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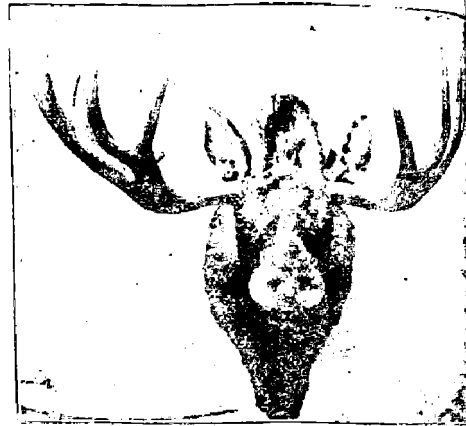
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" 3c Telegraph	25	09
" 3c " Imp	2 00	70
" 5c Certificate	25	09
" 5c Inland Exchange, Imp	15	06
" 25c Entry of Goods	10	04
" 30c Inland Exchange	05	02
" 40c " "	07	03
" 50c Passage Ticket	20	08
" 50c Entry of Goods	05	02
" 50c Surety Bond	10	04
" 60c Inland Exchange	15	06
" 70c Foreign Exchange	12	05
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Nicaragua 1882, 1c, 2c 5c; 1890, 1c, 2c; 1891, 1c, 2c; 1892, 1c, 2c; 1893, 1c, 2c; 1894, 1c, 2c; 1895 1c, 2c; 1896, 1c, 2c; 1897, 1c, 2c; 1900, 5c, 10c. Unpaid, 1896, 1c, 2c; 1897, 1c, 2c. Official, 1890, 1c, 2c; '91, 1c, 2c; '92, 1c, 2c; '93, 1c, 2c; '94, 1c, 2c; '95, 1c, 2c; '96, 1c, 2c; '97 1c, 2c.
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48			" 12c Good	1.50 1
2			1847 5c Dark Brown, fine	.70 1
49			" 15c One stright edge	
3			Eagle Carrier, reprint*	1
			Otherwise, O K	3.00 1
4			1851 12c fine	2.00 1
50			Navy, 24c, very fine, copy well centered	4.00 1
5			Cat No 71 76 78, select copies	1.30 3
51			Navy 30c Good	3.90 1
6			Cat No 31 78 165 "	1.10 3
52			" 90c, very fine	15.00 1
7			1861 90c* dmg and spoiled	15.00 1
53			Post Office 1 2 3 6 12 and 30	1.82 6
8			" 90c	3.50 1
54			" 10c Very fine	1.35 1
9			1869 1c, fine	60 1
55			" 15c "	1.00 1
10			1869 6c "	60 1
56			" 24c "	1.00 1
11			" 10c† well centered	6.00 1
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58			State 1c† o g, very fine	2.50 1
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14			1869, 24 well centered	5.00 1
60			" 1c* o g, very fine	2.50 1
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61			Treasury 1 2 3 6 10 12 15 and 30	1.93 8
16			1869, 12c† re-issue o g fine well centered copy	10.00 1
62			" 7c	1.50 1
17			1873, 7c	60 1
63			" 24c little nicks at corner	3.00 1
18			1861, 90c	1.25 1
64			Treasury, 90c Fine	60 1
19			1871, 24c	1.50 1
65			War Dpt compl very fine set	4.71 11
20			"	1.50 1
66			Postage Due 30c Brown Fine	1.00 1
21			Cat no 154, 189a†	2.40 2
67			" 50c off center	1.25 1
22			Lot used and † good lot	1.88 8
68			Envipe No 1360† cut square	2.00 1
23			Cat No 69 275 276 select copies	.95 3
69			" 1416† Corner off envelope	2.00 1
24			1899, 90c pair worth full cat	1.00 2
70			Envelope Nos. 1421 and 1422 Cut Square	.75 2
25			Omaha \$1.00, splendid copy	1
71			Envelope, five varieties	1.55 5
26			" \$2.00† full gum fine	2.00 1
72			Revenues, 1st issue, perf, \$1.00 manifest, 5 select copies	3.00 5
27			Cat No 209 890 892 753 (2) all †	1.00 5
73			\$1.00 mortgage, small hole punched, fine	3.00 1
28			Agriculture 1c† very fine	3.50 1
74			\$1.00 Passage Ticket, Hole punched, fine	6.00 1
29			" 15c† o g	3.50 1
75			1898, \$3.00 Select copies uncut	1.50 10
30			" 24† perfected proof India paper	1
76			Barbadoes Number 12	1.00 1
31			Agriculture 30c, tear at side	4.50 1
77			Bavaria 1881 90c† face	1.03 1
32			Executive, 1 and 2c, surcharged specimen	2
78			Belgian, fine †lot	.90 8
33			Executive 10c† surcharged specimen	1
79			Canada No 39a† fine o g	1.00 1
34			Interior complete catalogue, 3 straight edges	5.73 10
80			" 1890 1 to 10c † fine o g	1.99 7
35			Justice 1c Piece gone from margin	1.50 1
81			" 1895, 20 to 50c † fine o g face	70 2
36			Justice 2c very fine well cntrd	3.00 1
82			Canada select lot† Nos 50 71 74 etc	1.27 12
37			" 3c perforation clipped at one corner	.75 1
83			Cape of Good Hope No 1, two niches in margin	1.50 1
38			Justice, 6c	1.00 1
84			Ceylon, No. 45† Fine	1.25 1
39			" nice copy	3.00 1
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40			" one corner gone, otherwise fine	2.50 1
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89			Gold Coast No 20† o g fine	2.00 1
44			Navy 1c, good	1.25 1
90			Gt Britain No 82†	.75 1
45			" 2 3 and 6c Good lot	1.25 3
46			" 7c perft copy, very lightly cancelled	10.00 1

91	"	"	1892 ½ p to 1st No 4 or 10 Face.....	.97 12
92	Hawaii I.	No 31† o g.....	.75 1	
93	"	"	34†.....	1.25 1
94	"	"	32 and 34†.....	1.95 2
95	"	"	40.....	1.25 1
96	"	"	41 very fine.....	2.50 1
97	"	"	45† o g.....	1.25 1
98	"	"	46† o g very fine.....	2.50 1
99	"	"	64† o g.....	1.50 1
100	"	"	"	1.50 1
101	"	"	32 One.....	.70 1
102	"	"	33† o g.....	.60 1
103	"	"	44 select copies.....	.90 6
104	"	"	61† and 5 others.....	.71 6
105	Jamaica,	late issue o g Face.....	.65 7	
106	Japan,	No 10.....	.40 1	
107	"	"	13 fine.....	2.00 1
108	"	"	37 fine.....	1.50 1
109	"	"	59 fide.....	2.50 1
110	Maderia	Nos 182b and 30† o g.....	2.55 3	
111	Malta,	No 3†.....	.85 1	
112	Mauritius	" 59, scarce.....	.75 1	
113	New Brunswick	No 1 little tear.....	4.50 1	
114	New Foundland	No 3† o g.....	2.00 1	
115	"	"	5† o g.....	1.50 1
116	"	"	16† o g.....	1.00 1
117	"	"	27† o g a pair.....	1.20 2
117a	New Eoundland	No. 30a† o g.....	1.50 1	
118	New Foundland,	No 30.....	1.00 1	
119	"	"	33†, per- fectly centered.....	5.00 1
120	New Foundland	No 36† o g.....	.75 1	
121	"	"	No 51† o g block of 4.....	.60 4
122	New Foundland	No 54† o g block of 4, face.....	.48 4	
123	New Foundland,	No 75† o g.....	.60 4	
124	"	"	1897, 1-12c 3 and 5 used.....	.9
125	Novia Scotia	3 p, fine.....	2.00 1	
126	"	"	2, 5 and 12c trim- ed, but design untouched.....	2.15 3
127	Novia Scotia,	1860, 10c.....	2.00 1	
128	Pr. Edward,	26p, No 7.....	2.00 1	
129	"	"	same on yellow paper.....	2.00 1
130	St. Helena,	No 5, fine.....	3.00 1	
131	Somoa,	good lot.....	1.80 6	
132	San Marino,	nos 4 and 5†.....	2.95 2	
133	Siam,	no 8† o g, fine.....	2.50 1	
134	"	"	Lot of 5.....	1.02 5
135	Sierra Leone,	no 23, straight edge and piece off corner.....	3.75 1	
136	South Australia,	no 7a, print- ed on both sides, not pric- ed. A great rarity. Almost unattainable. Fine copy		

137	So Australia,	nos 41 and 62.....	1.50 2	
138	Switzerland,	2c-3H†, o g face.....	1.16 13	
139	Transvaal,	no 75†, o g, fine.....	.70 1	
140	Virgin Is.,	no 4†.....	1.75 1	
141	"	"	19† o g, block of 112.....	1.64 12
142	Virgin Is,	1899, ½s to 12, No 26 missing.....	1.02 6	
143	Wintenberg,	1894, 3 to 50 pf, † o g, face.....	.27 6	

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144	Canada.....	2.19 12		
145	Cape of Good Hope, good lot.....	1.92 6		
146	Dutch Indies, Danish W. In- dies and Egypt.....	1.33 15		
147	France.....	.72 23		
148	Great Britain, nice lot.....	1.57 9		
149	Greece.....	.85 9		
150	Hawaiian Is.....	1.73 9		
151	Mexico.....	1.07 12		
152	Norway and Newfoundland Fine lot.....	1.75 20		
153	Newfoundland, fine lot, mostly †.....	1.30 18		
154	New Foundland, fine lot mostly †.....	2.65 10		
155	Spain.....	.90 24		
156	Romania, early issues.....	1.15 6		
157	Sweden and Switzerland.....	1.00 26		
158	British Colns. 5 old stamps.....	.208 5		
159	Queensland, including no 15.....	3.72 3		
160	British Colonies.....	3.50 11		
161	"	"	fine lot.....	2.34 21
162	"	"	2.13 13
163	Mixed Foreign, good lot.....	2.30 11		
164	"	"	1.41 20
165	Mixed Foreign, good lot.....	2.10 12		
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1c Telegraph	-	-	07	50c Mortgage, blue	-	02
2c Certificate, blue	-	-	15	50c Original Process, blue	-	01
2c " "	-	-	18	50c Passage Ticket, "	-	10
1c Express, blue	-	-	03	50c Probate of Will, "	-	30
2c " orange	-	-	03	50c Surety Bond, "	-	05
2c Playing Cards, blue	-	-	10	60c Inland Exchange, orange	-	08
2c " orange	-	-	20	70c Foreign Exchange, green	-	05
2c Proprietary, blue	-	-	03	\$1 Conveyance, red	-	04
2c " orange	-	-	60	1 Entry of Goods, red	-	05
2c U. S. I. R.	-	-	01	1 Foreign Exchange, red	-	01
3c Foreign Exchange, green	-	-	03	1 Inland " "	-	01
3c Playing Cards	-	-	2 50	1 Lease, red	-	05
3c Proprietary	-	-	07	1 Life Insurance, red cat 15	-	05
3c Telegraph, green	-	-	10	1 Manifest, " " 60	-	25
4c Inland Exchange, brown	-	-	03	1 Mortgage, " " 3.00	-	1.00
4c Playing Cards, violet	-	-	3 00	1 Passage ticket " " 6.00	-	2.50
4c Proprietary, violet	-	-	08	1 Power of Attorney, red	-	04
5c Agreement, red	-	-	02	1 Probate of Will	-	45
5c Express	-	-	02	1.30 Foreign Exchange, orange	-	30
5c Foreign Exchange	-	-	02	1.50 Inland " blue	-	06
5c Playing Cards, red	-	-	30	1.60 Foreign " green	-	90
5c Proprietary, red	-	-	30	1 90 " " violet	-	45
6c Inland Exchange, orange	-	-	09	2 Conveyance, red	-	05
10c Bill of Lading, blue	-	-	03	2 Mortgage, " "	-	08
10c Certificate, blue	-	-	01	2 Probate of Will, red	-	40
10c Contract, " "	-	-	01	2.50 Inland Exchange, violet	-	06
10c Foreign Exchange, blue	-	-	17	3 Charter Party, green	-	08
10c Inland " "	-	-	01	3 Manifest, " "	-	10
10c Power of Attorney	-	-	02	3.50 Inland Exchange, blue	-	65
10c Proprietary, blue	-	-	12	5 Charter Party, red	-	15
15c Foreign Exchange, brown	-	-	25	5 Conveyance, " "	-	08
15c Inland " "	-	-	02	5 Manifest " "	-	1.00
20c Foreign " red	-	-	40	5 Mortgage " "	-	35
20c Inland " "	-	-	01	5 Probate of Will " "	-	35
25c Bond, red	-	-	05	10 Charter Party, green	-	40
25c Certificate, red	-	-	01	10 Conveyance, " "	-	90
25c Entry of Goods, red	-	-	03	10 Mortgage, " "	-	45
25c Insurance	-	-	02	10 Probate of Will, " "	-	40
25c Life Insurance	-	-	10	15 Mortgage, blue	-	2.50
25c Protest	-	-	10	20 Conveyance, orange	-	50
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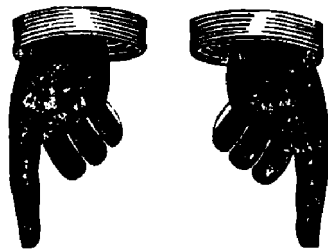
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Col. Republic 1902, 1 peso, cat 50c ..07		Nicaragua Set, 1c 3c-4c-4c-5c-10c
Antioqua 1899, 20c unused, cat 25c ..04		15c-20c, cat 49c
Panama 1892, 20c, cat 18c04	Seychelles 1890, 13c unused.....
Cuba 1903, 1 on 3c unused06	Tobago 1879, 1sh pen marked,
Falkland Isl. 1891, 1d unused10	cat \$4.50
Hayti 1898, 1c ultramarine, unus ..34		Virgin Isl 1883, ½ unused.....
Hawaii 1874, 6d25	Venezuela 1896, 1 bol, unus cat 20c ..01
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12 2d blue	.85	.45		65 5d green	.08	.04	.30
23 1d orange	1.00	.65		69 1sh black	.10	.08	
24 2d blue	.25	.18	1.50	70 1d red	.12	.03	.20
32 1d orange	.70	.35	2.75	71 2d blue	.08	.02	.15
32a 1d red		.50		79 4d brown	.03	.01	.06
33 2d blue		.08	.65	80 6d red	.03	.02	.15
35 1d red	.50	.20	1.75	81 8d lilac	.25	.08	.60
35a 1d orange	1.00	.50		85 1sh brown	.08	.03	.25
36 2d blue	.35	.18	1.50	82 1d violet	.12	.06	.40
37 3d green	.35	.25		85 1d violet pen canc'l	.03	.03	.20
40 6d violet	.15	.10		86 2d blue	.85	.32	2.75
46 2d blue	1.00	.35		87 20 sh blue	4.50	2.50	
47 1d red	.15	.08	.55	88 5 sh violet	3.00	2.00	
48 2d blue	.03	.02	.15	89 2½ blue	.03	.02	.12
49 2d blue	.30	.18		90 3d green	.20	.15	
52 1d red	.02	.02	.10	92 ½ on 1 grey			.40
53 2d blue	.03	.03	.10	new	.08	.05	1.20
54 3d green	.50	.35		93 7½ on 7 br'n	.25	.15	1.20
55 4d brown	.20	.18		94 12½ on 1sh			1.20
56 5d green	.30	.20		red	.25	.15	1.20
57 6d violet	.10	.06		96 9d brown	.35	.15	1.20
59 9d b'rn unus	1.00	.45		97 10d violet	.25	.15	.12
60 1sd black	.35	.25		98a 1d rose	.05	.02	.08
63 3d green	.06	.02	.12	99 2d blue	.04	.01	.45
				100 2½ purple	.12	.06	
				100a 2½ purple	.12	.08	
				101 5sh purple	1.00	.60	.08
				104 2½ blue	.02	.01	

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105	6 green	.25	.15	1.25	325	4 brown	.02	.02
106	6 orange	.03	.02	.12	326	6 red	.08	.04
201	1/2 green	.04	.02		327	8 lilac	.35	.15
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314	2 blue	.08	.02	.15		Victoria, Hospital, 2 sh 6d brown (2 1/2 penny) .85		
315	3 green	.25	.12					
316	4 brown	.08	.02					
317	5 green		.50					
318	6 lilac	.12	.08					
319	8 orange	.30	.25					
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" " " 35	25	10
" " " 36 o g.	10	04
" " " 37	05	02
" " " 38	15	06
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" " " 53	75	33
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" " " 123 o g.	09	04
" " " 124	18	02
" " " 125	35	15
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" " 43	50	25
" " 56	50	25
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" " 59	35	16
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" 50 " 25c yellow	25	10
" 51 " 50c black brown	25	08
" 53 " 1 Bolivar green	50	20

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The WEST is now official journal of the Fiscal Philatelic Society. 36 societies and clubs have selected the WEST as their official paper. And the WEST is not a cheap paper, either; but it is value for their members that these organizations seek. There are over 15,000 members of these various societies. That alone assures a circulation that has both size and quality.

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The WEST will remember its subscribers as usual with a big Christmas number, overflowing with "the best—and lots of it." It is not possible to furnish free copies of this issue, and if you are not a subscriber, remember this. Any dealer who wishes to use large space will find it advantageous to consult us regarding the matter.

So great has been the demand for free copies of the WEST of late we have been unable to fill it. We have sent to many applicants copies that were damaged in one way or another, originally discarded, but later used to satisfy a few of the horde hungry for copies. Every month a greater number is printed than the preceding month but still we seem to be unable to accumulate a surplus.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY ?

Conducted by
L. U. DORPAT, Bx 37, Wayside, 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.

139. — What is the Relation Between the Terms "Unused" and "Original Gum?" — "Unused"

means simply what it says, namely, that the stamp has never been used. When a stamp is without cancellation it may have been used, but is considered unused because there is no evidence to the contrary. When a stamp has the original gum on its back, that may be considered as an additional evidence for the unused state. Stamps cancelled to order are strictly speaking, unused; they usually have original gum. In some instances stamps have been used and cancelled in the proper way, but they peel off the envelope and retain most of the gum. Consequently, neither the gum nor the cancellation is conclusive evidence as to whether a stamp has been used or not especially as unused stamps may have been soaked, and may so have lost their gum. No unused stamps can be considered quite perfect unless it has its gum immaculate.



140 — What is More Conducive to the General Welfare of Philately, "General Collecting" or "Specialism?" — Here we have a new question and one well worth consideration. It differs widely from the old questions, "What shall I collect?" and "Is this or that stamp collectable?" questions which each individual really has to decide for himself. The general welfare of the philately is not and can not be one man's business; it concerns all philatelists, students, dealers and collectors alike. The student wants to find out about stamps as much as he can, not about one alone, but about stamps in gen-

eral; the more he knows about other stamps, the more will he be able to learn about any one particular stamp, because study is to a great extent made up out of comparison and distinction anyway. Now what is true of stamp and stamps, certainly is true of group and group of stamps. Consequently the student will never be quite contented with the stamps of one country, much less with one issue of a country, and least of all with but one single stamp, though he may have tens of thousands of it. The dealer wants to sell (he buys for selling's sake), and he wants to sell as much to as many people as he can; he wants to sell what he has in stock and what he can easiest buy after his stock has been reduced. He does not care whether he sells 12 different stamps to the same person or 12 copies of the same stamp to 12 different persons, if only his sales finally amount to the same profit, and his stock can be kept in such a condition that his clients can be satisfied. Consequently the dealer will never be contented with selling the stamps of one country alone, except he have a practically unlimited supply from that country and a patronage that will never lag in buying those particular stamps, circumstances which hardly ever will be realized, though they may at times be approached. The collector wants stamps, as many as he can get, but here he differs from both the student and the dealer: He may want many stamps of one or a few countries, or he may want one stamp only of each denomination of each issue of all countries. Here is the difference between specialism and general collecting. The specialist will discard the stamps of many countries, the general collector will take them all, if—well, if only he can pay for them. Now suppose, all collectors were general collectors. The result would be a pretty uniform demand for all stamps, and as brisk a trade as the pocket books of collectors could afford; stamps of all kinds would become scattered all over the country and hid away in private col-

lections: dealers would be pleased for a time, but when a student would want a hundred or a thousand of any particular stamp for study, the dealer would soon be at a loss to supply him. The student would have to call on several, perhaps on many, dealers, or would have to borrow stamps from collectors to get together what he needs. There would be some trouble, but there would be life. On the other hand, suppose all collectors were specialists and all favored but one and the same country. What would be the consequences? It is hardly necessary to point them out: Enormously high prices for a few stamps, collectors disgusted, dead capital, general stock, etc., etc.; life, too, plenty of life, but pleasure for a few only, and disgust for many. Especially the student would in vain look for a place where to come in. Philately would have to die. In actual life neither extreme represents the situation. There has always been, since philately was born, plenty of general collecting, and specialism, too, is so varied, and will most likely remain so, that the death of philately on that account need not be feared for a long time to come. Let those few, who are pleased to do it, go to extremes, they will neither overturn our hobby, nor destroy our science, nor bankrupt our business. All they can accomplish will be to furnish the spice for soup. The pot remains safe nevertheless, and the philatelic stew will come out so much the better for all. For an instance: What splendid opportunities are offered to the student, when he finds a grand special collection of any one country! What boon to the dealer, when the specialist sells out, as he usually does after some time! What chances for the general collector, when a big special collection is broken up! How pleasant for all to see now this, now that country come into prominence and the prices for the few stamps one has go up by jumps! How tempting for the collector of limited means to see this or that country almost forgotten and its stamps away down, so that even he may buy them and go into specialism, too!



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

Advertising postmarks were first used in the United States in 1899.

M. Elisen Viscont, a Brazilian artist residing in Paris, is to design the new stamps for Brazil. The stamps are to be printed in London.

The nine stars on the stamps of Bolivia have a significance; each one stands for one of the nine republics of Bolivia. The nine republics of Bolivia are Atacama, Beni, Chberquisaca, Cochambamba, La Paz, Potosi, Urnro, Santa Cruz and Tariza.

To the Republic of San Salvador must be credited the doubtful honor of having issued more varieties of postage stamps than any other country, the number being 404.

A machine which reproduces stamps in their natural colors and enlarges the size is called the amphemigiscope. This machine is of great use to specialist.

Count Paul Durrien recently exhibited his superb collection of French stamps at The Hague, Holland.

On the islands of Atin, Mitiaro and Mamke, which, taken together, constitute the Cook islands, the postmasters are paid about \$10 a year.

J. Pierpont Morgan, F. W. Vanderbilt, and many of the New York millionaires are enthusiastic collectors and have collections which have cost them many thousands of dollars.

MEXICAN REVENUES.

(By George Griggs.)

Parts of this list have already appeared in print. I now begin with the series 1901-1902, Perf. 6, size 39x20 mm.

Description: "Mexican Eagle:" in the rear stands the Aztec calendar or "stone of the sun" (at the National Museum.) The upper part of

the stamp is for a check, the lower part or label is placed on the stub.

1901-1902—

- 1 centavo, green.
- 2 centavos, ultramarine.
- 5 centavos, brown.
- 10 centavos, blue.
- 25 centavos, carmine.
- 50 centavos, slate blue.
- 1 peso, lilac brown.
- 5 pesos, olive.

1902-1903. Perf. 6, size 40x20 mm.
Description: Head of Minerva in center of laurel wreath.

- 1 centavo, orange.
- 2 centavos, green.
- 5 centavos, blue.
- 10 centavos, red brown.
- 25 centavos, carmine.
- 50 centavos, carmine.
- 1 peso, lilac brown.
- 5 pesos, dark green.
- 50 pesos, chocolate brown.
- 100 pesos, dark red and green.

1903-1904. Perf. 6, size 25x19 mm.
Description: Head of Liberty with Laurel Wreath.

- 1 centavo, blue.
- 2 centavos, orange.
- 5 centavos, brown.
- 10 centavos, vermilion.
- 25 centavos, paris green.
- 50 centavos, dark green.
- 1 peso, lilac brown.
- 5 pesos, navy blue.
- 10 pesos, ultramarine.
- 50 pesos, red.
- 100 pesos, olive and black.

Note—Some of the stamps are surcharged "Alcoholos" (liquors), and "Mineras" (mines).

Contribucion Federal Stamps.

1901-1902. Unperforated, 40x20 mm. Description: Bust of Lerds de Tjada, with eagle underneath.

- 1 centavo, green.
- 5 centavos, brown.
- 25 centavos, vermilion.
- 1 peso, reddish brown.
- 5 pesos, olive.

1902-1903. Unperforated, 40x20 mm. Description: Mexican eagle in center of globe.

- 1 centavo, orange.
- 5 centavos, blue.
- 25 centavos, brown.
- 1 peso, olive.
- 5 pesos, ultramarine.

1903-1904. Unperforated, 40x20

mm. Description: Liberty cap in a hexagon.

- 1 centavo, light blue.
- 5 centavos, brown.
- 25 centavos, green.
- 1 peso, red brown.
- 5 pesos, navy blue.
- 10 pesos, ultramarine.

1901-1902. Perf. 6, size 25x20 mm.
Description: Bust of Morelos, Documentos.

- 1 centavo, green.
- 2 centavos, ultramarine.
- 5 centavos, rose.
- 10 centavos, blue.
- 25 centavos, carmine (without label.)
- 50 centavos, slate brown, "sin talon."
- 1 peso, lilac.
- 5 pesos, olive.

1902-1903. Perf. 6, size 24x20 mm.
Description: Mexican eagle inside circle.

- 1 centavo, orange.
- 2 centavo, green.
- 5 centavo, red (?)*
- 10 centavo, brown.
- 25 centavo, red brown.
- 50 centavo, carmine.
- 1 peso, olive.
- 5 pesos, ultramarine.
- 10 pesos, light blue.
- 50 pesos, redish brown.
- 100 pesos, dark red and green.
- 500 pesos, violet and brown.

* (?) means not positive as to color.

1903-1904. Perf. 6, size 25x19 mm.
Description: Eagle in center of shield. Bi-colored stamps.

- 1 centavo, red and green.
- 2 centavo, black and orange.
- 5 centavo, navy blue and violet.
- 10 centavo, brown and lilac.
- 25 centavos, carmine and olive.
- 50 centavos, black and slate.
- 1 peso, black and yellow.
- 5 pesos, navy blue and pink.
- 10 pesos, red and yellow.
- 50 pesos, black and crimson.
- 100 pesos, navy blue and light green.
- 500 pesos, black and gold.

These stamps are almost facsimiles of some original Russian postal designs, and they are the finest stamps ever made by Mexico, and as works of art they will compare with the postal or fiscal emissions of any country.

About That Revenue Album.

By Dr. J. M. Brooks

SOME time ago, I wrote an article which was printed in the Eastern papers. In this article, I intend a plea for the printing of some sort of an album for the reception of the beautiful and interesting Match and Medicine and our late Private Proprietary Stamps.

This article has been copied by stamp papers all over the United States and has been discussed Pro and Con. By the vast majority of papers this has been ably discussed by their correspondents. The Scott people seem to think that the response required to launch forth such a book will not justify its being printed, owing to the limited demand for such an album.

Now, I realize that only a small per cent of the collectors collect M. and M. But I believe that the reason for this is that there is no space in the albums for them, and we all begin with, and in fact, the majority of collectors never go futher than the printed album (It meets their needs).

Thus beginning with a printed album, we are not inclined to spend much time or money in securing a stamp that our albums have provided no space for—virtually ignoring them,

Now I think you will agree with me, that if spaces are provided in our albums for them that most general collectors in the United States would collect them.

Why not begin now and accomodate the collectors who now collect them and encourage them who do not collect them at present?

The question of how to arrange the album would be one to also decide. Scott argues against placing it in the International or National owing to

herebeing to much space taken up by them that so many collectors did not care anything about.

How do they know collectors will object to it, and not caring anything about them?

Granting that many do not care any thing about M. and M., it would not be long until collectors would become interested in them.

I will agree that the International is now about as bulky as is best to have a one volume album. A two volume album will soon be a necessity. There is the chance to insert printed spaces for the M and M. Another nice way to arrange the matter would be to have an U. S. Revenue Album. This would contain spaces for all revenues (regular issues) and the M. and M. and our 1898 Proprietaries. This would make a nice album. Most U. S. collectors collect revenues of the regular issues and many of them would hail with delight, a special revenue album, with spaces for M. and M.

An exclusive revenue album would be welcomed and would be an advanced step in the Fiscal Philately of the U. S.

The old editions of J. W. Scott's Best Album as mentioned by Mr. Nast as having spaces for the M. and M., are practically out of the question at issue as but few are in existance.

Hoping that what little I may have said may inspire others who are like interested, but more influential and eventually bring about a general demand for this neglected feature of our hobby. If this result is secured we will then see our desires realized, and until that time, I will be found pleading my cause and still endeavoring to secure one of the things I most desire in the collecting of stamps, and which I think will be a great boom to the revenue department of Philately, viz: A printed album for the M. and M. of the United States of America.

Philatelic Miscellany

By W. H. P l a n k

AUSTRIA issued the first postal card in October 1869.

The stamps of Bergedorf appeared in 1861, and were in use by ten or eleven days. Hence, their rarity.

The large newspaper stamps of the United States, 1865 issue, were used only at Chicago and Milwaukee.

Egypt has issued over 200 varieties of official stamps. Here is a good field for some specialist.

The state revenue stamps of California, Nevada, and other states, as well as those of Canada and Mexico, make about as handsome a showing as any class of stamps. Some day collectors will pay more attention to these stamps.

The collecting of "proofs" and "specimens" of either postage or revenue stamps is another field which but few follow. In many cases these stamps are much scarcer than those used for postage. A few years ago, they could be picked up very readily and at low prices. A collection of these are very beautiful, especially so on India paper. They are commonly printed on thin card board. They are found printed in colors.

The "Connell" stamp of New Brunswick is probably the most famous stamp of the British possessions in America. It is so called on account of Thos. Connell, in 1861, thought his portrait would look well on a stamp, so a supply was ordered, but the government didn't see it that way. It was very short-lived and very scarce.

But a few used over, are in existence. Proofs, however, have been sold as low as \$5.00.

Many Collectors wonder why the United States issued such high valued stamps as the \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$20.00 State Department. They were only used in sending books, documents and and official papers to foreign countries.

The "Sidney Views" of New South Wales are probably the most interesting stamps of Australia. New South Wales was originally, a penal colony, and was first settled at Sidney on Botany Bay. Hence, the name. "Sidney Views" to the first stamps of this country. The stamps were issued in 1850, with the the following design: a family of emigrants just landed from their ship, of which the masts may be seen. The figure seated represent industry welcoming them. To the left shows the city on the hill. These stamps are hard to obtain, in fine used condition. These stamps have rapidly advanced in price during the last ten years, owing to the plating by English and Australian collectors. A complete sheet or plate of the early varieties consists of twenty-five stamps and are worth from \$350.00 to \$700.00,

The collecting of foreign revenues is on the increase. These stamps form a very handsome, as well as unique collection by themselves. There are already several catalogues, and two or three dealers in America who make a specialty of these stamps. Those of England, France, Germany, and Austria are the commonest. A handsome collection of these stamps can be made for very little money.



Papers desiring an impartial review on the lines of those below, are requested to send a copy of each issue to the address below:

Auslaendische Fachzeitungen sind hoefflichst gebeten ein Tauschexemplar regelmassig an den Unterzeichneten zu senden.

Tous les journaux philateliques sont pries d'envoyer un exemplaire en echange a l'adresse sous-donnee.

Deseameas recibir esemplares de cambio de las publicaciones filatelicas estranjers a la adresa enseguida.

R. R. Thiele, Box 149, Manchester Wis, U.S.A.

The postal exhibition at Stockholm, about which I referred from No. 9 of the Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift, has given rise to some heartburnings which are related at some length in No. 10 of the same paper. It seems that the Swedish Post Office Department entrusted the arrangement of the official collection for this exhibition to a prominent stamp dealer at Stockholm, who was to fill its vacant spaces as much as possible from his stock and to recoup himself from its duplicates. The slighted philatelic societies of Sweden, now discovered all kinds of errors and worse in his work, even reprints cancelled to order, with the official postmarks still in the archives, and the like. The matter was even discussed in the public press and the Post Office Department issued an official document, defending the unlucky dealer against these charges. He probably wishes now he had never seen that official collection.

In the 1891 set of Sweden, there was shown at this exhibition, a 5 oere stamp in light brown, the color of the 30 oere, an error not shown in the catalogues, since the only sheet thus printed, was discovered before issue, and destroyed, with the exception, presumably, of this one copy.

More errors in the late Icelandic surcharges are reported in this number. They are as follows:

5 aur perf. 12½ with black surcharge
I Gildi

Same with inverted black surcharge.
20 aur Service with surcharge.
02-'03, instead of '02-'08.

Same with surcharge '03-'03.

50 aur Service with surcharge 02' and Gildi.

20 aur Service with surcharge perf. 12½.

25 aur with inverted. Surcharge.

50 " " " "

6 " " double "

10 aur surcharged IL instead I Gildi

10 aur Service surcharged L instead of I Gildi.

4 aur Service Surcharged I Gildi without year.

The writer says that the 16 and 50 aur Official Will probably show up perf. 12½ with I Gildi surcharge and that these as well as well as the 40 and 100 aur Ordinary and 20 aur Official all in the old type, may show up perf. 12½ without surcharge. Reminders of these were sent from Kjoebuhavn to Iceland and they were all perf. 12½.

The following from No 10 of Der Philatelist will be of interest:

"Messrs. Grunenberger and Tellmann
"notify us that at the meeting of the
"Swiss Federal Art Commission held
"on Sept. 18 and 19 at Bern, some
"copies of designs for new postage
"stamps made by the engraver Girardet, a member of the Commission,
"were laid before it. They met with
"general approval and are shortly to
"to be laid before the Federal Council.
"The new design' whose background
"is formed by the native glaciers,
"shows a young and vigorous figure
"crowned with an oak wreath and
"leaning with one arm on the Swiss
"coat-of-arms, while the other holds

the victor's fasces bearing the figure
XXII. On a waving ribbon above
the inscription HELVETIA is read,
while the value is expressed on a
small shield.

Reinheimer's study on the older
postmarks of France is of great inter-
est, but will probably appeal to but a
few collectors.

Relative to the present speculation
in the new Serbian surcharges, engi-
neered by Kohn, Bickel, and others of
the same caliber, the following may
be of interest:

40,000 one para stamps, equal to 400
divars or 300 marks (\$80.00) face val-
ue are to be placed for 60,000 marks
(\$15,000.00.) That is a profit of 59,-
000 marks, i. e., the capital invested
is to bear interest at the rate of
18,650 per cent. If every collector
would purchase ten of these rare
stamps at once, Kohn and Bickel
would be content with the modest
profit of 39,680 marks. Really the
modesty of these two firms is
without limit. We can only advise
collectors to wait with the purchase
of this stamp."

Szekula Briefmarken-Verkehr re-
ports in its No. 32, that the remaind-
ers of the last issue of Salvador,
about 750,000 stamps of a face value
of \$60,000, are to be sold as a block.

La Cote Reelle reports that the
comic opera Empite of the Sahara is
about to issue a set of stamps bearing
the effigy of the redoubtable Emper-
or Jacques I. Particulars are promis-
ed shortly. This issue will be on all
shores with the celebrated Sedang issue
of about fifteen years ago, well re-
membered by older collectors.

There is, in this number, an inter-
esting article on General Mirahda, in
whose honor Venezuela has issued a

set of stamps. It is curious to learn
that his name also figures on the Arch
of Triumph at Paris. His life was
rather a romantic one. Born at Cara-
cas in 1752, he served in his youth in
the Spanish troops in Venezuela, he
resigned his commission and went to
France. Here he joined the French
Army; came to America with the
French troops during our war of inde-
pendence and took part in the siege of
Yorktown. After trying in vain to
enterest European help for the libera-
tion of Venezuela, he joined the Re-
publican Armies of France as lieuten-
ant-general and took Antwerp. La-
ter he was arrested on a charge of trea-
son, but cleared himself and spent
some years in England. In 1806, he
returned to Venezuela and took part
in the war of liberation, but was cap-
tured by the Spaniards in 1812, and
died in prison in 1816.

