy of the minor variety get after me. The 5c blue error of the 1834 issue, mentioned by me some time ago, has been shown to be nothing but an essay used postally.

As collectors should be posted on all postal matters I quote the following from the Revue Philatelique Francaise which may prove of interest. It relates to the partition of postal receipts on international matter:

"Let us take the case of a letter sent from London to Constantinople. It will take the following course: Dover, Calais, Avricourt, Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Stuttgart, Muenchen, Vienna, Buda-Pest, Belgrad, Nisch,

"Sofia, Philippople, Adrianople, Constantinople. It therefore traverses for a certain distance lines covered by the Postal Administrations of Great Britain, France, Germany, Wuerttemberg, Bavaria, Austria, Hungary, Servia, Bulgaria, Turkey. How do these various administrations divide the 25 centimes which paid the letter?

"This question, apparently difficult of solution, is solved in the following manner. Periodically—every two years, I believe—the British administration, in concert with that of France makes up statistics covering a month and embracing the various kinds of objects transported for or through France originating in England. The figures obtained serve as an average for the monthly debits of the British Post-office. The French administration in its turn operates the same way with the German administration an debits itself with letters in transit over the lines of the latter, which again proceeds against the offices of the other governments. The same operation takes place, you understand, in the opposite direction also. We may add that these statistics apply not to the number of objects, but to their weight."

I also quote the following from an article on the Life Insurance Department stamps of New Zealand. The words are those of Mr. M. H. Richardson, Insurance Commissioner of the Colony, and are taken from an official document read at a convention in London:

"The Insurance Department pays for its own stamps like any ordinary institution under a special contract with the post-office Department of the Colony. It has a special stamp whose plate is destroyed in the stamp Office and serves for the manufacture of stamps used by the Insurance Department which are furnished to the latter

"against cash as needed. There does not exist in the world an institution having a stamp for its own special use and the situation of the New Zealand Life Insurance Department, from this point of view is unique."

A Portuguese correspondent states that a new issue with head of Dom Carlos is in preparation for Portugal and Colonies. Preserve us! I suppose Portugal is harrassed again by her creditors and desires us to help her out.

The January number of *Der Philatelist* is largely taken up with the account of the preliminary celebration of the Dresden society's 25th anniversary; it was an ovation to the president of the society, Dr. Keoss. The celebration was very enthusiastic; they know how to do these things in the old country. Pleasant news for us: the new Roumania issue is to appear May 10th on the occasion of the dedication of the new post office at Bucarest, and San Marino is getting ready a new issue with embossed figure of the Republic. In the February number Carl Willadt of Pforzheim, Germany, who lately made a trip, though this country, recounts his experiences. He is full of praise for the American collectors, whom he describes as extremely well informed, though he cannot understand why they should collect Match and Medicine stamps (he evidently does not realize that they are revenue stamps.) New York, Boston, Chicago and San Francisco impressed him most—chiefly the last named.

In No. 3 of *De Postzegelgids* there is a good article on the stamps of Corrientes, from which I quote to some extent: "Corrientes was one of the first of the La Plata states to reform its postal affairs and issue postage stamps. But the stamps of Corrientes had only local circulation. They were created by law of Feb. 16., 1856,

"and the original issue was limited to one value only. A peculiarity is that they greatly resemble the French stamps of 1849 with this difference that they are less finely executed. It is similarly the head of Ceres to left in a parallel circle with a similar ground and border. No detail is omitted, not even the St. Andrew's crosses in the corners. - - - The value is expressed as Un Real M. C.; the abbreviation means Moneda Corriente and the authorities had the end in view of notifying the public that the real in question was that of Corrientes, different from that of Buenos Aires, Paraguay, etc. One real was the single rate for the whole province. - - - The sheets consisted of 32 stamps comprising 8 different types. Three of them are exactly square, two are 18x19 mm., the others are rectangular 17¼x18¼ mm. The stamp of the first issue is printed in black on two kinds of paper: dark blue and grayish-blue. It is imperforate. A change in the currency in 1860 brought a change in the stamps and a decree of Feb. 8th 1860 placed the price of postage at 3 centavos. In our days a change of rate would call forth a stamp corresponding thereto or a surcharge. Not so in Corrientes, at least not at once; the officials sold the stamp at 3 centavos instead of 1 real after drawing a pen through the latter value. No mistake was possible, because there was only one stamp. The use of these penstroked stamps lasted a year. When the stock was used up, it was resolved, before making a new printing, to save the officials the penwork on the stamps. But instead of engraving a new value they were content with scratching out the old value and the stamps appeared with a blank space without any figure. The paper remained blue of various tints. In the beginning of 1864 the postage

for some time was raised to 5 centavos, later to be lowered to 2 centavos; the stamps were simply sold at these various prices, but a change was made in the paper, to green of various shades. Later changes in the paper were: from 1867 to 1871 yellow, from 1871 to 1873 lilac, from 1873 to 1880 rose. In the last year the stamps of Corrientes were superseded by those of the Argentine Republic. -- In 1883 the plate was sold to a private individual who utilized it for making reprints, many in the shades of the "originals."

A newcomer is *Le Guide Philatelique* it is to be a sort of advertising supplement to the *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung*.

Le Philatelite Francais for January brings the last instalment of the Roumanian article which the PHILATELIC WEST is reproducing, and brings a new article on the stamps of Bergedorf upon which we may recur later on.

I quote the following from *El Filatelico Espanol* regarding the Danish stamps of 1882-5 with small and large corner figures:

"In 1882, the 5 and 20 oere were issued with small figures in the corners, but the 10 oere issued in 1885 was to have large figures and this was the case excepting some stamps in the lower part of the sheet where there were inserted some cliches of the 10 oere letter card which had small figures. In 1886 the plates of the 5 and 20 oere were made over and all the cliches with small figures were replaced. The 5 and 20 oere with small and large figures thus are found on different sheets, while the two varieties of the 10 oere are found on the same sheet and may be found in pairs se tenant.

continued articles on the stamps of Belgium and on Reprints; pages 81 to 88 of the new book on the stamps of Spain accompany No. 59.60.

Reprints are in fashion, it seems; each number of *Filatelica* brings four pages of a new handbook on reprints. The paper itself is neat and newsy, but offers little for review. The Argentine Republic is going to follow our example in issuing booklets containing 24 fifteen centavo stamps, face value \$3.60, sale price \$3.65. I also see that the government of Ecuador on Jan. 15, 1902, was to sell at auction all remainders of old postage and telegraph stamps.

One of our most interesting exchanges is the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* and Nos. 85 and 86 are no exception. The star feature of both is the continuation of Dr. del Pont's epochal article on the issues of the Argentine Republic; no less than four large plates show the different compositions on the stones used for the issue of 1858. Of the stamps with large figure there was one original die for the three values, the value and centav being inserted on transfers taken from these. Of the 5c there were two compositions: one in 6 groups of 16 stamps (2 rows of 8), the other in 12 single rows of 8. The 10c was made up of 6 groups of 16; the 16c of single rows of 8. As to the stamps with small figures, at least three compositions are known of the 5c and two cent of the 10 and 15c; all are made from transfers containing 9 stamps, 12 rows making a pane of 108, while a sheet contained 216 stamps in 2 panes. The difference in all these compositions are too minute for review here; their description in the *Revista* is a veritable monument to Argentine philately.

Madrid *Filatelico* contains the two

Inscriptions on Stamps

By L. G. Dorpat

Begun in last number

French we find on the stamps of France and the French Colonies, but there is little of interest. Poste (plural Postes) Empire Francaise, Republique and their abbreviations are readily understood. Timbre means stamp. Chiffre Taxe: due figure or tax numeral. Formerly the amount of postage due was written with a colored pencil (as is done in Germany yet); when stamps were introduced to denote postage due the figures were printed on the stamps, but retained the same name as those figures which formerly were written—a percevoir, to be collected. On the last issue of France (10c-30c) appears the motto Droits de l'homme: Rights of man. Besides French Colonies there are but two countries on the Western Hemisphere which use French on their stamps. Ecuador has Union Postale Universelle "and the Republique d'Haiti" has, the values in French: Un; one, Deux: two, Trois: three, (Quatre would be four), Cinq: five. On the Eastern Hemisphere we have Belgique: Belgium which teaches us to count further Dix: ten, Vingt: 20, Quarante: 40, Cinquante: 50, Quatre Vingt: 80. Chemius de Fer: railroad, a payer: to be payed, Ne pas livrer le dimanche; not to be delivered on Sunday. Etat Independant du Congo: Independant state of Congo gives a few more numbers besides those quoted above, Vingt-Cinq: 25 and Quinze. 15. Roumelie Orientalie: Eastern Roumelie, Emp: (Empire) Ottoman: Turkish empire, Egypt, Alsace, Lorraine, Luxemburg, Monaco, Persia, Suez Canal Co., Switzerland and Regence de Tunis: Government of Tunis. all use French.