The following may be of interest:

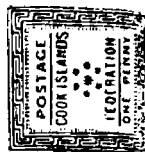
In Germany, the letter rate is 12½
centimes (10 pfenning) up 15 grams
and 25 centimes (20 pfenning) from
75 to 20 grams. In Great Britain,
the price is 10 centimes (1 penny) up
to 28½ grams (½ ounce), 15 centimes
from 28¼ to 57 grams, 20 centimes
from 57 to 114 grams and so on, 5 cen-
times for each additional 57 grams or
fraction of same.

In Switzerland, a letter costs 10
centimes (2 cents) up to 250 grams
(½ pound). The Helvetian Republic
spares nothing, so have the best
postal service.

Belgium and the United States both
have a rate of 10 centimes (2 cents).

Comparing these rates we find
that a letter weighing 200 grams cost
in Switzerland, 10 centimes (2 cents)
in Germany, 25 centimes (5 cents),
in England, 30 centimes (6 cents)
and in France, 2 francs 10 centimes
("42 cents)."

The Nine Different Processes of Printing



FEDERATION OF THE COOK ISLANDS
POSTAGE CARD.
 WITHIN THE FEDERATION ONLY.
 THIS ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



OF THE COOK ISLANDS
POSTAGE CARD.
 THE FEDERATION ONLY.
 TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

The COOK ISLANDS' STAMPS.

The Cook Islands are, of course, named after the king of navigators, the famous Captain Cook.

An explanation of the extreme crudity of the first stamps of the Cook Islands Federation is to be found in the exceptional circumstances of the issue. The native government then ruling the islands was not in a position to pay for the engraving of elaborate dies and the other incidentals attaching to modern stamp-production; at the same time the stamps were wanted quickly, to supply the needs of the Native Postal Service newly organized in the islands. We are all of us eager to experiment with a new toy, and the Cook Islanders were anxious to experience the blessings of an up-to-date postal system.

In this position of affairs the British Resident in the islands, Mr. Moss, rendered valuable service. He procured the strange type-set stamps of the first issue from the Government Stamp Printing office at Wellington, N. Z. They were not pretty, but they were postage stamps and answered

the immediate purpose.

The manufacture of the stamps was a process almost as crude and as simple as that adapted in many of the native states of India. A number of ones of the type-set design were "set up" from ordinary printers' type and "ornaments"; these were electrotyped in such a way as to form a sheet of sixty stamps (ten rows of six stamps each) and from these electrotypes the stamps were printed.

The ruler of the Cook Islands, the dusky lady whose portrait appears on the second issue of the Cook Islands Federation, is officially known as the Chief of the Federal Government. Though generally styled Queen Makea she is not really Queen, but only the chieftain of one particular tribe.

Mr. C. A. Howes, explains this and many other noteworthy things in one of his interesting articles on "Stamp Designs."

"Makea Takau (he writes) is rather erroneously called 'Queen Makea,' for she is not Queen of the Islands, but only the Ar ki Vaine (Queen

or 'Chiefess') of her district of Avarua, the principal district of Rarotonga. She was very influential, however, as her election to the highest position in the native government shows. I quote from interesting account of this royal lady by Vivian C. Gossett: "She is a very portly old lady about 65 years of age, and I believe she has held the Trikiship of Avarua for about 45 years of age; although she cannot speak a word of English she is a very intelligent, commonsense woman for a Maori. The elderly married native women at Rarotonga have a custom of plaiting their hair into two long tails which they sometimes carry over either shoulder; one of these 'tails' can be seen over the right shoulder of Makea in the stamp. She has, like all Maori women, a fine head of hair. Around her neck is seen a large white silken scarf, as all the Maoris are very fond of finery and bright colors."

That her portrait appeared on the stamps is doubtless due entirely to the philatelic success of the first issue which enabled the government to defray the cost of the more expensive process necessary. In proof of this I take the following extract from a letter of Makea's to the Premier of New Zealand, given in Mr. Basset Hull's monograph on these issues: "Our postoffice is at work, and people from England and other places are sending money to buy our stamps. Mr. Moss advises us to get new and good stamps with this money, and the Parliament have decided that my likeness as Chief of the Government shall be upon them." With regard to the latter statement Mr. Moss explains in an accompanying letter: "This has been the subject of much heartburning with some other of the Arikis, but was carried into Parliament by ten to two." Mr. Moss further writes: "I send herewith a photograph of Makea, obtained, by good fortune, from a chief who prizes it greatly. No other is to be obtained, for Makea has not kept any." And a bit of vanity in the dusky Queen is perhaps shown by the

later admonition: "Take care that Makea's likeness is not made too dark."

These stamps also emanated from New Zealand's government "printery"—a fact which accounts for the watermark of a star and "N.Z."

BULGARIA.

During the present crisis in Turkey the following quotation from Westoby's Postage Stamps of Europe may be of interest: "The principality of Bulgaria, although under the suzerainty of Turkey, has a separate existence as it owes its autonomy to the provisions of the Treaty of Berlin of July 13th, 1878, and is governed by a prince elected by the National Assembly. Prince Alexander of Battenberg was elected April 29th, 1879; but resigned in 1886. In September of the previous year the province of Eastern Roumelia, which was also formed into an autonomous province under the provisions of the Treaty of Berlin, revolted and declared for union with Bulgaria, with which it is now incorporated, under the name of Southern Bulgaria. Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg, who was elected July 7th, 1887, being now the ruler over the united provinces." Postage stamps were in use in Eastern Roumelia before its union with Bulgaria, but ceased to be issued on September 18th, 1885, when the union of the provinces was proclaimed; but to exhaust the stock in hand they were stamped with the Lion of Bulgaria, and were so used until they were superseded by those of Bulgaria." What will be the next change? Bulgaria and Macedonia united? Look out for new stamps.

O n R e v i e w s

By V e r n a W. H a n a w a y.

My recent article on "The Woman As a Collector," which was intended to call the attention of women to philately, as an interesting, pleasant and profitable pastime, and study, contained some warnings against mistakes, which all beginners are liable to fall into. This article seemed to offend a certain reviewer, for she put herself to the trouble to write a long and sour review on said article.

I also stated that the woman collector is seldom evolved from the little girl (which I can, and will prove). My reviewer seems to take the statement as meaning that she is never. In reply she says: "the little girl is just as apt to develop into a philatelist, when grown up, as is the little boy, and also, just as apt not to. There is no more truth in saying the man collector is seldom evolved from the little boy. There is just as much chance for one, as for the other." She stated exactly what I meant and said, "just as apt to develop into a philatelist, when grown up." I said it before and I say it again that the little girl is seldom interested in philateing. Although there are many women collectors, they seldom have begin collecting when little girls. Mind I do not say, Never. For there are a few cases in which the little girl acts as a philatelist. I started collecting myself, when very young. If the little girls becomes a philatelist she almost always continues as such until death claims her. But to one hundred boy collectors, there is but one girl.

She continues: "there is just as much hope and chance for one as for the other". I should hope so. Who said anything to the contrary?

She appears to think that the article

was meant as an attack, on women's wisdom. When speaking of the fact that many beginners are apt to be tempted by the handsome reprints of Heligoland, Hamburg and the Roman States, she remarks: "She may, if she is is a beginner." That was what was meant and said. "But not merely because she is a woman, and as soon as she gains wisdom, she will let such things alone, with no more feeling of regret than anyone else." This is really laughable, "but not so merely because she is a woman;" Pray, who said that women were so singularly deficient in plain common sense? Certainly as soon as she gains wisdom, she will let such things alone. Again: "give our sex credit for a little common-sense please." Certainly I will, as I belong to your sex myself.

Again: "This writer needs to study the subject of his essay before starting to give information." If this writer had practiced what she preached all this trouble would have been unnecessary.

The lecture continues to make many other remarks upon my article, but in charity to the reviewer's carelessness, we will not continue, but hope she will be more careful in the future. For one of the most important things for a reviewer is the careful reading of an article.

I do not write this reply from any feeling of malice against my reviewer but in justice to myself, for many who have read the review, have not read the original article.

A small boy collector in Washington, gobbles up everything, new or old, in the way of stamps depicting beasts of birds.

It pays to be cheerful in advertising; "even a dog gets bread by wagging his tail."

The Stamps of Roumania

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

BY R. R. THIELE.

(continued)

IT HAD been decided to issue a complete set of this type, but only two values saw the light:

A. Perforated 11

15 bani, brown-lilac from light to dark
25 " dark blue

B. Perforated 11½

15 bani, brown lilac, from light to dark
25 " blue, pale blue, dark blue

C. Perforated 13½

25 bani, pale blue, dark blue.

D. Perforated 11½x13½

15 bani, pale-brown-lilac
25 " pale blue

E. Perforated 13½x11½

25 bani, pale blue.

(Scott's lumps these under Nos. 73 and 74.—Note of translator.)

On March 26, 1881, Prince Charles I. was proclaimed King of Roumania by the two chambers, and his coronation took place on May 22nd following. In consequence, when new plates became necessary, a new design was chosen, in which the crowned eagle became the symbol of Sovereignty.

ISSUE OF 1885-1889.

Profile of King Charles I. is left on plain background, surrounded with fancy circles and bearing at the top,

the inscription: POSTA ROMANIA on white ground. Over the forehead of the King there is a crowned eagle with extended wings and turned to the left. In each of the upper angles a small rosette and in the two lower corners large shields, bearing the figures of value on Colorless ground. Between the two shields a rectangular label bearing the word BANU for the

lowest value and BANI for the others in capitals on colorless ground.

The stamps are rectangular in shape. They were printed in sheets of 130—10 rows of 13—at the Government Printing Office at Bucarest. The paper, of medium strength, is wove and the gum is white. The stamps are perforated 11½ or 13½ or compound by means of a single line machine as before.

A. Perforated 11½

1½ banu black to intense black on white (April, 1885)

1½ banu black on bluish (December 1888)

3 bani green olive on bluish (Apr 1886)

3 " violet mauve, " (Feb., 1887)

3 " " " on white (" 1888)

5 " green on greenish (August, 1886)

10 " red on yellowish (April, 1886)

10 " " on straw (December, 1888)

15 " brown-red, from pale to dark, on white (October, 1885)

15 " dark brown on chamois (December, 1888)

25 " dark blue, pale blue on white (July, 1886)

50 " ochre on straw (December 1885)

B. Perforated 13½.

1½ banu black, intense black on white

1½ " " " " on bluish

3 bani green, olive on bluish.

3 " violet, mauve, on "

3 " " " on white.

5 " green on greenish (Feb., 1888)

5 " " on white.

10 " red on yellowish.

10 " " on straw.

15 " brown-red, pale to dark on white

15 " dark brown-red on chamois.

25 " blue, pale to dark, on white

25 " " " " on yellowish (November, 1888).

50 " ochre on straw.

In this last perforation, one can collect two complete sets, one with clean, well-cut perforation, the other with defective perforation, undecided and very difficult to measure. Measurement is, however, useless, as this poor perforation is 13½,

TO BE CONTINUED



Revenue Dep't.

Conducted by
Charles A. Nast.

THE DISCUSSION started in this department respecting the proposed album for match and mediche stamps, is still going on in the various journals. The latest advocate is the well-known philatelist, Geo. J. Carter, who, in the *Perforator*, makes a strong plea. He says, in substance, that stamp collecting has attained to its present height and importance largely by, and on account of the stamp albums. Without these, philately would never have had the vogue it now enjoys to-day. Therefore, if we had a U. S., Revenue Album up to date, it would encourage and foster the growth of this side of philately. I think that is excellent logic. It will not do to say, the number of collectors of M. and M., is small, and that therefore, we should have no space in a published book. Give us an album, and you will see the collectors of these stamps spring up from all sides. The field of general collecting is becoming so vast, that collectors all over the world must restrict themselves either to certain countries only, or specialize in one country and its dependencies and adjuncts. The Revenues of the U. S., are so distinctly different from the general postal issues, and again, so diversified within themselves, that they are not to be compared for a moment with the fiscals of any other country. Take our M. and M., for instance; aside from the divisions of plain, pink, silk and water-

marked paper, where else can one find such a variety of shapes, sizes, colors, and designs? The lot is unique in the history of the world. Give us a U. S. Album strictly, with spaces for all the postal and revenue issues. Make it a "National" Album, and it will be a success beyond expectations. All interested in this subject, will please address Geo. J. Carter, 265 Halsey St., N. Y., and give their name for a copy, when out.

The Fiscal Philatelic Society here sent out a memorandum sheet, in which members are reminded that the yearly subscription of of five shillings, for the ensuing season, is now due. The annual report, rules of society, exchange section, etc., will shortly be issued, and copies of same, with any other information desired, can be had from the Secretary, A. B. Kay, 2 Hoarlin, West Kessington, London. During the coming season, the revenue stamps of Great Britain, Peru, and Switzerland will be taken up and catalogued.

Messrs. J. H. Peterson & Co. send the following rarities for listing and reference in this department:

A pair unsevered, of $\frac{1}{4}$ ct. Mexico Durangos, one considerably longer than the other, color, green. Also a Porto Rico 10 veals, black Dericho Judicial (Judiciary Stamp) which has never been catalogued. Another is a Cuba "Pagos Al Estado" (pay to the state) 5 pesos, surcharged in blue Habilitado Transportes, 1892-93, color, rose. All these revenues are said to be quite rare.

My old friend, H. J. Douglass, of Champlain, New York, sends for listing a part perforate 2ct bank check blue, which is a very fine specimen of double impression of shifted die vari-

The curious part of this find was the fact that they had been cancelled 9-1-99, (a well known date of that firm) and parts of the stamp were new roulette, and parts of them old roulette. When as a matter of fact, the new roulette was not used until some months after this date. The matter, however, is very easy of solution. This big firm never used more than six different dates, although the law providing for such cancellation was in force exactly three years to a day. This would give an average length of usage for each date of six months. These stamps were pre-cancelled in sheets and no doubt the forms were kept up and used for weeks and months together, without a change. Therefore finding the date 8-1-99 on new roulette stamps proves nothing except that stamps were printed from this for a period extending over the time of the change in the perforations.

The following are the only dates known on stamps bearing the initials of the great firm of Jayne:

7-1-98	4-9-1900
9-1-99	7-9-1900
1-9-1900	1-9-1901

There are three distinct types, though there are innumerable minor varieties of type, showing that the firm's printing office did not have an over surplus of type. The figure 9 it will be noticed played a mystic part in all dates.

Can any of my readers give me the firm names for which the following initials stand. I am at work identifying all the surcharges on the Spanish-American proprietaries, and wish the co-operation of collectors of pre-cancels:

ATS & Co on 2½	K M Co on 1½
AMP Co in redK	M C, rubber
BW H, various	L & C, Ltc
CHS & Co red on ¾	M & F on ¾

D & L, Co Ltd	M M F
E E S M Co	P G Co
E C P	T E M Co
E D & Co.	T M Co.
F R A & Co	W I V P Co ¾
F W F et al	W S P Script
I P Co	W D S h s
J S Co on 5ct	Y T M Cc 4ct
J F S & Co	Z D G

All Collectors who favor having a special album made for Match an Medicine stamps, and who will agree to purchase one copy at two dollars, send their names to Clarence H. Eagle 57 Broad St., New York City.

Mr. Eagle has a copy of every invert U. S. Revenue known, including 4 black and green 1871 issue, of which there is only one copy known. It formerly belonged to H. Deats.]

The Kiwi.

Mckeel's Stamp Collector

The 6c New Zealand shows the bird commonly known as the "Kiwi," its scientific name being *Apteryx Mantelli*. It is the lowest form bird which exist, but is so scarce that scientists are happy to get a specimen in any condition. It is absolutely without wings or tail; its legs are short stubby, but very strong, and are used by these birds for digging.

The body covering is a cross between hair and feathers—a material which is very coarse. They can develop great speed and put up a desperate fight, when attacked. A peculiar trait is during the day they conceal themselves under rocks or roots of trees, and when at rest, resemble, to some extent, a hedgehog when coiled up. Breeding them in captivity, has utterly failed, and only few museums can boast of a specimen.

Revenue Department

Through error in "make-up" this page was transposed with the one preceding. This is page 2 of Revenue.

ety. Also 5c Foreign Exchange, on silk paper, not catalogued.

Mr. O. F. Harrington of Nueva Gerona, Isle De Pinos, sends one of the new 2c blue, Cuban Revenues. It is very fine. Its sale is to provide means wherewith Cuba can make a show at St. Louis World's Fair.

Robert S. Nelson of Birmingham, Alabama, sends, with his compliments, a copy of the \$1.00 Closet Tax on Seal Stamps. These State Revenues will some day receive much more attention than they have in the past.

W. W. Norton of Lime Rock, Conn., in a letter, states that an office colleague has a document in which his father was appointed as guardian and administrator of an estate. The same bears a pair of \$20.00 Probate of Will, perfectly centered and only lightly cancelled. But, he can only look at them—his companion refuses to allow them to be removed.

The latest find of note, must be credited to D. T. Eaton, of Muscatine, Iowa. He recently acquired a vertical block of 10 (2x5,) a vertical strip of 4, and a vertical strip of 2, making 16 in all of the 3c green Playing Card, catalogued at \$96.00. They were all taken off the same document, and came from the South. No doubt they did duty as fifty cents, together with a 2c. bank check. The lot reposes now in a New York collection, the same place where some of my best things have gone in the past.

During the week, I sent for a copy of the big catalogue, published by McKeel in 1895. It is a magnificent work and is not only valuable in a philatelic library, but contains a mass of information not found usually in catalogues. Besides it illustrates fully

all the U. S. Locals, Confederates, early franks of Wells, Fargo and others, Mexican Revenues, and U. S. Entire Envelopes (Chandler's Compilation.) The work originally sold for \$3.00 in paper covers, but the McKeel's Publishing Co., of St. Louis, state that they still have about a dozen copies left, bound in cloth and gilt letters, which they will sell at \$1.00 post paid. As the postage alone is 20c., there is not much left for the publishers. I advise any readers to send for this work as it contains in addition, E. B. Sterling's catalogue of U. S. Revenues with price list.

Since everybody has had their little fling at the new catalogue, I would be a poor editor, indeed, if I didn't put any roar in, I think it is very foolish to price the U. S. stamps first, and send them out on the first sheets. As the catalogue is never ready much before Christmas, the few pages covering U. S. could be given in November easily enough, instead of July, for the reason that it would more nearly reflect the true tone of the market. There, now.

Just to come back again, I want to say that the Proprietary Stamp of 1899-1900 issue are priced much too high. They ought to be cut down 60 per cent., except two stamps, and these are 2½c orange Emerson Drug Co., which should list 20cts instead of 8cts., and the 1½ct Chas. Marchand which is just right as it now is. Such stamps as the 2½ red Antikamnia, 3½ Warrens, Fletcher, Piso, Odchem Co. Johnson & Johnson, and others are an absolute drug on the market.

Some time ago, a few blocks of unused proprietary stamps of the values of ¼, ½, and ¾ cents, with the surcharge Dr. D. J. and S. were discovered in a drug store in Pennsylvania.

STAMP EMBLEM

By H. W. Boers.

AFTER carefully going over the button matter, which I have been agitating now for sometime past, leads me to believe that there is a desire among the collectors to have one.

Judging from the letters I have received from collectors, and the press opinions, all favor the idea more this time. Of course there has been condemnation by a few, but this sort of a thing exists whenever anything comes up. Always some in favor, others are not.

A button that is to be worn universally by all, that serves an identification amongst collectors is what is sought for.

There is just as much reason for us to wear a button as any society, lodge, or college. Many may think a campaign button or similar to this is the thing in view. Not at all. What we want is a neat enameled button about the size of a dime with the philatelic colors, as well as letters, that can be recognized at a glance.

There are thousands of collectors, today, and many of them would gladly wear one.

How much easier would it be to identify each other instead of beating around the bush to find out if he is a collector, and how often does it happen the party is no collector. The same party oftentimes get joking at you and then this kind of talk comes: "Oh, you are one of the stamp cranks. Don't see how you can collect stamps. Too much nonsense, No sense to it. Child's play, etc., etc." Then you begin to explain why you collect and at the same time, you feel like a counterfeit local.

While this thing has been agitated,

it is time to act, and my idea to get this thing to a focus is this and to do so I want to get the name of as many collectors as possible that are willing to put up \$1.00 for the first lot of buttons, after, say we have 50, then have some artist draw up designs, have these reproduced in the paper and voted on for the best design.

Then have some maker bid on them, and appoint someone as agent, allowing them a commission for the trouble.

This is the only way to get one.

Herman W. Boers, Detroit, Mich.

Herman B. Seagrave, Pontiac, Mich.

L. T. Broadstone, Superior, Nebr.

H. B. Warner (dealer) Chicago, Ill.

C. W. Leonard (Leonard Stamp Co.) Detroit, Mich.

Camille Coves, Detroit, Mich.

J. C. Stewart (Toledo Stamps) Toledo, Ohio.

Homer Sanderson, Detroit, Mich.

H. W. Boies Stamp Exchange Co. Ambestry, Ont.

Now collectors come on and show your colors.

New York City's oldest dealer says not only the stamp trade, but coins are also looking up. It is becoming increasingly difficult to supply the demand for fine U. S. cents. Those who bought wisely five years ago can easily double their money. Old silver coins are also in good demand, while double, triple and larger sizes are practically unattainable. We note in this connection that several dealers in this issue, offer an opportunity to secure bargains.

The principal of the Seebeck system is pernicious; but the Seebeck stamps, on the other hand, are wonderfully handsome and attractive.

MORESNET.

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(Stamp Collector's Fortnightly.)

The little strip of territory known as Moresnet, lying between Belgium and Prussia, has hitherto been a kind of neutral territory, jointly owned and administered by the two countries aforementioned, much in the manner of the Republic of Andorra in the Pyrenees, which is under the joint control of France and Spain. Now a change has come. Moresnet, henceforward, will rank as Belgian territory. King Leopold, an experienced dealer in land, having bought the 800 acres for a round sum in cash.

Moresnet's disappearance from the list of quasi-independent states recalls a stamp story to which the word "Finis" may now be applied. In the days when certain ingenious and covetous persons were beginning to discover that there was a type of stamp collector who would pay cold cash for anything that was gummed and perforated — just about that halcyon period, a certain R * * * (no good object would be served by dragging him out of the oblivion to which he long ago retired) thought out a brilliant scheme for a raid on the pockets of philatelists. He would issue a set of stamps for Moresnet.

Nobody in Moresnet wanted a set of stamps, but that fact did not discourage Mr. R. "Not for a single nation did he labor, but for all the world!" The stamps might not sell in Moresnet—that did not matter so long as they sold in the stamp shops! Unfortunately it was a well understood thing that the inhabitants of Moresnet could use either Belgium or German stamps—at their own pleasure. This was a serious drawback to

the enterprising R. Nothing daunted, however, he secured the help and good will of an inferior postal official in the "buffer state," arranged for the transmission of letters bearing his stamps to various places in Belgium, France and England (of course with the addition of ordinary Belgian stamps on each envelope forwarded), and then came back to his native London to complete his plans.

Alas, poor R! Those plans were destined to disappointment, and all because of the lack of the miserable £100 or so that would be needed to prepare the designs and to print off the necessary stock of stamps. To dealer after dealer he went with glowing stories of the wealth that would be extracted from his Moresnet gold mine. He painted vivid word-pictures of provisional issues to come, and in the future a glorious bi-colored pictorial series that would sell like hot cakes among the school boys of Britain and America. All in vain! Stamp dealers for the most part listened in stony indifference, and the few who did catch a little of Mr. R's enthusiasm were just those who lacked the money to help him. The people who warmly enter into our plans are generally those without capital.

And so the Moresnet scheme died, and little Moresnet was doomed to go on using commonplace Belgium and German stamps instead of helping to swell the already growing ranks of the "gumpaps" in the world's stamp albums!

The finish of the "sick man of Europe" is apparently well nigh in sight. It is only a question of a comparatively short time until Turkey will be carved and the stamps of the crescent design a thing of the past.

Counterfeits and Their Detection

By R. R. T h i e l e

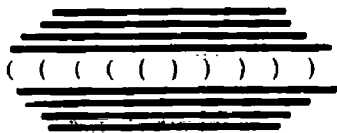
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TASMANIA. The very first issue of Tasmania—or, as here known, Van-diemen-land—has no doubt been counterfeited, but I have no specimens of such forgeries in my collection. I, therefore, turn to the second issue, for the subject of my present article. This issue, with all its variations of water mark and perforation, held the boards for many years. The plates came from Perkins, Bacon and Co., of London, and were engraved in their best style, but local printers and perforators afterwards rang the changes on them. To which of these the forgery of the 1 shilling vermilion, here before me, is supposed to belong, I couldn't tell you, as the perforation is rather nondescript. The counterfeit is lithographed, but, none the less deceptive to the unexperienced collector, as the printing of the originals is not always too clear. Still, there are some divergencies.

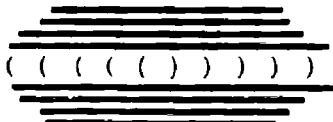
The background around the portrait of the Queen, on the genuine stamp, is not solid color, but cross-hatched, though very closely. This, because solid color cannot well be rendered by steel engraving of the *Eaile-douce* variety. In lithography, on the contrary, solid fields of color are easily produced and thus, this forgery shows unbroken color as the background of the portrait. In consequence, the portrait stands out too clearly and prominently as compared with that on the original stamp. Nevertheless, it is in itself, not so clear and distinct. For instance, the shadows on the neck and chin have become blurred almost into solid color—for in lithography the lines on a worn plate become thicker and heavier, while in *Eaile-douce* engraving, the lines become thinner with wear. For the same reason, the delicate, lac-like groundwork on the octagon, bearing the inscription, is badly blurred and indistinct on the forgeries. On the genuine stamp, it is not always, distinct in its general makeup, but the lines of the engraving are always quite clear. The lettering of the counterfeit is pretty fair, and resembles that of the original, very closely, the forgers task

was here made easier by the large size of the letters. The left leg of the the last A in TASMANIA on the original ends just opposite the corner of the inner frame; on the counterfeit it ends a little below it. The final down-stroke of the G in SHILLING is well marked on the original, but hardly perceptible on the forgery. The vertical stroke on the first L in the same word on the forgery, points directly into the corner of the outer framework, while on the genuine stamp it points considerably to the left of that corner. The Queen's portrait, of course, lacks the clearness of an engraving, but the expression is quite faithfully reproduced. The pendant from the youthful Queen's ear on the forgery, seems to consist of three distinct jewels, while on the genuine its composition is not clearly distinguishable. The pearls in her necklace on the original are not all the same size, the pearls hanging lowest being somewhat larger than the others; on the forgery they all seem to be of the same size. The pearls on the Queen's crown in two (or three) rows (the upper one being barely distinguishable from the jewels of the upper part of the crown) are not very distinctly drawn on the original, ranging into each other in several cases; the counterfeit here is an improvement over the genuine, the pearls being quite distinctly drawn. The third ornament in the upper part of the crown, counting from the left, should incline towards the left by all laws of perspective, and it does, on the original, but not on the forgery where it leans towards the right. The space between the third and fourth ornament, also counting from the left, should be straight, with parallel sides; on the forgery it is wedge-shaped.

The "postmark" of this forgery is often used on common forgeries and has often been described in these articles. It consists of four parallel bars above and the same number, below, growing shorter as they are farther removed from the center, between the two sets of bars is a set of brackets, like this:



This fake postmark is particularly dangerous in this case, because Tasmania in the early days employed a "killer" —at least at some offices—that resembles this forged one considerably. The chief difference lies in the fact that the curvature of the brackets decreases with their greater nearness to the center, so that the innermost ones are quite straight, thus:



Another Tasmania postmark looks like this:



Pen cancellations are very frequent but not in all cases, if I am rightly informed, indicate fiscal use; the smaller offices seem largely to have postmarked with pen and ink.

(To be continued.)



CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES.

For the Month Ending October 25th.
Compiled by W. O. Wylie.

Australian Commonwealth Unpaid Letter

10sh green
20sh green

Bermuda Adhesive [Dock]

3p olive and violet

British Somaliland Adhesives

Surch. on King's heads India

½a yellow green
1a carmine
2a violet
3a orange brown
4a olive green
6a red violet

Official

½a yellow green
1a carmine
2a violet

8a red violet

Ceylon Adhesives [King]

1c brown

6c carmine and black

Wrapper

2c violet on buff

Dominica Adhesives [Pictorial]

½d gray green

1d carmine and black
2d brown and gray green
2½d ultramarine and black
3d black and violet
6d orange brown and black
1sh gray green and red violet
2sh red violet and black
2sh 6d ochre and gray green
5sh brown and black

France [Pack-Hoi] Adhesive

5fr lilac on lilac

[Yennan-Sew] Adhesives

Stamps of Indo China surcharged

1c blue on blue
2c red brown on chamois
4c red brown on gray
5c yellow green
10c rose red
15c lilac gray
20c red on yellow green
25c blue
30c brown on brownish
40c red on chamois
50c rose on rose toned
75c black brown on orange
1fr olive green on greenish
5fr lilac on lilac

Gibraltar [Morocco Agencies]

Post Cards

5c in black on ½p green

10c in black on 1p rose

Newsbands

5c in black on ½p green

10c in black on 1p rose

India Adhesive [King]

6a bistre

Italy Special Delivery

28c rose

Labuan Adhesive [crown]

1c violet and black

3c brown and black

Liberia Provisional Adhesives

24c 1892 "Official" surch ORDINARY

\$1 " " " " " "

\$2 " " " " " "

5c 1894 "O S" [imperf] surch ORDINARY

24c 1894 "O S" surch ORDINARY

32c 1894 " " " " " "

5c 1898 " " " " " "

Mauritius Special Delivery

15c Labourdonnais, surch in red

Victoria Official Adhesives

Wmk V. Crown Perforated O. S.

½p blue green

3p brown orange

4p bistre

1s orange yellow

2s blue on rose

5s blue and vermilion

Add Something Each Day

The Metropolitan Philatelist

It is very easy to tear down, but building up is slow work and the more imposing and lasting the structure the longer it is before any appreciable headway is made. A stamp collection is no exception to this rule, and he who would be the possessor of a beautiful collection should make it a rule to add something to his accumulation every day.

Button Versus Emblem.

By J. K. Burrow

NO. II.



SINCE first taking my stand as an advocate for a Philatelic Emblem, and not for the button as some desire, I am surprised that read-

ers of WEST are not taking the stand, the maker seems to warrant, even on the behalf of the button. I have seen several accounts calling forth expressions and desires for some philatelic recognition, but there seems to be a decided lack of cohesion or unity among the collectors themselves. This, of course, would need impetus before any thing could be intelligently done. As far as the button is concerned, I am strictly opposed to that for reasons as stated in my last article a few typographical errors marred it somewhat, but the principal involved was plain, it certainly ill becomes a collector of any importance (by this, I mean those who have passed the 2000 mark, and importance is not to be construed as meaning pomposity) to parade the street with a cheap button on the lapel of his coat, or in fact, a button of any kind.

I have a collection of buttons and while in itself are amusing pastime, and somewhat instructive, on the whole it is grotesque and crude. The button craze has passed; it has been run to death, and I am glad, and certainly do not wish to see it resurrected for the sole purpose of making philately a laughing stock. All sorts and

conditions of advertisements has been placed on buttons. I have one before me now, which portrays a fine cow with the the milking maid, advertising a well known brand of baby food and still another which contains the alluring information: "I am as happy as a clam at high-tide." The crowning glory of my collection is a button on which is depicted two asses and a fence with the inscription underneath "when shall we three meet again?" Now does the crowning glory of philately seem to hunt for such a mark as this? If so, all that would be necessary would be to remove one of the asses and let every one put on what stamp he saw fit to put in its place, and ask the same question: "when shall we three meet again?"

The object of the emblem is not to advertise ones-self to all the world. The basic idea is to let ones collecting friends know that the wearer is a keen disciple of philately and a firm believer in the best it has to offer. On the other hand were it only a button of a low grade, made to suit any wearer's taste, it would be possible for us to run up on one who probably had a few hundreds in his collection and boasted of his sign, the button, as I did only a few days since, and every specimen in his album pasted down flat. This brings me to the point advanced, of letting each collector use his own fancy in selecting a button to suit his own taste. This is not good judgement, and as unreasonable as the proposition taken by certain collectors of having nothing whatever, to do with buttons or emblems at all. This course may be all right for the elite, but then we must bear in mind they have had no proposition, only the button idea advanced, which has carried nothing with it but the proud distinction of denoting the wearer, a collector of stamps. This is disgusting to say the least, for what collector cares whether anyone for that matter, knows he is a collector?

TO BE CONTINUED

WASHINGTON NOTES.

(C. M.)

Postmaster General Payne has at last approved the design for the new stamp, to replace the current 2-cent adhesive, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is at work on the plates. The portrait is that of Stuart, with a frame or background of a shield, the lower portion flattened, to come within the size of the stamp. The upper third of the design comprises the blue field with stars in white. There are four stars fully visible, and others partly so. The blue field is cut off by a line about on a level with the head of the portrait, and the vertical bars on either side are shaded to represent the red and blue of the flag. The die proof is a beautiful one, as the simplicity of the new design as compared with the old one lends itself to clearness, even with red ink.

The 26th volume of the proceedings of the National Museum, recently published, contains many monographs of interest to scientists, as well as amateurs. The edition of this volume is too limited to admit of general distribution, but any of the monographs may be obtained by application to the secretary, and a list of them can be obtained from the same source.

The transport Sherman, which sailed from Manila last month, had in its treasure room \$2,000,000 of the new Philippine pesos, and several hundred thousand of the new silver certificates for the islands. All army contracts are to be made payable in the peso, and in general every effort is to be made to encourage the use of them in the transaction of business.

Following the decision of the attor-

ney general that the government of the District of Columbia is not entitled to use the penalty envelope in forwarding mail, come two more decisions forbidding the use of the envelopes to local officials in Porto Rico and to army post exchanges for forwarding articles of uniform or equipment to officers and enlisted men of the army.

A number of the new fourth-class offices are being supplied with a postmark having dater and dauber in one stamp, as is the case with larger offices, but made of rubber instead of metal. This gives an unusually clear impression while the stamp is new; it remains to be seen whether they will wear equally well with the metal ones. The dauber is made up of six horizontal lines about one inch long. The dater resembles the ordinary metal one.

A notice is published by the department of the ratification of a postal treaty between Cuba and the United States whereby the island is placed on the same footing with Canada and Mexico in the matter of postal rates.

Those who are interested in forestry should write to the Department of Agriculture and secure the very interesting series of bulletins now being issued on this subject.

There is only one postoffice for the colony of Fernando Po, the continental district of Spanish Guinea and the island of Elobey, Annoben and Corisco—none other than that of Santa Isabel. This town had 1,194 inhabitants at the last census, mostly illiterate, as there were only 108 whites and half breeds. This single office has the distinction of employing three series of stamps comprising 54 varieties.

Our Illustrations

An Editor With Hobbies.

Ernest R. Holmes, whose portrait appears on the cover, and whose contributions have appeared from time to time in the WEST, is an old-time stamp collector, having begun in 1851. He has collected only for his own amusement, not devoting any great amount of time or money to the pursuit, though maintaining an interest always. His collection of general foreign varieties numbers over 4000, the old Europeans being of most interest. A proof set on bristol board of all the United States postage, department and newspaper stamps up to 1880, has largely contented him in this direction. Mr. Holmes has also made a small but interesting coin collection, partly picked up on his travels, for he has spent four years in European countries. He studied a year at the University of Paris, and for eighteen months was an attache of the United States Commission to the Paris Exposition of 1900. Two summers he cycled through various European countries. An amateur photographer himself, he has collected a large number of photographs of places he has visited, and also lantern slides with which he illustrates lectures delivered chiefly for the board of Education of New York, in their courses for adults.

A native of Iowa, born in 1868, Mr. Holmes lived from 1881 to 1897 chiefly in Lincoln and Kearney, Nebraska, where he was a newspaper man for seven years, much of the time city editor of the Lincoln State Journal. Since returning to America in 1901 he has been on the editorial staff of the "Success" magazine, New York City.

Mr. Frank C. Young

is a man of middle age. He was born in Hastings, Michigan, having also lived at various times at Wauseon and Toledo, Ohio, and for the last 5 years has made Syracuse, N. Y. his home. He is a practical printer in all its branches and holds a responsible and lucrative position on one of the largest daily papers of Syracuse. Like many other collectors he has had a collection in his boyhood days, but not until 3 years ago was his old time enthusiasm for stamps renewed, by the eagerness of one of his sons starting a collection.

He now has the fever in its deepest form and never loses an opportunity of adding every new stamp that comes his way providing it is not already in his collection. He is also a deep student on philatelic subjects and wields a ready pen as the many articles he has already written for the magazines will attest.

John Ressegan, Jr.,

is in the uniform of the Avoca Fire Brigade of which he is a member. He is 19 years of age, was born in Victoria and has been collecting stamps 5 years and is just beginning to like it. He has had notes now and then in the WEST and we hope to see more of them. He is interested in railway photos and wishes to exchange that kind of photos. Write him.

R. R. McGill

was born in Scotland. Came to America while in his teens. Is now and for years past a resident of Chicago, Ill., where he is engaged in mercantile life.

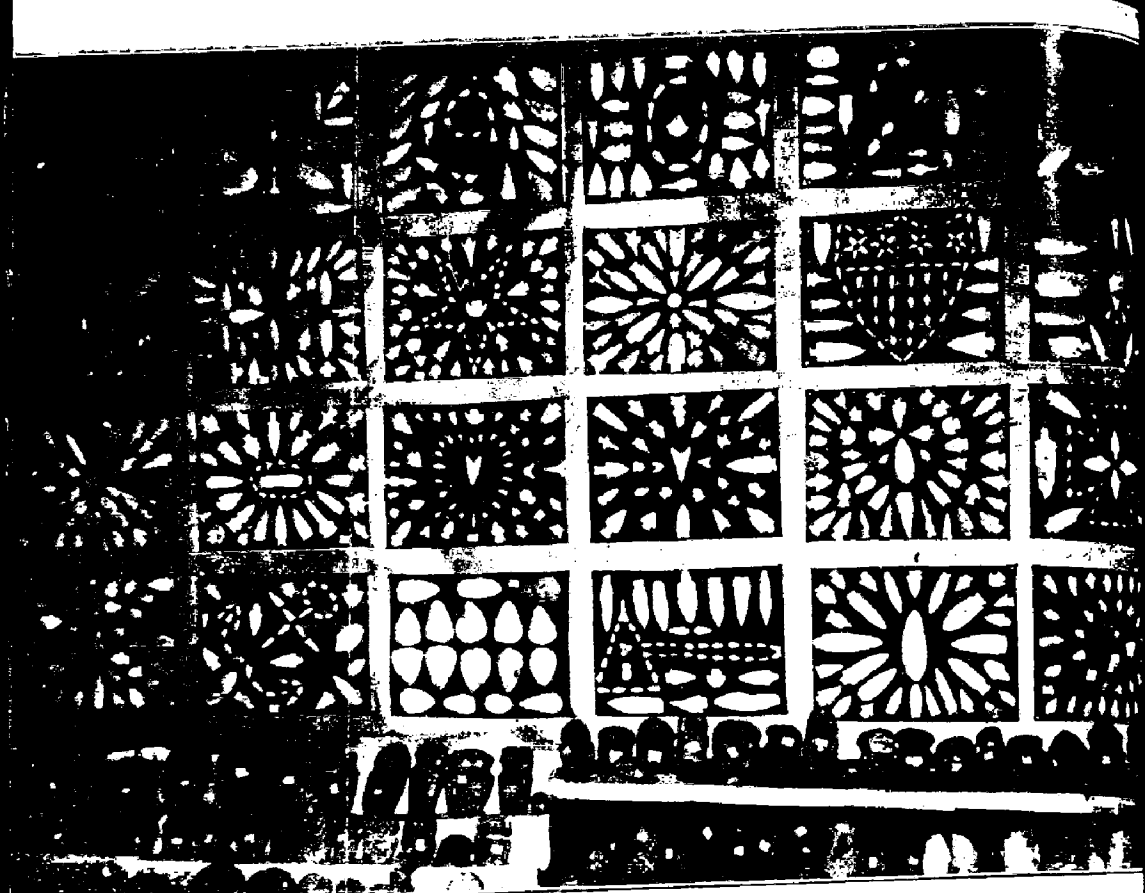
He acquired the stamp collecting craze as a school boy; was fortunate in having friends by whose assistance a good collection was formed. In his early business life he lost interest in philately his stamp collection being sold for "a mere song" He regrets to this day that he parted with them.

In 1903 the Columbia issue again gave him the fever. Quietly but steadily he has encouraged it ever since. At first he collected all that came along. Finding time would not permit him covering so much ground; he now devoted his entire attention to U S and British stamps. His collection while not large, in point of numbers is rich in old-time stamps, including many unused.

With funds to invest he is always ready to buy U S stamps. He is doing missionary work towards young collectors by mounting, arranging and classifying his duplicates and disposing of them for a nominal sum. His advertisements may be found each and every month in the WEST.

Mr. W. P. Young

winner of the first WEST contest, is a native of the "Old Granite State." Was connected with the auditing department of the Fitchburg RR at Boston for ten years and left there to assume a position with the Boston & Main RR at Portsmouth, N. H., his boyhood home. He has just resigned to go into



Some Indian Arrows from Secretary of the Curio Society



F. W. Sanburn



Spanish Philippine Revenue Stamps

business for himself in that city.

Mr. Young has been a student of nature all his life and an enthusiastic collector in many lines. His home is literally filled with curiosities including postage and revenue stamps, postal cards, coins, mounted birds, nests, eggs, butterflies and insects, autographs, portraits, shells, woods, minerals, Conederate, Continental and Fractional currency, broken bank bills Indian relics, etc. In addition he has a valuable library of upwards of 25000 volumes, which is particularly rich in works pertaining to Natural history. Much of his spare time is occupied in caring for his collections and adding to them, and occasionally his name has appeared under an article in Massachusetts or New Hampshire papers, including both poetry and prose. Mr. Young is also one of the first members of the "A S. of C. C.

Cut of Camera fiends loaned us by Stanter Bros., Denver, Colo.

Mr. F. W. Sanborn

of Lowell, Mass., was born in Franklin, N H, 1876. Mr. Roy F. Greene started him in stamp collecting years ago when only a small chap and he joined the P S of A at that time of which he was a member a few years. Mr. Sanborn is greatly interested in Specialties of all Zoology of stamps. He is glad to say that he is still a member of the Stamp Collectors Protective Association of America. Mr. Sanborn is employed with a large fabric Manufacturing Co. He will be pleased to hear from or see fellow collectors.

The coin illustrated belongs to Dora Guenther, Columbus, Texas, who wants to know what it is and value. It was found by a negro, digging a foundation for a court house.

Ernest F. Gardner

is rather an amateur both in photography and stamp collecting, though he has been collecting (U S) in a small way for about five years. His hobby is song writing, and he has composed a large number which are in manuscript form, and also has several noted composers now working on his song words composing music for same.

Southern Philatelic

Association

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER
APPLICATIONS

Frank Lamotte, Jr, 933 Rergundy St,

New Orleans, La, 18, student, ref M
Maury, W P Kelly

J I. Bishop, Selma, Ala, 38, attorney,
ref R S Nelson, W P Kelley

R W Geaque, 96 Wall St, New York
City, 18, clerk, ref S E Moisant, W
P Kelley, A J Blair

Above will receive their membership cards in 30 days if no objections are received. Send for an application blank and join a live society. You have the benefit of a fine sales dept and get the the WEST free each month. This is a good time of the year to join.

Respectfully,
W P KELLEY,
3324 Peery Ave,
Secy-Treas.
Kansas City, Mo.

Largest Stamp Society in America

STAMP COLLECTOR'S Protective Assoc'n OF AMERICA

Sorry to report the death of C Leonard Santiago, Cuba. A Cuban member reports that he died last spring in hospital

NEW MEMBERS

C Bazen, Kans City, Mo, 2823 Forest Ave
J Ledon, Santiago, Cuba, San Lucia 20
Norman S Sims, 614 14 st, San Rafael, Cal
G F Lorish, Breinigsville, Pa
E J Stanbaugh, Indianapolis, Ind, 4016
N Senate Ave

Valentine Saxby, Rockford, Ill

The new sales supt appointed is Mr Kelley and it will pay all members to write at once for books.

Can any one give me the address of D M McCoy, Buffalo, Kans; letters come back from J Adam, Camelot, N Y, does any one know his present address; T L Elder complains of W H Andrus, Kalamazoo, Mich, got coins of him; C Bazen complains of J Schquartzberg, N Y City 332 E 1 st and same address of a party named F Brown; A Crozier complains of Globe Stamp Co, Danielson, Conn, who the secretary also has been unable to hear from; F Pickard, Cincinnati, O complains of Roger Diehl, Tawa, Iowa, got stamps last August and no reply.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hereby appoint Mr W P Kelley, 3324 Peery Ave, Kans City, sales supt of the S C P A of A to take the place of Joel H DuBose of Huguenot, Ga who resigned.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARRELL GREENE, A. S. of C. C.

Some months ago M. H. Plank of Fond du Lac, Wis., while digging for gold at Green Gulch, thirty-six miles from Dawson, Alaska, discovered the tusk of a giant mammoth fifty-three feet below the surface. It is regarded as a most valuable specimen, and was brought home by Mr. Plank. It is twelve feet eight inches in length, twenty-seven inches in circumference, weighs 300 pounds and is perfect from root to point except for a few large cracks in the larger part. It is nearly circular in shape. With the tusk, Plank found two gigantic teeth perfectly preserved, one of which weighs seven and a half pounds. There have been numerous mastodon tusks discovered in that vicinity, but this one is nearly twice as large as any of the others. What is thought to be its mate was struck near Plank's mine, but had not been taken out when he left there.

A specimen of azurite of exceeding interest was recently secured by a collecting party of mineralogists in New Mexico. The mineral, of an intense blue, appears in the form of a round ball, built up of overlapping and interlaced laminated crystals. Another specimen found by the same party they labeled "pseudomorphs after azurite," which shows the next stage in the transition to native copper,

being identical in structure, but opaque instead of translucent, and with the color changed to a grayish copper tint, with only a trace of blue.

The copper mines at Terlingua, Tex., have been giving geologists some surprises in the way of specimens, and mineralogists have been wondering what new specimens will yet be found there. One of the late acquisitions of a collecting party there is said to have been a handsome specimen of native mercury with cinnabar, pyramorphite and vanadinite,—a combination never before known. Another specimen from the same mine shows native mercury on calcite crystals, and still another has a piece of charcoal incorporated into it.

The discovery of the mummy of a cliff dweller was recently made by Mrs. Jeannette R. Newcomer, wife of John Newcomer, assistant state's attorney of Chicago, in an excavation made by her in a burial village in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. The mummy was taken to Chicago and is now at the Newcomer home. It is said to be the most perfect of its kind ever found. It is that of a man about five and a half feet tall. On one side of the head there is a mass of soft, brown hair. All of the teeth are perfect. The lower portion of the body was wrapped in a coarse sacking cloth.

The right leg below the knee had crumbled away.

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If any of the readers of this Curio Department live in Hinds, Claiborne, Copiah or Jefferson county, Mississippi, I should like to have them communicate with me, personally, by letter, and tell me what they know about the "Brandywine wall," in that section of the state. Some two or three years ago, I remember having read in a St. Louis paper a letter written by a special correspondent in Jackson, Miss., about a discovery made in the southeast corner of Claiborne county of what was thought to be a prehistoric wall. According to this newspaper article the people of that part of Mississippi had for some years been quarrying rock for use in chimneys and the foundations of buildings from what was thought to be a sandstone quarry, near the little country village of Brandywine. The stones dug up were all square blocks of a regular shape and trimmed with almost mathematical exactness. The "quarry" seemed to be about twelve or fifteen feet in width and the same in depth, probably a little wider at the bottom than the top. The people of the neighborhood had been using these stones for twenty years, the correspondent said, before it suddenly occurred to some one that the "sandstone quarry" was not a natural one, and was, perhaps, a long, wide and high wall of prehistoric origin. When the correspondent wrote this letter no scientist, or archaeologist, to be more exact, had as yet visited the spot, though a party had signified its inten-

tion to come there and make explorations. It was said that these trim, neat blocks of stone, when pried from their places, seemed to have the interstices between them filled with a hard and grayish sort of cement, which, in the upper layers, had disintegrated, but which, down in the middle of the wall, was clearly defined and well preserved. It was noticed that a long ridge extended over the country on the top of this "quarry," and that along its top grew great live oaks, slow-growing scrub oaks and long-leaf pines. The nearest sandstone to this "quarry" was said to be in the upper part of Hinds county, nearly fifty miles away, and that it had no regular stratification and was of a totally different character from the stone in this wall. If any Mississippi or other reader of the WEST can tell me of later discoveries I'd be pleased to have a letter.

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J. J. Rettinger of Hastings, Minn., writes that he has a petrified Indian moccasin in his collection which his brother found near Lansing, Ia., while grading down a bank. "Lansing," says Mr. Rettinger, "is on the Mississippi river and there are many points of interest near the little city. High bluffs and beautiful scenery characterize the great 'Father of Waters' at this point, and near the city is Battle Island, where at one time during the Blackhawk war, Chief Blackhawk was captured. A great many mounds are scattered along the river banks here, and about 200 Indians still live near Lansing. About twenty-five years ago the United States government took these Indians to a reservation in

South Dakota, transporting them by rail, but they got homesick and came back to Lansing overland. They have not since been disturbed, and make that their home." Mr. Rettinger says the petrified moccasin is a splendid specimen, and \$30 has been refused for it. He has made photographs of it, one of which he sent to Mr. Brodstone.

instead of in a cabinet in his library.

The mounds of the mound-builders and the Aztecs in various parts of Arizona and New Mexico abound in antique vessels, studded by the most valuable specimens of turquoise. About two years ago Prof. C. H. Shaw, an eminent antiquarian, delving among the prehistoric ruins of Arizona found a necklace consisting of twenty-eight great blue stones, unusually rare for size, beauty and value. The stones were discovered in an apartment in a ruin containing stone slabs bearing inscriptions and pictures. There are a half dozen rich turquoise mines in Arizona and New Mexico, besides smaller ones, which the Indians and half-breed Mexicans operate in a desultory way and after a crude fashion. It is known that turquoise was mined here before the Spanish invasion, and there is little doubt that the Aztecs operated the mines, many of them in use having, at the time of their later location, sheltered earthen and stone vessels of great antiquity. Besides some of the tribes of New Mexico have traditions which tell of great treasures of beautiful blue stones, and their rare specimens of wampum, which have been handed down from generation to generation, contain beads of turquoise, many of them very valuable gems.

On August 4 last, according to a Syracuse daily paper, Dr. B. P. Wright of that city, a noted numismatist, had burglars break into his house during his absence and take over 2,000 coins of his collection, having a value of more than \$1,000. The doctor's collection consists of more than 20,000 coins, but it seems that the more valuable ones, the gold and silver ones, particularly, he keeps in a vault, and he only had two series at his home, one of them foreign coppers and the other colonial coins of America. One of the burglars was caught the next day, and at an Albany pawnbroker's shop 139 coins, having a numismatic value of over \$500, were found, where they had been sold by one of the youthful culprits for 10 cents. The two young housebreakers had no idea of the worth of their plunder. Part of the collection taken from the doctor's residence were thrown into a creek by the boys in their rush to get away, and the captured one took the officers to the spot after he had been arrested. Dr. Wright says he did not suffer very much from the thieves, but he did learn a good lesson. Hereafter his treasures will all be housed in a vault

A large advertisement may fail to pull, but it is probably the fault of what is said rather than the fault of advertising.

Never use small advertisements when you can afford to use reasonably large ones.—The Advisor.

About Picture Post Cards

BY M. KELLER.

ITALIAN Royalty is made but of Paris Humor. Special Cable dispatch to the New York Herald: Paris, Oct. 3:—The streets are beginning to resound with a number of popular songs, on the subject of the Italian Sovereign's visit. One, a chorus, asserts that Queen Elena accompanies her husband, because she is too jealous to allow him to come to Paris alone. There are being amusing postal cards published. One represents the Sovereign on the summit of Mount Plana, starting to slide down in an automobile to M. Loubet and M. Delclasse in Paris. Another, shows the President and Sovereigns dancing a cake-walk.

S. S. Baldwin, Philadelphia, Penn., has just gotten out a new idea in cards. And it proves to be a novel idea, and the most natural development of the comic picture card. These are truly amusing. One represents the golf player. Another, a ducky playing the banjo. Another, the latest dude, etc. One card illustrates a jolly fisherman in a boat and underneath, the words: "Pait, yes and good bait(?)." This card is printed (not photographed) But cards printed on the front, the same as this, and chemically treated, all ready for photographic printing, will be furnished on request.

The foregrounds of the cards are made ready beforehand, and are held up in front of the sitter, whose neck fits in the little oval cut out at the top. On the various cards the head appears to be that of one sitter, but assuming different faces or expressions. And on No. 1, the face assumes a broad grin, as if laughing heartily. In No. 2 it appears to say: "my! but it's hot." On No. 3, it is supposed to be, "oh! I don't care," etc.

Almost every sitter has different ideas as to the faces assumed, and this is one of the greatest sources of profit. As often sitters will have 3 or 4 negatives made from the same foreground, and a large number of prints from each negative.

Some express satisfied contentment. Then it appears cross as if scolding something. Again, it appears to be funny. In short, the faces express more than words and it requires no physiognomist to read them. They are a Caricature card in the true sense of the word. "Caricature," and decidedly humorous.

Tucks of New York City: post cards, just out, are just the thing to catch the eye. There are various sets. One set of 10, lithogr. in colors illustrate the portraits of poets, composers, and their homes. Roosevelt in colors, as well as Washington cards, are hand colored. The White House, the Capitol, Washington's Monument, Aqueduct (Cabin John Bridge) Library (Soldiers Home) etc.

There are no end of Florida Cards. from Pensacola, St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Orlando, Palm Beach, etc. Most of these are highly interesting, being historical cards.

Post Cards executed in real photogravure, are all artistically executed. There appears to be London views. European views, Charles Dickens Post Cards, etc., Vexier Post Cards. The text of these is changeable, and German text only. Allerseele mean, "All Souls," are transparent cards with the famous German Poem. The Transparent Post Cards are in different colors, showing Columbia University, Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty, etc., various others. To enumerate the varied and charming designs which are to be had from them, would take up too much space, and for any

one who would want to see for themselves, they will find his adv. in this copy of the WEST.

I have a card before me which is decidedly humorous. It appears to be a banquet. Several men are cozily seated near a well laden table, drinking and smoking. All are in a happy mood. Above, on the right side of the card are the words:

"To you, my my friend, best wishes.

And plenty beer and wine,

And many fragrant dishes

Of Sausage, good and fine."

Queen Wilhelmina is said to be the best royal photographer in Europe. A Kodak is a part of her traveling outfit, when making excursions through the various parts of her Kingdom. The Netherland Society of Photographers has made her a present of a richly bound album, containing post cards of the views of the towns and villiages visited by the queen since her arrival to the throne. She is also proficient in making her own view cards in photo prints, displaying good taste in photographic art.

We hope many camera workers will send us specimens of Photographs taken during the holidays. Many strange places are visited at holiday times, and no better means than photography can be found of making pictorial memoranda. The season has been anything but brilliant, but there is no need in these days for strong sunlight in order to secure good photographs. Good light is needed, but photographs taken in direct sunlight are more often than not, spoilt by heavy shadows.

A little ad must say one thing at a time, and say it forcibly. It must hit and hit hard and make an impression on the reader with one blow.

A Credulous Curator

Geo. J. Remsburg, A. S. of C. C. No. 161

THERE is no better illustration of the old expression. "the wrong man in the wrong place," than in the case of the curator of one of the Western museums, who in this great age of archæologic advancement, recently had the audacity to come out in an extended newspaper article and contend that the various types of aboriginal flint implements, commonly known as drills, scrapers and the like, were, in reality, as many different forms of arrowheads, each having a special adaptability in archery: for instance, the blunt, so-called scrapers being used in killing game at close range, etc., etc.

An arrow point

With a narrow point

Was used for a drill, we claim;

But a narrow head

Says an arrow head

And a drill are both the same.

It sometimes happens, the

wise (?) curator,

With his head full of lore

from the Alma Mater,

Can't tell and Indian Perforator.

Or the ancient drill, from

a nutmeg grater.

Discriminating readers knew what the editor meant, when he said in a recent issue of the WEST: "There is a little matter to which the WEST begs to call attention of some of its subscribers. We really hate to speak of it but some have seemingly allowed it to slip their minds. To us this is a very important issue; in fact it's necessary in our business. We won't speak further on the subject. Perhaps you have already guessed the drift of our remark."

Kansas Phil. Soc'y

President, W. P. Kelly, Kansas City, Mo.
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 Official Organ, The WEST.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:

Through press of business I was unable to attend our convention in Wichita. From what I hear it was a successful one, I wish to thank you all for having elected me to the office of president of your society. Now, fellow members, let's increase our membership. Send to Mr. Ford our new Sec'y for some application blanks and get to work and see if we cannot have 100 members by next convention in Kansas City.

We now have a man of 40 years experience in the stamp line, and who ought to be able to make the Sales Department the foremost feature of the society. Mr. Brodstone of the WEST is working for us and I think we should also endeavor to keep up our end of the line.

Respectfully,
 W. P. KELLY,
 President.

3324 Peery Ave. Kansas City, Mo.

To the K. P. S.:
 316 Doug. Ave., Wichita, Kan.
 Having been duly elected sales superintendent, I desire to thank you for the continuation of your confidence in me, and promise to make the circuits interesting during the coming year. To that end, let every one who wish to avail themselves of the circuit send their address at once to me, stating at same time their preference as

to special lines or full circuit; also forward your books for circuit. I can furnish K. P. S. books at 5 cents each

F. N. DE LA MATER, Sales Supt.

Kansas Philatelic Convention at Wichita, Kan.

The fifth annual convention of the Kansas Philatelic Society was held in Wichita, Kan., on Wednesday evening, September 30th, 1903, with eight members present.

The meeting was called to order by President F. N. De La Mater, who, in a few well chosen words extended a welcome to all present. Mr. F. J. Ford was placed on the committee on credentials to assist G. R. Barker, chairman of the committee.

The following members were present: F. R. Hayworth, Oklahoma City, Okl.; Rev. R. Stollenwerk, Leebenthal, Kan.; R. C. Edgar, Hutchinson, Kan.; F. N. De La Mater, F. J. Ford, C. W. Myers, G. R. Barker and J. F. Nitschke. In the absence of Secretary Lilly, G. R. Barker acted as secretary pro tem.

The committee on credentials reported that they had received 16 ballots and 12 proxies, and that the following ticket was elected by 16 votes:

President, William P. Kelley, of Kansas City, Mo.; Vice President, Foster A. Lilly, of Sabetha; Secretary and Treasurer, Frank J. Ford, of Wichita; Superintendent of sales, F. N. De La Mater, of Wichita; Librarian, E. G. Stephens, of Kansas City, Kan.; Counterfeit Detector, Rev. R. Stollenwerk, of Leebenthal, Kan.; Attorney, H. W. Broadbent, of Kansas City, Kan.; Trustee, T. O. Cunningham, T. C. Stephens and F. J. Bescher, of Kansas City, Kan. Official Organ, The Philatelic West and Camera News.

The twelve proxies received were held as follows: G. R. Barker, 6; F. N. De La Mater, 4, and F. J. Ford, 2.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer, also of William P. Kelley, superintendent of sales, were then read and approved. The report of the sales department showed a big gain over that any previous year.

The report of the secretary showed

that while 60 names had been enrolled as members since it was organized, 38 names are still left on the roll, of which one, F. O. Stetson, of Washington, D. C., wishes to withdraw, and nine have not been heard from during the year, so are delinquent on their dues. During the year that he has been secretary, we have received 12 new members, or one a month, including the one to be acted upon today.

The treasurer's report, owing to heavy expense, showed a very small balance of 16 cents to its credit, but has since been increased to 66 cents by dues from two more members.

The application of Mr. Austin Sallee of Penalosa, Kan., was read and on motion he was admitted to full membership in this society.

There was considerable discussion over consolidating this society with the Nebraska Society, or some other society, but such a plan did not meet the approval of those present.

After all business was transacted the members present were invited to the home of President De La Mater, where an elegant dinner was served at 9:30 p. m., which was enjoyed by the few present, who had a very jolly time.

The convention adjourned to meet next year at the call of the president.

G. R. BARKER,
Secretary Pro Tem.

Report of Foster A. Lilly as treasurer of the Kansas Philatelic Society for the year ending October 1, 1903:

Oct. 15, 1902—Balance from T. Dr. To—	
O. Cunningham, last treasurer	\$7.68
Oct. 15, 1902—Donated by F. J. Bescher	1.40
Sept. 28, 1903—Initiation fees received	1.30
Sept. 28, 1903—Dues received.	9.88
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Total	\$20.26
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Dec. 6, 1902—Paid M. De La Mater for ent.....	\$1.75
Dec. 6, 1902—Express on books	.40
Feb. 21—Draft to F. L. Bescher	5.00
April 1—Fee returned by re-	

quest .....	.50
July 22—Printing of cards and supplies	\$2.25
Sept. 18—Mailing ballots.....	.90
Sept. 30—Paid L. T. Brodstone for official organ.....	7.25
Sept. 30—Postage of secretary	1.55
Sept. 30—By cash and balance .....	.66

Total

Annual report of William P. Kelley, Sales Superintendent of the Kansas Philatelic Society:

91 books received during the year, valued at	\$813.30
91 books retired during the year, valued at.....	\$813.30
Total sales during the year, \$189.36 or about 23 per cent.	

Total number of circuits sent out 8.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM A. KELLEY,
Sales Superintendent.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 27, 1903.

Dear Fellow Members: This is my last opportunity to address you as sales superintendent, as with this convention my term of office expires.

I desire to express to you my heartfelt thanks for the kind assistance you have given me in conducting my department. As the above report will show, the year's business has been very satisfactory, and I am much pleased with the result.

I am sorry that I cannot be with you this year, but as I spent my vacation in Chicago, attending two other conventions last month, I could not very well spare the time to come to this one. But while I am absent in person I am with you in spirit, and I trust that the coming year will be one of the most prosperous in our history.

I also wish to thank Mr. Ford and Mr. Barker for the able manner in which they handled my circuits while in their possession. Wishing you an enjoyable time and trusting to see you all in Kansas City a year hence, I remain as ever,

Yours truly,
WILLIAM P. KELLEY,
Sales Superintendent.

WHAT, WHERE AND HOW TO ADVERTISE.

(By R. Butz.)

Advertising is practically the show window of the stamp business, and in order to build up a good business one must know how to advertise.

The three principal things which it is necessary to know in order to make a success out of advertising, are: What to advertise, where to advertise and how to advertise it. For instance, it would be of very little use for a boy just starting in the stamp business to advertise in a paper like *Mekeel's Weekly*, for unless he had a very good stock of stamps he could not fill the wants of the customers whom he would secure from an advertisement in such a paper, as it is generally the regular customers obtained from an advertisement and not the direct returns from the sale of the stamps advertised that makes it pay. For instance, the writer inserted a small advertisement which cost less than a dollar, but did not sell one dollar's worth of stamps from it, but has obtained the custom of a gentleman who has bought liberally ever since and in this way the advertisement has been made to pay for itself a dozen times over, and a regular customer has been secured.

Advertise according to your stock. If it is large and you are able to sell as low as other dealers and make a profit, advertise extensively and let it be known that you are in the business. If, however, you have only a small stock, limit your advertisements so that you will be able to attend properly to all the answers you receive.

To draw customers it is best to ad-

vertise a few popular stamps at a very low price, as persons who read your advertisement will remember your name, and by sending your price list to every person who answers it you will soon get a few regular customers who will buy of you as long as you can supply their wants and treat them fairly.

Above all things do not advertise anything which you will not be able to supply, as it will do much harm, and collectors will get the impression that you are simply trying to get them to write to you in order that you may get into correspondence with them. So it would be better not to advertise anything at all unless you have a supply large enough to meet all demands, or in case you have only a few, put the price at a reasonable figure and mention the number of copies you have to sell.

There is a coin, of which the government in 1804 made 20,000 pieces, but of which, as has been ascertained, not even one is known to be in circulation. That coin is the American silver dollar of the mintage of 1804. Two of these most precious of all American coins are in well known collections and are valued at \$2,000 each. Speaking of these coins a well known numismatist said:

"It has been determined to the satisfaction of every numismatist that these two dollars were not coined until 1823, although they were struck from the original 1804 die. They were secretly made—although such a procedure is a penal offense—for someone high in influence and authority, who desired them for certain coin collectors."

"There were no silver dollars issued from the mint in 1805, yet 321 were coined, and are in the hands of collectors today, just as they came from the die. No dollars were coined by the government after that until 1836.

SOME MONSTERS OF LONG AGO.

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(By Oswald A. Bauer, A. S. of C. C. 325.)

We all know that the age of Mother Earth extends back for almost untold ages, and that man's inhabitancy has covered but a minute portion of this existence is also well known, but of the life which preceded man the average mind possesses but small conception. A glance at the geological time scale will show us that the earth's past is divided into three great ages; the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary. In the first, life is just dawning and the fish is the highest form attained. In the second, great reptiles are the undisputed inhabitants and in the last we find the mammals, great and small, developing first from the simpler to the higher and more complex types produced by the evolution of time.

The records which we have and by which we acquire some knowledge of these monsters of a bygone age are to be found only in the "story of the Rocks," and it is here among the few fossilized remains left to us that we must look. Slowly but surely science has gathered these fragments together until we now have a fair conception of the life which inhabited our earth millions of years ago. Despite the great strides made, however, there must ever remain thousands of types and forms that have passed forever beyond possibility of man's research.

When these giant reptiles trod our earth it was covered, as now, with a great coat of vegetation. The underground forces of nature were more active than in the present age, and volcanic eruptions of a grand scale were frequent, showers of ashes and lava in tremendous volume being

ejected. As to the cause of extinction of these great denizens of the secondary age, little is known; but there are many theories, but none which quite seem to fit. Natural elements probably had considerable influence in determining it.

One of the queerest, perhaps, of these ancient inhabitants was the Plesiosaurus, or sea lizard. Its head was that of a lizard, its teeth those of a crocodile, its neck that of a serpent, its ribs those of a chameleon, and its paddles those of a whale. This remarkable animal was over twenty-two feet long and was carnivorous, feeding upon its neighbors. Another equally remarkable beast was the Brontosaurus, or thunder lizard, measuring sixty feet in length and weighing, according to Marsh, about twenty tons. Some idea of the size may be obtained when it is said that in walking every track of the monster covered one square yard. A close relation of the Brontosaurus was the Atlantosaurus. Little is known of this reptile other than that it measured over 80 feet in length and a thigh bone which was discovered measured about sixty feet.

A famous member of the order of Dinosaurs was the Megalosaurus. Its great limb bones were lengthened in order to allow rapid movement. Its length was at least 30 feet and armed with powerful hind limbs, long-pointed teeth and enormous claws it certainly was without a rival among carnivorous reptiles. The Ignonodou, a herbivorous dinosaur, walked on its hind feet habitually, and was remarkable for a dagger-like thumb which it possessed. No less than twenty-five specimens of the beast were discovered in Belgium in 1898, a most remarkable find. The queerest of the dinosaurs

was the Triceratops. This beast was twenty-five feet long and so named because it possessed three horns on its face. Its skull was enormous, being over seven feet long and of triangular shape, while the brain was exceedingly small.

Finally among the Secondary reptiles we have the Pterodaelys, an order which acquired the power of flying. These creatures had a thin membrane stretching over their fingers. The organ was not a wing in the scientific sense but was similar to the flying mechanism of the bat. A remarkable feature was the difference between members of this group, some being no larger than the smallest bird of today, while others measured 25 feet from tip to tip of the membrane.

These are but a very few examples of the life of the Secondary age. There are hundreds of other types equally curious in form, but too numerous to mention in this short space. Passing, therefore, to the Tertiary age we find in the Megatherium, or giant sloth, a good representative of the mammalia of that age. The sloth of today is little larger than a monkey. The sloth of long ago stood eighteen feet high, and its bones were larger than those of an elephant, the thigh bone being three times as thick. This monster pulled down large trees and ate the top foliage for his daily meal. The Mylodon was another member of the sloth family, and closely allied to the Megatherium. This mammal has caused somewhat of a sensation recently, as a discovery made by Dr. Moreno of the La Plata Museum have led many to suppose this monster still exists in the solitude of Patagonia. Several fruitless searches have been made, however, and if the giant sloth still exists it has been unusually successful in evading man in his search for knowledge.

In all probability the giant sloth is no more but has passed on with those other types to whom man's coming was the death knell, and will exist, as its fellows, only in the records of the past.

Interstate Philatelic Association.

OFFICERS FOR 1903.

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In the absence of the president I have called the I. P. A. convention to convene in Portland, the convention seat, on December 15, 1903.

Any nominations should be mailed to me not later than November 30, 1903. The Sales department is running smoothly under Mr. Nickerson's able management, and all members who are not on circuit should send him their names at once (W. W. Nickerson, Klamuth Agency, Oregon.)

Proposed Member.

No. 143. (Proposed by F. L. Applegate.) W. E. Whitehead, Fossil, Oregon. No objections being filed to Mr. Whitehead's application in 30 days he will be issued membership card.

Resigned.

No. 138, Harry Labowitch, 291 7th St., Pauland. No objections being raised in 30 days Mr. Labowitch's resignation will be accepted.

FRANK L. APPLGATE.

Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of Superintendent of Sales.

Henry C. Griesel:

Value of 15 books received
 from M. Moeller.....\$207.35
 Value of 7 new books received 36.02

Total\$243.37
 Sold\$24.04

All books retired and settlements made with members. Ins. fund paid to treasurer, 25c. Other matters have prevented me from giving the department the attention it deserves, for which I am very sorry. However, the department is now in better hands and members will again have the pleasure of receiving stamps regularly.

Regretting that I have been able to do so little for the department, I remain, yours for the I. P. A.

(sd.)

H. C. GRIESEL.

American Society of Curio Collectors

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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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 Birds and Mammals—Department of Geology—F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa.

Cost of membership.—Initiation fee, 25 cents; annual dues, 50c. 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, Sayre, Penn.; F. G. Hillman, New Bedford, Mass.; Basil G. Hamilton, Moose Jaw Association, Ontario, Canada; A. W. Conner, 640 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.; Oswald A. Bauer, Piermont, N. Y.; W. G. McLain, Edison, Ohio; W. C. Aiken, Angwin, Cal.; Archibald Crozier, 810 W. 5th St., Wilmington, Del.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—I submit to you the following report in pursuance to the call of our president for a vote on new officers for the year 1904. A fair vote was polled, as a result of which it seems that it is the wish of the members to retain the same officers for another year; the vote will be given in the December number of the WEST.

I desire to call the particular attention of all members of the A. S. C. C. that dues for 1904 will be 50 cents and not 25 cents as heretofore. A number of members are already remitting their next years dues, but all send 25c instead of 50 cents. Membership cards will not be issued unless the required amount is sent. Members will please bear this in mind and thereby save your secretary much unnecessary work.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 510 R Kriete, 406 E 12th St., Kansas City, Mo. Birds, fishes, shells, Indian relics. Call and see him, he has a store full.
- 511 R E Trower, 638 Placer St., Butte, Mont. Old paper money and coins. Buys and sells.

APPLICATIONS.