German is not found on any stamps from the Western Hemisphere except on the last issue of Samoa. These as well as those from the other German Colonies need no explanation. The stamps of the German Empire have Deutsche Reichs Post: German imperial post. The mark values of 1900 have the

following legends: 1m Reichs Post Amt in Berlin: Imperial post office in Berlin. 2m Seid einig, einig, einig: be united, united, 5m Ein Reich, Ein Volk, Ein Gott: one empire, one nation, one God. The 3m has the years 1797 and 1897, referring to the difference of national standing in those two years. German States which now are all included in the empire are Baden, Bayern: Bavaria, Bergedorf, Bremen, Braunschweig, Brunswick, Hamburg, Hannover, Luebeck (ue is another way to write the German u with two dots on it—it is not pronounced like the English u, but more like e with the lips pointed as for whistling), Mecklenburg, Oldenburg, Preussen: Prussia (the eu sounds like oi), Sachsen: Saxony, Schleswig-Holstein, and Wuerttemberg. Baden has on the first issues Deutsch-Oestr. Postverein, Vertrag v. 6, April 1850: German-Austrian-Postassociation (or union), Treaty of April 5, 1850. Freimrke means free-stamp i. e. postage paid. Land Post is equivalent to interior mail. Franco-postage prepaid. Posttaxe vom Empfaenger zahlbar (on the due stamps of Bavaria): postal tax (due) payable by the receiver. On the stamps of Bergedorf are the letters L. H. P. A for Luebeck Hamburg Post Amt, Bergedorf lying partly in the domain of either of those free cities. The stamps of Bremen have Stadt Post Amt, Stadt: city. Post Marke on the 4—4 of Brunswick is the most common term for postage stamp and means the same of Freimarke, Franco-Marke or Brief-Marke; Brief is letter. Bezirk is district (see city stamp of Hamburg). Hannover dons a latin motto: Suscipere et fuire: be sustained and defined which savors somewhat of the Monroe doctrine. In Prussian stamps the 10 and 30 silbergroschen are peculiar not only because they are printed on gold beater's skin but also for having the whole back-ground made up of the words zehu silbergroschen and dressing silbergroschen.

(To be continued)

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GEO. W. INGRAM

Mr. Ingram writes about himself as follows:

"I was born in Carmi, Illinois, 1867. This accounts for my being a sucker. Have always collected some old thing ever since I can remember. First attracted to stamps in '82 while still going to school. Made a two years trip around the world '85, '86, spending my 19th birthday in a warm place, the Red Sea. On this trip made quite a collection of stamps, also, things queer and curious. Left them in England with my best girl in '86. Went back in '90 and married the girl. Forgot all about stamps until about five years ago, perhaps six, when I had another attack. I now collect covers that have pairs, strips or blocks. The same off cover in used condition only.

MISS ORA V. EDDLEMAN.

Magazine readers may recall the name "Mignon Scriben," signed to several bright bits of fiction. Tucheta ("Lost Bird") Mignon Scriben and Ora V. Eddleman are one and the same person. Miss Eddleman's mother is a full blooded Cherokee, her father is of German decent. She converses as readily in Cherokee or German as in the English language she uses with so much perfection. Although she talks freely with her own people, there is nothing in or about her home which would distinguish it from the ordinary home of a well-to-do family.

Miss Eddleman was born in Texas twenty years ago. When she was a mere child her parents moved to Indian Territory and here her home has been ever since.

In appearance and dress Miss Eddleman does not differ from the well gowned young women one sees on the streets of the cities. She is pronounced a brunette, just as one would have a right to expect in the daughter of a Cherokee mother. She does not appear to be more than 5 feet 2 inches in height and carries herself with unusual grace and dignity. She dresses stylishly and in perfect taste.

Miss Eddleman's newspaper instinct became apparant long before she was in her teens. Her brothers were "batching" on their ranch many miles from home and civilization, but their hearts were enlightened weekly by a tiny foolscap edition called "The Home News" printed laboriously by the wee sister at home.

Twin Territories, the name of the magazine of which Miss Eddleman is editor and sole proprietor, is a literary periodical. Among its contributors are some of the most intelligent Indians in the territories, who tell of Indian legends and endeavor to acquaint the public with the present life of the Indians.

R. T. MORGAN

R. T. Morgan was born in the largest city of the world, but is not the "trust man," began collecting when only 7 years old, and dealing when 13, is the publisher of the Phil. Referee, one of the leading papers of England. We can offer WEST with it for 60c. He has bought out several publications on philately, latest being South African Provisional War Stamps. He is a member of many leading societies.

W. J. WOODS.

W. J. Woods of Hays City, Ks., is

one of that states leading photographers having first prize medals of silver and gold for portraits and finest equipment diploma of the Kansas Photographers Association, and splendid rating every year. He is also a collector and has a nice lot of Indian relics. Member of good many societies and camera clubs.

JOHN U. PERKINS

Mr. Perkins thus narrates two 'finds' made by him.

"I have been a collector for about eight years and during this time have made only two "finds." One was when I bought a box full of Departments for 5 cents. (I was quite young and at the time and did not really know the value of my purchase any more than did the person I unconsciously "did") The other instance I like to recall, was when I discovered in a musty attic drawer a perfect specimens of the 5 ct Brattleboro on the original envelope, and in the same place a block of four Baltimore locals. These I was careful to leave on the original envelope, and put them carefully away in my inside pocket, but on going down the attic stairs I slipped and fell and awoke to find myself on the floor with brother yelling for covers."

LEON GIRON.

One of the largest and most widely known of philatelists in the Republic of Mexico is Mr. Leon Giron of Mexico City. He has been a collector and dealer in postage stamps for over 12 years and has we may say one of the largest collections of the stamps of Mexico in existence, over 2000 varieties.

Mr. Giron was born in Mexico City and received his education there, and is at present 33 years of age. As a violinist Mr. Giron is equalled by few, and has on many occasions been called upon to give concerts in the Mexican National Theatre. He is conversant with several languages and maintains

a large correspondence with philatelists in many foreign countries. He is a member of L'Alliance Philatelique of Brussels, Philatelic Sons of America, International Ganzachen Verein of Berlin, Birmingham Philatelic Society, Les Echangistes Reums of Belgium, and the Spanish-American Philatelic society, in the latter association he has held the office of librarian. Mr. Giron is the Mexican representative for some of the largest philatelic dealers in America and Europe, notably Senf, Stanley Gibbons, Galvez, Scott, Maury, Gelli-Tani and Invert-Tellier. In consequence, he is kept quite busy philatelically, but is always pleased to hear from any of the collectors of 'wee-bits.'

GUILLERMO CARRASCO

We have much pleasure in reproducing herewith the likeness of one of Mexico's best known philatelists, Mr. Guillermo Carrasco. He is a native of the city of Chilmalma, and until a few months ago, resided in that city, practicing his profession as railway draftsman and surveyor. When the new Mexican and Oriental Railway Co., established headquarters at Chilmalma, they at once recognized Mr. Carrasco's ability and he had been with them but a short time when he was transferred to the United States, with the engineering department at Kansas City, Mo., in which city he now resides. Mr. Carrasco has been a philatelist for a number of years and possesses a magnificent collection of Mexican issues, including many rare and original provisional, etc. He is a member of the Spanish-American Philatelic Society, being one of the Board of Directors of that association. Of a very generous nature and genial personality we are certain Mr. Carrasco will win a host of friends during his stay here in our own country.

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Cost of Membership—initiation fee, 10 cents; annual dues, 25 cents. Members receive a copy of the official organ each month. The secretary will furnish application blanks. All honest collectors, whatever be their chosen branch of collecting, except stamps, are invited to join. We do not solicit stamp collectors as members as there are so many good philatelic societies now in existence, but collectors of stamps who collect along other lines also are invited to become members.

Free Identification Bureau for naming and classifying shells, minerals, fossils, coins, etc. for members only, in charge of a competent superintendent, will examine and name doubtful specimens submitted to them by members. A list of superintendents is given above, with whom members can communicate direct.

Many other benefits accrue to collectors through membership. Address the Secretary for an application blank and fuller details or write to the President or any of the following members of the Recruit Bureau for blanks and information: Howard E. Bishop, Sayer, Penn; Clarence C. Downs, Box 162, Atlantic City, N. J.; Basil G. Hamilton, Collingwood, Ont, Canada; W. G. McLain, Edison, Ohio; Geo. W. Dixon, Watertown, So. Dakota; C. L. Curren, Fox, Illinois, or Joel H. Dubosc, Huguenot, Georgia.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Applications for membership are on the increase and the society is taking on a steady growth which must be a source of pleasure to all. Next month I shall have the pleasure to appoint a superintendent of the department of geology, and one of the department of Colonial Relics and Antiques. These gentlemen will take delight in naming doubtful specimens for brother members and giving information regarding specimens belonging to the branch of collecting which they will represent. I must call the attention of some members to the fact that they are overlooking their yearly dues. Look at your membership card and if it expires on or before April 1-1902 send 25 cts to Secretary Coning at once and get the card renewed, otherwise the society will have to publish your name as delinquent, your copy of the WEST will be stopped, and you will fail to receive a copy of the society's year-book, which will alone be worth 50 cents, that being the price, non-members must pay for a copy. Send your 25 cents to the secretary to-day, and see that you are square with the world. Members cannot resign until dues are paid up. Owing to your President's sickness the publication of the year book was delayed and although the printer is now very busy at work on it the volume cannot be ready for mailing before April 1st. It will be worthy your waiting though.