- 512 W B Mitchell, Box 24, Santa Anna, Texas.
- 513 W H Amberg, Box 5; Dundas, Ontario, Can.
- 514 Mrs H L Haskins, Medford, Ore.
- 515 Cyrus McMichael, Conneaut Lake Pa.
- 516 A G Reynolds, Disston City, Fla.
- 517 Norman L Sims, San Rafael, Cal, 614 4th st.
- 518 R D Vroman, Box 22, Forbes Station, Pittsburg, Pa.
- 519 Walter Sherman Miner, Bellows Falls, Vt.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- R L Jewell from Henry, S D, to Stonyford, Cal.
- 333 Chas C Lungren, Ozona, Fla.

W A M P U M

BY VIRGINIA BAKER.

WAMPUM, or wampumpeag, is the name generally given to the black and white shell beads which, among the Algonquin and Iriquois tribes, who inhabited the north-eastern section of our country, were used as currency and as articles of adornment. The name is derived from two Indian words signifying white and strung beads, and, although wampum in the the Aboriginal tongue, denoted only white beads. The early settlers of New England applied the name to black and white indiscriminately. The Dutch designated this shell money "Zewant," while to the French it was known as "Porcelaine."

The manufacture of wampum was, originally, confined to certain sections on the coast. Governor Bradford states that "wampum was made and kept among ye Nariganssets and Pequents, which grew rich and potent by it." After a time, however, the inland tribes learned its value from traders. The Narragansetts called the black beads "suckanhock." They were reckoned at twice the value of the white beads. The latter were cut from the twisted ends of perininkles, or other small shells. Strings of beads were termed "fathoms," and their market price fluctuated with the price of beaver skins in England. In New England five to nine white beads equalled a penny. In New Amsterdam, from four to six beads were equivalent to a striver.

The Indian "natonwompitea," or coiner, broke his shells into pieces and after rubbing these smooth upon a stone, bored holes through each with a rude stone awl. The women wove caps caps, coats, girdles, bracelets, and necklaces of the beads. "Curious-

ly strung into many forms and figures," says Roger Williams "their black and white finely mixed together." Mrs. Rowbandson, who was captured by the Indians during King Philip's War, relates that Weetamoe, the squaw sachem of Pocasset (Tiverton, R. I.) spent her leisure time in making "girdles of wampum and beads." The traveler, Jossely, mentions that on one occasion, King Philip visited Boston, attired in a coat, belt, and buskins of wampum, valued at twenty pounds. This coat, Philip afterwards divided among the sachems who joined him in war against the English. When Amawon, Philip's "great captain," was taken prisoner by Captain Benjamin Church, he presented to his captor, the "royalties" with which his deceased chief had been "wont to adorn himself." Among these were two wampum belts, one nine inches broad, wrought with black and white beads, "in various figures and flowers and pictures of many birds and beasta." This reached from Church's shoulders to his ankles. Both belts were edged with red hair, "which Amawan said they got in the Mohog Country."

Belts and strings of wampum were given by the Indians as a solemn ratification of treaties. These belts were worked with figures forming a record of the agreements entered into. Wampum figured conspicuously upon all ceremonial occasions. It was generally placed in graves, the amount buried, varying according to the estate of the deceased or his relatives.

One advertisement, one time, is about as forlorn as the last cent in a purse—and does about as much good—White's Sayings.

If you know how to get at the right people, in the right way, you ought to make advertising pay.—Jed Scarborough.

A COLLECTION OF PICTURES.

BY REV. L. G. DORPAT

From my childhood days I was a lover of pictures, regretting to see a picture, which I thought good, spoiled or torn. Before I knew why or what for, I found myself in possession of a collection of pictures, chromos, wood cuts, steel engravings, three-plate prints and photographs, some large, some small, some good and some bad. The collection was formed almost involuntarily, because it was against my feelings to destroy or throw away a picture that came into my possession. By and by I began to classify what I had according to subjects, natural history, geography, architecture, allegory, war, religion, passion, etc., and to learn something about painters, engravers and printers, about conception and execution, about art and art criticism. After some time I began weeding out some of the poorest prints and to buy pictures of artistic or educational value. Finally, being an amateur book binder, I made two large blank books, 18x24 inches in size, and arranged my treasures therein according to a new classification. I have never counted my pictures, but there are many hundreds of them. Time and again visitors were held captive for hours looking at and discussing what I could show them. My whole family—and I have one that would please President Roosevelt—is always delighted whenever I bring forth one of my big books and bombards me with questions; some of which I can answer, while others induce me to study. Thus we manage to get pleasure as well as stimulation for research out of this collection, the cost of which has not been much over \$5.00, most pictures having been rescued from waste paper, sample copies of magazines and similar sources. For the younger part of my family I have an extra volume, 12x18 inches, containing advertising cards, coffee pictures and the like, arranged under my supervision in the most artistic way that we know, and it hardly ever fails to please children who see it; it cost practically nothing. I write this to show that by persistently following any line of collecting

one may in time form a valuable collection of most anything which one may select. For instance, if a youth begins to make a collection of botanical specimens and persists in adding to it year by year, he may by the time when his hair begins to turn gray, have a botanical collection that would be a welcome addition to many a museum, and though his exertions be quite small at a time, he cannot help learning something of botany that will later on seem as great knowledge to others. It is not important what objects one may select; it is only necessary to persist and to bring method into the collection. Though I am not a photographer myself, I know a gentleman who began handling the camera about twelve years ago, and who has now several albums full of photographs that are a delight to the beholder. The gentleman was until lately a very busy merchant, and had very little spare time, but he used the moments that he had and kept right on until he got into the habit of adding to his collection whenever there is a chance to get a picture that is good. The owner of a good camera has extra facilities to make a picture collection, but everybody can make such a collection if he will but keep his eyes open and use the chances that he gets. Of course, there is a difference between a picture and a picture, some are not worth keeping if viewed by themselves, but in a system, where they serve a special purpose, they obtain interest and value and may legitimately hold their places besides the most worthy productions. Thus a wood cut, made fifty or a hundred years ago, may be a very poor piece of art as viewed by the present standard, but when it enters into a series of prints which show the gradual development of the art, it may become one of the most valuable pieces. Again, the representation of a subject in one picture may be exceedingly poor, but for the sake of comparison, where many different representations of the same subject are desired, it becomes as valuable as some of the very best. If there are others who collect pictures or wish to start, I shall be pleased to hear from them.

The Prehistoric Southwest

Forrest Gaines, Glendive, Montana

A. S. of C. C. 135

CERTAIN portions of California, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Texas and several other of our southwestern states, abound in riches of the prehistoric man of America. These remains include everything from cliff markings, to implements and utensils of every kind. And in the dryer and more desert portions, even cliff dwellings, untold thousands of years old, still remain for our study and wonderment.

Many disputes are daily arising as to the distinction of the races of these prehistoric people and also as to their first origin. There can be no doubt that some of our modern Indian tribes of the southeast are descended from the prehistoric cliff-dwellers, although all distinction of individuality has been lost. Also the manner and modes of living have been entirely changed by the lapse of the great number of years.

Although the modes of living of the the cliff-dwellers seem to have many points in common with that of the aboriginals of ancient Egypt, yet the Egyptians had a secret process of embalming, by which the bodies of their people are preserved almost intact even to this day, while the cliff-dwellers apparently had no such art. Occasionally, however, a body has been found, but it is due to nature alone that such is so, as the body has been lain away in a very dry atmosphere and completely dried by wind and sun, the tissues being so hardened that it seems almost as if chiseled from the surrounding rock.

The writer recently saw a remarkable example of this desert drying process. It is in a Chicago museum, and is not be classed in the large category of so called "fakirs," as it has been

personally examined by a great number, whose word as to its authenticity is not to be doubted. It is the body of a native-born American, of medium stature in life, about five feet and four inches. It was found in a desert in New Mexico, a short time ago, and is perfectly mummified, the tissues being as hard as rock. What is more wonderful, the body has recently been identified as that of a man born in Boston, of Irish parentage, and who was about thirty-five years of age at his death. So all chance of discussion as to its authenticity is swept away.

Although bodies have rarely been found in cliff-dweller's ruins, a large amount of pottery and implements of various kinds is nearly always found. Pottery of one kind and another is especially frequent and in some places thousands of fragments of it may be picked up.

The best example of the cliff-dweller's hill houses are found in New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado. Of late years there has seemed to be a disposition to destroy these relics, by vandils, so the legislatures of the various states, and certain scientific societies are making strenuous efforts to have them protected. This move is to be commended, as otherwise, the coming generations would be practice ally ignorant of the ancient history of our great southwest. Let the legislature continue.

All persons who have data or specimens of the cliff-dwellers, which they would loan or donate for the benefit of Science, should send the same to, or communicate with Prof. Warren K. Moorehead, of Andover, Mass., the curator of the department of archaeology of Phillips Acapemy. This eminent archaeologist is now at work on "The Stone Age," to be issued in about three years, and which no doubt will be about the most comprehensive

work on American Archaeology ever written. All those who have relics of our prehistoric Indian races, should also communicate with him and thus aid in the progress of this fascinating science.

Certain Indian tribes of the southwest present more of the characteristics of the ancient cliff-dwellers than any others in the country. Some of these are the Zines, Araphoes and Moquis. Certain bands of these tribes may be found today, living in primitive earth cliff abodes, which somewhat resemble those of their remote ancestors, although of course, they are good deal more accessible, and their habits and modes of life are better known.

Some more of these interesting people and their habits and ancestors may be given in a later article.

Invention.

By E. M. P.

Some of the most useful inventions were discovered by mere chance. Mr. Joseph Gillot was a Birmingham working jeweler in 1830. One day he accidentally split one of his fine tools, and being suddenly required to sign a receipt, and not finding his quill pen at hand, he used the split tool as a substitute. This accident led to the idea of making pens out of metal. It was carried out with secrecy and promptitude, and the pens of Gillot became famous. The manufacture of metal pens has been one the most important of any of the inventions, since the printing press, in the advancement of education. There are numerous firms which every day produce as many pens as all the geese in the world could possibly supply in a year. Steel pens are used in almost all the banks, large or small, in the world. They are used in almost every country in the universe. There is still, however, a large demand for the quills and quill pens but for common use in the days of universal education and advancement, the importance of Gillots first invention is incalculable.

Texas Philatelic Association

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 13, 1896

Membership Fee \$ 50

Annual Dues 60

For application blanks and information concerning membership and correspondence in general, address Secretary-Treasurer.

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Donations to the Library and correspondence relating thereto address the Librarian.

All correspondence relating to the Exchange Department, address the Exchange Superintendent.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

NEW MEMBERS

No 103—De Jarnette, Wm. L. Y., Whitney, Hill Co.

No. 104—Hofheinz, Th. W., Lock Bx 27, Maxwell, Caldwell County.

No. 105—Adams, Harden W., 259 Main St., Dallas.

No. 106—Garwood, Geo. C., New Braunfels.

No applications to report.

CASH REPORT.

General fund, cash on hand, Sept. 30th.....	\$48.65
Insurance fund, cash on hand, Sept. 30th.....	\$53.09

\$101 84

No receipts and expenditures.

I have sent the name and address of each member to Gustav Schmidt, Hautdstatter Strasse, No 116, Stuttgart, Germany, for insertion in his World's Address Book, to be published Jan. 1, 1904.

Edward W. Heusinger, Sec. and Treas.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT

Since my last report from Sept. 14th I have received 8 filled books value....

.....	\$54.57
Previously reported in circulation, 18 value	\$528.13

\$585.70

Less 6 books returned to owners (from which has been sold \$59.49)	\$159.23
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Books remaining in circulation, 20. Value	\$427.47
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Chas. Roemer, Supt.

THE COINAGE OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

(By Wayte Raymond, A. N. A.)

1. One of the earlier coinages which may be placed with Quebec is that of the Magdalen Islands in the St. Lawrence, and part of Gaspé county, in the Province of Lower Canada. These islands were given under grant to Sir Isaac Coffin, he brought over with him a large number of pennies, the workmanship of Sir Edward Thomason of Birmingham. They may be described as follows:

Obverse—A seal within a circle, surrounded by Magdalen Island Token, 1815.

Reverse—A dried codfish within a circle surrounded by Success to the Fisheries. One Penny.

BANK TOKENS.

2. PENNY—Obverse: A Canadian habitant surrounded by Province Du Bas Canada. Deux Sous.

Obverse: The armorial bearing of Montreal, namely: within an oval garter buckled, a St. Andrew's cross separating a rose, thistle, shamrock and beaver, below the buckle the date 1837. Concordia Salus on garter and ribbon inscribed Bank of Montreal, in incuse letters. Above the whole the words, Bank Token and One Penny below.

3 PENNY—Similar. Banque du Peuple, on ribbon.

4. PENNY — Similar. Quebec Bank on ribbon.

5, 6 and 7. Similar half-pennies. Un Sou.

The value of these coins was raised to two and one-cent, respectively, in 1870.

8. PENNY — 1838-39. Obverse, front and side view of the Bank of Montreal, Bank of Montreal above

and date below.

Reverse. Similar to 2. This coin is one of the rare Canadian tokens.

9. HALFPENNY—1838-39. Similar.

10. PENNY—1839. Banque du Peuple on ribbon of garter, otherwise the same as 8. Rare.

11. PENNY—1842. Obverse, front view of the Bank of Montreal. Province of Canada above. Bank of Montreal below.

Reverse. Similar to 2.

12. HALFPENNY—Similar.

13. PENNY—1852. Obverse, same as 2.

Reverse. The armorial bearings of Quebec, namely, the fort of Quebec, with a female seated at the base of the rack, pointing her left hand toward the river and holding a cornucopia in her right. A ship, a beehive, a beaver and an oval shield bearing a lion passant, are also seen. Quebec Bank Token above date and One Penny below.

14. HALFPENNY—Similar.

15. HALFPENNY—1816. Obverse, bust of Wellington within a circle surrounded by Halfpenny Token. 1816. Reverse, a ship under full sail, Montreal above.

16. HALFPENNY—1841. Obverse, Canada, 1841. Reverse, halfpenny in two lines.

17. HALFPENNY. No date. Obverse, Canada Halfpenny Token in four lines. Reverse, a ship in full sail, surrounded by For Public Accommodation.

The list contains no store cards or trade checks. It is also necessary to omit the famous bouquet tokens of Montreal, of which there are over forty varieties, and it would be impossible to treat on them here, without a good illustration of each one.

TWIN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Twin City Philatelic Society meets second Friday of each month at No. 535 Smithfield St., Pittsburg, Pa.

President—H. L. Porter, 413 Wood street, Pittsburg, Pa.

Vice President—Dr T L Hazzard, 56 Montgomery avenue, Allegheny Pa.

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Regular meeting of The Twin City Philatelic Society held Oct. 9, 1903.

In the absence of the President, M. E. Doebelin was elected President pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call showed eleven members present. It was resolved to present a bronze impression of the Society's Award Medal to the American Numismatic and Archeological Society of New York.

A general discussion took place, relative to plans for the Society's winter work, and for entertaining the 1904 Convention of the American Philatelic Association, and these two topics were made the special order of business at the November meeting.

The financial statement showed a balance on hand of \$194.93

After the usual informal auction sale the meeting adjourned.

GEO. W. RODE, Secretary.

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Brother Members:

Quite a few changes have taken place since last report which have been approved by your chairman of executive board, as follows. Bro. Stonecipher's resignation accepted and Bro. Bauer of St Louis appointed as acting secretary all communications should be addressed to him. The Executive Board, Jas. J. Corcoran of New York

City, Vice Bro. Dudley; Constitution and Laws, D W Millen, Springfield, Ill., D J Dowling, N Y, N Y, C L Turck and Jas J Corcoran.

Quite a little time has been consumed in getting things into running order but I am pleased to state that things are moving smoothly now.

The Constitution and Law committee are at work. The officers are writing other members securing their co-operation to secure new members and it is expected of each member to secure at least one applicant before the close of the year. The Exchange department under the guidance of Bro. L. E. Richardson, Putnam, Conn., is under full sway. All members will receive from the Secretary the latter part of the month application blanks, receipt cards and exchange numbers. At this writing we have 36 members, and the co-operation of all is necessary and requested. Fraternaly,

EDW. P. HENNESSY, Pres.



Miss M. Keller, President; R. W. Geaque, 96 Wall St., New York, Secy. Treas.

Dues: Domestic, 50c; Foreign 75c per year in advance.

Application blanks of Secretary
NEW MEMBERS

57 Mrs J B Oheim, Bx 31 Henrietta, Tex
58 A J Lins, 149 Wright St, Newark NJ
59 Chas Wainright, 6 Decatur Street Gloucester, Mass

60 Edgar M Seaman, Salina, Kan
61 Mrs M G Hutton, 113 W 4 Joplin, Mo
62 H J Frenck, PO dept Appleton, Wis
63 F J Groer, 10 Warecka, Warsaw, Poland, Russia

63 Miss Ellen Swanson, 1658 Broadway Kansas City, Mo

65 N S Sims San Rafeal Cal, 614 4th St
Regular new members get the WEST for 1 yr, 5 unused souvenir post cards, membership card and their name in the above ex. col. SPECIAL: Persons who are already subscribers to the WEST may join for 25c. These receive all the benefits except the WEST N-O-T-I-C-E! We give three unused souvenir postal cards to members who induce their friends to join. Remember, 3 cards for each membership of either kind. Send at once for blanks.

R W GEAQUE, Sec'y.

Postmarks of New York.

By J. W. Wheeler, 72 Comstock Ave., Providence, R. I.

Note: Corrections or additions welcomed. Cuts are half size. See illustrations in next number.

In an examination of several thousand letters mailed previous to the year 1800, the earliest stamped postmark is from Philadelphia, 1774. Although many of the offices, previous to this date, were in the habit of marking their envelopes by pen and ink, in all this great number of envelopes none were found bearing a written postmark from New York City.

The earliest New York postmark is shown by the letter on which it came to have been marked in 1791, and is shown in Fig. 1. This postmark was stamped at the left end of the envelope in black ink, while the postage (18½) was written in ink in the right hand corner. This manner of marking letters prevailed until after the arrival of postage stamps in 1847. During this time and even later no envelopes were used, but the letter was folded up, sealed and addressed on the back. In many cases the manner of sending the letter was written in the lower left corner, like SHIP LETTER, STEAMBOAT, BY THE RED RAVEN, etc. For years, owing to the high rates, letters were generally sent by some other means than the regular mail. Consequently a very large portion of the letters sent from New York had no postmark whatever.

N YORK FEB 24

The postmark shown in Fig. 1 was used until 1798. Meanwhile, another of the same style, but set in smaller

type, came into use and remained

N York Aug 24

until 1797. (Fig. 2.) These were the only dispatch marks used in New York that were set in straight lines, all the following being set in circles or ovals. This straight line variety, however, was common at this period, not only in this country, but in Europe, where it was in use several years after it had been discontinued in this country.

(To Be Continued.)



**NEBRASKA
PHILATELIC
SOCIETY**

*Nebraska's
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MONTHLY REPORT SALES DEPT

66 books in circ Sept 17 net	\$715.91
41 " rec'd since net value	228.42

107	\$944.33
55 retired last month	488.42

52 in circ Oct 21, net	\$455.94
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The sales amounted to over \$1000.00
All should fall in line and use the sales dept of the N P S. H. WENDT, Mgr. Sterling, Neb.

Philatelic Fiscal Society OF NEW YORK CITY.

Formerly the American Fiscal Philatelic Society.

Organized for the benefit of and in the interests of Collectors of the Fiscal Stamps of all Nations.

OFFICERS FOR 1904.

President—A. F. Lawrence, 221 South St. N. Y. City
1st Vice President—E. A. Wood.
2nd Vice President—W. W. Norton
Secretary—Raymond Wilcox, Room 226 N. Y. Produce Exchange Bldg., N. Y. City.
Treasurer—J. H. Peterson, 70 East 121 St. N. Y. City.
Exchange Superintendent—F. J. Schoof, 74 Bleeker St. Brooklyn, N. Y.
Librarian—William J. Salva, 733 Tremont Ave. N. Y. City
Auction Manager—A. Herbst, 106 East 111 St. N. Y. City
Trustees—T. O. Young, Chairman, New Haven, N. Y.; A. B. Kay, A. M. Trujillo, Dr. L. M. Homburger, E. A. Wood, J. C. Miller.
Official Journal—WEST, Superior, Nebraska.

Meetings are held regularly on the first Monday in each month (July and August excepted) 8 p. m. at No. 167 West 71st St., New York City.

The first annual Convention was held Friday, October 16th, 1903, at the collector's Club, 351 Fourth Ave., New York City at 8:45 P. M.

The following members were present: Messrs. A. E. Lawrence; Dr. L. M. Homburger; F. J. Schoof; Edw. Salmon; William J. Salva; Raymond Wilcox; F. P. Lothrop; H. Stein; and A. M. Trujillo.

Geo. R. Tuttle and Chas Huber were present as visitors.

President Lawrence was in the chair. Following is his address.

President's Address.

Fellow Members:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here this evening.

Of the progress of our Society during the first half of the season I can express but little satisfaction. The absolute neglect of his duties by our former secretary, and the difficulty of getting necessary information from him caused us no little trouble, many members have complained that after paying their dues, they have received

no membership card, and all so placed should notify the present secretary, and the cards will be sent them. There is also a small balance due the society by the former secretary, who pays no attention to requests sent him to remit. The exchange department has thus far amounted to almost nothing and this condition of affairs will, I trust, be very different in the future. I have never believed it wise that the office of Exchange Superintendent should be filled by a dealer, Naturally he cannot give it the requisite attention, and cannot take the time from his own business to devote to it. To make the department a success, the active co-operation of the members is absolutely essential, and this I trust will be the case hereafter. The department is to be run on a strictly Cash basis, and the stamps should not be placed ridiculously high, as I have sometimes noted to be the case. Send in your books of stamps, priced low, and we can guarantee good results. One trouble is that many of our members do not know the true market value of fiscal stamps and do not realize that catalogues of many countries are obtainable. I am assured that you should send for De la Courcelles catalogue, which includes French fiscals (but which however is by no means complete,) the low prices should be a revelation to many of you. A very important subject which will be presented to you tonight will be the question as to increasing the dues. As my friend Mr. J. W. Scott said to me a few days ago, that it was a great error to start the society with dues insufficient to much more than cover the postal expenses; it does not appear well and makes a society appear insignificant in the eyes of the world. We must have a larger income, as it is now we have no philatelic home, where the local members can meet and display or "swap" stamps, and no money to pay for such a room, and I am hoping that some good Samaritan may be found to help us out. Two of our members have kindly filled this role several times during the season, for which we are duly grateful, but we should have a meeting place of our own.

Members should do all in their power to get others interested in fiscals. Few collectors of postage stamps can realize

the fascination of accumulating them, or they would show far more interest than they do. Few reprints, no counterfeits (except those made to defraud the government) no issues made expressly to sell to collectors, generally very low in price; and above all to the true philatelist, lots and lots to learn, even about the older issues. Then again we have no speculators to bother us, and surely that is something to be proud of. I trust that at the next an-meeting, the then president will have a very different state of affairs to report in society matters, and that we will then have something to be jubilant over. Would that we could emulate the example of the Fiscal Society of London, who are doing so much to advance our branch of Philately. Unquestionably, the interest in collecting fiscals has increased wonderfully during the past year in our own country, and to a marvellous extent, in the Old World.

I thank you for your kind attention.
A. E. LAWRENCE,
President.

The report of the Credential Committee shows officers elected as above.

It was moved and carried that the dues be raised to \$1.00 per annum. Same to take effect January 1st, 1904. The present rate (25c) is not enough to meet the society expenses.

The following changes were made in the rules, same to take effect at once:

Rule 1. Name changed to "The Philatelic Fiscal Society of New York City."

Rule 6. To read "and six Trustees" instead of "and six other members of the Society." The words "The officers of the society shall hold office from Convention to Convention." be substituted for "The Committee shall serve from Jan. 1st following the General Meeting of the society in October, for one year."

Rule 7. Substitute "The Trustees are empowered" for "The Committee are empowered."

Rule 10. Section A to read "Meetings shall be held monthly (July and August excepted) on the first Monday of each month, 8 P. M., at No. 167 West 71st street, New York City." Section C word "Convention" instead of words

"General Meeting."

Rule 11. "Trustees" instead of "Committee."

Rule 12. "Convention instead of "General meeting."

Moved that the rules be adopted, and take effect at once. Carried.

Also moved that the name of the society be changed to "The Philatelic Fiscal Society of New York City." Carried.

The resignations of Henry A. Chapman and George W. Pepper were read and accepted.

Mr. Homburger offered his office as a meeting room, which was thankfully accepted. Meetings will be held as above stated.

Mr. R. W. Greaque, 96 Wall Street, New York City, was elected a member.

The treasurers report showed a balance of \$2.00 in the treasury. Same was turned over to the new treasurer.

Convention adjourned 11 P. M. "sine die."

Report of The Auction Manager.

As election is now on and my term of office draws to its close I will make a general report for the term.

Sales have not been regular nor large, but fairly successful. Of the lots offered probably three-fourths have been sold and the prices realized have seemed to give general satisfaction. Of the lots offered, South and Central American, West Indian and the smaller British colonies have elicited the most spirited bidding. U. S. and Canadian the least.

With best wishes for the future success and onward march of this department, I now turn over the office to my successor.

JOEL H. DU BOSE.

----- Librarians Report.

When I was elected Librarian, I wrote to my predecessor, Mr. Brown and in reply he advised me that he had nothing that belonged to the society as there was no library. During my term I sent a notice to be published in the official Journal in which I desired contributions of magazines, catalogues, etc., pertaining to fiscals, but did not receive any.

BENJ. H. DAYTON.

The new Librarian would like to re

ceive contributions for the Library.
Send anything pertaining to Fiscals to:
William J. Salva, Librarian,
733 Tremont Avenue,
New York City.

Full report of the Exchange Department in next number of the Official Journal.

New application blanks will be printed and distributed among the members.

When you want stamps, try our exchange department. If you haven't signed the rules, send for a copy to:

F. J. Schoof, Superintendent,
74 Bleecker Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Don't forget the next meeting of the Society, November 2nd, 1903.

Fiscal Collectors Attention!

To encourage and promote the collecting of Fiscal stamps of ALL countries, Mr. J. H. Peterson has made the following offer:

1000 VARS. FOREIGN FISCALS ABSOLUTE-FREE

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J. H. PETERSON,
70 E 121st St., N. Y. City.

Kansas City Philatelic Society

M. O. Canfield, President.
D. H. Phinney, Vice-President
W. P. Kelley, Secretary
D. G. Maurer, Treasurer
F. R. Hurst, Sales Supt.
E. J. Bescher, Purchasing Agent
Trustees, T. O. Cunningham, H. W. Broadbent
and Myron Loewen
Official Organ, The WEST

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

10th regular meeting held Friday evening October 30th, 1903 in Room 207 Bank of Commerce Bldg. Called to order by President Confield with following members present: Bescher, Maurer, Wynne, Loewen, Hunt and Kelley.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Applications of Philip Strange and Robert Rhone were posted.

Was decided to change time of meeting to Monday evening.

Next meeting election of officers for 1904.

Respectfully,
W. P. KELLY, Secretary.

Stamp Collectors Association.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS.

President—W. H. Barnum, 661 Rose Bldg. Cleveland, Ohio
Vice President—L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.
Secretary—S. E. Moisant, Kankakee, Illinois
Treasurer—W. A. Zuehlke, Appleton, Wisconsin
Official Organ—The WEST, Superior, Neb.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:

I am pleased to submit herewith my second monthly report as secretary of the association. We are making steady progress and are adding new members frequently.

APPLICATIONS.

40. R. D. Vroman, Box 22, Forbes Station, Pittsburg, Pa., Occupation, Bank Clerk, Age 21. Ref. S. E. Moisant, H B DeSelm

41. A Herbst, 106 E 111th St., New York City. Occupation Journalist, Age 26. Ref. W H Barnum, S E Moisant

42. Percy Stephenson, Sheridan, Montana. Age 45. References, S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.

43. J A Cook, Waterloo, Iowa, Ry. Clerk, Age 43. Ref. S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.

44. D T Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa, Stamp dealer, Age 48. Ref. S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

45. Sidney H Barnes, Marceline, Mo Age 26. Ref. S E Moisant, H B De Selm

46. Howard C Beck, City Controller's office, Detroit, Mich. Deputy City Controller, age 35. Ref. S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

47. Eily Marks, 526 Euclid Ave, Toronto, Ont., Can. Stamp dealer, age 25. Ref. S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

48. F B Sterling, 941 Edgewood Ave Trenton, N J Bookkeeper, age 53. Ref. S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

49. Wm F Schad, Box 815, Elreno, Oklahoma, Manager, age 33 Ref H B DeSelm

50. Rev R Stollenwork, Liebenthal, Kans. Catholic Priest, age 31, Ref. S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

51. Lieut Colonel Ernest F Wustle, Quebec, P Q, Canada. accountant, auditor, etc. Age 43 Ref. S E Moisant H B DeSelm

52. Reginald Robinson, P O box 164, St Beneface, Man. Canada, Newspaper reporter. age 27, ref S E Moisant, H B

DeSelm

53. Marcus Tausig, 20 East 111th St. New York City, N Y. Compositor. age 41. Ref. S E Moisant, H B DeSelm

54. W A Sangdon. 127 Ontario St Cleveland, O. Retired age 59. ref. W H Barnum, S E Moisant

55. G C Cuenod, P O Box 273, Galveston, Texas. Accountant. Ref. S E Moisant and H B DeSelms

56. Herbert;Bovens, room 83 Moffat Bldg. Detroit, Mich. Lawyer. age 59 S E Moisant, H B DeSelms

ORGANIZATION MEETING

Stamp Collectors' Association.

At the final session of the convention of the Philatelic Sons of America held August 20th at the room of the Chicago Philatelic Society, 92 La Salle street, the question of organizing a new society was discussed informally; and when a resolution was passed dissolving the corporate body, the sentiment of the delegates and others crystallized in a call for meeting.

J. J. Oesch was elected chairman and C. E. Severn secretary of the organization meeting. A discussion was participated in generally by those present as to what distinctive features the society would embody and what specific purposes it would serve. It was carried that the idea of juniority would be paramount and that officers would be not over thirty years of age. Members must reside in the United States or possessions.

The charter roll was signed by the following who were awarded their membership numbers by lot:

1. J J Oesch,
2. L T Brodstone,
3. T R Crosby.
4. W H Zuehlke,
5. W F Kelley
6. W O Staab
7. M H Hancock
8. S E Moisant
9. F N Massoth
10. L Michael
11. F J Lefever
12. C E Severn
13. P M Wolsieffer..

It was carried on motion of Mr. Zuehlke that all those joining before November 31st be considered charter members.

The annual dues were placed at a sum not less than fifty cents; and later

when the proposition submitted by L. T. Brodstone on behalf of the Philatelic WEST whereby that publication would serve as official journal at a charge of one cent a month for each member, was accepted unanimously, the dues were fixed at fifty cents a year.

Nominations for officers for the first fiscal year were made and upon ballot, the following official board was selected: President, W. A. Barnum, Cleveland, Ohio; Vice President, L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb; Secretary, S. E. Moisant, Kankakee, Ill.; Treasurer, W. H. Zuehlke, Appleton, Wis.

Ballots having been taken with a view to a choice of name from the dozen proposed, without result of decisive nature, a committee consisting of Messrs. Zuehlke, Wolsieffer and Severn was appointed to select a name; and later, it reported that "Stamp Collectors. Association" had been decided upon.

The convention seat for 1904 was chosen, Pittsburgh being named; the president was authorized to assign the date of the convention in due course of time.

A committee on Constitution and Bylaws was appointed, by the president pro tem, consisting of Messrs. Massoth, Wolsieffer and Severn, with instructions to report so soon as possible.

After remarks by different members predicting a career of usefulness for the new organization, the session adjourned at 4 P. X.

C. E. SEVERN.
Acting Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of
the Stamp Collectors Association.

In addressing you for the first time in the capacity of president it may be well for me to outline, briefly, the purposes for which this Association was conceived.

Organized primarily as an association for the young collector, it was decided to reverse the usual order, and instead of barring the younger members from serving in official positions, to rather allow them to carry the entire responsibility and to that end it was decided that members only under the age of thirty years should be eligible to hold office.

In this way only, it was felt, would

continue along the lines intended by its originators as an organization for and of young collectors and in no wise a competitor of our national association The American Philatelic Association.

Therefore, it will be seen that, while we shall appreciate the affiliation with us, and support of, the older and more advanced collectors, and while we feel that they can be benefitted by joining with us as well, we shall expect to receive and retain more particularly the active co-operation of the younger and less advanced collectors. Failing in this, the Stamp Collectors' Association will have failed in its mission and the efforts of its founders will have been to no avail.

While all the departments are not as yet in running order, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Henry C. Crowell, of Cleveland, O., to the office of Sales Superintendent. Mr. Crowell already has a number of books on hand ready for circulation and it now remains for the members to patronize this department to make it a success. Mr. Crowell speaks for himself on the matter elsewhere.

Various other departments will be inaugurated within the next few weeks, mention of which will be made in my next report. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, composed of Messrs F. N. Massoth, C. E. Severn and P. M. Wolseiffer, will complete their work in a short time and the association will then be on a permanent basis.

Let it be borne in mind by every middle class collector that the benefits secured through joining the Stamp Collectors' Association will be of great magnitude compared with the smallness of the yearly assessment and that by joining he is not only something of benefit to himself but, indirectly, by giving his support, aiding the association to increase its usefulness.

Fraternally,

W. H. BARNUM,
President.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 19th 1903.

On behalf of the S. C. A. having this day been honored with the appointment of Sales Superintendent of this Association I take this means of stating that the department is in running order, and that exchange books may be purchased at the rate of three for five cents. There will be no arbitrary restrictions beyond the fact that badly damaged or counterfeit stamps will be returned immediately to the owners. One per cent of the total amount of sales will be charged for expenses and so forth, and in the matter of circulation, books are not to be issued for longer than four months. If each and every one will send in at least one book, and if they would request me to send them others there is no reason why we should not have a most active society. We have in Cleveland a local society to whom it will give me pleasure to exhibit the books that may be sent in, and this will be a decided advantage to members in selling stamps. Trusting that I may have a hearty response to this notice, I am,

Very fraternally yours,
H. C. CROWELL.

October 19, 1903.

To the officers and members of the
Stamp Collectors Association,

I beg herewith to submit my report as treasurer of the association:—
Receipts.

For dues from 39 members @ 50c \$19.50
Disbursements.

For printing application blanks	2.75
For printing letter heads and env	6.00
“ postage for secretary.....	2.69
“ blank book for secretary...	.25
“ amount paid official organ.	.31
Total disbursements.....	12.00
Balance on hand.....	7.50

Wm. H. ZUEHLKE,
Treasurer.



Camera News



Editor, F. J. CLVIE, San Francisco

Mounting and Trimming

Harry F. Miller, Chicago, Illinois.

TRIMMING and mounting is not a part of the work that can be rushed through in a hurry. The prints should be well washed and allowed to dry; drying flat or flattened by being stroked on the back with a smooth-edged ruler. An evening set aside for the work, the first thing that should occupy the attention, is a careful determination of just what portion should be allowed to grace the mount, and what portion sacrificed. It is an undeniable fact that hardly one print in twenty but what will be improved by at least some trimming away of undesirable or unnecessary portions. It is this capability of judging just what is desirable that marks the good photographer. The knowledge can only be acquired by study and practice. A good way to assist oneself is to cut two cardboard triangles of such a size as that used as a frame, the two will enclose the largest print one generally makes. These placed so that only the margin of the print are covered and then shifted about and brought closer together, so that the proportions of the print are changed, will permit one to determine quite readily just what shape and size the individual print under any consideration will be the most pleasing. This point settled, it is well to mark the corners close up to the cardboard angles

with a pencil to facilitate trimming when this part of the work is reached. It is well to see that the horizon of any perpendicular line, such as the side of a building or telegraph pole, be parallel to the bottom or side of the print as the case may be.

The prints are best trimmed dry, using an old negative for the purpose. The gelatin film prevents the paper slipping as well as minimizes the dulling of the knife. A sheet of zinc answers the purpose admirably as a surface upon which to use the knife, but better than either is a sheet of aluminum. This latter metal does not leave the same ragged furrow when scored by the knife as is the case with zinc. A straight edge and a good knife are of course, a part of the equipment. It is an economical practice, both as to time, patience and prints, to keep an oil stone close at hand on which to give the knife a rub as frequently as necessary; in fact it is better to do it a little oftener than to await the damage to a print, that a dull knife will sooner or later cause.

Trimming completed, the prints are placed in a basin of water, laying each one down separately and allowing it to become covered before the next one is added so that there will be no dry spots due to air being confined between them. Well saturated with water they are removed singly and placed upon a sheet of glass held in the hand, placing the largest one at the bottom and each suc-

ceeding one on top, taking care to see that each print crosses the other just below so that the four corners are easily accessible when one comes to pick them up for mounting.

The entire batch being placed on the glass, the pile is allowed to drain for a few moments, assisting the operation by pressure with the hand. This done, a towel folded and used as a blotter will remove still more and prepare the prints for the reception of a mountant. It is understood of course, that all were placed face down on the glass.

The mounts selected, being at hand, and is made necessary by the selective trimmings that I have advised, that the plain mount must be used, with a good quality of paste at hand and a brush that is not too soft, one may proceed to mount the prints. Using but the smallest amount of paste, it is well rubbed into the back of the first or uppermost print on the pile. Carefully lifting it by the two upper corners, it is a simple matter to turn it and carefully lower it into the desired position. It is best to allow, at first, only the middle of the print to really come in contact with the mount, for the reason that should it not be perfectly square on the card, it can be shifted a little without soiling any portion of the mount to remain uncovered after the right position has been secured. A clean sheet of paper placed over the print and a few strokes of a good squeegee finishes the job.

The prints are then placed to dry, fastened in such a position that they curl slightly backwards, My own practice is to supply a board with a number of wooded cleats so spaced that the mount used will just spring into place between a pair of the cleats. When dry, a little spotting is required and our work is done. More, it is well done if care alone be exercised. There is no demand for haste, for any great experience or for any of the many fancy accessories we are advised to buy.



Answers

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

C. McK.: Sensitive Paper for an Actinometer. — A correspondent in Ohio is either working on an exposure meter of his own invention or else he is trying to make one after the directions that have been published lately. He has found that "solio" leaves something to be desired and wishes to know how the bromide paper is prepared that is used in the regular form on the market. Any way, he came to the right shop. I made several forms of actinometers a few years ago: made them experimentally. Nitrate of potash is used but potassium metabisulphite is better. Make a saturated solution of the salt and immerse the strips of smooth tan bromide paper in it for about three minutes. Use a glass or porcelain tray, working, of course, in the dark room. The excess of solution should be blotted off and the strips hung up in the dark to dry. The finished paper should be kept in a calcium containing tube.

H. E. H.: Plate-Marking Crayon Paper.—The mount you describe can be made as follows: Slightly dampen a sheet of crayon or drawing paper of the desired size, place it on a thick felt "blanket," such as is used by copper-plate printers, and place on it a piece of zinc of the desired size and shape. Cover this with a large piece of hard card board and screw up as tightly as possible in a copying press. Leave under pressure for a few minutes, and then place the paper away to dry slowly.



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Sec'y, Fayette J. Clute, - San Francisco, Cal.

Yearly dues, including exchange notice and subscription to the monthly journal, "The International Photographic Exchange," 25 cents. All who subscribe for, or renew their subscription to the WEST, by sending 50c to Secretary Fayette J. Clute, Marye Terrace, San Francisco, Cal. will be allowed an exchange notice, and full membership in the I. P. E., and receive both publications for one year. Unless the above rule is complied with and subscriptions sent to the secretary, membership cannot be obtained without payment of regular dues.

New Members.

Note.—W. W. P. E. and I. P. E. members are cautioned not to write these new members with out first consulting the regular "Exchange Notices" accompanying their names in the current issue of the "PHOTOGRAPHIC EXCHANGE" as many of them desire only a certain class of prints, lantern slides or stereoptic pictures, and will not honor requests in which such notices have been ignored.

470—H. D. Schenemau, 1762 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill.

471—Frank Ingram, Box 55, Cleves, Ohio.

472—Wm. A. Steele, 4722 Warrington Ave., Philadelphia, Penn.

473—W. G. Mandenville, Lowville, New York.

474—H. C. Freshman, 48 Amilia St. Toronto, Canada.

475—John R. Smith, Box 223, Provincetown, Mass.

476—A. F. Putman, Lock Box 27, Station F., Cleveland, Ohio.

477—E. A. White, Hardwick, Vt.

478—Vernon Roberts, Selma, Cal.

479—Bruce E. Ingersol, Box 726, Manila, P. I.

480.—Fred F. Johnson, Box 121, Newport, Wash.

481—Clayton Lyttle, Monongahela, Penn.

482—Louis Fox, Talmage, Cal.

483—F. E. Severance, Talmage, Cal.
484—Thos. Mothersole, Talmage, Cal.

485—W. E. Brokaw (Address Later.)
486—Jas. B. Waltrip, Talmage, Cal.
487—Frances Deering, Talmage, Cal.
488—H. S. Shain, "Hall Lodge," Wrights, Cal.

489—J. G. Grant M, D., Abron Sav. Bank Bldg., Arkon, Ohio.

490—F. E. Lane, Jamestown, Kans.

Focusing in Dark Interiors.

The following rule, if remembered, will prove of great assistance. Suppose *a*, the distance of the nearest point, and *z*, the distance of the most distant object that it is desired to get in focus. The question is, at what point immediate between *a* and *z* must we focus for, so that the *a* and *z* points may be equally sharp. The rule runs thus: Multiply *a* by *z*, double this result, and divide it by *a* added to *z*, or the formula, $2az / a + z$, tells us the same thing. For example, suppose the nearest object to be 30 feet away from the lens and the most distant object be 70 feet: now multiply 30 by 70 (2,100), double this (4,200), and divide by the sum of 70 and 30 (100). Answer, 42 feet. Focus now on some well lighted object at 42 feet from the lens, and insert first one and then another stop, until you arrive at one just small enough to give both the nearest and most distant points as sharply as may be desired.

Filtering is a tedious process, and when many solutions have to be cleared at the same time the supply of funnels may run short. Roll a piece of note-paper into a cone and paste edges together. Then soak in celluloid varnish, and a waterproof funnel is made.

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Focusing.

Let us suppose we are dealing with an architectural interior. We shall probably be using a wide-angle lens which requires the use of small stops so as to cover the plate fairly well to the edges, and consequently when we begin inserting still smaller stops it becomes difficult to see anything at all on the ground glass. In such a case it is considerable help to know what intermediate point to focus for so as to get the nearest and most distant objects equally sharp. The following very simple and easily remembered rule will be found useful: Let N be the distance of the nearest and D the distance of the most distant point, then the points to focus for is ———, or, in words, multiply N (the nearest), by D (distant), double this, and divide by N, added to D. To take an example. Suppose the nearest object to be a pulpit, 20 feet, and most distant object an arch, 80 feet away.

Multiplying 20 by 80 we get 1,600, double this is 3,200. Now divide this by 80, added to 20, i. e., 100, and we get 32 as our result. So that what we may now do is to set up some

easily seen object, e. g., a book with large print, etc., at 32 feet distance from the camera, and focus for this object with the largest stop. Then insert the smaller stop and you may rest assured that the pulpit and pillar will be equally sharp. Neither of them may be as sharp as one desires, because a sufficiently small stop may not be practicable under the circumstances but they will be equally sharp.

As the ear can be trained to enjoy and appreciate classical music, its owner not being able to play a note, so can the eye of one unable to handle brush or pencil be trained to see the beauty of a picture in its fullest artistic sense.

Not all of us have the opportunity to study art in a well-equipped art school, that would give us the knowledge of composition, light and shade that are so essential in making truly artistic pictures. This knowledge of what is good or bad in a picture can be cultivated by studying good pictures, paintings, photographs, etc.

Never have more than one point of interest in your picture. If you have more than one, you have a picture that is unsatisfactory even to an uneducated eye, which will not know why one picture is better than another, but will invariably select the picture complying with the rules of art and composition, without knowing anything about rules, simply because such a picture is agreeable and comfortable to the eye.

When intensifying with bichloride of mercury do not put plate in diluted ammonia after bleaching, as is usually done, but hold it film side down, over a dish with concentrated liquid ammonia. The plate is blackened almost as quickly by the fumes as by the bath and I find that in this way the grain does not become as coarse as in the bath.—Theodore Bartel.

Toning *Aristo* Papers

The Northwestern Demonstrator

WE NOT only use borax, but go so far as to say that only in very exceptional cases, if ever, can good tones be produced without an alkaline gold bath. This is a vital question. And as nearly one-half of the photographers do as you do and get good (?) tones, in their own estimation, in an acid bath we will give reasons why it is not right. The Aristo people do not put too much stress on borax. Yet, the question arises why they do not put a good article on the market, for they advertise that perfect tones can be produced only with "Aristo Chemicals." And too, they have had much to say recently as to what they have done for the photographer.

There are three reasons why the borax question may have recently become so prominent. First, the paper may be different. This is improbable, as not long ago, the Aristo people assured me that the identical same formula and methods are now used as when the bird was hatched. Second, the blacksmith was the principal borax consumer, and for their work only good clean crystals will do. Now it is a common household article. And with the increase of trade "powdered borax" substitutes and adulterations are common. You will more often get a better article from your blacksmith than from your druggist. If when you dissolve it in boiling water and let it cool, there be anything besides clear crystals, don't use it. You will find the C. P. borax put up in original packages at forty cents a pound, the cheapest in the end. Third, photographers were making their own paper when the factory article was first used. They had considerable knowledge of

paper chemistry, consequently they had no trouble in using the new product. Now a large per cent are new recruits, knowing nothing beyond the printed instructions, so they innocently make mistakes.

Kilbourn says the alkali is used as a restrainer. Wilson calls it an accelerator. We say it is neither. If any one believes the following to be untrue, the Demonstrator is at their service to explain the truth. Did you ever notice that a solution of gold chloride will keep indefinitely when acid, but if it be alkaliine the gold soon forms a purple deposit on the bottle? Silver is similarly affected. Now let us take a well washed print and put it in an acid gold bath. In washing all the acid is removed, leaving the proof neutral, unless the water be alkaline in which event we have an alkaline silver print in an acid gold bath. The gold being acid is reluctant to leave the solution. While the silver is taking up the gold the acid gold is also carrying silver, bleaching the print. Gold, being a good general, attacks the print where it is the weakest, as a result the high lights "cut out."

Now if we add an alkali, the gold more readily leaves the solution. A point may be reached when the gold can no longer take up the silver. The print stops bleaching. Yet the gold attacks the high lights as before and being kept a prisoner there, these tone much faster than the shadows. More alkali should be added until the metals unite equally in all parts of the print. Were the solution made alkaline enough, the gold would stampede, fleeing to anything more acid for protection, sometimes resulting in "muddy" tones. But if the silver be very alkaline too the gold is more liable to deposit on the tray than on the print. The more alkaline the wash waters, the more alkaline will be required in toning. Sometimes it is advisable to acidify or neutralize the prints after washing and before toning.

You can tone in an acid gold bath, but you will save gold and platinum, and get better tones, with more detail and better and more permanent prints by having the bath slightly more alkaline than prints.



This month we clip one of the many good things in the way of practical helps from that lively little publication, The Northwestern Demonstrator. Write H. A. Mark, Alliance, Nebraska, for a sample copy and see what he is doing for the photographers, particularly the isolated worker, throughout the great west.

I recently tried a sample of Photox developing paper and felt so flattered with the results that I sent the manufacturers some of the prints. What do these individuals do but write me a very nice letter, saying that the results are not at all unusual. In proof of this, they sent me a letter and two prints, received the same morning, from an amateur in Illinois. The gentleman in Illinois never used developing gas light papers until he bought this first dozen Photox. In fact he has only had a camera since last Spring and his prints are every bit as good as my own, at least as far as the work is concerned. I am not going to swell up any more when I make some fine prints. The photographer who does not give this fine paper a trial, is cheating himself out of a good thing.

I have just seen some negatives that were developed by the tank method that are certainly perfection. The new formula issued by the Cramer people for the tank development of their plates was used. I do not know how it would work on any other brand of plates, but who wants another brand, when the Cramer can be obtained? The formula is as follows:

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Dissolve the chemicals in the given rotation.

To preserve the Stock Solution, we recommend filling same into small bottles of the exact size, to hold just enough for making the diluted solution for the tank.

The bottles should be quite full and tightly corked.

FOR USE

The developer should be used fresh, and its temperature kept between 60 and 65 Fahrenheit, until development is completed.

Immediately upon immersing a plate in the Tank Solution, move the plate up and down with a quick motion, to prevent streaks and air-bells.

Use a camel-hair brush before putting plates in holder and again before developing. You will be surprised to see how little spotting the negatives will require.

The hyposulphite of soda solution should not be allowed to fall upon the floor as the plate is taken from the fixing bath, because, as it dries, the soda will rise in a fine dust, causing pin holes in your negatives.

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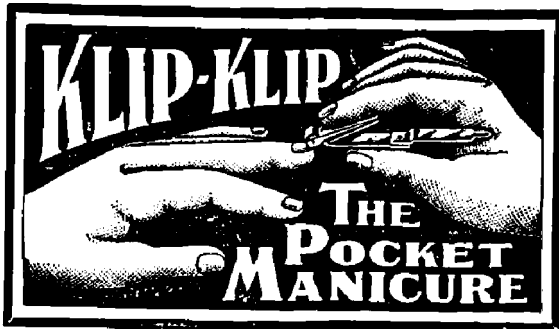
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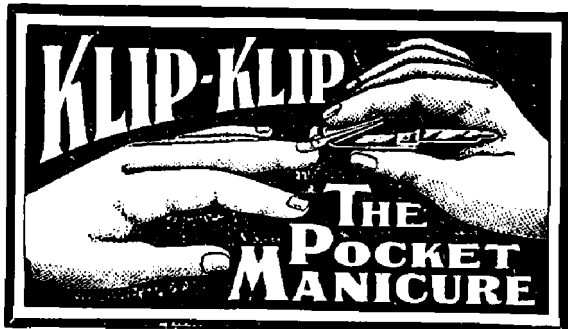
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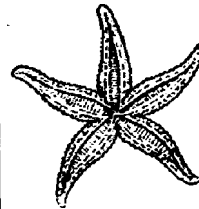
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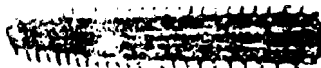
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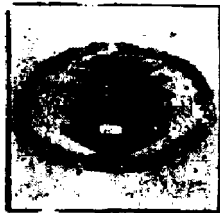
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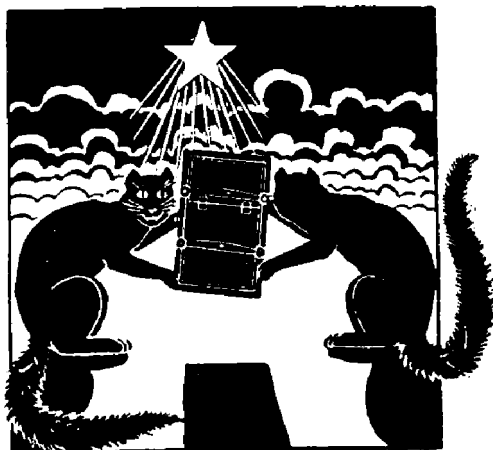
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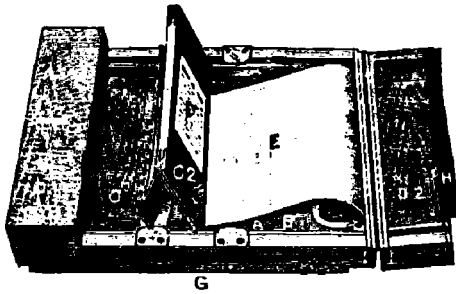
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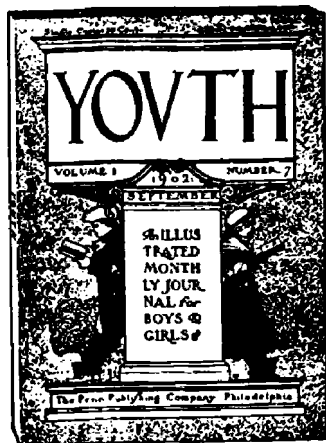
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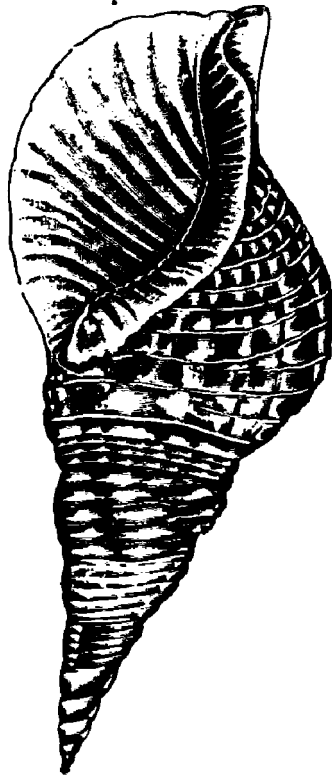
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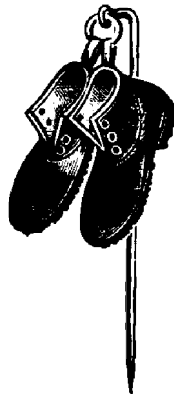
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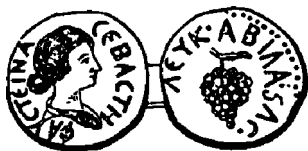
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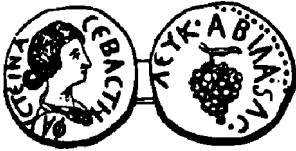
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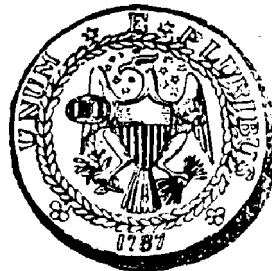
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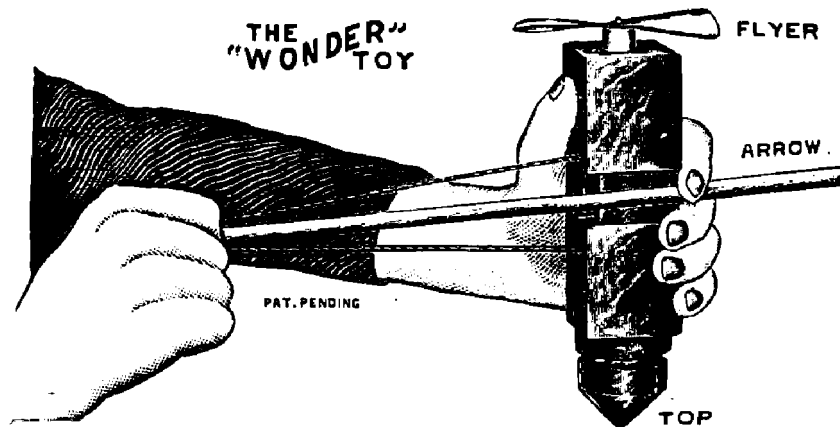
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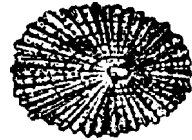
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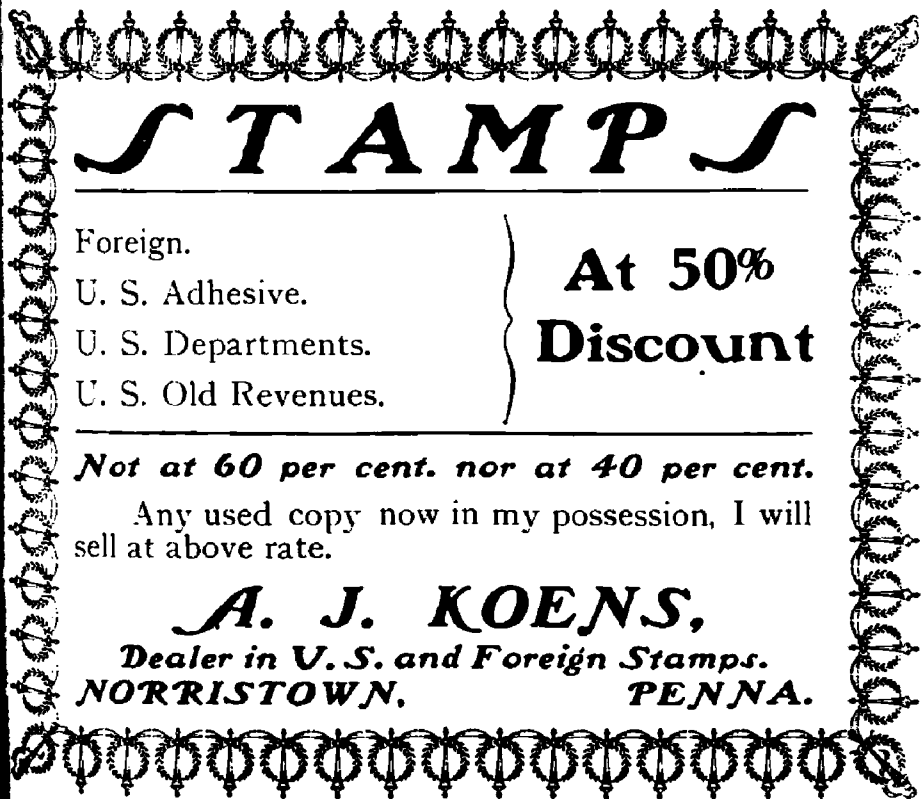
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10 " 3c " " "	
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42.	20c Inland Ex uncut.....	5
43.	25c Insurance.....	25
44.	25c Power of Attorney.....	25
45.	50c Conveyance.....	50
46.	50c Conveyance ultramarine....	5
47.	50c Entry of Goods.....	50
48.	50c Mortgage.....	25
49.	50c Surety Bond.....	25
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40c " " " " "	60c.....	24c
60c " " " " "	75c.....	32c
70c " " " " "	65c.....	26c

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Unused	
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Newfd, 1890 3c slate, cat 15c	6c
" 1897 3c Jubilee	5c
Hawaii 1893 5c black blue, fine except not centered	20c

Hawaii 1893, 5c black blue, fine....	25c
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" " 1c blue, fine.....	12c
" " 1c green, fine.....	3c
" " 2c rose.....	8c

Dominican Rep., 1901, 5c brown and violet	6c
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Greece 1901, 1 1 to 20 1, set of 6....	5c
Venezuela, 1896 map stamps, set of 5.....	20c
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Hungary 1900, 1kr, 2kr, 3kr, and 5kr, cat 99c	40c
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1c Proprietary.....	02	50c Life Insurance, blue.....	03
1c Telegraph.....	07	50c Mortgage, blue.....	02
2c Certificate, blue.....	15	50c Original Process, blue.....	01
2c ".....	18	50c Passage ticket, blue.....	10
1c Express, blue.....	03	50c Probate of Will, blue.....	30
2c " orange.....	03	50c Surety Bond, blue.....	05
2c Playing Cards, blue.....	10	60c Inland Exchange, orange....	08
2c " orange.....	20	70c Foreign " green.....	05
2c Proprietary, blue.....	03	\$1 Conveyance, red.....	08
2c " orange.....	60	1 Entry of Goods, red.....	05
2c U. S. I. R.....	01	1 Foreign Exchange, red.....	01
3c Foreign Exchange, green....	03	1 Inland, ".....	01
3c Playing Cards.....	2 50	1 Lease, red.....	05
3c Proprietary.....	07	1 Life insurance, red, cat 15....	05
3c Telegraph, green.....	10	1 Manifest " " 60.....	25
4c Inland Exchange, brown.....	03	1 Mortgage " " 3.00....	1.00
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4c Proprietary, violet.....	08	1 Power of attorney, red.....	04
5c Agreement, red.....	02	1 Probate of Will.....	45
5c Express.....	02	1.30 Foreign Exchange, orange..	30
5c Foreign Exchange.....	02	1.50 Inland " blue.....	08
5c Playing Card, red.....	30	1.60 Foreign " green....	90
5c Proprietary, red.....	30	1.90 " " violet.....	45
6c Inland Exchange, orange....	09	2 Conveyance, red.....	05
10c Bill of Lading, blue.....	03	2 Mortgage ".....	08
10c Certificate, blue.....	01	2 Probate of Will, red.....	40
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10c Inland ".....	01	3 Manifest.....	10
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45	2p orange	.60	.35	
51	1p lilac	.04	.03	
52	2p rose	.03	.02	
53	3p brown	1.50	1.00	
54	4p claret	2.00	1.25	
55	6p blue	.25	.15	
56	1sh green	1.00	.40	
63	3p yellow	.04	.02	15
64	4p green	.04	.02	15
65	6p brown	.04	.02	15
66	8p blue	.25	.15	
67	1sh brown	.04	.03	
68	2 1/2 p blue	.05	.03	25
69	5p gray	.10	.06	
70	1/2 lilac	.02	.01	08
71	1p brown & blue	02	.01	05
71	1p " unused	06	.04	
72	2p brown red	.03	.01	05
72	2p " unused	10	.06	
73	2 1/2 p blue	"	15	.10
74	2 1/2 p " "	"	12	.10
74	2 1/2 p " used	.10	.08	
75	3p brown	.15	.08	70
75	3p " unused	.25	.15	
76	5p rose	.12	.08	
76	4p rose	"	.25	.18
77	5p brown	.35	.18	
78	6p green	.15	.10	
79	8p blue	.60	.40	
80	9p violet	.75	.40	
80	9p " "	1.00	.60	
81	1sh red	.60	.35	
84	1/2 p green	.02	.01	05
84	1/2 p " "	.03	.02	
85	1p red	.02	.01	
85	1p " "	.05	.03	
86	2p violet		.04	
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94	8p blue		.15	
95	9p red unused	.35	.25	
96	1sh red		.10	
99	1p " "	.06	.02	15
99	1p red " "	.06	.02	
100	1p red	.02	.01	05
101	1 1/2 p brown	.06	.04	
102	1/2 p green unused	03	.02	
103	1p red	"	.04	.03
104	1/2 green	"	.03	.02
105	1p red	"	.04	.03
208	1p lilac red canceled		.03	
217	1sh " "	"	.06	
252	2sh " "	"	.02	
252	1sh partially used	06	.04	
253	2sh bp " "	"	35	.20
254	3sh rev. cancelled		.06	
331	1p green		.04	.02
332	2p green		.06	.03
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354	1/2 p rose		.01	.01
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401	1/2 black		.04	.02
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52	2sh blue rev. cancelled	.25			106	5p brown	.10	.06	
57	1p red	.08	.04		107	½ green	.10	.05	
57a	1p red	.15	.10		108	½ green	.50	.20	
58	2p blue	.10	.04		109	1p orange	.03	.02	.12
58c	2p blue	.06	.03	.25	110	1p red	.02	.01	.06
59	4p orange	.60	.40		109	1p unused	.10	.06	
66	1p rose	.08	.04	.30	113	2½p rose	.12	.06	
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81	2p blue	.02	.01	.05	245	1p "	"	.02	.15
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 " 26 5 " " Japan
 " 172 7 " " Persia
 " 48 4 " " Philippines
 Shanghai

Africa

Packet No 113 7 Stamps from Cape Gd Hope
 " 168 8 " " Egypt
 " 148 2 " " Liberia
 " 95 5 " " Mauritius
 " 182 4 " " Ponta Delgada
 " 170 5 " " Tunis
 " 99 5 " " Transvaal

West Indies

packet No 137. 5 Stamps from Barbadoes
 " 138 3 " " Barbadoes
 " 176 3 " " [not in packet 137
 " 15 11 " " Bermuda
 " 93 4 " " Cuba
 " 7 4 " " Hayti
 " 24 8 " " domin. Rep
 " 140 3 " " Jamaica
 " 126 5 " " Leeward Is
 " 27 12 " " Martinique
 " 142 5 " " Porto Rico
 " 196 " " Trinidad

North America

packet No 127 32 United States Postage
 " 128 9 " " not in
 " 129 7 " " (packet 127
 " 130 7 " " not in
 " " " (packets 127 and 128
 " " " not in
 " " " (not in packets 127 and 128 inc
 " " " U S Postage. not in packets
 " " " (127 to 130 inc
 " 132 15 Stamps from Canada
 " 23 10 " " Mexico
 " 147 2 " " new Brunswick
 " 134 4 " " Newfoundland
 " 100 18 U S revenue
 " 101 9 U S rev not in packet 100
 " 102 7 U S rev not in pkt 100 or 101
 " 103 5 " " not in pkt 100 to 102 inc
 " 104 4 " " 100 to 103 inc
 " 105 4 U S rev not in pkt 100 to 104 inc

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" "	7305	.02
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" "	587 unused	1.00	.40
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" "	299212	.05

ANGOLA.				
"	No. 320	.09
"	" 1105	.05
"	" 1215	.06
"	" 1375	.32

CUBA.				
"	" 215	.05
"	" 315	.05

CANADA.				
"	No. 4725	.11

DUTCH INDIES.				
"	" No. 31	.....	.05	.02

GUATEMELA.

	No. 61	.04	.01
	No. 116	.04	.01
	No. 117	.05	.02
	No. 118	.08	.03
	ITALY.		
	No. 64	.35	.13
	New Zealand.		
	No. 76	.12	.04
	No. 99	.06	.02



Tasmania.				
	No. 8806	.02

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	No. 121-1894, 2c rose	.04	.01	
	" 125-1894 2c verm	.05	.02	
	" 54 1882 violet and black	.05	.01	

Venezuela.				
	No 47 1880 5c blue	.06	.01	
	No 49 1880 10c scarlet	.20	.06	
	No 50 1880 25c yellow	.25	.06	
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50c Original Process	
50c Passage Ticket	
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1.50 Inland Exchange	
2.00 Mortgage	
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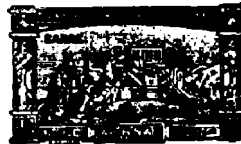
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Br. Guiana 2 on 15c unused No 154...05	
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Bulgaria unpaid No 155-156 used	10
Chili 1 peso used.....	10
" 30c orange No 40 used	06
Columbian Rep, 10 var	10
Antioquia No 137-138-139, unused	
cat 58c.....	15
Panama No 22, 10 on 20 unused.....	18
Costa Rica 1892 set complete unused	1.00
Columbian Rep, No 263-271 unused..	12
Dutch Indies 10 to 50, No 31 to 36 used	14
" " 2gl 50c used	40
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Greece, 2 dr bronze used 1901 issue	12
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Hayti 1890 2c on 3c blue used	06
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252 2c carmine III.	.20	.08
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No.	Scott's price	My price
31	.30	.10
35	.72	.35
36	2.00	1.00
42	.15	.06
49	2.50	1.35
63	.06	.03
68	.15	.07
70	1.00	.40
71	.50	.30
72	.06	.02
76	.50	.30
113 on original cover		.06
145	.15	.07
160	.65	.30
220c cap on left 2		.02
220a " " both 2		.03
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1305	.05	.02
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1314	.05	.02
1330	.10	.04
1332	.10	.04
1348	.20	.08
1350	.05	.03
1352	.05	.03
1396	.10	.05
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89	.06	.03
81	.06	.03
77	.10	.04
88	.04	.03
102	.05	.03
98	.02	.01
86	.04	.02
87	.05	.03
76	.06	.03
97	.03	.02
99	.02	.01

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Unused Full Gum.

62	.08	.04
44	.04	.02
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81	.03	.02
81	.03	.02
83	.03	.02



50	.03	.01
51	.05	.03
57	.10	.04
59	.08	.04
40	.10	.05
42	.10	.05

CANADA

Unused full gum

No.	Cat.	My price
82	.05	.03
83	.05	.03
84	.05	.03
88	.10	.09
81	.15	.12
68	.05	.03
73	.08	.06
75	.02	.01

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39	all shades	.05
46		.07

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Set of 10, o. g. Cat. 32—12.

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Nos. 37½ and 65 '03

HAYTI

Set of 6, unused, cat. 39—15.

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New Zealand	no 111 2½ blue..07
	107 ½c green.....	01
Antigua	no. 13 cat 08.....	05
	no. 18 cat 18.....	10
	no. 19 cat. 25.....	15

Sarawak no. 37 and 47.....03
 Virgin Is. no. 19.....07
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 tell's Catalogue.

Catalogue Price My Price

1879 issue	no. 532.....4012
1894 issue	no. 1241.....2008
1893 issue	no. 1168.....10	....04
War Dept.	no. 2325.....10	....04
P. O. Dept.	no. 2061.....50	....20
1c dk. blue	no. 1187.....25	....08
1899 issue	2c die A, ....10	....04
4c dk red	no 991 .....10	....05
1c Lt blue on orange	no	
	476 .....08	....03
2c red on blue,	no. 655..30	....10
2c Ver. Die 6,	no. 494..50	....20
2c Ver. on blue,	no 632..35	....12
Letter sheets.....		04

Mexico Unused— Mint Condition.

No.	Scott's Cat.	My price
294	1c green	....05
295	2c red.....	04
296	5c dk. blue.....	06
299	15c lav. and claret 1512
300	50c rose and blue 2010
306	4c carmine.....	04
307	5c orange....	05

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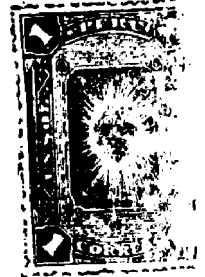
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1861	1 .05	olive, yellow very fine	12.50 1
1861	3 .12	black, very fine	.50 1
1867	4 .12	black 11-13 very fine	.50 1
1867	5 .12	black 9-13 very fine	2.00 1
1867	6 .15	black, 9-13, very fine	1.00 1
1869	7 .12	green, very fine	.60 1
1871	8 .24	purple, good	1.50 1
1871	9 .30	black, very fine	.40 1
1873	10 .7c	strip of three, very fine	1.85 3
1873	11 .12	very fine	.50 1
1873	12 .30	black, very fine	.50 1
1879	13 .15*	No. 189a, very fine	2.00 1
1890	14 .90	very fine	.50 1
1890	15 .90	very fine pair	1.00 2
1890	16 .90	strip of three very fine	1.50 3
1895	17 1.00	black, very fine	.50 2
1895	18 1.00	black, very fine pair	1.00 2
Agriculture			
	19 .15*	very fine	3.50 1
Justice			
	20 .03	very fine	.75 1
	21 .10	very fine	3.00 1
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	22 .15	good	3.00 1
Post Office			
	23 .01*	fine	.40 1
Treasury			
	25 .24	good	3.00 1
Envelopes			
	25	cat. No. 1349 fine	2.00 1
	26	cat. No. 1415 fine	1.00 1
U. S. Revenue, Perforated			
	27	2c playing cards orang fine	.50 1
	28	3c For. Ex. fine pr.	2 2
	29	5c playing cn, fine	.75 1
	30	30c cat. No. 2751 strip of three, fine	3 3
	31	60c cat. 2863 fine pr.	3 3
	32	1.00 cat. 2867, block of four, fine	4 4
	33	1.00 cat. 2870, strip of four, fine	.60 4
	34	1.00 cat. 2871, impf., very fine, strip of three very fine	3.50 3

35	1.00, cat. 2874, strip of four, fine	4
36	2.50 cat. 2883 very fine pair	2
37	3.00 cat. 2885, very fine pair	
38	10.00 cat. 2892, fine	1.00 1
39	10.00 cat. 2894, fine	1.00 1
40	20.00 cat. 2897 very fine	1.50 1
41	2.00, cat. 2923 very fine	.60 1
42	3.00 cat, 2923 very fine	1.25 1
43	.15 cat. 2949 very fine	1.00 1
44	.30 cat. 2950 fine pr.	.50 2
45	2.00 cat. 2955, fine pr.	.40 1
46	.03 cat. 2985, very fine	3.50 1

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U. S.		
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1898	48 10.00 black, very fine	1 1
	49 10.00 black, very fine cut	2 2
1900	50 10.00 gray, very fine cut	1 1
1902	51 1.00 green and black strip of three	.60 3
	52 Charles Marchrand, cat 3619-3620 fine	.90 2
	53 Confederate States cat. 206, blk. of 16 very fine	1.60 16
Canada	54, cat 19, very fine	1 1
Canada	55, cat. 26, very fine	1 1
Canada	56, cat. 30* fine	1 1
	57 Cape of Good Hope No 1 fine	1.50 1
Chili	58 cat. 38-40 very fine	2 2
	59 Ecuador 1894 set of 8 complete proofs on India paper, very rare	8 8
	60 Great Britain cat. 108 fine	1 1
	61 Hawaiian Islands, cat. 32, fine	.70 1
	62 Hawaii Island	1.25 1
	63 " " 46* very fine	2.50 1
	64 Hawaiian Islands 61* very fine	.40 4

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65	Jamaca* cat. 18-19-23-24		
	25-26-28.....	65	7
66	Leward Island, face..		
Cat. No. 6*	fine40	
67	Leward *5 shilling slight		
	ly faded, face.....	1.25	1
68	Maderia, * Cat. 18-26-30		
	fine.....		
69	Malta, 1899, 2½* very		
	fine face .....	.62	1
70	Newfoundland, cat. 3*		
	very fine.....	2.00	1
71	Newfoundland cat. 5*		
	very fine.....	1.50	1
72	Newfoundland cat. 18*		
	very fine pair.....	1.50	2
73	Newfoundland cat. 20*		
	very fine pair.....	1.00	2
74	Newfoundland, cat. 21*		
	very fine face.....	3.50	2
75	Newfoundland cat. 23*		
	Watermarks, very rare..		
76	Newfoundland, cat. 30a*		
	fine.....	1.50	1
77	Newfoundland, cat. 30		
	fine	1.00	1
78	Nwfnnd cat 37 very rare	.45	
79	" " " 42 " "		1
80	" " " 76* " "		1
81	" " " 75* " "	.60	1
1853 82	Nova Scotia No 2 fine	2.00	1
83	Transvaal cat. 138*		
	block of four.....		