Yours in collectorship

ROY FARREL GREENE.

High Hill, Mo., March 3, 1902.—Mr. President, Sec'y and Fellow Members of the A. S. of C. C. The A. S. of C. C. is fast growing from infancy to a more mature body of usefulness and a vast amount of good has already been accomplished, but there yet remains a great deal of work to be done if all active members will put their shoulder to the wheel, our society will soon become a leading factor. Its growth has been rapid and the future bids fair for better and larger improvement.

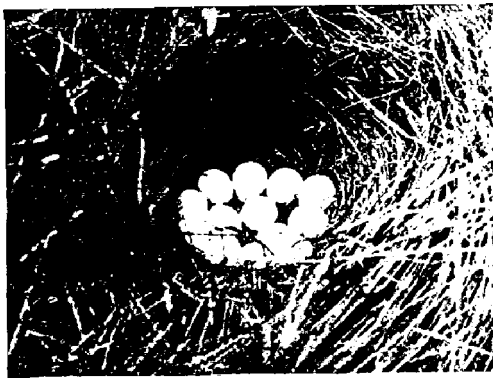
I hereby thank you all for the honor you have conferred upon me, by electing me one of your vice-presidents. I shall demean myself at all times to do all in my power for the benefit and welfare of the A. S. of C. C. With best wishes for the success of the society I am, WM. WARNER, JR.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:—Applications continue to come in at a lively rate and I hope that the good work will go on. I regret very much that a few members keep neglecting to remit the dues for 1902 and I am sure it has only been overlooked as not a single member can possibly afford to sever his connection with the grand A. S. of C. C. I am giving the numbers of the members who are owing for 1902 and I trust I will hear from every one immediately upon reading this notice. Numbers are as follows: 4-5-6-8-9-10-12-13-14-17-18-19-20-22-24-25-26-28-30-31-32-33-34-35-37-39-40-42-43-44-45-47-48-49-52-53-54-55-57-58-59-60-62-65-66-67-70-71-73-75-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-97-91-92. This is the last number above members will receive unless they send in dues at once. Fraternally,
 Change in Address:—205—T. M. Kelso, Reynolds, Wash. F. W. Coning, Sec'y.

NEW MEMBERS.

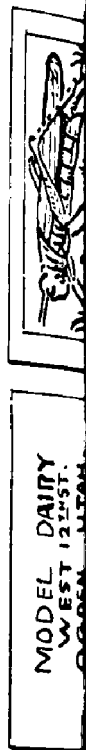
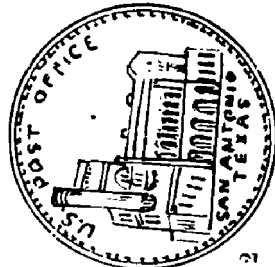
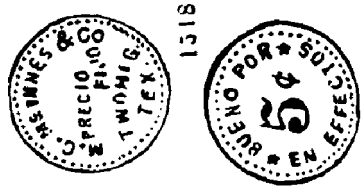
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| 302 | E. Hugg, Richmond, Ill. Coins, Indian Relics | 317 | Dr. C. C. Ross [33] 1075 Oak-st., Columbus, Ohio curios, antiques, Indian and war relics old books and papers. |
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| 326 | Harry M Raab, [23] Dallastown, Pa. Every- | | |

- war relics.
- 321 C. E. House, [19] Attica, Ind. coins, stamps.
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- 324 Geo. R. Sawyer [46] lock box 11, Davenport, Wash. minerals, fossils.
- 325 Oswald A. Bauer, [17] box 49, Piermont, N. Y. coins, stamps, papermoney, postmarks, minerals, fossils, Indian rels, curios
- APPLICATIONS.
- 326 Frank L. Dodge, Abbottstown, Pa.
- 327 H. F. Duprey, 323 Fourth-st., Santa Rosa, Cal
- 328 Geo. W. H. Soelmer, The Meridian, Station F. Washington, D. C.
- 329 Geo. W. Morse, box 230, Ashley, Ind
- 330 J. R. Nissley, Ada, Ohio.
- 331 Harry L. Wakefield, 118 W Main-st. Orange, Mass.
- 332 S. P. Odell, Fremont, Mich.
- 333 Chas. b. Lungren, Sutherland, Fla.
- 334 Ernest V. Grant, box 216, Salida, Colo.
- 335 E. I. Purdy, 121 Capp-st., San Francisco, Cal.
- 336 wayte Raymond, 31 Clay-st., South Norwalk Conn.
- 337 John Guiner, 516 West 39th St., New York.
- 338 Mrs. Effie Reed, Red Cloud, Nebr.



Quail Nest, taken by Hathorn, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

The fossil dinosaurs of the Jurassic beds in Colorado and Wyoming has excited much popular interest. Such colossal lizards inhabited swampy forests and brakes of cycads, conifers, ferns, and horse-tails. Of these the brontosaurus reached the length of 60 feet, if not more. A fine specimen of backbone of a brontosaurus has recently been placed in the Natural History Museum, New York. It was found at Como Bluff, Wyoming, by Professor Osborn.



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WANTED—Dec., Jan. and Feby. West mos. subs for any one, 6 mos. subs for good shape, not torn.

DEPARTMENT
OF INQUIRY ?

Conducted by
L. G. DORPAT, Sheboygan, Wis.

Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address, and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included besides the fee above provided for.

(No. 15 See Jan. WEST.)

15. Mr. E. Bagg of N. Y. writes:—
“These stamps were printed and used for a short time by Mr. L. H. Chapman who runs a “packet” between Utica and Little Falls on the Erie Canal, in New York State. When the law first went into effect taxing freight receipts, and no one cent revenue stamps were to be had in Central, N. Y. he used these surcharged 1c Omahas.”

21. *How can we distinguish the 24c, 30c and 90c of 1870, 1873 and 1879?*

The most striking difference between the first two issues and the last is in the paper, the first two being on a thin hard crisp or snappy, the last on a soft porous, thicker, spongy paper. The issue of 1890 has deeper colors: purple, full black and carmine, that of 1893 lighter colors: bluish purple, grey black and rose carmine, and the issue of 1897 is again of fuller color, greenish or full black and dark carmine. There are two special printings, 1875 and 1880, on extra white paper, but these are seldom found used, and unused, the whiteness of the paper is sufficient to distinguish them from the regular issue on a slightly yellowish paper. The best way to begin, is to study the differences of paper in the lower values first, and gradually to work up.

22. *How were the “capped”*

varieties of 1890 produced?

By the breaking of the plate, or the presence of a small piece of steel between the roller and the plate whilst the plate was being made. It was an accident, but never accurately determined how it happened.

23. *How was the difference of the three triangles 2c of 1894-95 produced and why do we find all three in both issues?*

First the two lines forming one triangle were simply added to the design of 1890; this formed the first variety. Then, to improve the appearance, the horizontal lines within the triangle were made thinner, which caused the second variety. Finally a last improvement was made by removing the horizontal lines between the two lines of the triangle altogether, constituting the third variety. The latter two varieties were found side by side on one plate, if I remember right on plate 170, two different rollers being used for making that plate. Plates of all three varieties were yet in use, when the watermarked paper was introduced, causing the same differences on watermarked paper as before on unwatermarked.

24. *Is there such a thing as an Aguinaldo, or a Klondyke stamp and what are they?*

There is, but both are considered as the product of private speculation on stamp collectors. However—if any of the readers can give more definite information or contradiction, I shall be glad to receive either— all that I have seen regarding these stamps (?) so far, was mere conjecture.

J. H. Boers Detroit:—“West gave me splendid results I had inquiries from all over U. S. even Mexico and foreign countries.

SOUVENIR CARDS

MISS MADELINE KELLAR

The postal card fad really originated during the Franco-Prussian war. In 1870 the German soldiers were provided with postal cards on which to send brief notes to relatives, friends, and sweethearts. The first cards bore the likeness of a soldier, later other cards were issued picturing the fort or camp where a certain regiment was stationed.

This came to be a feature of soldiers life and after the war the idea was gradually adopted. It is said the first real picture cards emanated from Switzerland in 1865.

The actual first British illustrated commemorative card was the one published by the royal naval exhibition in London on July 16-1891.

The craze of the picture post card is of the greatest popularity now being indulged in the world over.

It is now in full bloom (as we might term it) as is seen from the hundreds and thousands who take interest therein; and may be judged from the many clubs devoted entirely to the "cult" of picture post cards.

We look ahead for this grand pursuit to prosper gigantically and anticipate that the "craze" will hold on, grow stronger and yet stronger as it certainly will judging from its present position. Its varieties run into millions and are able to support magazines devoted to the interests of picture post cards, but sorry to say we have not as yet reached this stage in America even though the card craze is in great vogue otherwise as much so as abroad.

Germany being the first to cherish this beautiful "fad". Austria, Italy, France, England are said to have received it most enthusiastically, and to this very day which proves that the "craze" is not ephemeral, at least not abroad, and growing stronger in our

own country, as I have already mentioned goes to say the same for America. Great Britain alone has thousands of volaries supporting high class magazines devoted entirely to the cards. The pleasures and interests collectors derived from this hobby are numerous. Not alone does it prove an interesting hobby but also a very instructive one, as one gains various informations from them; pages upon pages could be devoted to the writings of the various topics suggested by picture post cards. Topics concerning the political, geographical ethnographical, historical, artistic interest, knowledge of engraving, etc.

My opinion of the post card fad is various for I gain much interest and information both social and instructive from cards political, geographical, ethnological, historical, artistic interest, knowledge of engraving, printing, process of reproduction and most pleasant of all, social intercourse development of cosmopolitan characters.

A Buffalo amateur photographer who modestly desires his name withheld was one of the fortunate ones to secure a fairly good negative of the late President McKinley on the day of the assassination. The negative was made while the President was in the powerhouse of the Niagara Falls Power Company, and was a fairly good one for the place. It was only a 4x5 snapshot of a comparatively inexpensive camera, but prints sold like hot cakes after the tragedy in the Temple of Music and the photographer had netted in the neighborhood of \$25 from that source when he received an offer of \$100 for the negative from a Tonawanda man who desired it for a souvenir of the event. The wide-awake amateur finds many occasions to earn a dollar. Buffalo Express.

Money Issued for Circulation in America in Colonial Times.

By Thomas L. Elder, A. N. A.

A brief description of the more important of the Wood series may not be uninteresting to our readers. Of the *Rosa Americana* coins there were three denominations; viz. half penny, penny and two penny—which first appeared in 1722. 2 Penny—Obv. Well executed laureated bust of George II. to right—Legend: "Georgius: D: G: M: B: Fr: et H: Rex:"—Reverse: A full blown rose; from this project five barbed points—Legend: "Rosa Americana 1722" in the field over the rose, on a label beneath same "Utile Dulci".

The Penny and half penny may be similarly described excepting that on the latter piece the reverse bears the contracted words: "Rosa Ameri: Utile Dulci".—On some of these coins the rose is crowned,—and there are numerous other minor varieties.—A few of these coins are obtainable in ordinary condition for 60 or 75c but many are quite rare.

As early as 1776 pattern pieces were designed for New Hampshire Coinage. Wm. Moulton designed one of these a very rude specimen bearing a pinetree "American Liberty" a harp and "1776" on reverse, but the coinage of this state was very limited.

Vermont had a considerable copper coinage, the varieties are many and these cents must have had a hard circulation, for, while ordinary pieces are not rare, still they are seldom found in fine condition and the dates are generally incipherable from wear. The first appeared in 1785: Obverse:—A range of wooded mountains, from behind which to the right the sun is rising. In the field beneath a plow the legend: "Vermontis Res Publica"—Reverse:—An eye, enclosed in a small ring surrounded by a circle of 13 stars.—From the small circle spring 26 rays 13 of which are long and

13 short—Legend: "Stella quarta decima. There is a slight variation in the wording in the varieties of these coins.

The new series of cents which appeared in 1786 bore on the obverse side a head facing right or left and the legend: "Auctori Vermon" or "Vermon Auctori", and on the reverse the goddess of liberty seated facing left, beside her a circular shield in her right hand she holds an olive branch and her left hand rests at the top of a long olive branch—Legend:—*Inde et Lib*". The cents of 1787 are similar to the one just described. Occasionally the coin dies of the different states were used not only in conjunction with each other but were struck upon other coins such as British Half Pence and "Nova Constellatio".

(To be continued.)

HOW SOME COINS WERE NAMED

The origin of the names of coins in present use is curious. In many cases they imply a standard of weight that lost its significance long ago. This is the case with the English standard, the pound. The word shilling is of German derivation, like penny, which comes from the German pfennig. The word crown comes from the image on the coin. The name franc was given by King John who first coined these pieces in 1360. They bore the motto "Le Roi Frank" (King of the Franks) and were of two kinds, one representing the king on horseback, the other on foot.

Everyone knows something of the mania of the true collector. The story of the confirmed old bachelor who got married to a sour-visaged old maid because she had a china tea cup that would complete his set, unquestionably is true. The stamp collector gives the tenth of his fortune to get a cancelled 2-cent stamp that happens to be of color shade peculiar to itself. The true bird collector is perhaps more of an enthusiast than any of the others.—Chicago Record.

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The Number of Stamps.

A reader of Mekeel's Stamp Collector has estimated the number of regular postage stamps of recognized government issued up to January 1st, 1902 as 16,750. These are simple varieties, omitting many shades and variations that are of interest to those who make specialized collections.

Tasmania £1

A Tasmanian £1 green and yellow, catalogued at \$8.00, brought \$27.00 at a Boston auction sale January 31st.

SEC'Y. REPORT.—Nominations: Pres. R. DuBose, Supt Exchange, G DuBose, V. Pres W. Barrett Calif. Librian, Ayers of Mich, Auc Mgr, Amsley of Ia Int Sec. Cole, N. J. Can send in others you wish or send vote on P card to Sec New Members:—G. Ingram, Hempstead Tex. L. Bergman, Strassburg Germany. F. Kabort, Moravia, Austria, M McKeen, Keyport, N. J., W. Krabbe, Asst. P M Rosley Denmark, R Schmidt, Spearville, Ks, bx 42 J Blanc, Washington, DC, 811, 11st N W. S Gamell, Georgetown Brt Guiana bx 26 Tulane Co, New Orleans, La 1613 S Rampart st.

Complaints: —Parker Pa, by Kline, F Johnson, ND reports H Carlson, Valley City, N D, A Webster, Kingsboro, NS. F Richie, Lisbon, Me. G Willment, NY Kelsey Hall of Canada reports Kemp card as traveling auditor of the Policy Holders National Union, any one know his address. Readers:—Be sure and send in your nominations at once.

SALES SUPT'S REPORT.

Bal report Jan 20, 38 books, val.	\$185.64
Received since 1 " "	6.85
	\$192.49
Retired since, 10 books (sales from which were \$5.53)	37.84
On hand Feby 20, 29 books	\$154.65
Joel H. DuBose, Sales Supt.	

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- 1st. Canadian stamps to Cat. \$10.00
 - 2nd. A " stamp " 5.00
 - 3rd. stamp to cat 3.00
- Fraternally Yours, A. RENE,
 President.

Report of Sales Supt.

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 First circuit will be sent out in a few days. Members wishing to be on same can drop me a card. Members can get blank books from me for their duplicates at a uniform charge of 2c each.

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OBJECTS

The society was formed to encourage the study of philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among collectors the world over, and to promote honest exchange among its members.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person of good recommendation and social standing may become a member by applying to the secretary, said applicant must have two references. The secretary shall cause to be published in next number of official journal, the name and address of such applicant, and if no person files objections with the trustees within 15 days of such publication, he will be considered elected, and shall receive the certificate of membership on payment of all dues.

The dues of the association shall be 15c initiation fee and 35c yearly dues.

The officers of the association shall be elected on the majority vote of the members and for a term of two years.

BENEFITS

The International Stamp Collector's Association with all the usual benefits will give one which is in itself worth far more than the cost of membership. The association will shortly have representatives in every stamp issuing country. Such representatives will be persons of high commercial standing. Members can by sending return postage and cash remittance buy unused current issues at FACE VALUE. List of representatives will be sent to MEMBERS ONLY.

Such official representatives shall be known as Resident vice-presidents, and shall be appointed by the Governing Board consisting of president, secy., treas., and three trustees, who will appoint or remove at the r discretion.

The duties of resident vice-presidents will be to purchase for members of the association, current issues of stamps at face value also to induce stamp collectors to join and to see that such are proper and fit persons to enjoy the benefits of the association.

We the undersigned Committee on Organization hereby invite all philatelists of good social standing to join the Association.

- H. W. WOODALL
- R. RICHARDSON
- C. W. N. USSHER
- Com. on Organization

The Subscription Stamp Society.

Founded June 1900

First Annual Report

Office of the Secretary, Jan. 1902

During the year 1901 the Society issued 72 weekly packets of unissued new issues at a cost of 25c for each packet or an aggregate of \$18.00 for the year to each subscriber. These packets contained 217 stamps, each stamp of a face value of from 1 centime (one fifth of a cent) to 7½ pence (15 cents). The average cost of each stamp was 6 cents, this covering all expenses of postage, envelopes, stationery, printing, etc.

During the six and a half months of the Society's existence in 1900, 28 packets containing 91 stamps were issued. These stamps cost the subscriber \$7.00 and they are listed today in Scott's catalogue at almost \$10.00. This increase in value is due to the fact that many stamps were of issues which were in use but a short time and which are now obsolete. One stamp sent out in 1900 in a twenty-five cent packet catalogues today \$1.00. The moral is obvious that the time to buy stamps is when they are first issued and that the best agency for supplying new issues is the Subscription Stamp Society.

It might be expected that in a large society many collectors would receive stamps of countries which they did not desire. Each packet is returnable and exchangeable, and the stamps are thereby practically sent out on approval. If a subscriber is known to collect only stamps of one class (as British colonies), packets containing other stamps are not sent him. A number of subscribers find it most convenient to send a dollar once in four weeks, and others may like to adopt this plan.