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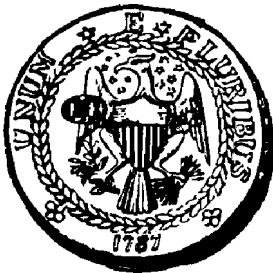
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FROM No. 8 of Santo Domingo Postal I quote the following information: According to information which we have, the government contemplates giving us a new issue of stamps in the the following shape: 1c yellow, center black, map of the Island; 2c blue center black, view of the city of San Domingo; 5c carmine, center black, bust of Columbus; 10c green, center black, tomb of Columbus; 12c gray and black, house of Columbus; 25c brown and black, Central Railway; 50c olive and black; the "Trinity" Sanchez Duarte and Mella; \$1.00 black, in the center the National Coat-of-arms in colors.

We should be pleased if this information were to prove correct and would recommend to the Postmaster-General to include in this issue, envelopes, wrappers, and postal cards, whose great need we have experienced.

I do not know whether the success of the recent revolution by General Jimenez will have any influence on this project; perhaps it may realize in celebration of the revolution. At all events outside collectors will not be near as much pleased with it as our friends down here.

Our colleague also quotes an official

document to prove that in 1900 there were issued by the Dominican Republic, 25,000 wrappers impressed with a 5c stamp in the type of the 5c of 1896. He claims it has been slighted by the catalogues; this would seem to establish its value.

M. Lemarie in the October number of *La Cote Reelle* chats entertainingly of M. Jacques Lebaudy's new Empire of the Sahara, which is now said to have issued a stamp. I quote the first paragraph: "It is asserted at Crest that the revenue collectors of a small Breton port, M. Cardiou, has received from the coast of the Sahara, a letter bearing a stamp of the Empire of the Sahara. It is true that the letter was also furnished with sufficient Spanish stamps to assure its transportation. The envelope contained a printed circular announcing that postal service between Troja, the future city which M. Lebaudy contemplates building, and Las Palmas, Canary Islands, is to be free, the service being assured by the 'Imperial Line,' of the Sahara. If the report proves to be true, it remains to be ascertained whether it is a question of some new pleasantry in connection with the colonial projects of M. Lebaudy, or whether he has really issued Sahara stamps, expecting that the Universal Postal System will give them appropation. . . . We are told that the low values show us the arms of the new Empire; they are three gold-ed bees on a purple field. An Imperial crown surrounds the shield, surrounded by a golden necklace, from which depends a medal bearing the effigy of a youthful winged warrior with shield and torch; he places his foot on a female figure extended on the ground. The allegory is plain. . . . The high values represent, it is said, the portrait of the Emperor, Jacques 'I.'"

These new stamps will strongly remind older collectors of the famous

Sedang issue of fifteen or sixteen years ago. Still these may turn out as something better, for Lebaudy is worth some \$25,000,000 and thus may be able to carry out his plans.

From No. 10 of our Chilian contemporary *Correo Filatelico*, we learn that on July 1st of the current year, just fifty years had elapsed since Chile adopted postage stamps. Our sister republic is to be complimented on its self-restraint in not utilizing this occasion for the issue of a new set of stamps in the imitation of the bad example set by so many postal administrations on similar occasions.—Our colleague has an interesting illustrated article on the portraits found on the postage stamps of the United States and makes it his text for a lament at the conservation of the Chilian authorities in sticking to the effigy of Columbus in perpetuity.

In No 3-4 of the Chilian *Anales*, the editor reproduces Mr. Senior's article on the Waterlow issue of Chile from *McKeel's Weekly Stamp News*, but runs foul of the author for his inversion of the two types, he says:

"In the first place the stamps with shading were those of the first shipment made by Waterlow and consequently the first to get into circulation as all Chilian collectors well know, so that naturally they have the right to call themselves Type I. Mr. Senior's error arises without doubt from his not knowing that in steel plate printing, the ink does not adhere to the raised portions of the plate, as in typography etc. etc."

Much of No 162 of *L'Annuaire Timbrologique* is taken up by M. Abel Fontaine's correspondence from Buenos Aires, descriptive of the Philatelic exhibition, lately held there. The exhibition, according to his account, was strong, at least respect-

ably so in postal issues, but weak in fiscals. All kinds of curiosities were shown, e. g. of uncatalogued varieties: the Argentine 8 on 10c green of 1877 (Scott No. 32) on laid paper, and the 4 pesos of Buenos Aires 1858 (Scott No. 4) in blue instead of vermillion. Of Uruguay, M. Gambin showed a block of nine, 3x5, of the 240c vermill of 1857, that is it would have been a block of nine if the middle stamp had not been conspicuous by its absence. This place was once occupied by the 180c vermillion (instead of green), the rarest of Uruguay stamps. By all accounts they have some first class collectors, down there; e. g. M. Fontaine mentions St. Sotos collection of Spain and Spanish Colonies, which is absolutely complete, and that not only in singles, but in blocks and entire sheets.

Messrs. Zvert & Tellier, the noted catalogue publishers, announce their intention of publishing a complete catalogue of fiscal stamps—in French, of course.

Regarding the Sahara stamps already referred to, our Belgian contemporary relates the following:

"M. La B——, the confidential man of M. Lebaudy, has stated in an interview, that the Emperor of the Sahara has accepted the offer of a great Philatelist at Paris, who proposed to furnish him free with 100,000 copies of each value of stamps on condition that he might retain 10,000 for collectors. The design—already adopted—shows a ship with the desert in the background; in the angle: L. B. D., (Abbreviation of Lebaudy), finally the inscription "Treade Africaine, Pesos" and the value in centimes."

This account as you will observe differs from the former one. I must say that this latter one sounds a little "fishy."

Our esteemed friend, The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, of Birmingham, will, no doubt, not take it amiss if the reviewer calls its attention to an error in Mr. MacKenzie's article on the first issue of Victoria. The letters on either side at the base of the design are not the engravers initials, but correspond to the letters on the British stamps, each stamp in the sheet having different letterings in each value.

Szekula Briefmarken-Verkehr reports in No. 34, that the Argentine 16c of the current issue has withdrawn from sale, but is still recognized for postage.

It also announces that on Nov. 1st. Hungary was to issue postage due stamps of the following values: 5, 6, 10, 12, 20, 50 filler, 1krona. Their color was to be green; of the design nothing is said. More News regarding this will no doubt, come over, shortly.

The following is from a correspondent in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and relates to the issues lately chronicled for various states of Venezuela—the typeset productions of the ship type. The correspondent says:

"These stamps, which were not acknowledged by the Trinidad postoffice, are a joke. They were printed at Port of Spain, by Mr. Adams, Frederick St., for account of Mr. Marie Sucre, an employee of Gardville & Wilson of this city, who now has the plates and the post mark. Some copies were sent to Bolivar during the revolution and some slipped through owing to the inattention of the postal officials. They are nothing but speculative little pictures."

Mr. Kuehn writes an interesting article in number 10 of the Stamp Collector on the stamps of Bosnia and the Herzegovina. I quote the following, as the catalogues say nothing definite about it:

"The first issue was printed on paper bearing as a watermark, the word 'Briefmarken' (letter stamps) in large open capitals, once across every sheet, with the exception of the $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 n. values, which were used for printed matter only (the $\frac{1}{2}$ n. label is properly a newspaper delivery stamp) and are therefore watermarked 'Zeitungsmarken' (newspaper stamps) once in every sheet."

The Stamp Collector makes a specialty of illustrating stamp portraits and does it well. I am pleased to see it quote the WEST also as an exponent of this idea. I trust, therefore, that Brother Margoschis will not take it in bad part if I point out to him that his biographies of American statesmen are not always entirely accurate. Nor give a good idea of the person described. For instance, the account of Washington's career closes with his driving the British out of Philadelphia. Likewise, Grant did rather more fighting than that in the Mexican War, and the Sherman on the 8c of 1893 is not John Sherman, but William Tecumseh Sherman, whose career was different. These are minor flaws; the idea is a very considerable one.

Mr. Kuehn in No. 11 writes entertainingly on the stamps of the Falkland Islands, but his article presents little that need be quoted here.

It shows how little the field of fiscals is as yet worked, that two issues of were made on the Isle of Jersey in 1900 which did not become known until 1903, though in daily use. They are described and illustrated in No. 9 of Morley's Philatelic Journal. It seems odd that the law under which they are issued and the stamps themselves all are in French. Another new old issue of fiscals is illustrated in No. 10. It is the set issued by

by Swaziland, issued in 1890, but just now discovered.

M. Maury, in No. 277 of *Le Collect-ionneur de Timbres-Poste*, gives some interesting information on the so-called Military Stamps of New Caledonia which ought to cause their disappearance from the catalogues. They were issued at the instance of Col. Delauney an ardent philatelist. The 10c on the the first type represents the reduced rate accorded to soldiers. The postal authorities objected to the value on the label; hence the other issues. These stamps had no franking power, whatever; letters without them went just the same and all, whether bearing them or not, had to be handstamped by the officer commanding, which franked them.

M. Maury gives news of a new issue for Cuba: 1c red, 2c blue, 3c violet, 5c green, 8c lilac, 10c bistre, 50c black, 1 peso cermine, special delivery 10c green; of the values from 1 to 50c there are to be 1,000,000 each, of the 1 peso, 500,000, of the special delivery, 10c, 200,000. It seems rather surprising we should get the news via France.

No. 277 also illustrates the design for a new issue for French Guiana. There are two designs. The first is to serve for the postage stamps proper (15 values, 1c to 5fr); it represents a native warrior sitting amidst foliage, with figures of value in the upper corners. The other design is to serve for postage due stamps, though nothing on its face indicates the purpose. It represents a scantily clad native maiden standing with a water jar on her arm; the figures of value are in the lower corners.

This kind of thing is becoming prevalent among the French colonies; a new design for Madagascar is likewise depicted in this number. It is to serve for postage-due stamps; is oblong in shape and shows the palace of the governor.

The plates for the new stamps of French Indochine in the Grasset design are all ready, but the stock of the old type on hand is so large that the printing from the new plates will not begin for several months as yet.

A Handy Watermark Detector.

By **F R A N K C. Y O U N G**

HAVING used for some years what might be termed a home made and self invented scheme for the detection of watermarks, which is cheap, simple, and should be common. I thought there might be some of the younger generation of collectors who would like to know about it.

Procure a sheet of black vulcanite or hard rubber, say 6x8 inches, from any electrical supply house and a small bottle of benzine from the drug store and you have all necessary apparatus.

Lay the stamp face down on the sheet of rubber and moisten with a few drops of benzine and nearly any ordinary watermarks will appear at once. There is no need of a camel's hair brush for applying the benzine as a few drops extra will not injure the stamps in any way.

One peculiar advantage of using this plan is that stamps on sheets can be examined without removal by simply turning the stamp back over the edge of the sheet.

Another handy thing that can be arranged without extra expense is made by cutting in the vulcanite sheet a square hole a little smaller than an ordinary stamp. By placing a stamp over this hole and holding between the eye and the light, examinations for ribbed paper and things of that kind are most easily made.

By having the stamp placed over a hole in a black surface the vision is concentrated on the one spot and not diffused over the whole of the circumambient atmosphere, whatever that may mean.

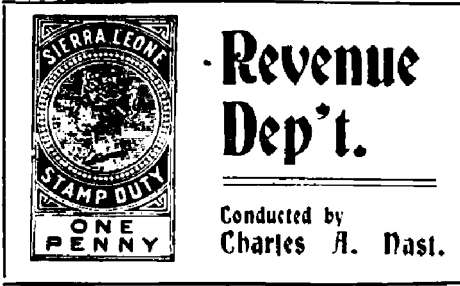
ERRATA.

F. W. Reed, Denver, Colo., 2 page ad word "Have" left out of 5th line No. 76 N 2 should be 5c not 4c 208 Rev. 252—80 postally used.

Piasa Stamp Co., Upper Alton, Ill wish price 25c changed to 12c.

Lincoln Stamp and Coin Co., Hawaii 5c black should be 10c.

W. C. Ault Jeffersonville, Ind., Heading 200 varieties perfect stamps 25c post free.



THIS department contained a puzzle last month. It was one of the printer's devil-ish tricks. By tearing out the second page of the Revenue potpourri, and reversing it, everything will be right side up, and the notes will be found much more readable. In respect to the Alabama State Revenue Stamp, instead of "closet" read claret. I wouldn't like to have my readers imagine for a moment that down in old Alabama they had put a tax on that noble and necessary adjunct to civilization, a cigar box labels—every time you raise the lid you tear the stamp in two.

Now as to the new catalog. So far as the changes in US Revenues are concerned it is hardly worth the price to invest in the new edition, as the prices are the same as those of the 62nd with a few unimportant additions. The 1c, 2c, and 5c, E. W. Hoyt, Perfumery stamps, are listed as die cut and uncut, the latter being new varieties, which are listed at \$1.00, \$4.00 and \$2.00 respectively. The 4c green J. C. Ayer & Co. is now priced at \$300. The \$50 green and black, though out over two years, is still unpriced. Some of the other higher revenues of the Spanish American area have now been priced, but I do not think the catalog reflects either the true value or the approximate market value. In short, it is just as valuable as last year's production and no more.

That Foreign revenues are coming up both in interest and in value, is shown by the following clipping from the last number of Morleys' Journal. "We have received a little publication which should prove of great value to all collectors of Letter Free Stamps. We refer to Ewen's Priced Catalog of the Railway letter stamps of the United Kingdom, 1891-1903. The following extracts from the Preface will doubtless interest our readers. 'Every stamp, with the sole exception of those of which no copies are known, has been given a valuation both in the used and unused state.'—It will perhaps surprise collectors who have not hitherto taken any interest in the Railway Letter Stamps to know that of the 570 varieties described in this Catalogue, no fewer than 29 are completely unknown and something like 100 others are in unused condition as rare or rarer than the two famous "Post Office" Mauritius Stamps of which a pair are reported to have been recently sold for \$15000.00. In the system of valuation adopted for this Catalogue I have taken \$75.00 as about the maximum value at the present day of the rarest Railway Letter Stamp, but in two instances I have ventured as high as \$225.00 and \$250.00.

We have now in New York City a society which has to do with this very subject, namely the "Philatelic Fiscal Society," organized for the benefit of fiscal collectors of all nations. The following are the officers elected for 1904: President, A. E. Lawrence; 1st Vice Pres., E. A. Wood; 2nd Vice Pres., W. W. Norton; Secretary, Raymond Wilcox, Room 236, New York Produce Exchange Building; Treasurer, J. H. Peterson. Ex-Supt.: Librarian, William J. Salva; Auction Manager, A. Herbst; T. O. Young, Chairman of Trustees; Official Journal.

the Phil. WEST. All who are interested in foreigners should address the secretary for membership blanks. In this regard I will state it was my pleasure recently to see a copy of Moen's catalog of the world's revenues in which all the U. S. revenues including Match Medicine stamps are correctly illustrated. Has any one a copy to sell?

I see Dr. Brooks has another article in the November number of the WEST respecting a United States Revenue Album. He is the one who started this agitation in the WEST and his views are very well expressed. I coincide with him fully when he says "I realize that only a small per cent. of the collectors collect M. & M. but I believe the reason for this is that there are no spaces for them in our albums." This is it exactly. The contention of the Scott Co. that adding spaces for them in the National or International would make the album too bulky, is, I'm inclined to think also well founded, but that is the very reason why we should have a separate volume in this country for all our revenues. As it is, only the first, second and third issues and those incident of the Spanish-American war are now included. That is too much for a postage stamp album, and not enough for those who collect revenues. The addition of M & M. in all their varieties of paper would be too great an addition, and yet, why leave them out altogether? They have as much right there as any other revenue, and perhaps more, as they are free from the intolerable and monotonous sameness which characterizes some of the other series now included. The issues incident to the unpleasantness of '98 have added thousands of new collectors to our ranks, and I dare say that an

issue of 5000 volumes would be absorbed in sixty days. And what a boom would come to revenues of all kinds by such a work! The big dealers should certainly see their own interests best conserved in such an enterprise.

The champions of a separate album have lately gained an acquisition to our ranks of inestimable value. I refer to Mr. Clarence H. Eagle, of New York City. Here is the man, if he could be induced to take hold of the publication of such an album, who has all the qualifications. We may rest assured the work would be well done if he undertakes it. He is the proprietor of a large printing and blank book establishment in Broad Street, besides being an ardent and enthusiastic collector of U. S. Revenues. As to the plan and scope of such a work he is better advised than any other man in the ranks of philately. He possesses the largest and most complete collection in the country, if not the world. He has all the rarities, having specialized in this branch to the fullest limit. He has not only all the catalogued varieties, but many not found in the catalog whose authenticity is unquestioned. I sincerely hope he will publish the work, and I request that all who are interested sufficiently to buy such an album when ready, will drop him a line and express their willingness to buy a copy whenever it is published. The original project was to publish an album for all the various issues of revenues, match, medicine, playing card, and perfumery stamps, and State revenues, but no postage to be included. I hope these limits will not be exceeded nor curtailed. If it is absolutely complete in its fiscal nature the other album manufacturers will only be too glad to drop the pages they now have devoted to revenues, as

the space is needed for purely postal issues.

On Nov. 19 Drews 122nd Auction Sale took place. Certain of the U. S. Revenues of the second and third issues with inverted centers brought prices beyond all expectations. Several of them brought more than catalog, while others very nearly touched the list. It augurs well for the future of U. S. revenues. Many had felt right along that these stamps in first class condition are worth much more than the discounted prices advertised so much. It is therefore of interest to quote the following sales, showing both the catalog and auction prices.

	Cat.	Sold at
5c, 2nd issue	\$20.00	\$18.00
20c 2nd issue, damaged	25.00	18.50
25c 2nd issue	40.00	75.25
70c 2nd issue	30.00	21.50
\$1.00 2nd issue.....	75.00	101.00
\$5.00 2nd issue.....	40.00	30.00
All the above with inverted center.		
5c 3rd issue, inverted center	\$30.00	\$39.00
2c 1891 issue, inverted center	40.00	30.00

Much comment has been elicited by the remarks in this department relative to the part perforates. In the collection of Mr. Clearance Eagle the following are found in horizontal pairs, being perforate top and bottom with sides plain. First issue of course, all of them. 1c Express, red; 1c Proprietary, red; 2c Bank check blue; 2c Express, blue; 10c Bill of Lading, (a great rarity); 10c Certificate; 50c Foreign Exchange; 50c Passage Ticket. Then as great rarities he also has a horizontal pair of the \$25.00 Mortgage perforated all around but not in between. Mr. Eagle says there are three or four pairs of this kind in existence.

For a real rarity he has also a block of 4 of the \$1.00 Conveyance part perforate at sides. This stamp lists singly at \$20.00. Also a vertical strip of three 2c Playing Cards, blue, perforated at sides only. A vertical strip of three of the green proprietary, perforated at sides only.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

FOR a short time the Sydney view stamps of 1851 were on sale in Victoria.

Some one has been floating bogus precanceled stamps on the market.

The Argentine Philatelic society held a philatelic exhibition in Buenos Ayres recently.

The Prince of Wales has been elected honorary president of the Sydney New South Wales, Philatelic Club.

It is reported that the British post-office officials are considering the matter of discontinuing the custom of having surcharged official stamps.

The geographical society of Lisbon has recently secured from the Portuguese government the right of franking all mail, pertaining to the affairs of the society. A stamp has been issued for this purpose.

During the postal year just closed over 10,000,000 letters, papers or packages were received at the dead letter office in Washington.



A Possible Philatelic "HOLD-UP"
 "The Treasury of the United States of Columbia is depleted once more; Look out for a fresh invoice of Surcharges."

Button Versus Emblem

By J. K. BURROW

VENTURE to say there is no collector who is called upon to denote by any sign absolutely that he is a collector. The information springs spontaneously to the front, for the enthusiasm will out and proclaim him every time and over all obstacles. My proposition is to endeavor to get a medium position between the two extremes mentioned, to have system and methods in the arrangements for what is everybody's business is nobody's business. This is not meant to convey the idea that this is no one's business at all, only simply if left to the caprice or taste of each individual idea to formulate, nothing is accomplished or done. If as one writer admits one button would be unacceptable to another

portion of collectors then some means should be provided for ascertaining this fact, we are dealing at present strictly from an American standpoint and it was for this reason I neglected an "American National Union of Philatelists" and to give the emblem a national reputation and not an individual one, to be along purely philatelic lines not one of mercenary nature, or to push the sale of accumulated stocks along the circuits of its adherants. This must be left to the societies, etc but upon a social basis to foster and further the interest of collectors in general to infuse into its ranks a little less of selfishness and more of the love of collecting for its own worth and less of the dollars and cents. It should be open only to philatelists and to be made if possible accessible only to those whose collections number 2000 and over.

(To be continued.)

Notes for U S Collectors

E . R . A L D R I C H

THE new two cent stamp made its appearance the middle of November Mr. L. E. Richardson states they were on sale at Putnam, Conn. on the 16th—but as it is said there are a goodly supply of the 1902 issue on hand it may be two or three months before they get into general use, in fact it is said that printings of the "flag type" were being made as late as the first issue of the "shield type". That the new design should meet with approval can not be gainsaid although had the same shading been used in the portrait of the former, many would have preferred it, being a good bust where the latter is practically all head. The new bold design will present a much better appearance with the colored ink employed than the finer design of its retiring brother but a proof in black ink would undoubtedly win more admiration for the first.

The two and five cent postage due has received the regular regulation precancellation at the Detroit, Mich. office. The one cent ordinary can be found with inverted surcharge.

The first day of December brought the writer the current three and four cent stamp precancelled "St. Paul" reading up. Did any one get them reading down and has anyone met with the two cent reading up?

Dr. Shoop's advertising matter sent out in November were franked with the current one cent stamp surcharged Racine, Wisc. in the large type variety. As all previous pieces I have seen from this house this year were overprinted in the small type variety, the inference is that the latter has been finally discarded.

In bar precancellations on the one cent 1902 issue I have noticed two horizontal rules $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm wide 6mm apart used at Dayton, O., single heavy vertical bar 6mm wide used at Kerhoukson, N. Y., rough looking irregular horizontal bar about 7mm, looking as though it might have been applied with brush used at Minnewaska, N. Y., horizontal bar $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm wide used at LaPark, Pa. wide horizontal bar 11mm wide, corrugated appearance possibly made by using the base of a number of wornout rules placed together used at Elkhart, Ind.

Congressman Hull has prepared a bill which, if adopted, will undoubtedly cause the decline if not the entire disuse of the precancelled and which will cause the number of all values used except two cents to be considerably lessened. It provides for the sending of third or fourth class matter in a manner similar to that employed by newspaper publishers at present. The matter to be weighed in and paid for in cash and receipt given. If adopted all the large mail order houses would undoubtedly avail themselves of it.

An eastern firm offers a list of ninety four unused United States ordinary postage stamps at an even half 1904 catalog price, and over a hundred and fifty used variety at the same rate. It is the severest criticism possible on the prices of the new catalogue.

It is said that after the 1c Jeremiah Curtis & Son stamp had been in use for about three years its use was discontinued and then resumed twelve years later. The two issues can be told apart as the first was entirely on old papers while the second was on watermarked paper. After about two years use the plate was transferred to the Angle American Drug Co. who had it so altered as to use it. After this change it was used for a little over two years.

POSTAL CARD DEPARTMENT



Covers & Envelopes

Observations on Some Original Covers

By R. R. THIELE.

THE publisher has courteously presented to me an interesting original cover from Columbia which I should like to describe for the readers of the WEST. It originated at Bogota, the Columbian Capital and bears three copies of the Columbian 20c blue on salmon of 1903 (Scott's No. 315) and one copy of the 20c red-brown on blue Registration stamp of 1902 (Scott's No. 518). The three 20c regular stamps are all postmarked

RECOMENDADOS

20

ABR

1903

BOGOTA

in a single lined circle, the date in the center, ABR. of course stands for ABRIL, April; 3 of 1903 is inverted. The RECOMENDADOS is equivalent to "Registered" (sc letters). The 20c registration stamp is not postmarked, but simply bears the registry number 1963 inserted with pen and ink, which was evidently considered sufficient cancellation.

Next comes the transient postmark of Barranquilla, from which seaport the letter presumably took ship for New York. This reads

RECOMENDADOS

MAY

1903

BARRANQUILLA

in a double lined circle, date in center.

It is a vivid illustration of the lack of modern means of communication in Columbia that it seems to have taken the letter twenty-two days to travel from Bogota to Barranquilla, and this is no doubt a much frequented route at that.

The letter made much better time on its next stage, for the next postmark is on the back of the envelope

NEW YORK, N. Y.

5, 25.

1903.

REG'Y. DIV.

The upper and lower lines are between two concentric ovals, the date within the inner oval. Thus the letter needed only 13 days to go to New York. Here it also received a new registry number: 73757 struck in blue with a numbering machine. There is another number on its face: 2435 written with pen and ink. I cannot say where this was given; possibly at Barranquilla. The letter now went forward, but unfortunately not in the right direction, and through no fault of the postoffice either, for the address was plainly written as

Superior, Me.

Accordingly, to the Pine tree state it went. Of course our genial brother Brodstone was not to be found at Superior, Maine—in fact I believe there is no such town in Maine. It is not quite apparent just where the letter wandered around, but it bears the notation on its face in pen and ink:

Tracer

June 11-03.

Who sent the tracer does not appear. But as all roads of old led to Rome, so in Uncle Sam's domain, all roads, at least for stray letters, lead to the D. L. O., and that is where this letter finally landed, as shown by the large handstamp on its back.

REGISTRY BRANCH

June 28, 1903.

P. O. Dept.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

all enclosed in a double line oval. The same handstamp is again struck on the back of the letter, but the date is illegible, so I can not say how long it remained there. At the D. L. O. everything is duly filed and labeled, so this letter bears another handstamp on its face:

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the number being written in with red ink. Here someone found out what was the trouble, as shown by this handstamp on the face of the letter:

(ADDRESSE INCORRECTE)

Misdirected.

(M. W. A. D.)

The last four initials are indistinct; I may not have read them correctly, but I have no idea, anyway, what they are meant for—perhaps the initials of some division or of a clerk. At all events the D. L. O. knew all about Brother Brodstone, for it sought no further, but sent the letter straight to Superior, Nebraska, so that Brody got it some time in July.

(To be continued.)

Stamps vs. Gold Fever.

I HAD a very interesting conversation recently (last night, Nov. 29) with an old stamp collector of the early seventies (1875-78), during which he made the remark that it had been a beautiful nest egg for him to find preserved for nearly twenty years in some dusty corner, the old album containing the gatherings of his school

and college days, and which he never thought to be of any monetary value.

This collector was twenty odd years ago a customer of mine and a very observant one he was too, he always could find many shades of color in stamps and collected the same where they came anyway cheap.

Last September Mr. ——— took the Klodyke fever in its most horrible shape, he must have gold in bulk, what would it cost to go, and how much for outfit, etc? He had a few hundred dollars, but not many—the ticket and outfit would cost at least \$1500—just \$800 more than he had or could hope to have.

After much thinking he almost gave up the idea to start in the spring, if not altogether. when in clearing some old boxes and various other truck from his cellar he came across his stamp collection. He took it up and blew off the dust on the cover of the adhesive (it was one of the large Lallier Albums printed in French, Paris 1871) and opening it to the parts or pages devoted to Canada looked over the stamps as there glued tight to the page. He had in late years heard of fabulous prices paid for stamps, but was a little skeptical. He spent a couple of days looking over the stamps, and wondering what they could be worth.—Well, to cut a long story short, he took the advice of some friends or friend and sent them to a dealer-collector in the eastern states, not 500 miles from Toronto, where many were sold privately and some by auction.

Well, so far he has received nearly \$700 in cash, and not two-thirds of the stamps are yet sold. In my next article I will tell you of some of the rarities as sold from that collection, as well as drawing the comparison between the Stamp and Gold fevers.

The Educational Side of Collecting.

Verna W Hathaway

JUST why we collect has never been demonstrated fully to my satisfaction. Indeed I have attempted the study myself, but some defter brain than mine must solve the question.

Still while we cannot tell why we do collect, we certainly are able to estimate the great amount of information and pleasure which accrues to the man who collects wisely and who studies his collection. The stamp, coin, and curio collector, learns much of the history, both ancient and modern, of all countries. The stamp collector can speak of countries and events of which his parents never knew. The coin collector can, if you wish, give you the history of Rome and Greece. The curio and archaeologist can give you all the natural resources of a country.

Many who recognize the knowledge to be gained from a knowledge of any sort are deterred by the thought that it requires too much time and money. Time it certainly does take. I know a man who has a magnificent collection of India Relics, which he was half a life time in collecting; but his collection amply repays him for the time and money placed upon them. Does not the knowledge that he has cleared up many a mystery which hangs around this fast disappearing race repay him? Does not the personal knowledge and pleasure gained repay him?

I am myself a stamp collector, and a collector of literature, and I consider that I have gained on my investment ten times the principal in profit and pleasure. I do not think that any genuine collector will differ with me.

But many cannot afford to collect these things. To such the account

given by Rev. L. G. Dorpat, of his collection of pictures in the November number of the WEST, cannot but prove interesting. His collection consists of pictures; some clipped from the current magazines and periodicals, classified according to their subject, and mounted in blank books. This collection he states did not cost him in all over \$5.00, and as to the educational and artistic merit, I think he gains as much of both as Rockefeller does with his collection of paintings costing millions of dollars. It does not matter so much what you collect, as does how much instruction one gains from the collection.

And in philately as with these other hobbies, it is the educational feature that should be the chief aim. Is it not of more interest to collect stamps for the interest that hangs around them as mementos of men, nations and events? Why should the petty details of paper, watermarks, perforations, statistics, die alterations, cancellations, gum, plate number, et cetera, be of more importance than the history of the nations which publish the stamps?

Study the history, the political condition, the events; not perforations; look for beauty, not plate numbers; seek virtuous, not errors; learn something of the world, its customs, its people, its natural beauties and resources, its history, its coinage, its languages, its conditions, its institutions; let us seek for the artistic and educational side of philately.

What matter if our stamps are cancelled or not, what matter their financial worth? Instead let us regard them as interesting means through which we learn so much of other nations.

It is not the intention of this article to condemn "specialism," but to urge a closer adherence to the educational side. For many are wandering from the original purpose of stamp collecting, which was the collection of stamps for the interest and instruction which hang around these—the relic of many a bygone government, of many a lost political power.

Philately a Health Renewer A New Philatelic Field

BY LEON V CASS BY HALLOWAY HALL

PHILATELY is recognized by many as a science and others while they deny its right to the dignity of a science still deem it a pleasurable diversion. But as yet very few regard it as a tonic or health giving amusement. A prominent medical authority writes as follows:

"The pleasure of accomplishment is one of nature's own tonics. Of the many who are worried and driven by cares and whose health actually suffers therefrom, most might escape the ill effects by temporary diversion."

Some "fad" might well be cultivated. The tonic effects of travel or change of scene cease to be effective when the depressing physical effects of the daily grind have been carried to the last extreme. It is difficult to prescribe rest in small and frequently repeated doses for the restless driving man of affairs. To such a "hobby" is of the greatest use. It may become a valuable aid to the acquisition of renewed health.

Philately is popular with all classes and as it is not beyond the reach of any man it may well be called the "universal hobby". It is well known that philately teaches history, geography and many kindred subjects and when it is also becoming recognized as a tonic for the overworked brain and body of the "man of affairs" of today it may well be said that the man who ridicules philately's followers is the man to be pitied instead of the philatelist who in days gone by was an object of ridicule in the eyes of the non-collecting public.

During the last year 14,478,152 letters and postal cards were handled by the mail clerks on the American Line of steamers, and only 950 errors have been reported.

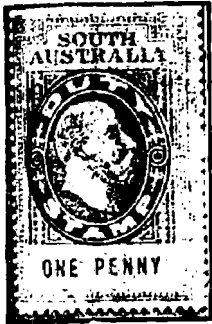
WE are informed that the study of philately is being introduced into the kindergarten connected with the public schools and also in some of the private kindergartens and that wherever it has been tried it has met with such success as to warrant its continuance.

For this purpose clean well assorted stamps from different countries are employed. The pupils are taught to classify them by color, afterwards by country and then by the picture upon the stamps whether it be a ruler or a symbol. The young eyes are quick to see all the details and are ready with questions that will compel a successful teacher to be well versed in this new branch of study.

This work quite equals, if it does not excel, the paper work so well known in all our kindergartens. Its influence will be far reaching and of lasting benefit. The value of all this information gained, while the pupils are having their play, of history and general knowledge of the countries cannot be overestimated and later when they enter school they will astonish their elders and possibly professors with their mental acquirements.

Froebel has made the kindergarten by his wonderful methods of teaching a great success, and higher mathematics have been easily solved by the pupils of the kindergartens when met in high school or college.

The art of meeting people, the necessity of being helpful to each other and kind to all and their general deportment has been studiously looked after. Apparently nothing left undone. Now after many years a new interest is established. A great thought has dawned upon them and future pupils will have the benefit of this great blessing. Long live philately!



Australian Stamp Notes

By JAS. WELSH,
North Fitzroy,
Victoria

In connection with recent issues for several of the states printed in Victoria on its own watermarked papers a sore spot always with the mother state, New South Wales, which naturally regards herself as being deprived of her due as senior partner, we are probably on the eve of further surprises, the advent of more varieties being rendered possible before a general issue is decided upon, by a new development. Adelaide, capital of the state of South Australia laying claim to the possession of the most extensive and up to date printing plant in all the states with a guaranteed capacity for more economically printing, perforating (and omitting to perforate on occasion) all the postal issues requisite for the Commonwealth. The new P. M. G. Sir Phillip Fysh, successor to Mr. Drake fond parent of the recent ninepenny stamp so universally condemned, proposing to inspect with a view to ascertaining if the claim can be substantiated and if so and the fiat goes forth. The advanced collector with whom all should sympathize, may have to wrestle with the many gauges of perforation and compounds of same this state delights to revel in, not to mention an occasional mixture of roulette and perforation by way of variety and the close and wide watermarks.

The Sydney Philatelic Club has addressed a letter of congratulation to Sir Phillip on his assumption of office and assuring him if at any time representa-

tions should be made respecting the issues of the Commonwealth, it will only be with a view of placing such beyond reproach by philatelists of the world. This he has acknowledged most courteously stating he would value and be indebted for any suggestion made. As this gentleman is the antithesis of his predecessor, we may live in the hope that any new issue will have at least some artistic merit.