The privilege of returning packets not wanted has been employed less than a dozen times during the year, a fact which speaks well for the judgement exercised in purchasing supplies for issue. Stamps of the minor countries, not commonly collected are not sent out.

At the request of several subscribers who wish to receive the higher value of stamps, a plan is now being considered for forming an advanced section, to receive stamps of face values of one shilling, one shilling six pence, one franc, one mark, one peseto etc., in addition to the stamps now issued. Such subscribers would remit 50 cents each week and receive in each packet twice as much value as is sent out in the 25 cent packets. All who would like to do this are requested to advise the secretary at once.

Letters of appreciation of the work of the society are received frequently and it is regretted that they cannot all be published. The usefulness of the Society to collectors may be judged by the records of the following gentlemen who began with packets one or two. The Society has issued 80 packets.

Justus J Doolittle	78 packets
R. A. McCallach	77
Herman Betz	76
Will G Saxton	76
Ernest F. Wurtele	75

A peculiar feature of this Society, whereby a subscriber may suspend his membership at any time and resume it later at will, is illustrated in the cases of the following gentlemen who each suspended membership for several months and then resumed to be regular subscribers to day.

Otto Von Schaezler, 48 packets
 W. F. Clarke 47
 E. G. Kittson 47
 George E. Anderson 43
 The Following have been at various times enrolled as subscribers in the Society, a total membership of 124:

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A cordial invitation is extended to every active collector to become a subscriber to this society in which there are no dues fees or liabilities beyond the weekly payments of 25 cents for the weekly packet of unused stamps.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert H. Hall, Secretary.

16 Gray St., Cambridge, Mass

without the knowledge of its premium value, cheaply disposed of. Always watch for new coins, and it is advisable to hold specimens of any new coins until they are common. They may contain errors or for some reason their coinage may be stopped after only a few have been issued.

Judgment and strategy are frequently necessary to gain a good coin.

Rare coins reach the United States sub-treasuries from country banks, showing that some bankers are not familiar with this important topic.

Never be too enthusiastic on the topic of coins with strangers. There are coin "sharks" that will play ignorant in order to sell you a coin below value. You will think you have a great prize, only to discover it is a counterfeit, or an altered date.

Be careful in showing your coins; many a fine coin has been stolen or exchanged for poorer ones.

Old paper bills which have ceased to have a money value, are sometimes found between the pages of old books, in old letters and envelopes.

Start a collection of your own. You will find it interesting and instructive. It is not necessary for it to be rare coins; start a collection of the small cents; try to get every date. They have no premium value, but will lead to the finding of other coins. Your friends will become interested in your collections and may save odd pieces of money for you. In this way you become familiar with coins and it becomes known you are a collector. People will bring you odd looking coins to know what they are and to sell them to you. Candy and toy stores are good fields to watch. Many an old pocket piece finds its way to a child's hand and is soon exchanged for candy or toy. The great secret in coin collecting is to know a good coin when you see it.

G. Mohling, Ill.—WEST is the BEST ad medium of all.

Suggestions to The New Coin Collector

By Coin Zerbe, From Nut Shell Facts on Coins

(Continued from last No.)

Carry an old or curious looking coin in your pocket, show it in company, there may be a prize coin in the crowd that will be shown; it will at least prompt conversation on coins and cause to be told where some good coins can be found. Call occasionally at the banks; if you have a friend there, have them on the lookout for you. Bankers are usually familiar with rare coins but pay little attention to those having but small premium. Never lose sight of where good coins are. In a small town, not long ago, a bank failed. A boy collector in that town knew the cashier had saved numerous old and odd coins. The boy bought a lot at face value from the assignee and it proved to be a valuable purchase. Very rare coins have been accidentally found ploughed up in the field, in the walls of an old house, or among rubbish. Finds of this kind are simply fortunate, but have not always brought fortune to the finder, as many a good coin thus found has been,

A Kickapoo Kickshaw

By George J. Remsburg

Some time ago the writer explored the summit of a very high bluff of the Missouri River, about a mile north of the village of Kickapoo, in Leavenworth county, Kansas, for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the exact location of a Kickapoo Indian burial ground which was said to exist in that locality. All external evidences of a grave-yard had been obliterated by cultivation. After several excavations had been made the remains of an Indian were encountered at a depth of about three feet, thus substantiating the claim of some of the early settlers that this particular hill was an aboriginal place of interment. The report has been further verified by subsequent excavations in which a number of skeletons were exhumed.

Outside of the determining of this disputed Indian burial site, some claiming it was located one place and some another, these excavations did not reveal anything of importance except in one instance where the only object found with the skeleton was one of curious form and undeterminable purpose, and which for want of a better name I shall designate a "kickshaw", defined by Webster, as "something having no particular name". The object, from its position in the grave had evidently been placed on or near the breast of the deceased. It is the only one of the kind ever found in this locality under similar or other conditions, and the only conclusion the writer can arrive at regarding its probable purpose is that it was designed not as a tribal symbol, but as an emblem of the prowess, or some other particular trait of this particular Indian.

It was made from iron and owing to the original thinness of the plate, was almost consumed by rust from its half a century contact with the moisture of the soil. Unfortunately in removing it from

its long resting place it crumbled to pieces and all that could be preserved were the fragments of conglomerated rust and earth mold. The accompany-



This figure represents, as nearly as our printers can make it, a Kickshaw. The top should round up to a point

ing figure shows very nearly the exact size and outline of the strange relic.

The skeleton, which was that of a man of about 5 feet 8 inches tall, was in a fairly good state of preservation. All of the skeletons exhumed were lying on their backs with the heads to the east.

Richard W. Cummins, in the Report of Indian Affairs for 1838, says that the Kickapoo Indians settled on a point of land between Salt Creek and Missouri River, four miles north of Fort Leavenworth, in the country ceded to them by the treaty of Castor Hill, of Oct. 24, 1832. The above mentioned burial ground is situated on this tract. Just south of the burial ground in a sort of amphitheatre of hills which forms a splendid protection against the wintry blasts from the north, and looking down into the beautiful Salt Creek Valley a mile and a half southward, the writer has discovered the site of a village of the Kickapoos. Many relics have been picked up in the immediate vicinity, and in fact all over the tract formerly occupied by this semi-historic tribe. On some of these camp and village sites the remains blend into the prehistoric, the semi-historic and the historic periods, showing unmistakably a succession of occupancy.

— J. Hubel, Detroit, sold nearly 300 of Bermudas of last ad.

Young Geologists Visit To A Coal Mine
 By Forest Gaines. (A. S. of C. C. 135.)

The following is a description of a light-seeing journey through the workings of the Cathlin Coal Mining Company, whose large mine is located a Cathlin in Vermillion county, Illinois. Through the great courtesy of Superintendent J. L. Dickerson, and Assistant Superintendent J. C. Siddell, the trip was made very interesting indeed.

The surface workings were first examined. These consisted of shaft building, engine rooms, boiler rooms, fan room and a nearby stable where the mine mules and horses are kept. The iron pyrite is also utilized at this mine, and is cleaned for use in a small building in the vicinity. The making of sulphuric acid is the chief use of the pyrite.

The most interesting part of the shaft equipment was the immense shaker, by which the fine coal is separated from the coarse. This appliance was set up some distance above the shaft, and kept in a gyrating motion by machinery. As the cars of coal were dumped into it, this shaking motion caused the coarser pieces of coal to slide down into a car at the edge of the shaker, while the fine coal went through into another car under the appliance. Each grade of coal of course has its special uses.

The boiler-rooms and engine rooms were also interesting, but not as much so as the fan-room. In this small building a large circular fan constantly keeps a great current of air circulating down a shaft, through the various passages of the mine.

Next descending the shaft at a dizzying speed we found ourselves in the mine proper. Various passages, from five to six feet in height led off in various directions. This mine has about

eight miles of worked passages. The main shaft goes down vertically about 160 feet.

We rode through the mine in both mule-cars and motor cars. The motor cars are run by motor engines, by means of a third rail system: The bottom of the shaft for a considerable distance back was finely illuminated by means of incandescent lights.

We also walked through many passages examining the formations, methods of mining, etc. In a few places some very good specimens of fossil ferns and Calamites were found in the overlying slate. The under formation of the vein is a hard soapstone.

Some of the mules when taken down the shaft, never see the light of day again. These animals are finely trained and do their work as well as men. The motor engines make a great clatter underground.

The mine has 305 cars underground, employs about 250 men and has a capacity of 1000 to 1200 tons daily. The pay for digging the coal from the passages is almost double for that mined in the rooms. A great part of the mining is done by gravity.

After several hours spent in the mine we returned through the passages and up the shaft in the cage, finally leaving with an invitation from the superintendents to "come again."

The WEST the Best.

(Ed. B. Howe.)

I have run ads in the WEST and also Golden Hours (over 200,000 circulation) and from every ad in the WEST I have received numerous replies, but from Golden Hours Junior I have never received a single answer. This shows that the WEST is the better advertising medium, and if you have anything to dispose of send in your ad to this excellent journal.



By Roy Farrell Green. A. S. of C. C.

In the Geological Museum of Rutgers College, at New Brunswick, N. J., is a large slab of Friassic sandstone, 8x18 feet, from Morris county, N. J., showing the footprints of fifteen species of dinosaurs, and one marsupiacoid. This is undoubtedly the largest and best single specimen of sauveichnites in America and perhaps in the world. The museum also has the counterpart of this specimen, showing natural casts of the footprints in relief; also mud-cracks and rain-prints.

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A Greek coin, the lepton, is the smallest coin current in Europe. It is worth one-tenth of a penny.

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The Curio Editor during the holiday season received kind remembrances from J. A. P. Harris, Berrysburg, Penn., Mrs. Julia A. Hall, Farmington, Mo., and Mrs. F. May Tuttle, Osage, Iowa, three enthusiastic collectors, who caught the spirit of Christmas and made, with their little tokens, ye Editor even more happy than he expected to be at Yuletide. Here's to them, and each of them, my hearty thanks and sincere appreciation, for "sweet it is to be remembered."

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Will every postmark collector, every collector of rare prints, coins, curios, relics engravings and old books write to Secretary F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tennessee for an application blank and

further particulars regarding the American Society of Curio Collectors? We have a great many members now who collect along these lines but we want more. Write today!

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The workmen digging the foundation for the enlargement of a religious building in Turin discovered, at the depth of about six metres below the soil, a number of articles of great archaeological interest. The most important is a hollow bronze head, life size, and a masterpiece of art in excellent preservation. The hair, the ears, and the eyes show traces of gilding. It is supposed to represent Tiberius. It is hoped that further research may lead to the recovery of other parts of the statue.

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The late Dr. Herman Strecker, of Reading, (Penn.), has left behind him a magnificent collection of butterflies. It embrace 250,000 specimens. There are only three other collections to compare with it. Dr. Strecker was the most noted lepidopterist America has produced.

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The most remarkable book in the world so far as its appearance is concerned, is neither written or printed. It is in the Imperial Library of Paris, and the letters have been cut out of tissue paper with a pair of scissors. A sheet of blue tissue, in which the letters are cut, is placed between two pages of white, and so the matter is read.

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The paintings of animals recently discovered in grottoes at Combarelles and Eyzies, France, go back, according to M. M. Captain and Beeuil, to the Old Stone Age, and particularly to the Magdalenian period, when the animals

bred. Even then the horse had been domesticated, as covers can be seen on the backs of two and on others a bridle or a halter about the muzzle. The horses are of at least two varieties, one strong, the other more slender and fine. The mammoths have tusks curving back very much, and some are hairy all over.

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The largest gold coin now in circulation is the gold ingot or "loof" of Annam, a French colony in Eastern Asia. It is a flat round gold piece, and on it is written in Indian ink its value, which is about \$325. The next sized coin to this value but extremely awkward one is the "obang" of Japan, which is worth about \$50, and next comes the "benda" of Ashantee, which represents a value of about \$45.00. It represents a value of about 9*l*. The California fifty dollar gold piece is worth about the same as the benda. The heaviest silver ingot is worth about \$15. Then comes the Chinese tael, equal to about \$2 and then the Austrian double thaler.

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While a windmill roof was being overhauled recently in the South of France the mummified body of a pigeon was found. Attached to a wing was a quill containing a missive dated 1870, which read—"Darling, all is well, but starving." The pigeon is thought to be one of the homing birds released in Paris during the siege.

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Mr. John H. Avery, who has recently spent some time in Morocco, teaching the Sultan photography, has secured a fine collection of Moresque photographs. The Sultan proved an excellent pupil. Not only can he "squeeze the bulb," but he can develop, print, tone, squeeze, mount, enlarge,

make stereoscopic prints, and moreover, take, print, and develop cinematograph films. As proof of the Sultan's thoroughness, it may be added that he personally compounds the various solutions he uses, and even makes his own paste for mounting.

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Palms never live more than 250 years. Ivy has been known to live 450 years, Chestnut 860, Oak 1,600 and Yew 2,880.

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November 1st, 1900 and September 30th, 1901, the Sevres manufactory delivered 11,045 pieces of porcelain of a total value of \$169,700. The number of pieces sold to the public was 2,563 for \$48,587. The remainder were utilised for furnishing palaces and public buildings, presents to charitable lotteries and to diplomats.

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A coin of considerable interest to numismatists has just been sold in Germany. It is one of the few coins in the history of the world which can be accused of having a humorous side to it. In 1679 the Danes descended on the port of Hamburg, but their attack proved unsuccessful. The inhabitants of the town struck a medal to commemorate the occasion. The legend on the coin was as follows: "The King of Denmark has been to Hamburg. If thou wouldst know what he achieved look on the other side." It is needless to add that "the other side" is a blank.

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The Empress of Russia, who wished to take away with her a permanent souvenir of the pleasant days recently spent in France, commanded one of her Cossacks to carry a small camera, and charged one of her ladies-in-waiting to take photographs of the scenes which were most striking. But her Majesty herself photographed the Emperor in the midst of a group of French officers during the artillery manoeuvres on the Mamelon Berru.

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Fellow Members: The new year is now before us and there is a large field
 in which to take advantage of our opportunities. The generous offer made by
 the Board of Directors will without doubt result materially in the growth of our
 Association and the newly elected officers promise even greater activity in all
 Departments, and let each member consider himself an individual committee to
 secure members. The following applications have been received so for this month

F.J. Ford [36] Deputy County Treasurer, Wichita, Kan. Refs. Chas W.
 Myers and Ricardo E. Galvez.

Will H Stryker [18] Book-Keeper] Arkansas City, Kan. Refs. Robt E Edgar
 C W Myers

Leslie E Kerr [23] Stenographer, Wichita, Ks Refs. W H Kerr. R E Edgar.

The new blank Exchange Books are now out and are furnished free to all
 members. Our new Exchange Dept. has sent out eight different circuits and
 will have an interesting report in next issue of official organ.

Fraternally Yours,
 Chas. Willard Myers, Secy.



Camera & News



Editor, F. J. CLUTE, San Francisco

BEGINNER'S TROUBLES

BY FRANK P. STORM, ST. L. UIS.

Bless me, if I don't pity the chap who's just bought a camera, and whose kind friends obligingly tell him "a few things that will help." Not alone is this information usually the merest detail with which no beginner should be bothered, but about half of it, as a general rule, is pure tommy-rot. For instance his friend will say: "Don't use a milky hypo bath when fixing the prints," when the truth is, it never does a particle of harm, and is almost sure to become so, just as soon as the necessary amount of alum is added. Or he'll say: "Always soak your plates in water a few moments before pouring the developer over them," when in reality, that's one of the worst things you can do. If the beginner will make cleanliness his god, if he will use reliable material, and if he will expose and develop correctly; he will have mighty few failures.

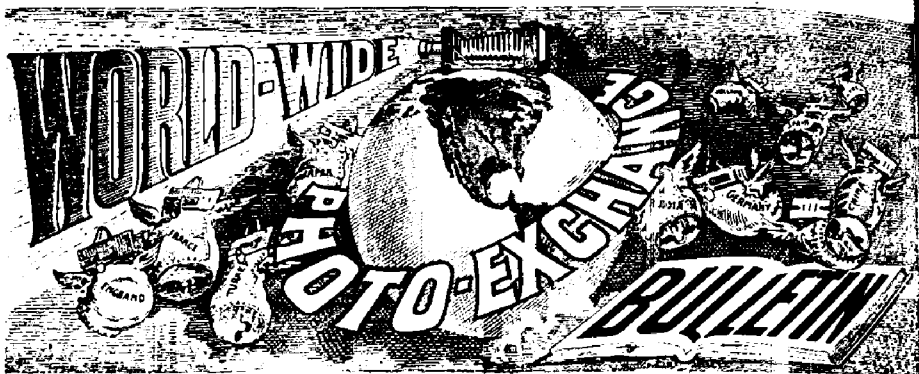
Cleanliness means plenty of clean, pure water, lavishly used at every stage of the game; it means an absence of dust and a separate tray for every solution; for although one tray could be used for every operation, it is much simpler and easier to have a number of them. If you have'n't a dark room, load your holders in the evening in any old room, drawing down the shades if there is moonlight or any electric lights outside. If you can't load them in the dark, work on a table, underneath which a lighted candle has been placed, upon the floor. Take care that no direct rays from the

candle are allowed to fall upon the plates and you are safe. Hold them by their edges, in a perpendicular position so that your fingers will not touch the dull or film side, and gently rap the table with the edge of the plate. This will jar off any loose dust.

Reliability means, to me, at least the highest priced stuff on the market. Believe me, it is the cheapest in the end. As to plates, you can't buy better ones than Cramer's; as for chemicals, buy them C. P. and preferably from a stock-house, not a drug store.

Now, as to exposure. If you want to learn to "feel" the correct exposure, buy about fifty gross of plates, and take a few years vacation. At the end of that time you will probably be able to guess quite closely, at least three out of five times. If, however, you wish to give your very first plate the correct time, also your second, and your third—and so on or ad infinitum, buy some kind of an exposure indicator. There are a number of these on the market, but not all, by the way, reliable. The writer has tried them all, and does not hesitate to recommend a little instrument called the Wager Exposure Scale; it being in fact, the only one in which he has absolute faith. If you get one, the bug-bear of incorrect exposure, will, I venture to say, never trouble you again.