TASMANIA. The ½d pictorial has reappeared, it was regarded as dead having been supplanted by the bi-colored Queen's head of 1892-99. This latter is now reported to have been all disposed of though the little state is not above listing a few varieties of obsolete issues for chance customers. The new stamp is in a higher shade of green, watermark V and Crown, perf. 12½.



J. Resuggan says: "No stamp news of any interest happening here with the exception that P. M. G. Drake resigned the other day and Sir Phillips Fysh is P. M. G. and the following clipping."

Luckily, perhaps, for the Commonwealth, the present Postmaster General does not intend to try his hand at designing a new stamp, like his predecessor Senator Drake. The unique issue of ninepenny stamps, authorized by that gentleman, is being used in New South Wales, but Ministers have refrained from making it uniform throughout the federation.

His Mother's Letter

By E. C. Warner

Some of the "boys" including myself were sitting in the reporters room discussing everything in general and nothing in particular when the city editor appeared in the doorway. "I want some copy by tomorrow night for the 'Weekly'" he said, "and will give \$25.00 for a good short story. If any of you need any holiday money, you had better get busy." This announcement broke up the convention; its members taking their departure without observing the usual formalities. I was walking along Van Buren Ave., striving amid the rumble and roar of the street, to hit upon some idea which might form the nucleus of a story when I felt the touch of a hand upon my arm. Turning to see who its owner might be, I was accosted with the usual request or money. I was about to pass on without heeding the man, but was impressed with his truly pitiable condition.

The night was bitter cold and his scant clothing afforded little protection from the penetrating blasts which came from the lake. Through a scraggly, white beard showed his bare chest covered only by a tattered coat, just enough of which remained to hang together. "Excuse me, pardner," he said, "but couldn't you give me the price of a night's lodging, I'm sick." Convinced that the poor fellow was actually suffering from lack of food and shelter. I suggested that we go to a nearby eating house, where a cup of coffee might serve to strengthen him. He thanked me, but added that he was too weak to eat anything. Being in straitened financial circumstances, myself, I was compelled to take my new acquaintance to a lodging house close at hand. With the aid of my arm he was barely able to climb the stairs leading to the dingy office where sat scores of dilapidated men,

part of the army of unfortunates always found in a large city. I paid for his lodging, and found a chair for him by the large stove in the center of the room. He pushed himself up to it as close as possible, greedily absorbing the heat much as a hungry dog would a morsel of meat. By this time I had become thoroughly interested in the old man and explained my desire to know what chain of circumstances had brought him to such a deplorable plight. After he had recovered a bit from the exertion necessary in climbing the stairs, he told me his story.

"You wouldn't think," he began, "to look at me now that I ever was a rosy cheeked handsome young fellow, strong as an ox and full of ambition, I was though. Everything went along well enough until I tired of the small country town and came here. Its the same old story. Fell in with a crowd of congenial chaps and before I knew it I was taking a drink pretty regular. Its a funny thing, but though a young fellow notices plenty of examples about him, he never can see any particular danger to himself until the stuff gets him and then its too late. One night after I had taken a little too much, some of us got into a quarrel and the next morning I woke up in the police station. Seems I had cut a fellow up pretty bad and although he got well they sent me up for five years. That day I had received a letter from my mother. She always enclosed a stamped envelope addressed to herself, thinkin' I s'pose that I would be more apt to answer. I always was a poor hand at writin' letters. One of the boys came down to see me at the station and I fixed it up with him to write her that I had been drowned, better to put it that way you know. After my time was served I made some inquiries and found she was no more. Since then I've just been driftin' along, but through all my ups and downs I kept that letter-

Its the only thing I had to take me back to the other days. After a man has lost everything else that's good, he generally keeps one thing; his love for his mother"

Here he stopped for breath and took from a pocket an old envelope, faded and yellow with age. From this he carefully extracted the letter and stamped envelope. The unused stamp caught my eye at once for it was one of the old St. Louis provincials of 1846 and of great value. "Why, my dear man," I exclaimed, "that stamp is worth \$250.00." The news was too much for him. For an instant he stared at me in a bewildered way, then his head fell forward upon his breast. The last word of the last chapter of his life had been written.

With the proceeds received from the stamp which I sold the next day to a dealer, I was enabled to give to its late owner a respectable burial. After the last detail had been attended to, it dawned upon me for the first time that I had made no progress with the story. After some reflection, I decided to submit to the editor an account of my actual experiences, concluding that they had been more unusual than any fiction which my fancy might have been able to invent.

Developments proved that I was to be amply rewarded for the little time I had spent for the editor gave me the twenty-five.

The Stamps of Roumania

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

BY R. R. THIELE.

(continued)

C. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$

$1\frac{1}{2}$ banu black on white.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ " " " bluish.

3 bani green, olive on bluish.

3 " violet, mauve on bluish.

3 " " " " white.

5 " green on greenish.

5 " " " white.

10 " red on yellowish.

10 " " " chamois.

15 " brown-red on white.

15 " " " dark, on chamois.

25 " blue, dark to light on white.

25 " " on yellowish.

50 " ochre on straw.

D. Perforated $13\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$

3 bani lilac on white.

5 " green on greenish.

25 " blue on white.

50 " ochre on straw.

E. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$

3 bani green olive on bluish.

F. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$

10 bani red on yellowish.

15 " brown-red on white.

The $1\frac{1}{2}$ banu of this issue exists printed on both sides and the 10 bani, cut in two vertically at the center, served as a 5 bani stamp.

The following varieties of shade have been seen in trade; they appeared at the same time as the stamps themselves but they are due to the skill of unscrupulous dealers and to chemical manipulations.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ banu black on greenish.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ " " " skyblue.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ " " " rose.

10 bani red on blue.

15 " brown on rose.

25 " dark blue on pale blue.

25 " blue on rose.

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Same design as before and printed in the same shades, but on thin wove paper bearing on each stamp, impressed in relief, the arms and motto of Roumania. The embossing was done after the stamps were printed and generally on the back of the sheets, sometimes it was done on the face but without doubt in error as then the motto Nihil Nisi Deo reads backward. The stamps, as before, are perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, $13\frac{1}{2}$ and compound.

(To be continued.)

Philatelic Miscellany
W. H. P l a n k

THE words "Asser kurs" surcharged on some of the Swiss stamps, means out of use. They are remainders and are sold very cheap.

The 10 and 30 s g stamps of the 1866 issue of Prussia is printed on "Gold beater's skin." This is a thin transparent parchment like paper used by gold beaters to wrap around gold during the process of beating. It is very tough and not easily torn.

The first issue of stamps of Peru was issued in 1857 and were loaned to the government which was somewhat timid about issuing stamps, by the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. This company had just had them printed for their own use on their steamship line. They proved a success from the start and soon Peruvian stamps appeared. Dr. E. R. Heath of Kansas City, had both the 1 and 2c used, in his collection, which he obtained during his stay in Peru.

In 1881 British Guiana ran out of the 1c and 2c values and surcharged stamps of the higher denominations. The first lot when put on sale was quickly bought up by speculators, another lot was printed, which met a similar fate. This accounts for the numerous minor varieties of this issue.

The first stamp issued by Trinidad like those of Peru, were first issued by a ship firm. In 1847 the owner of a vessel called the "Lady McLeod" issued a stamp, (2p blue) for postage between Port of Spain and San Fernando. The design is a ship with the monogram "L. McL" underneath.

Of the 90 cent 1869 there were 77,650 stamps issued, and of the 3c Executive Department only 23,5000 were printed. The former is priced at \$15.00 and the latter at only \$6.50. In proportion to the quantity issued the 3c Executive should be worth about \$45.00. It is evident that great quantities of the 90 cent 1869 have disappeared in some unknown way to warrant such pricing.

The stamps of Guatemala from 1879 to 95 shows the picture of the Quetzalcoatl. It was the sacred bird of the early inhabitants of Central America. That interesting novel "The Friar God" describes the early days and times of this God of the Aztecs. This bird is about the size of a large quail, and resembles the parrot, and is so called by many. The Quetzal, as it is called for short, is one of the handsomest of birds. Its gorgeous tail feathers are from 20 to 30 inches long, of an emerald green. The breast is of sapphire, and the back and wings green.

New York's Oldest Dealer Says:—
Business for the winter season has set in with vigor. Not for ten years has there been such a rush to buy stamps and no new lots coming on the market. Six months of trade like the present will denude the dealers' stock of all the better class of old issues, then we shall have the inevitable advance in prices which we trust will not be carried too far. Short sighted dealers would probably enjoy being able to sell all the good stamps they could get at a considerable advance over catalogue, but if this immediate prosperity is only to be had at the cost of years of years of dull business, it would be better by far to retain the present very satisfactory state of trade, which under healthy conditions is sure to continue indefinitely.

Counterfeits and Their Detection

R. R. T h i e I e

(Continued).

GUATEMALA.—After having in the last instalment described the 1871 issue of this country. I shall now deal with some counterfeits of the 1875 issue. This issue was engraved and printed in first class manner by the Continental Bank Note Co., of Washington, D. C., in steel engraving, the same as used for our stamps; the forgeries I have before me are executed in lithography. Nevertheless, they are deceptive enough to cause trouble for the beginner.

The $\frac{1}{4}$ real black comes first. On genuine copies of this as well as other values of the set—for the head is exactly alike on all of them—the front extremity of the bust of the Head of Liberty forms a good distinguishing mark, it does not come to a sharp point, but is rather obtuse, while on the forgery before me it forms a sharp point. The face of the Goddess of Liberty on the forgery has the same wooden expression as on the originals, but there are some slight divergencies. On the genuine nose and chin protrude somewhat, while the lips do so but very slightly, so that there is almost a straight line from nostril to chin; on the counterfeit the lips protrude considerably. There are other differences in the face, in the laurel wreath and in the hair, but it is quite hopeless to describe them adequately without the aid of illustrations. What has been described so far, is true of all the values. The following points apply only to the values as named.

On the $\frac{1}{4}$ real the lettering of the forgery is poor and affords numerous tests. For instance, none of the "A's" in "Guatemala" has a crossbar while

those of the original all show one quite plainly. The word "Real" is preceeded and followed by several ornamental balls; on the original the one immediately after "Real" is considerably larger than the others, while on the forgery it is about the same size as the others. The word "Cuartillo" is mis-spaced on the counterfeit, on the genuine the uppermost leaf of the laurel wreath points to the second "l" of "Cuartillo," while on the forgery the same leaf points to the "o" of that word. The same trouble arises with the word "Correos." In the genuine the second "o" of this word is directly over the center line of the leaf shaped ornament in the left lower corner; in the forgery this place is occupied by the "s" of "Correos." In the space between the inner and ovals there is an odd shaped ornamentation formed by lighter shading. It has four sharp corners touching the outer oval opposite the following letters: "r" of "Correos," "a" of "Real," second "r" of "Correos," "e" of "Guatemala." In the forgery these corners are obtuse, rounded off, do not touch the outer oval and are opposite the following letters: "r" of "Cuartillo," "a" of "Real," between "r" and "e" of "Correos," "m" of "Guatemala." The figures $\frac{1}{4}$ also afford some leads, but these are not so easily describable.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ real blue offers the following divergencies. All the lettering is too small and thin on the forgery as compared with the original. The "o" of "Medio" is almost directly above the mushroom shaped ornament just below it on the original; on the forgery this ornament is almost directly beneath the interval between "o" and "r" of "Real." Above the figure 1 of $\frac{1}{2}$ both at left and right underneath the oval there are these ornaments.

The one at the left resembles a figure 2 with two dots above it. On the forgery the ornament at the left is like that of the original, but the one right has two large dots over it instead of the vertical dash, as in the original. The ornaments above "Medio Real," just beneath the central oval, on the original almost touch the oval, while on the forgery there is quite a millimeter space between them. Inside of the word "Guatemala" there is a vertical band of thin shading running the entire length of the word. On the original this band touches the central oval opposite the "e" of "Guatemala"; on the counterfeit there is all of a half a millimeter space between them at this point.

On the 1 real blue I find the following differences: The nose of Liberty on the genuine is just opposite the "e" of "Correos," while on the forgery it is opposite "o" of the same word. Similarly in the label on the other side the center of the curvature touches the central oval at the "e" of "Guatemala," in the original, while in the forgery the point of contact is between "e" and "m" of the same word. In the labels at top and bottom of the originals the "r's" of real are at the center, while in the top label has "r" at the center also, but in the bottom label the center lies between "r" and "e" of "Real." The entire background of the original outside of the central oval consists of vertical lines, with cross hatchings in only a few places, notably as shading under the oval. On the forgery the entire background is crosshatched, thus giving it a very much darker appearance than on the genuine. Each of the pentagons bearing the figure 1 in the four corners shows a faint inner line following the outer line at about $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. distance; the forgery shows no trace whatever of this line.

The 2 reales carmine offers a few tests also. For instance on the genuine the nose of Liberty points to the space between "e" and "o" of Correos, while on the forgery it points directly to the "o" of the same word. The inscription "Dos Reales" at the bottom as compared with the original, while the period following "Reales" is much too large. Above the figures 2 in the lower corners there is a volute ornament, which is double, two curls within each other; on the forgery there is only a single curl. Under the 2 in the upper right corner there is a kind of Greek ornament whose inner corner, next to the "G" of "Guatemala," has been flattened off, because of the curved label here coming up; on the forgery this inner corner is sharp, with no sign of flattening. The figures 2, all four of them, are misshapen on the forgery, but it is difficult to put their discrepancies into words. The 2 in the left lower corner is especially badly formed, its tail coming much too low down into the corner.

(To be continued).

Angra, Horta, Funchal.

What relation do the stamps of Angra, Horta, and Funchal bear to the Azores? Just what explanation was given of these stamps when first issued, is not remembered, but the impression is that they were to supplant those of the Azores. Such seems not to be the case, however. Azores stamps are still used, though not so often as those of Angra, and Horta, and why there should be two or three sets of stamps under different names from the same country is my puzzle. Angra, Horta, and Funchal are not islands, but the names of the principal towns on the several islands of the Azores.

SEVERAL articles have appeared lately about the Private Proprietary stamps of 1862 and later, as the album manufacturers say the expense of getting out a special Album for these issues would be too great for the limited demand to make it remunerative, we shall have to continue placing them in the blank pages of our albums or better yet, get a blank album for them and with a little care, they can be arranged very attractively.

It seems that a few of the varieties might be described more fully to assist those who are not far advanced in this line of study.

For instance, Scott's Catalogue gives under the head of match stamps the following:

- 3140 1c lake B and N, (Brocket & Newton) die I,\$.40
- [3141 1c lake B and N (Brocket & Newton) die II,10

These stamps were issued by the firm of Brocket & Newton of Woodbridge, Conn., from 1872 to 1875. The die from which they were made was manufactured for Frank E. Clark, and used by him from 1870 to 1872. The stamp measures 18x23m and has a full face portrait of Mr. Clark, and originally had the initials "F. E. C." in the lower label.

When the die was sold to Brocket & Newton the initials "F. E. C." were removed and "B. & N." substituted, otherwise it remained the same. In die I the initials "B. & N." measure 5¼ in. across the top, while in die II the letters are closer together and measure but 4¾ in across the top. All the stamps issued for this firm were printed on silk paper and there were issued 11,765,000. In 1876 the die had

become the property of the Clarke Match Co., and the lower label was changed, the "B. & M." being erased and the label extended to allow the words "The Clark Match Co." to be inserted. Over 5,000,000 stamps were printed for this firm, all being on silk paper. Fifteen months later, in 1877 the die was again changed, the label containing the word "matches" was this time utilized and a recent and a new label added so as to make it read,

"F. P. BENTON,

Successor To

THE CLARKE MATCH CO."

The die in this form was used until March 1883—nearly six years—during which time there were issued 26,317,000 stamps for Mr. Newton.

Another puzzling variety is the Gates 1c match stamp, listed as

3185 die I, old paper, 15c, silk, 10

3186 die II " " 5.00 " 10

These stamps were made for Wm. Gates of Frankfort, N. Y., and has a portrait of Mr. Gates with face to the right. Above the portrait is a curved label with round ends with the inscription "ONE CENT." Below the portrait in a curved label is the inscription "Frankfort, N. Y." In a large circle the inscriptions "U. S. Inter" at left, "Revenue" at right and "Wm Gates" at bottom and at the bottom of the stamp in straight label "Matches." In die I, there is a colorless space at each end of label inscribed "Frankfort, N. Y." The shirt collar is colorless.

In die II, there is no colorless space at ends of label inscribed "Frankfort, N. Y." The shirt collar has three broken lines on the left side of the upper portion and several more lines or dots on the small portion showing at the right.

There were over 150,000,000 of these stamps issued but there are no means of knowing how many were of each die.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY ?

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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.

141.—**Seriously Speaking, What is the Real Value of Philately?**—Stamp collecting, pure and simple, as well as philately, as a science, is above all a pastime or a hobby. But either, if we distinguish at all, is educational and profitable, if carried on with a view to education and profit. Much will depend on the individual who practices the pursuit. It is the same with other pursuits, for an instance, violin playing. Some find that very profitable, others find it eminently educational, elevating and refining, while again, others do it as best they can for fun only; but after all it is a pleasurable pastime and each devotee endeavors to get that pleasure out of it which he is particularly fond of. Growing corn is a different thing, altogether. It may be made pleasurable, educational, profitable, but the main object is to provide food for fattening pigs. This we can not say of philately.

142.—**On German Stamps, or in regard to Them, the following terms are Used: Briefmarks, Freimarke, Postmarke, Postmarke and Staempel or Stempel. What is the Difference?**—Briefmarke means letter-stamp. Freimarks, prepaid stamp; Postmarke, postage stamp; (also applicable to due stamps) Postmarke, post stamp; Staempel and Stempel, are two modes of spelling, only meaning

the same as Marke, stamp. Another term is Postwert-Zeichen, meaning postal value stamp.

143.—**On What Plates Are the Three Different Triangles (2c U. S. 1894) to Be Found?**—According to Luff Triangle type I is found on plates: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 30, 32, 78, 79, 80, 82, 88, 89, 96, 97, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 124, 125, 144.; type II on plates: 126, 131, 132, 133; type III on plates: 141, 142, 143, 145, 146, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158. So far all without watermark. With watermark, type I plates: 78, 79, 80, 82, 88, 96, 87, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 124, 125, 144; type II plates: 126, 131, 132, 133, 169, 170; type III plates: 141, 142, 143, 145, 146, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 160, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, etc., etc.

Types II and III occur together on plate 170. All other plates have one type only. Plate 170 is for 400 stamps, 30 of which (3 vertical rows of 10) in the upper left quarter are type II; the rest, 370, are type III. According to the same authority a die of the three cents was also prepared with triangle type III. If it has been used, I do not know on what plates.

143. All Chinese locals are now no good for postage any where as they (the local offices) have all been closed by the Chinese Imperial Post Office. Before that, they were all good only locally and to some extent among each other, especially did all of them have arrangements with the L. P. O. at Shanghai, the mother office, so to speak. Of course the branches maintained by the Hong Kong office are on a different foot-

ing, as they belong to the Postal Union, like our office at Shanghai (U. S. office) and the various offices maintained in the Treaty Ports by Germany, France, Japan, Russia, even Italy has opened one lately. The Chinese Imperial Post Office turns letters to foreign countries over to the foreign offices most convenient for forwarding most of the foreign mail goes through the various offices at Shanghai. The Chinese Office pays for stamps of the respective foreign office which carry the letter so that the Chinese P. O. does the work on foreign letters entirely free of charge. Only with the office at Shanghai it has an arrangement whereby the French office forwards mail bearing only Chinese stamps to its destination without additional charge, the Chinese P. O. pays a lump sum for this. It is reported that Germany is about to enter into a similar arrangement. Great Britain is not named above as having offices in Treaty Ports; it has them, but they are under the general P. O. at Hong Kong and uses its stamps.

135. The 10c only was lithographed first. It has the accent on "a" in the centre almost horizontal, while the typographed stamp has the accent more slanting. The 15c was first typographed and afterwards (1870-71) lithographed at Bordeaux. This lithograph is a very exact copy of the typographed stamp.

144. HOW IS BENZINE USED TO DETECT WATERMARKS?—Benzine or alcohol may be either placed in a low dish or dropped on the stamp, all that is necessary is to moisten the stamp (which of course must be free from old hinges or other adhering paper) with the liquid for which very little is required. To bring the watermark out clearly the surface on which the stamp is laid should be dark, black glass, black oil cloth, Japanned tin or the like. Beware of fire though! Benzine vapors catch easily.

145. WHAT IS TONED PAPER AS MENTIONED BY SCOTT IN CONNECTION WITH VIRGIN ISLANDS' STAMPS?—It is so slightly colored that it goes for white with most people and might be called a white paper with a bluish, greenish, yellowish or reddish hue or tinge as any stationer with a good assortment may easily show it. The "toned" of the Virgin Is. in particular is yellowish.

146. WHAT POST CARDS HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY JAMAICA?—In 1887 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 3d, printed red and blue on white cardboard border formed of crossed lines. Then the same values on white and on white bluish on smooth and on ribbed cardboard with border formed of floral designs, two sizes 111x71 and 106x72 mm. There is also a variation in regard to the thickness of the card, a period missing or one too much or an ornament inverted so that 6 to 36 or perhaps 72 or more varieties may be counted. The stamp of these is circular. In the same year the same three values were issued with a stamp the same as the adhesive. In 1879 the 3d card was surcharged "One Penny Half Penny". It is found with the inscription "Universal Postal Union in two sizes, 74 and 78 mm long. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d is red brown, the 1d blue and the 3d green. In 1883 $1\frac{1}{2}$ d grey without border was issued and the $\frac{1}{2}$ d, the 1d and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d were printed and used as reply cards. In 1891 the one penny and the one penny reply cards (both halves) were overprinted "Half Penny" and so used. In the same year the 1c blue was issued without border, size 140x90 as single and as reply card. And in 1902 the $\frac{1}{2}$ d King's head appeared. Later additions I have overlooked if there are any. Especially the first issue affords an ample field for the specialist. It may be classified as follows:

Jamaica 1877 Post Card

1. $\frac{1}{2}$ d red and blue on white, border

crossed lines.

2. 2d red and blue on white, border crossed lines.

3. 3d red and blue on white, border crossed lines.

4. ½d red and blue on white, border floral design, 111x71 and 106x72, (4a).

5. 1d red and blue on white, border floral design, 111x71 and 106x72, (5a).

6. 2d red and blue on white, border floral design, 111x71 and 106x72, (6a).

7. ½d red and blue on bluish, border floral design, 111x71 and 106v72, (7a).

8. 1d red and blue on bluish, border floral design, 111x71 and 106x72, (8a).

9. 3d red and blue on bluish, border floral design, 111x71 and 106x72, (9a).

Nos. 4 to 9 may be again doubled or quadrupled, if smooth and ribbed, thick and thin card is considered. Again Nos. 4 to 9 may have sub-varieties according to errors of printing, one of which is a colon ":" after "Jamaica". So we have 9 numbers 6 of which may be specialized by 4, 8, or even 16 varieties each!



CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES.

For the Month Ending November 25th.
Compiled by W. O. Wylie.

Argentine Republic Envelopes
15c blue on gray, embossed
15c blue on gray, lithographed
Post Cards

6c blue on cream, lithographed
Bosnia Value in black
Adhesive

30h brown and black
Bulgaria Provisional Adhesive
10 on 15st lilac rose and black

Canada Wrapper
1c green on cream, King
Ceylon Post Card
2c buff, King

Columbian Republic (Boyaca)
Adhesives
5 pesos, black on red
10 pesos, black on flesh

Costa Rica Provisional Post Cards
2c on 3c carmine on yellow
4c on 3c "

Adhesive
25c lilac and brown
Egypt (Soudan)
Provisional Adhesive
"5 millimes" on 5p

France (Offices in China)

Provisional Adhesives
5 on 15c rose
(Office at Lung Chow)
Stamps of Indo China Surcharged
Adhesives
1c black on blue
2c brown
4c violet
5c yellow green
10c carmine
15c gray on azure
25c blue
5fr violet

Gold Coast King's Heads

Post Cards
½p green on buff
½px½p green on buff.
1p carmine on buff
1px1p carmine on buff

India (Gwalior)

Adhesive
2a violet, Queen
(Nabha)
Adhesives
4a olive, surch Nabha State
6a bistre, surch Nabha State
8a red lilac, surch Nabha State
1r carmine and green, surch Nabha State

Jamaica Wrapper

½p green on cream, King

Mexico Postal Card

2c green on cream

Official Adhesives

1c green, 1900, surch "Official" in carmine
5c blue, 1900, surch "Official" carmine
10c lilac and orange, 1900, surch "Official"
black, double surch
10c blue and orange, 1903, surch in black

New Caledonia Adhesives

Commemorating Colonial Anniversary

1c black on blue, surch in blue
2c brown on buff, surch in blue
4c claret on lavender, surch in blue
5c green on greenish, surch in red
5c bright yellow green, surch in red
10c black on lavender, surch in gold
10c black on lavender, surch in red
15c gray on lavender, surch in red
20c red on green, surch in blue
25c black on rose, surch in blue
30c brown on bistre, surch in red
40c red on straw, surch in blue
50c carmine on rose, surch in blue
75c black on orange, surch in black
1fr bronze green on straw, surch in blue
1[c], surch sideways on 2c in blue
2[c], surch sideways on 4c in blue
4[c], surch sideways on 5c in dark blue
4[c], surch normal on 5c in pale blue
10[c], surch sideways on 15c in blue
15[c], surch sideways on 20c in blue
20[c], surch sideways on 35c in blue

Seychelles Registration Envelopes

12c blue, King

Tunis Unpaid Letter Adhesives

2fr red on green

5fr black on green

United States (Philippines)

Adhesives
1c green, surch "Philippines"
2c carmine, surch "Philippines"
50c orange, surch "Philippines"

Go to Japan for the world's cheapest postal service. A 2 sen stamp—a little over a farthing—franks a letter from end to end of the Mikado's Empire.

Washington Notes

C. M.

THE arrival of the New Standard Catalogue on October 31, was a pleasant surprise. The competition of Stanley Gibbens has evidently been felt.

Special attention is called by the Postoffice Department to the fact that while the over printed Philippine stamps in general are not valid for postage in the rest of the United States, the reply half of the the Philippine postal double card is valid when mailed in the United States and addressed to a point in the Philippine Islands.

The report of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for 1903 shows considerable activity in the postage stamp line. Stamps were printed and delivered as follows:

United States.

Ordinary, series of 1894:	
\$0.01	809,083.495
.02	1,870,250.495
.02	105,198.960
.03	23,701.495
.04	29,204.265
.05	44,130.295
.06	9,743.465
.06	8,428.495
.10	20,245.595
.15	3,415.425
.50	187.685
1.00	41.435
2.00	3.485
5.00	3.675
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	2,923,638.265

Ordinary series of 1902:	
\$0.01	568,212.426
.02	1,609,279.626
.02	64,805.760
.03	16,777.426
.04	18,925.756
.05	34,539.426
.06	4,880.456
.08	13,664.826
.10	12,251.226
.13	3,149.121

.15	344,576
.50	78,706
1.00	12,361
2.00	3,041
5.00	2,711

	Total.	2,346,926,544
Special Delivery, series of 1894, \$0.10		4,637,635
Special Delivery, series of 1902, \$0.10		5,544,436
Postage Due, series of 1894:		
\$0.01		5,060,300
.02		15,746,200
.03		347,000
.05		576,000
.10		2,819,300
.30		6,430
.50		5,550
	Total	24,860,780

Cuba.

Postage stamps delivered to Department of Posts of Cuba, during the fiscal year 1903.
Cuba ordinary, series of 1899:

\$0.01	1,000,000	
.02	2,000,000	
.05	1,000,000	
.10	1,000,000	
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	Total	5,000,000

Cuban Special Delivery, series of 1899, \$0.10..... 500,000

Postage stamps delivered to the Republic of Cuba during the fiscal year 1903.

Cuba ordinary, series of 1899:		
\$0.01	8,000,000	
.02	12,000,000	
.02	480,240	
.05	2,000,000	
.10	1,000,000	
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	Total	23,480,240

Cuban Special Delivery, series of 1899, \$0.10..... 500,000

Philippines.

Philippines, imprinted on ordinary postage stamps, series of 1894:

\$0.01	2,000,000	
.02	1,000,000	
.02	214,560	
.05	250,000	
.15	50,000	
1.00	2,000	
2.00	1,000	
5.00	600	
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	Total	3,518,160

The cost of the Cuban stamps was \$2,766.23, and of those for the Philippines \$290,76. There is a notable falling off in the number furnished to the postoffice department for the Postal Union, only 5 of each denomination being supplied. This falling off is probably partly due to the investigation now in progress and partly to the fact that there is no opportunity for invert "errors" in the current series.

Inscriptions on Stamps BY L G DORPAT

CHINESE AND JAPANESE

ACCORDING to a promise made some time ago I have tried to get behind the secrets of Chinese and Japanese writing for the benefit of the numerous readers. At present I cannot do anything better than to give an extract from a letter which I received from a Chinese scholar: Chinese writing is not a system of representing sounds (at least it was not, in the first place) it is rather a highly conventionalized picture writing, resembling somewhat the old Egyptian hieroglyphs. Originally no doubt, and as far as we can judge from ancient inscriptions that have come down to us, the characters were rude pictures of the objects they were intended to represent. By combining two or more characters symbols for abstract ideas were obtained. In the course of ages, the forms and sounds of the characters have changed until at the present day everything is in a hopeless muddle and there is no sure way of arriving at the meaning or sound of a given character except by memorizing it and its name as a separate entity without reference to other characters of similar form. A good deal of help and a certain degree of assurance as to the probable sound of a character may be reached by an attentive study of the older language. An analysis of all the characters known reveals that about 1500 graphic elements are used in their construction, that is to say one out of these 1500 elementary signs is found in every character in the language. For instance the sign for "tree" will be found in all characters relating to trees. There has been a goodly number of different native schemes for classifying the characters but the one now in use and arrived at some 500 years ago sorts them all under 214 general headings. The

small number seems a great improvement over the older plans but it has been fatal to stymology (if I may apply that word to writing) because a large number of characters have been placed under one heading or another merely because of a superficial resemblance in their component parts to the character selected as a "heading". Theoretically these "214 classifiers" as they are termed are supposed to constitute groups of ideas but as a matter of fact they are simply convenient labels for groups of similar graphic elements. They are arranged in the order of the number of strokes employed in writing them beginning with those of one stroke (6) running through those of two (23), three (31), four and so on up to No. 214 which has 17 strokes. Several of the classifiers have modified forms often quite unlike the prototype. The writing runs in columns from above downwards and from right to left of the page. One learns the classifiers in their fixed order and learns also the "number" belonging to each just as one commits to memory the "alphabet" in a European language. In looking for a Chinese character in a dictionary you decide first what its "classifier" is, and then you count the number of the strokes in the remaining part of the character. Turning to classifier so and so in your dictionary, under the rubric of such and such a number of strokes, you find the symbol for the meaning of which you are in search. There are some 45,000 different characters listed in the Imperial K'ang-hsi Lexicon, but about three to five thousand would cover all characters in every day use. The study of Chinese gets to be pretty monotonous when it comes to memorizing several thousand practically arbitrary signs, with their names and tonal inflections!

(To be continued.)

Our Illustrations

S. VALENTINE SAXBY

born in Seven Oaks, Kent, England Feb 14, 1897 and was educated in Surrey county school Cranleigh. Came to U. S. in 1896 and is now a citizen. Has been a collector all his life at least since he was a boy. Makes a specialty of Great Britain and colonies, U. S. and entire. Is a member of C. P. S., A. P. A., Can. Phil. So., etc., etc.; is an enthusiastic golfer, member Rockford County Club past member Menoken Club Chicago. Member Old Cranleighian Society, London, England, Order of Columbian Knights and Royal League, etc. He is married and has one son. See his double page ad in this number.

WM. F. HOFERT

was born in Chicago 19 years ago and has been an active collector since 1894 having a collection of over 4000 varieties. In 1899 he started what is now one of the largest stamp firms in Chicago. His sales for '99 were \$40 50 In 1902 they had increased to over \$200 00 If you are ever in Chicago don't fail to make him a visit. He is also connected with a large fixture manufacturing house where he holds a re-ponsible position. See his page ad in this number.

G. W. WELSH.

Born in Bellefonte, Pa., 1870. College graduate, minister by occupation. He was raised in York, Pa.

Began collecting about 1892 upon receiving about 140,000 stamps mainly Columbians and old issues as a present while in college.

His collection now numbers 4000. Is manager of the Manheim Stamp Co., of which company the stock in trade is offered at low rates because of press and other work. See his ad in this issue. Member S of P and S. C. P. A.

C. C. COBB.

He has been collecting since about 1880, but has done the most of it in the last five years. He has a room 18x20, but has enough to fill a room twice the size. He collects most every-

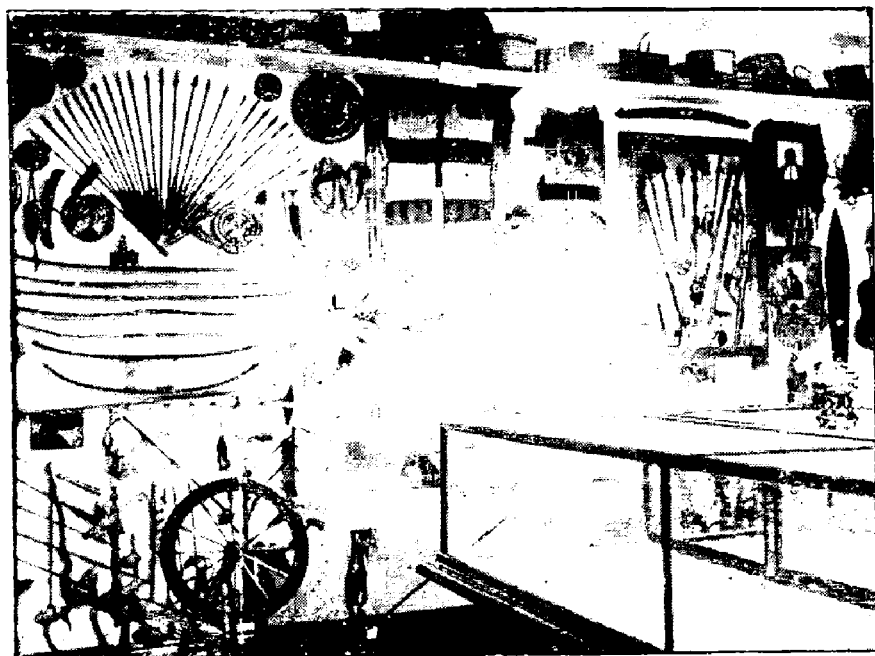
thing except stamps, and has perhaps more Indian relics than any one thing. He has 1400 arrowpoints, 25 axes, 10 hammers, a number of celts and scrapers and pestles, grinding stones, 3 mortar and pestles, a lot of spear points, 1 drinking cup, gorgets and ceremonial stones, discoïdals, paint and medicine grinders, pipes, beads and many other things, fifty baskets, fish hooks, bow and arrows, beadshirt, about fifteen war clubs, 1 red cedar canoe 14½ feet from Fox Lake, Wis., had been sunk in Lake at least 40 years when raised about 5 years ago, 1 Alaskan fish skin shirt and much other beadwork, one pipe made by the Ashanter Indians, South Africa. One boot worn by Walter Wellman on his last Arctic exploration; large amount of old arms, one gun 1812 war, quite a collection from Cuba, and a fine collection from the Philippines. Big collection of shells from all over the world and many of the islands. Many of them he has collected himself and he has 3 large cases of minerals and fossils both collected and bought, also Civil War relics. The finest collection of Chinese musical instruments ever seen anywhere from Shanghei, China. Case of rare old pipes, 1 old clock over 200 years old. The best collection of geodes he has ever seen, a number of old books and papers, coins from nearly every country, old scrip, Continental and Massachusetts Bay money, Salt Lake money, Canada and European scrip, about 100 pieces of pottery, 7 genuine Cliff dwellers ollas, etc., blankets, mats and rugs and old Queensware and hundreds of other things. He collects only for his own use and pleasure, does not sell or exchange but adds continually to his collection. He has been in every state in the union except 5, travelled through England, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, Germany; Switzerland, Italy and France and expects to spend the winter in California or Honolulu. He was born in Milwaukee, Nov. 15th 1842. He says he enjoys reading the WEST. He is a member of the Curio Society.