When about to develop, knock the dust from the plates once more, as already explained, and mix your solutions in accordance with the directions which accompany the plates you use. Be sure (Continued under "Postal Cam. Club")



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I would like to receive an article on the manufacture of souvenir view cards, stating cost and selling price of same, and manner of putting same on the market.

I will review in this column any of the photographic magazines that may be sent to me regularly for that purpose.

The most interesting English monthly of photogaphy to me, is the Practical and Junior Photographer. One of its chief charms are the profusion of small but elegantly engraved plates with which its page text is illustrated. Percy Lund. Humphries Co., Bradford, are its publishers.

Rock Island, Ill. jany. 11 1902

The Circulating Album arrives O K and will be forwarded as per instructions today to G C Geritz. The album containg some very interesting work. The album is showing its age. It would be interesting to know how far it has traveled and how many members have had it.

Morris S Heagy *282

Ralston Ia. jan. 8 1902

Circulating Album received all O K Its all right.

W.W.P.E. No. 916 Jos F. Whitmore
Dear Sir;--I herewith give directions for making ground glass, which may be useful to some of he members. as spoiled negatives can be used after the coating is soaked off. Take a fine emery powder, about No. 100, and make a paste by adding water, put this paste between two pieces of glass, and keep a rubbing untill they are ground rub in a circular motion. I have made 4 at a time, by rubbing 2 in each hand, they are as good as the average you buy at the stores. If you find some places that are not ground enough, you can take a little piece of glass and grind them. Hoping this will be of some benefit to the members.

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L. P. H.—Mounting Prints in Optical Contact With Glass.—Put plate and print into a warm bath of gelatine solution, bring them together beneath the surface, and withdraw from the bath. Pass the squeegee lightly from the middle to the end, then reverse the plate and pass the squeegee lightly in the other direction. Do not use too much pressure and do not go over the print more than once in each direction. Dry slowly. The white markings of which you complain are caused by too much pressure being applied. Have the gelatine solution rather weak.

J. H. W.—Giving Pluck to Weak Negatives. Finish development with the following, using equal parts of each: (A) metol 40 gr., water to 20 none 50 gr., sodium sulphite 120 gr., potassium bromide 15 gr., water to 20 oz. (B) Caustic potash 180 gr., water to 20 oz. You can obtain any density required by completing development with this solution after all detail required has been forced out with the developer you are now using.

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Next month I will have something new to announce in this department, so be on the look out for it

Any one not a member, desiring to see the album will be placed on the route list on its return from the first trip, if they will send the membership fee.

Sincerely,
H. R. Pfaff, Conductor

Beginner's Troubles—Contd from Cam. News page

that the temperature of your developer is between 65° and 70°; this is as important as the proper exposure of the plates. Start the ball rolling by laying the plate flat in the tray, and pouring the developer over it with a quick circular

motion, as if you were pouring syrup on a griddle cake. Then cover the plate, shade it with the hand, or turn the light away, until the image begins to show; which it will do in half a minute or so, depending on about 40 thousand things which it isn't necessary to enumerate. Develop to such a point that when the plate is held about 2 inches from the ruby lamp, there is very little cream color left in the deep shadows; then rinse in water a moment or two and place it in the hypo; leaving it there for twice the length of time it takes for the white color on the back to disappear. Wash for an hour in running water, and place on edge in a rack to dry.

Do your printing on platinum paper. The constant advertising of "platinum effects" by the makers of other kinds of papers should be proof of the superiority of platinum. It is undeniably permanent, and if you will use that made by Bradley, you will find it as easy to handle as you can wish. You will be proud of your work and your friends will value it.

The-Natural-History-Photo-Society

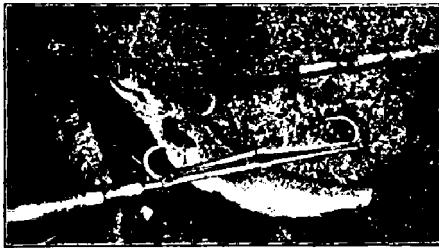
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The Warren Gaff Mfg. Co, Dover, Maine wishes agents for the Gaff, in all parts of the U S and Canada.

Clipping from Hartford Times of Feb. 3, (nearly the whole paper being devoted to same.)

Waterbury one of the proudest of the cities of the Nutmeg State today was devastated by fire, the loss, according to the most reliable estimate being from four to five millions of dollars.

The wind was blowing a gale, and the flames spread with a rapidity that baffled description, and although within a short time, Fire Cos. and state militia arrived from nearly every other city in the state they could do nothing to check its progress and thirty acres were burned over destroying 100 of the finest blocks in the city.

The Secy of the N H P S was on hand and made 8 interesting 5x7 photos of the smoking ruins, including one of the Free Masons rescuing their charter from their vault on the fourth floor, from a ladder. (an intensely interesting photo especially to all Masons)

The entire set of 8 will be sent (unmounted) including membership in the N H P S, sub to P W & C N. etc. as above for \$1.00.

I will also give two of the unmounted photos to every one joining the society during March and April.

W. Aiken, Calif., well pleased with WEST and have done considerable business with most of the advertisers and find them quite satisfactory.

The Natural History Photo Society

Monthly Directory

Which will contain addresses of members joining the previous month. Subject of Prints or Natural History Article received from each, also line of Prints they wish to exchange and collect. Address all communications to Geo. E. Moulthrope, Secy.-Treas., Bristol, Conn.

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5. Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, 502 West 142nd St., New York City N. Y. Sends elegant 5x7 Photos of live "Wood Cock", "Green Heron", "Prairie Dog", and "Flying Squirrel".

The Dr. is at work on a book entitled "Game Mammals of the United States", and would like to obtain 8000 Photos for same.

If any of the members have Photos of

the above subjects it would be to their interest to correspond with the Dr.

6. B. J. Warren, Dover, Maine, sends very interesting Photos of Game and hunting scenes in the Maine Woods including "Himself skinning a fine Buck", "A moose standing," "Skinning Bears," "The home camp of "Ben" Woodward (Maine's most noted Guide) with Ben himself in the door cleaning his rifle, and several bears and smaller animals hanging on the Log Cabin", "A photo of Mr. Warren's Studio", and also one of the Warren's Automatic Fish Gaff which we reproduce.

7. Mrs. F. M. Jerome, No. 741 West Main St., New Britain, Conn. sends very fine 4x5 Velox Photos of Animals, she wishes to exchange for first class prints of similar subjects.

(We advise members wishing something extra fine to exchange with her.)



The Gray Fox

Mr. Geo. E. Moulthrope, Secretary of the Nat Hist Photo Society

Dear Sir:—It gives me pleasure to comply with your request of February 24th 1902 in regard to the description of the gray fox. This species is in North America, north of Mexico, the sole representatives of the genus *Urocyon*, it being known to science as *U. cinereo-argenteus*, and has a geographical distribution over eastern North America

extending from the state of Georgia, northward to New England, and westward to the valley of the Mississippi River. It is one of the largest of our foxes, and its big bushy tail has a length equaling more than half of that of the length of the head and body. Professor D G Elliot of the Field Columbian Museum has described this species in the following words. "Entire upper parts silver gray, extending over outer side of fore legs; base of ears, patch at side of neck, collar on throat, interior surface of fore legs, and a broad band along belly cinnamon rufous. Rest of under parts, inside of thighs, and a line down hind legs grayish white, chin and patch on nose near muzzle. black. Tail above silver gray, central portion and tip black, beneath light chestnut." (Syn of *Manim* p 307).

There appear to be no fewer than seven good subspecies of this gray fox described, and they occur in various parts of the United States, as California, Texas, Arizona and Florida. Space will not admit of giving descriptions of any of these interesting mammals here.

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ONE POINT CONCERNING EXPOSURE

While the various exposure scales and tables do not ignore the point exactly,

they hardly emphasize sufficiently the part played by the shadows. A scene, for instance, in which a mass of foliage nearly fills the plate, may require twice as long an exposure at 2 o'clock as it would at 10 in the morning with the same bright sun shining. Although the table would class both as ordinary landscape with bright sunlight, at least to the less careful user, there is a great difference. The reason for the difference noted, lies in the lighting; at one hour that side of the trees presented to the camera may receive the full rays of the sun, at another hour calling for the same exposure under like conditions, this may be in complete shadow. The same rule applies to a white building. Error made in this direction is not exactly the fault of the scale or table used, but are due to the proneness of the tyro to overlook the fact that, in the case of the white building, while the building itself is well lighted, that side presented to the camera may be decidedly in shade.



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BY JOHN DOUGLAS.

Blue prints on cloth are as easily and as quickly made as those on paper. The cloth print can, however, be used in a good many more ways than paper print. For decorative it has few equals. It can be sewed or pasted on almost any article, while for birthday gifts or souvenirs it presents a wide and varied usefulness.

Any portrait, group, or landscape negative can be printed on a handkerchief or cushion cover, and pure blue is most attractive on white linen. For bazars or fairs blue prints on cloth offer a wide field. The materials are cheap and the prints are easily, quickly, and cleanly made. The ready sensitized cloth on the market is both handy and inexpensive; but if one wishes it can be prepared at home, after the lamp is lit, and with this added, that any length or breadth can be made—a yard can be as easily made, if the tray is large enough, as a 4x5 piece. Get a half a yard of good bleached linen or cotton; cut into sizes wanted or keep whole. Then dissolve 140 grains of ammonia citrate of iron in 2 ounces of pure water. Bottle and label this solution No. 1. Now dissolve 120 grains red prussiate potash in 2 ounces of pure water. Bottle and label this solution No. 2. To sensitize the cloth take equal quantities of solutions Nos. 1 and 2, put into a clean shallow pan or tray, immerse the cloth and thoroughly soak it for five minutes, drain off excess (but don't squeeze so as to wrinkle the cloth), hang up to dry, turning so as to insure even drying; pack away for use just as you would any sensitized material.

To print place a piece of the sensitized cloth on a negative in a printing-frame, same as paper, only put in some extra backing; a clean piece of blotting-paper answers well and insures perfect contact. Print in direct sunlight, and print both long and deep. You will find that the

cloth will stand a lot more printing than paper; in fact, you cannot hardly overprint, as the washing reduces it down very much. After printing wash in hot water for a few minutes, then in cold water until all the yellow coloring is gone. Afterward, if something very exacting is wanted, pass through a weak solution of muriatic acid and wash thoroughly; this will insure the brightest of blues and the purest of whites.

After the prints are nearly dry put them on a table or ironing-board, spread clean cloth over all, and with a good iron smoothe them out. If one wishes to put a print in the centre of a handkerchief, sensitize the whole, place over negative in the printing-frame, put stiff cardboard on top, then gather and fold in the remainder, and place the back of the frame over all. To do this properly requires a little practice and care, so as to exclude the light from the places around the edges; but, if well done, it pays. I find it a good plan to cover the entire back with paper or cloth when printing thus. Print deep, and you will not need to open the frame until wanted. Try to break up the straight lines a negative will make by fancy oval or cut mat over the negative. This will add to the appearance of the print. Dates, names, or letters can be printed at the same time, if wanted.—Wilson's Photographic Magazine.

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Paint the clouds in roughly on a piece of glass. An old negative with the film cleaned off is just the thing. Print with the painted side out, so as to soften the edges. Use water-color paint, have it fairly thick or it will form into globule on the glass and soften the edges with the end of a finger. This method is used quite successfully by one of the best workers I know of and a trial will well repay one for the trouble and time expended.



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Mr. Frank P. Storm of St. Louis gives us a little good plain talk in our leader this month. Like another man from Missouri, he "wanted to know" but evidently, he has found out, if his prints are any criterion.

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Blue Prints on cloth you are told how to make on another page. This article is clipped from that main-stay of the successful professional, Wilson's Photographic Magazine. Mr. Wilson has devoted a lifetime to the work of uplifting the art and its exponents and to say that he is reaping his reward in the magnificent patronage which his magazine enjoys, is but giving both him and this monument to his work of years, their

I was out to see out to see an amateur friend the other evening and he gave me a most excellent hint for the readers of the WEST". I only wish I had obtained it before. He had been putting in some of the long evenings writing the photographic advertisers for samples of their goods, booklets, catalogues and answers to his questions. He has experimented with all the various brands of paper and the like that he could find advertised in his favorite journal. I really envied him the amount of valuable information that he has gained at the cost of an occasional dime or quarter that is charged for a sample. Where satisfactory results were not obtained, the manufacturers were written, and his experience only confirms the statement that I made in this column some months ago concerning their desire to help anyone that might find difficulty in securing good results with their products. The information and experience that my friend has secured in this manner is worth more to him than he is aware of and I would advise my readers to go and do likewise.

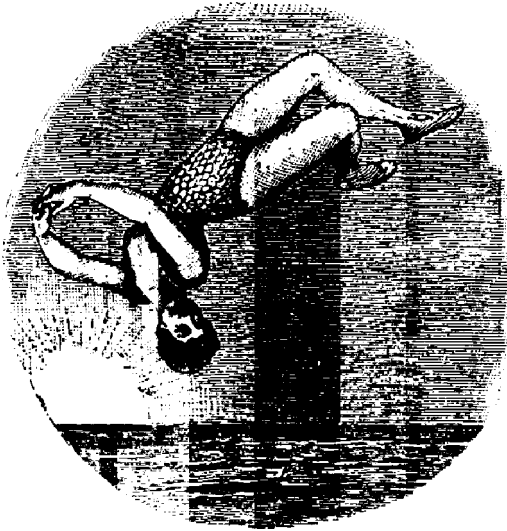
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GOOD TONING

Recently I advised you to take time in developing. This time I will make a plea for slow toning. Rapid toning allows the fixing bath to attack the deposit which is only on the surface, leaving a faded looking print. A rich deposit of gold is given by slow toning. The kind of alkali used is not material. Borax is as good as any. The quantity used regulates the color of the print to some extent. For a warm tone use but little. If cold tones are desired, add enough to make the bath turn red litmus paper blue. The more alkali the more rapid the toning. Prints should tone in eight or ten minutes. Too slow toning will give muddy looking prints. Diluting the bath will check too rapid toning, and adding gold solution will hasten matters.

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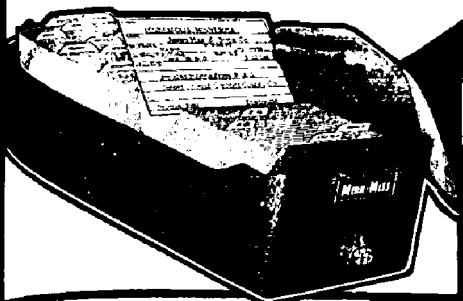
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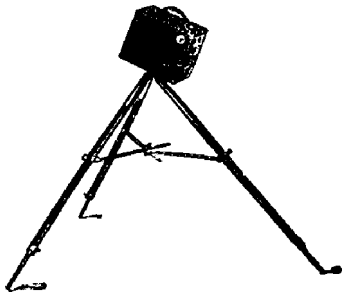
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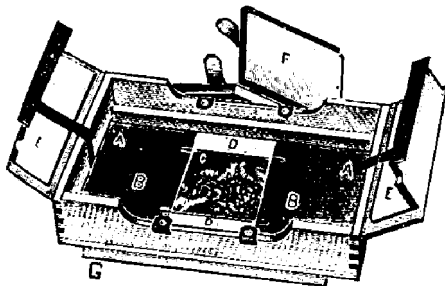
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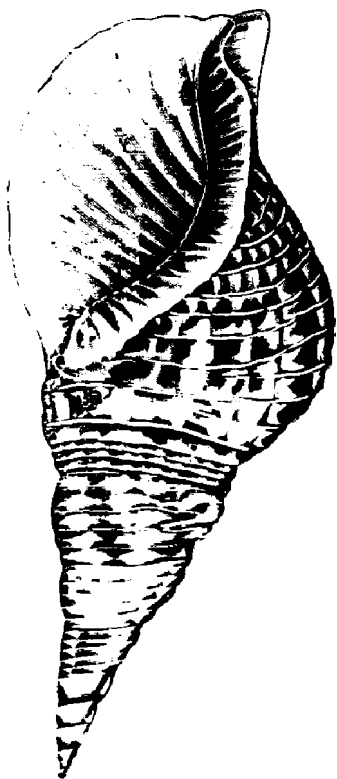
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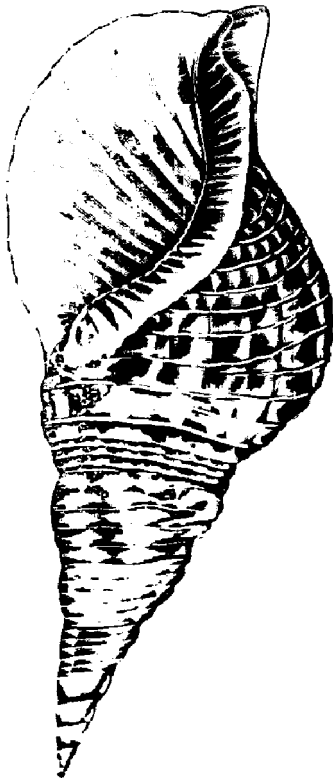
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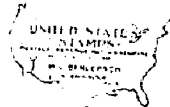
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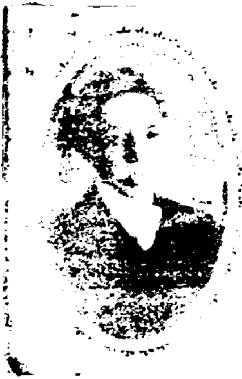
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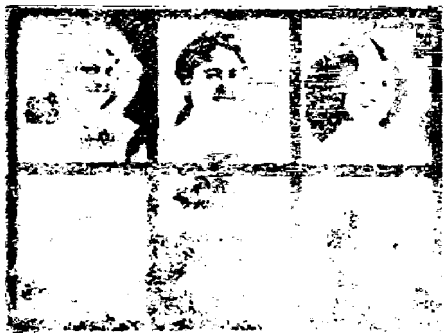
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