L. W. STILWELL, Deadwood, S. D.

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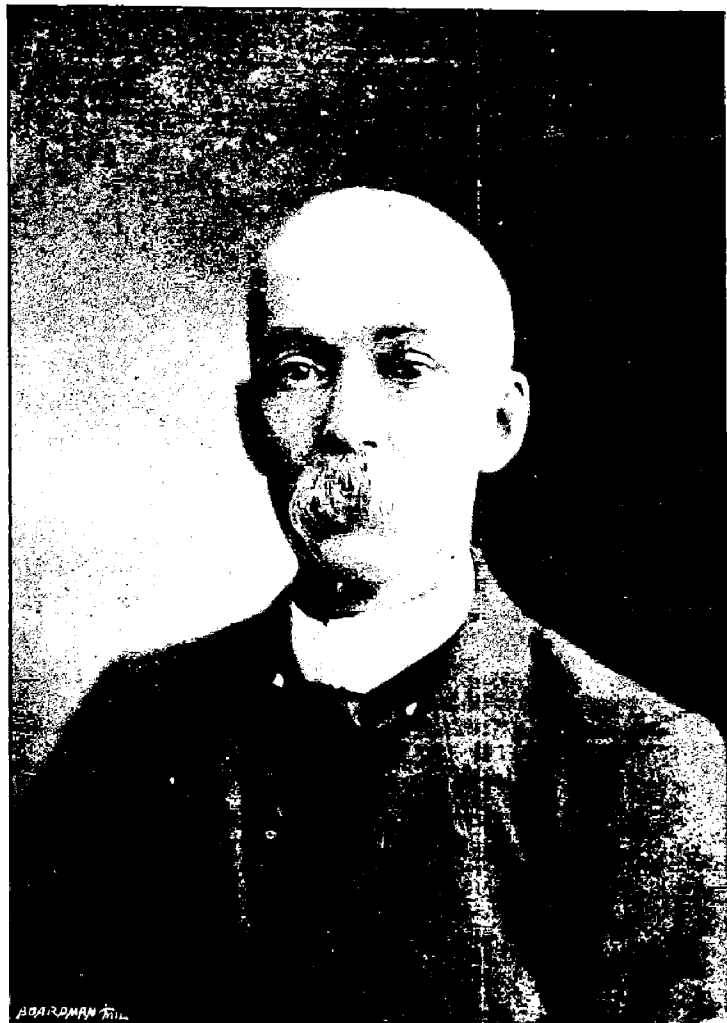
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W. F. HOBERT
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The A. S. Series of Christmas and New Year Souvenir Post Cards German and English. Courtesy of A. Selige, St. Louis.



Father Time will soon turn over another page of the Book of Life.

We trust that the record indicates that you have enjoyed satisfactory relations with your chosen hobby during the year now closing.

We beg of you acceptance of our earnest wishes for unflinching health, happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

THE PUBLISHER AND EDITORS.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARRELL GREENE, A S of C C

THE Tennessee authrology exhibit at the World's Fair in St. Louis next year will contain the large and valuable collection of Indian relics owned by Gen. John T. Wilder of Knoxville. This collection is said to be one of the largest and most valuable in the United States.

In the years that are to be it is not likely that coin collectors will have much difficulty in adding to their collections pennies of the United States bearing dates of 1898 to 1903. The recent report of the Director of the Mint shows that in the past five years 3,000,000,393 one-cent pieces have been shipped from the Philadelphia mint, and in the eleven months from July 1, 1902, to June 1, 1903 89,600,000 were coined. The numismatist of the year 2000 will likely have no trouble in getting for his cabinet pennies of these dates.

A rare collection of orchid bulbs from the Philippine Islands reached St. Louis the other day. They will be exhibited at the Wolrd's Fair next year. They are exceedingly rare specimens, many of them never having been seen in America before. They will be kept in the exposition green houses this winter and will be transferred to the conservatories in the Palace of Horticulture before the

opening on April 30, 1904.

E. W. Crosby, who is collecting specimens for the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, visited Oregon City, Oregon the last of October to see the meteor reported as having been found near there a short time before. He pronounced it not only a genuine meteor, but the largest that has ever been found in the United States and the largest ever discovered in the world. It weighs between ten and twenty tons. He says from appearances it may have been buried in the hill where it was found for many centuries.

A correspondent writing to the WEST from Columbus, Colorado county, Texas, tells of a silver medal being found in that city by an old negro while digging on the site of the old Colorado county court house which had been destroyed, the foundation for a new structure. The medal seemed to be of pure silver, weighed four ounces and on one side has a picture of Lincoln, "President of the United States," while the other side represents an Indian taking a scalp. The correspondent wants information as to what the medal commemorates, and what its value is. Can anyone tell him? The same correspondent says he has some very old pen drawings dated 1679, 1680, and 1709, by W. Rainer. The drawings are of bible subjects. The Curio

Editor would be glad of any information identifying the old medal.

Another correspondent, signing himself simply "A Pennsylvanian," gives a list of the principal points of interest to the curio collector and hobbyist who visits Washington, D. C. He says to visit the Corcoran Gallery of Art, see there paintings and statuary, some belonging to the Gallery, others loaned by various persons. Visit the National Museum, and see Washington's camp outfit, the Grant relics, etc. Also see the mounted Zoological specimens with fac-simile of native habitat. Visit the Smithsonian Institution where the collector in almost any line can find things of interest. Visit the Navy Yard and see the old cannon and arms. The correspondent adds that since the building of the President's offices the entrance to the White House reminds one of going into a cave.

From the Melbourne (Australia) Argus, I clip the following, relative to the probable extinction of the Bird-of-Paradise, the same being contributed to the Argus by one who signs himself Clifford Coles, Taxidermist. He says that while he agrees these birds should have some measure of protection from the guns of sportsmen he fears that it is not generally known that nature protects them in a more certain manner than is possible by the laws of man. Lacking this information, one is apt to fall into the error of assuming that, with the demand for plumes, in the course of time the family *Paradisidea* will become extinct. The fallacy of this idea is exposed to a student of nature, for he finds that, in common with the rifle bird (*Ptilorhis paradisaea*) and the regent bird (*Sericulus melinus*), the closest allies of the birds of paradise on the mainland, the birds of paradise

do not assume their full plumage until they reach the age of from four to six years. In its first year the male is always of a dull brown color, and altogether unattractive, and it is extremely difficult to separate the male from the female. It is at this age ready for breeding. At two years there is a slight indication of color on the young male. At three years the color is more pronounced, and so it goes on, gradually developing, until it reaches its full beauty, at about five or six years. During all this time it breeds the same as the older birds, and, as its plumage is so dull, it escapes the gun and often the eye of the collector. We see, therefore, that nature has so ordained these birds, that, even if by any chance the whole of the fully-developed birds were destroyed, others would still remain in very large numbers, to perpetuate their species ad infinitum.

It is reported to the Curio Editor that three miles southwest of the town of Barry, Ills., can be found a field of collecting that would make the heart of a geologist leap with joy. Between two hills, which are half a mile high, lies a valley three-quarters of a mile wide, and in this valley nature shows that at one time America was covered with waters, and that the Father of Waters reached from bluff to bluff. In the last five years, it is said, the heavy rains have washed a gutter about thirty feet deep, and for a quarter of a mile can be seen petrified wood. It looks like there was a drift of logs, trees of all sizes and brush being petrified. There are logs three feet through that look like pine logs. Others are of different sizes, from large down to a small twig. Hundreds have gathered to see the wonder. It makes one think that hundreds of years ago this country was covered

with water, and as it went down it left a big drift of logs, trees and brush, which were covered with earth until forty feet had covered it, and the late rains have washed and unearthed it. Here would be a great study for our geologists.

The junior department of the Y. M. C. A. at St. Joseph, Mo., is rapidly acquiring one of the finest curio collections in the state. The latest acquisition is a number of valuable old papers and pieces of paper money, donated by T. P. Campbell, who a few weeks ago donated a fine collection of old coins. Among the papers which Mr. Campbell gave is a copy of the Declaration of Independence, printed during the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, on Benjamin Franklin's old hand press. There are two \$1000 Confederate bonds and two grants of government land in Missouri to veterans of the War of 1812. One of them bears the signature of President James K. Polk and the other the signature of President James Buchanan. Both bear the official seal of the United States. In the collection of old paper money are two pieces of colonial script. One of them is a bill for five Spanish milled dollars, issued at Charleston, S. C., December 23, 1776. The other was good for six Spanish milled dollars, and was issued by the Virginia General Assembly at Richmond, October 7, 1776.

An Australian correspondent sends us a photo of a very curious bird's nest found in Australia, on the Hexham Plains and brought into Hamilton, Victoria, Australia by the finder, for presentation to the local museum. The nest is built entirely of odd scraps of fencing-wire, and was made on the ground. The weight is about 30

pounds, and it is 2 feet 4 inches across. It is well put together, the wires being laid so as to entwine. The centre is made up of wool and grass. Nothing is said as to what kind of a bird made the very queer nest.

Mr. J. P. Morgan has bought in England about 700 volumes which show the progress of printing from its inception to the year 1,500. The collection includes about thirty Caxtons, some of which are from the Ashburnham Library. Mr. Bennett, the vendor, who had recently formed the collection, sold it to Mr. Morgan in April.

Over 1,200 fresh water shells of different species are found in America, nearly one third of which are found in the great lakes and rivers flowing thereto.

The first money ever of a metallic nature coined was shaped like a ring and made of a species of iron.

Keep Right On.

"The first advertisement may not bring many inquiries, but like the foundations of a building, they are fulfilling their purpose, even if they don't make much of a showing. Keep right on building and you will have an edifice of more or less value, according to the building done. Keep right on advertising. Don't be discouraged because the foundation don't show up very much compared to what you expect the ultimate result to be. If the the advertising is well done and in the right medium you are just as sure of having a well built business as the builder is sure of having his house completed when the necessary expense and work are put into it."

Ant and Antiquarian

George J. Remsburg



GO to the ant, thou antiquarian, consider his ways and—look for buried treasurers. How many archaeological members of the A. S. of C. C. can attribute the discovery of an Indian camp ground

to the antics of the ant? How many of you brethren, have found this little creature advantageous in your eager search for the last resting place of the noble red man? There are few of us who have not, in the earlier part of our collecting careers, in our fervent desire to discover our first Indian relics, mistaken the nicely rounded ant hills for burial grounds erected by the aborigines, and penetrated them with a spade only to find that they were quite more full of animate than inanimate. But, while these mounds were built by red ants instead of red men, did it ever occur to you that not infrequently these subterranean sanctums of the living might be antechambers leading to the silent sepulchres of the dead.

It seems that the ingenious ant, not having an antipathy for things gruesome, but rather with an eye to business, often selects old graveyards for his home, because the soil is loose and easy to work. This tiny fellow also possesses a penchant for removing every particle that gets in his way, or is apt to obstruct the passage of his

dwelling. Thus can we account for the occasional appearance of Indian beads on the surface of the ground that has been undermined by Mr. Ant.

While passing over a naked knoll on Owl creek, in Atchison county, Kansas, one day, the writer casually observed a number of small white porcelain beads on the surface. There were no other indications of a grave, but at the point where the beads were found was a lot of loose dirt which had been worked up by ants. A subsequent examination revealed that the beads had been worked up out of an Indian grave by the ants that infested it. I have been told by people living on the old Kickapoo Indian village site near my home that they have found under similar circumstances in the old Kickapoo grave yards at that place. Mr. F. M. Rosenberry, of Mead county, Kansas, writes me that there is a place in his locality "where they find Indian beads by the ants fetching them to the surface." Mr. R. J. Traver, of Wichita county, this state, informs me that he once found a lot of Indian beads in an ant hill on top of a bluff on his farm. Excavations on the spot failed to reveal a grave, but some time afterwards Mr. Traver's dog pursued a rabbit into a small cavern in the bluff, and upon investigation the place was found to contain portions of five different human skulls, together with nearly a peck of beads of various sizes, shapes, and colors, and a number of other relics. Mr. Traver does not state the depth from the top of the hill to the cavern below, but it is obvious that the beads found by Mr. Traver on the surface of the hill had been carried there from the cavern by the ants.

Mrs. S. H. Comer, of Doniphan, Kansas, says that in 1866, the children often picked up beads on the surface of an old Indian burial ground in that

vicinity. In the "Archaeologist" for July, 1895, Miss Rosalia Warner, of Maywood, Nebr., mentions the finding of a lot of colored glass beads on an ant hill in that locality which was formerly occupied by the Sioux and Pawnee Indians.

I could give many more examples where that busy little creature, the ant, has exposed the "hidden treasures" so dear to the student of antiquities, and which, otherwise might have remained obscured. Who dare deny that this tiny insect has stimulated a desire for antiquarian study in many a person who has hap-hazardly stumbled upon an ant hill studded with indian beads? Who will proclaim that there is not more than one fine collection of antiquities the nucleus of which was a buads placed in some fellow's path by the little ant.

Sea Weeds.

Florence E. Fuller

"Oh! call us not weeds, but flowers of the sea.
For lovely and gay and bright tinted are we:
Our blush is as deep as the rose of the bowers.
Then call us not weeds, we are the ocean's gay
flowers."

Tide tossed and tangled upon the surface of every sea, float the feathery fronds of an infinite variety of Sea-weeds, or Mosses as they are popularly called. Grouped under the general name of Algæ, they form a part of that large class known botanically as Cryptogamie. It is claimed that there are more than six thousand varieties of marine plants growing upon shore and sea, washed by the waves, covered by the tide, moistened by the spray, or hidden beneath the waters. Certain species luxuriate most where alternately exposed and covered by the tide, others at the very confines of the lowest ebb. Only a comparatively few classes come to the surface.

"Far in the sunless retreats of the ocean,
Fair flowers are springing no mortal may see."

Sea Mosses are variable both in varification and coloring. The rainbow braid of sea weed, "falling and lifting, tossing and drifting," includes almost every shade, from the pale ivories and towny tints of sand, through gold and orange hues to sober chocolates; greens of meadow freshness, flaunting vermillion, rich olives and delicate amethyst, ever fadeless through the changing year.

"E'en through winter's barren hours
Ocean's garden has its flowers,
Summer suns may pass away,
Still they smile and look as gay."

The sea is a vast magazine of unexplored wealth, and the beautiful specimens of Algæ hidden beneath its crest are "a type and an earnest of the stored and uncounted riches lying hidden in all creation."

"We stand as wondering children stand,
By sea-beat shore.

Gath'ring up Ocean's treasures from the sand;
Yet doth the exhaustless deep
Its fullness keep.
Some scattered stores they glean—earth's wisest
do no more."

The collection of seaweed is a great pleasure, and while doubtless awaken interest, they should also whisper to the heart some hint of the wonderful beneficence and wisdom of the Creator.

At the treasury it is said that the cent is a barometer of business conditions. A heavy storm or a sudden coming of cold weather—anything in short, that keeps the penny spending part of the population at home—is accurately reflected in the falling off of the cents coming to the subtreasuries for exchange and redemption. During periods of dullness pennies accumulate at subtreasuries, but when trade revives they begin to circulate rapidly again.

The Shah of Persia has a very celebrated collection of pipes.

An Exploring Trip For Historical Purposes

By E. R. Steinbrueck

IT WAS on a Tuesday, June 26, with tent and camping outfit, I started on a fifty-mile trip to the last village sites of the now extinct tribe of the Mandan Indians. We have, so far, discovered two village sites of them, south of Mandan, one at the East end of this city, and one about six miles North.

To trace and to add to their history our trip was undertaken.

The Mandans were a tribe very different from other Indians of North America. They had all shades of hair, from white even to black, except the red or auburn. Their eyes were as much gray and blue as black. Their character was more intelligent, more friendly, if I may call it so, more refined than any of any other tribes roaming about the wide expanse of North America. It is said that they were mixed with Welsh blood. A crew of Welsh sailors once got lost, many centuries ago, never to be heard of, and though the Mandans did not know of any white man, yet their legends and traditions lead to the belief that the supposition as stated above may be true. They, for instance, spoke of a great flood or deluge, which once destroyed all mankind but a few who saved themselves in a big canoe. The festive of the "Big Canoe," the reproduction of which was kept in a sacred lodge, was celebrated every year, with terrible tortures on young men, who wished to be taken up in the ranks of warriors and braves for trial of their worthiness. The Mandans moved up from the Ohio river, away above Cincinnati and gaining the Missouri river, gradually reached a place about ten miles

below the mouth of the Knife river, always keeping to the left of the Missouri and building their lodges on its high banks.

Their route led them through the country of the hostile Souix, a mighty and numerous nation and never safe from an attack by their voracious enemies, they were compelled to build strong lodges and surround their villages with pallasades, on the inside of which ran a ditch about four feet in width. The lodges were built of timber, split cotton wood and elm the wall about six to seven feet high, the roof sloping upward toward the center with a hole for the passage of light and of smoke. All was covered with brush or clay.

These lodges 30-40 feet in diameter were proof against fire or arrow points and their roofs served as resting places as wooing corners, and for many other purposes. Either by their natural intelligence and industry or by being compelled to stay more at home, surrounded and threatened by their foes and consequently leisure pressing on them, they manufactured many field implements of bone, flint, quartz and granite.

To find such implements, or remnants of them I have been out many a day visiting and searching the village sights of the Mandans near by. Sorry I have not got a camera to my name, or I would gladly send a multitude of photographs with description.

To tell the results of our search, we camped first at an old trading post, four miles south of old Fort Clarke. Two miles below, again was a plain site of the Mandan where we found flint and bone implements of the same kind and in some abundance as near the city of Mandan. Apparently the Mandans moved thence six miles up the river, seeking protection west of and close to Fort Clarke. When this

Fort was abandoned they retreated four miles under the shelter of the Trading Post. There their fate was sealed and they met their doom. A French trading vessel with two cases of small pox or rather the Asiatic pox on board spread the disease among the Mandans and their number of about sixteen hundred was reduced to about thirty or forty by the "Black Death." Next the Ricares attacked and conquered the remnants who were weakened by sickness and famine, took possession of the village, and made the remaining Mandans prisoners and slaves.

During an attack of the powerful Sioux, the Mandans, men women and children, broke through the pickets to become slaughtered by the infuriated Sioux rather than remain slaves of the Ricares, and that was the last of that once quite numerous, intelligent, industrious and generous tribe.

Now the historical societies of the East as well as of the West, anxiously endeavor to obtain as much information as possible of this extinct and remarkable tribe, now, when it is almost too late. Dakota, the past home of these Indians, is fast awakening from its slumber in post festum, as we are working in the interest of St. Paul Minn., which spoke first.

At the two village sites most north, near Ft. Clarke and the Trading Post only the traces of which latter two are left, we found but very few bone and even flint implements. The Ricares had occupied both of these villages after the Mandans. Apparently the "Black Death" had devoured many of the Ricares too, to judge by the number of graves left below the village near the Trading Post. The men were buried lying on their right side, knees drawn up and arms folded as in prayer, while the face was turned to

the rising sun. Ornaments of bone and metal and beads of the white man, flint spear and arrowhead, red pipes, punk flint, tobacco, medicine bag and medicine were placed in front of them while the body of the females was averted from the East and small looking glasses, and iron hoe or hatchet and a file, beads and in all cases red paint was the last gift to the their trip to— what?

We could not find any burying place of the Mandans, strange to say. I understand they took their dead across the river. This, to explore, is left to the future, when I hope to take a camera along.

Though highly interesting, it is sad to read the decline and decay of nations, once prosperous and full of joy of life, in their remains. Their deeds in the books of history is their only monument.

Louis XIV Coins Unearthed.

While some workmen were raising a large slab in an old house at Audierne, in the Department of Finistere, France belonging to a retired navy doctor, they came across a huge leather bag, which was found to contain a quantity of silver coins, mostly of the reign of Louis XIV, and of a total weight of fifty-eight kilograms. It is a very interesting collection, as every silver coin of that time is believed to be represented in it. The explanation of the stowing away of all this money is thought to be that during a famine, which prevailed in the early part of the eighteenth century, the wealthy were ordered to send their plate to the mint, to be converted into coinage. Various provincial landowners, however, preferred to conceal their valuables, so it is calculated that the treasure just discovered at Audierne has been resting in its hiding place for nearly two hundred years. It is added that in conformity with the articles of the civil code relating to such matters, the money has been divided equally between the landowner and the workmen who found it.—London Telegraph.

Ancient Arms of Stone and Bronze

By **K a r l S. H i l l m o r**

ONE of the best chapters in the history of civilization is the study of arms and armor. I have endeavored to tell in a brief way to the reader, in plain every-day language, something about the ancient war implements.

Weapons of stone appear to have been universally characteristic of the lower, earlier races of man. Weapons formed and made of this rude material were very few and simple. The imperforate axe, from the rudely dressed wedge of flint, to the highly polished and shape-ly celt was the weapon most used at that time. They were made in flint, greenstone, slate, and in every substance to be had capable of being fashioned into the desired form, and of retaining the sharp edge.

It was remarkable with what quickness the arrow heads and spears were chipped from flint. They were nearly as perfect as those afterwards made in metal.

The ancient stone-workers gave much attention to flint knife-dagger of leaf shape, which afterwards became the form of the characteristic weapon of the Bronze Age the leaf-shaped sword. These knife-daggers of flint varied considerably in variety of form, but the shape is always the same. So also, do they vary in size, but only occasionally does one exceed twelve inches in length.

They are delicately chipped to a straight edge, and the flakes are removed so evenly from the poritons of the blade as to give a wavy surface, and they are never ground or polished in the least. The corners of the handle are very finely crimped, which produces

an appearance of great beauty and finish.

In the earliest interments, in which the weapons deposited with the dead were other than stone, the form of a peculiar dagger of bronze occurs. It has a knife-like, thin and well finished edge, most generally about six inches in length. The hilt is broad and tapering, with massive rivets of bronze holding the blade to the handle. These daggers have been found associated with stone celts, both the rudely chipped and polished kinds, showing they had not been altogether discarded when the bronze type of dagger came into use.

Later on another type of bronze dagger appears. It is a broad, heavy, curved weapon, from about nine to fifteen inches in length, with bulky rivets fastening the blade to an equally bulky handle. The leaf-shaped sword is, however, the characteristic weapon of the Bronze Age. All over Europe it is found, from Lapland to the great sea.

No war weapon of any period is more delicate and graceful in form than this bronze weapon. The finishing appears to have been given in the mould without the use of file or hammer, the edge having been given by suddenly reducing the thickness of the metal so that a narrow border of extreme thinness runs along both sides of the blade from hilt to point. Both the handle-plate and blade were cast in one piece. Side-plates of wood, bone, or horn were riveted through the handle-plate. The weapon had no guard, and, though short, was well balanced. It was fitted more for stabbing than for cutting with the edge.

The variety of Scandinavian origin is not so much leaf-shaped, and is not so much leaf-shaped, and is longer and heavier than the common British

form, while, instead of a handle-plate, a fang is furnished on which a round, flat-topped handle is attached, like the fashion of the modern Highland disk, surmounted by a crescent-like bronze ornament.

A rapier-shaped, narrow variety, tapering from hilt to point, was made without a handle-plate, and fastened to the hilt by rivets, like the bronze daggers already mentioned. This form is more common in the British isles than in Scandinavia, and is most abundant in Ireland.

The spear-heads of the Bronze Period have many variations of form, though the leaf shape predominates, and the barbed examples are extremely rare. Some varieties of the British form of this weapon are of great size, frequently reaching a length of twenty-seven inches. These are very often beautifully designed, having segmental openings on both sides of the middle ridge of the blade, and highly ornamented with patterns of chased and inlaid work, both on socket and blade.

Arrow-points are much more rare in bronze than in flint, for the flint point, which is just as effective and much more easily replaced when lost, seems to have been continued in use throughout the Bronze Period.

Eventful Picture Post Cards

M i s s M . K e l l e r

A unique series of cards called "A record of Event on post Cards" was published in London W. C. which if subscribed to, a post card is dispatched to your address whenever an important event happens, and from the place where it takes place. A reproduction on the card deals with the happening and in addition a note written on the

card gives all particulars about the events. The postmark is also valuable, as it gives date and place. It is impossible to say when the cards can be sent as Events cannot be predicted. This is an excellent plan and one that ought to be carried out to a great extent. It has been made quite an acknowledgement so far as is seen from the many Event Cards which have been issued so far, and are being issued from day to day. Those that came to my notice are some of the grand Tuck Cards, the Coronation issues. These are by far the finest in design and execution yet seen. These were issued in many series; having for design, flags, crests, portraits, the three royal generations, emblematic designs, kings and queens of England. Others showed incidents and personages of the Pageant at Westminster. Among them I've seen, "The arrival of the State Coach at the Abbey"; "The royal procession in the Abbey"; "The king and queen approaching the throne"; "The king in his robe"; "Her majesty the Queen Alexandria"; "Prince and Princess of Wales". The "Peace Post Cards" may also be classed in the Event issue of cards and are also a set of five varieties published by R. Tucks. These are of importance, too, and deserve mention; for without peace the festivities would have been marred. One Peace Card shows a Briton and a Boer shaking hands and has for inscription the words, "Peace at last." The Boer war series are of the most interesting on account of the incidents in the South African War. The "Peace series" were posted within an hour of the announcement in Parliament. This may be considered a remarkable feat in cartophily. The Prince Henry Cards illustrating various incidents, during his visit here were all highly interesting to both Europeans and Americans. Among them were those showing

portrait of the Prince in his admiral's uniform. Others showing him with the President and Miss Roosevelt. Still others showing the Imperial yacht "Hohenzollern" or scenes at the launching of the "Meteor" and during the Prince's trip through the country. The Selige carton cards depicting comical and humorous scenes from his flying trip in St. Louis, Mo., are worth mentioning here. These show the Prince and the City Mayor on a constant run or fly, by automobile, carriage, a foot and are a treasure to anyone who has them now. I quote a few stanzas seen in one of our exchange papers, showing the Prince's liking for a jolly time:

"It pleased the Prince's fancy
 This Post Dispatch Cartoon.
 Said He: 'Its great, by Himmell!
 I'll take him with me, soon.
 Already yet and give her
 To Brother Bill, mein king.
 'Twill show how Missouri
 Kept Henrich in the ring."

If ever an Emperor laughs since Emperor William has laughed at these At that time a German manufacturer of cards solicited orders in Germany for cards sent directly from this country, illustrating the trip of the Prince these were mailed and stamped, and sent to collectors at home. The Tuck series of Coronation must not be overlooked in my review of the various Event Series, as these by Tucks are richly printed in gold and colors. These show full length figures of the King and Queen, the royal arms of Great Britain and Ireland, the Crown and state Coach. King Edward is said to be the first ruler of Great Britain to have his Coronation commemorated by picture post cards.

The feeling and loss of our late Queen Victoria found expression in these simple Event Post Cards, but the first to record the nation of their sovereign were those of King Edward.

The Messrs Tuck Co have brought out most complete and excellent sets of cards, showing pictures of the Abbey, Church of Westminster, where the various ceremonies took place. The Johnson Set of Peace Cards are worthy to note here. These show portraits of Lord Kitchener and Milner and Chamberlain surrounded with wreaths and flags. Each card also has extracts from speeches and telegrams, One card shows the map of South Africa.

The Miss Ellen Stone cards commemorative of the captivity in Bulgaria with the pictures of Mrs Tshilka, baby Tshilka, Miss Stone, etc., are worthy of remembrance of good work done by these noble women.

One of the earliest French picture post cards, of which we have undisputable evidence, is the one published during the Franco-German War in 1870. This goes to show the early birth of Post Cards. The pictorial devise was printed on the front of the card and not as now, on the back. Yet some of our cards are seen printed on the front, and are chiefly so, issue from Canada, Italy, New Zealand, Queensland, and various other countries. Some one has said that if one chose to collect a certain class of cards, it should by all means be Commemorative Cards

The Event cards are the best subject when choosing the subjects of the card themselves. I agree with this suggestion to a good extent. The Event cards are of various subjects combined and give endless variety to the collector. They are highly historical, and of topical interest. They are a record of incidents of national importance as well as of local interest. Again, there is no reason why we should not collect these if one chose a certain subject in cards. Most every collector is more or less inclined to subdivide one's collection or specialize, in some particular sort of card. If one collects largely, one must subdivide.

A Trip To The Cave Dwellers Ruins.

B y C. G r e e n e

FLAGSTAFF, Arizona is a starting point to several places of interest, among them the ice-caves lava-beds, old ruins, cliff-dwellers and cave-dwellers. It was to the last mentioned I made a trip. Our outfit consisted of a camping wagon and team, provisions, tools, and a supply of water, for there is no water near the mountain on which the caves are situated.

On the morning we started the sky was clear and it was a very beautiful day in the distance we could see the mountains with the San Francisco peaks towering above all the others. Along the road occasionally, piles of stones were seen, all that was left of the dwellings of an ancient race akin to the cave-dwellers. We stopped near one of these. The ground around was strewn with the fragments of pottery and we picked up several nice arrowheads of semi-precious stone. A little distance off was a round depression which the guide said was a well. It was lined with clay and must have been of good service in its day.

Again driving on, we soon came in sight of our destination. From here it looked like a bald spot on the side of a mountain, but was really a smaller mountain on the side of a larger one with a ridge connecting them. As we drew nearer, the ground was covered with black cinders and continued like this all the way.

At the base of the mount, the guide pitched camp and we started for the top where the caves were located, climbing all the time in ashes that changed from black to red as we approached. There was a wonderful sight, the red cinder or lava was honey-combed in every direction.

The caves were arranged in tiers, one above the other, and embankments had been built with the material taken out of the caves, but were now torn down. We first explored the caves. They branched a little, but did not go very far. Nearly every one had a little side hole for a chimney. Searching around in the caves, half filled with dust and ashes, we found some implements.

A wall had been made across the before mentioned ridge and the space beyond seemed to be a sort of assembly or play grounds, although it contained two wells. The caves lowest down on the side had the entrance blocked up for burying places. In one of these we found parts of two skeletons, four dishes three of which were pottery and one of stone, some ornaments and rocks used for coloring. All over the whole place fragments of pottery lay thick and we found a few arrowheads. In one of the caves there was a piece of matting with some of the pieces still holding together and implements made of the lava were plentiful. We spent two whole days at the caves and returned on the third and I don't believe I ever took a more interesting trip.

Our First Money.

[McKeel's Stamp Collector]

The first metal money to be made in this country was coined at Boston, for the Massachusetts Colony and is known as New England money. They bear no date, but all were coined during the first year of the first American Mint—1652. They are of silver, and of the values of III, VI and XII pence.

On all the American mail ships, nowadays, there is a regular postoffice in charge of three postal clerks from the New York Postoffice, who live abroad and assort the mails just as is done by the clerks upon the railway postal cars.

MINEROLOGY

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—This department will be devoted exclusively to mineralogy, mines, etc., and the allied branches. All communications addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont. will be answered as far as possible in this department. We invite questions on this subject and will also be pleased to hear of any rarities or new finds in the mineral line.—Forest Gaines, Ed.]

DIAMONDS.

THE diamond has for centuries been considered the most most valuable of gems and for that reason is most highly prized. Until recently the diamond was also the highest priced of gems but of late years, certain Oriental emeralds and rubies have been sold for more. The writer knows of one emerald, cut oblong and about four carats weight, which sold for two thousand dollars. It was sold by Tiffany & Co., of New York City.

For time immemorial, both civilized and savage people have prized diamonds very highly, and many dark tragedies have surrounded the possession of some of these famous gems. Our readers are familiar with the history of the Kohinoor and others. The savage tribes of Africa have also had a great number of wars over the possession of diamonds.

In composition the diamond is the purest carbon. It is not combustible in any ordinary heat, however, but may be burnt by slow degrees in the electric arc, the latter being often done nowadays as an experiment in chemical laboratories. The diamond varies from ordinary carbon, in the fact that it is crystallized. A rough diamond crystal is usually an octahedron or or eight sided one, the edges being often rounded, however, by abrasion and and exposure. Certain primary variations occur, however.

The diamond is the hardest substance known, being number ten, or the top-notch in the scale of hardness. Frag-

ments are used to cut glass, in diamond drills, and for other similar purposes. Thus the gem not only tempts, but also becomes the tool of the burglar in many instances.

Diamonds vary a great deal in color from pure white, yellow and pink to jet black. The latter are used mainly for diamond drills and mostly come from the neighborhood of Minas, Brazil. The drills are used extensively in slate cutting and other similar industries, as the gem easily cuts the hardest rock-

Brazil was formerly the chief diamond producing country, but of late years, say in the last twenty or twenty-five years, South Africa, in the Kimberly district, some eight hundred miles from Cape Town has been the chief world's producer of the gems. The statement is made that some ten tons of rough diamonds have been taken from this district. Think of it!

Perfect diamonds are comparatively scarce, the majority having carbon spots, fractures or other impurities incorporated in them. While not usually dimming the luster of the stones, at the same time it decreases materially the market value of the gems.

The lapidary makes use of the ready ready fracture of the stones, parallel to their octahedral faces in his work and is materially assisted thereby.

The more facets a diamond has, the more its luster, and consequently its value is increased.

The DeBeers Company now practically controls the South African output and mainly controls the market prices. The price has been steadily on the advance for some time and will probably go much higher. A month ago an advance of ten per cent. was noted on rough stones, and fifteen per cent. on cut stones. The supply does not seem to be decreasing, but the de-

View Card Collecting

By L L y r r o n

mand is not equal to the general supply, hence the advance. For many decades, the chief diamond cutting establishments have been located in Amsterdam.

A one-carat stone is worth from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty dollars, according to its quality. Of course as the size increases, the value doubles and trebles tremendously. Formerly the clear white stones were the most valuable, but the sapphire blue ones have lately supplanted them in market price.

The strata in which the South African diamonds are usually found is a conglomerate of "blue-stone." The ones from Brazil are found in the gravel of streams.

Many imitations have lately come on the market, but one at all versed in the luster of the true stones can usually detect the defect at a glance. A sure test is to hold the two under water, when the imitation loses its glitter, while the genuine does not.

A New Gem Discovered.

From Pala, San Diego county, Cal., comes the verified report of the discovery of a new gem. It is an unaltered lilac-colored variety of Spodumene, and the crystals are remarkable for their size and beauty, weighing as high as 17 ounces, Troy. They are flat in shape and the color varies from pale to rich amethyst. The hardness is about 7 and the specific gravity 3.18. It is said that in a recent test made by Dr. Baskerville, of the University of North Carolina, the gem was sufficiently excited when subjected to Roentgen rays to take a photograph of itself. The new gem has been fitly named Kunzite, after the celebrated gem expert, Mr. Geo. L. Kunz, of New York City.

THE list of view card collectors continues to grow larger, and with this increase comes original ideas and newer cards. Some of my prettiest cards show bits of historical England, Scotland and Ireland, and show me history plainer than what I learned from my books. I also have transparent cards which give me an idea of the beauty of English architecture. Among them is the Crystal Palace and St. Ives Light House.

When I began collecting it was with the idea of having every country represented and I now really have about thirty represented, and I have cards from nearly every one of the United States.

Card collectors, like stamp collectors also specialize. Some only collect photo cards of statesmen; others of actors and actresses, still others collect only ornamented cards; some specialize in author's homes; others in castles, but I have been a "general" collector and that that way is the best.

I cite an instance which shows how philacarty is being taken up. I received cards of the St. Louis exposition long before the buildings were being erected. Who would have thought of such a thing for the 20th century?

China, Japan, India, Hayti, Jamacia and the Hawaiian Isles have beautiful cards, and finding their place in the homes of all lovers of art and travel.

To advertise once is better than to never advertise at all—because one time, if it is done properly, takes the kinks out and paves the way for the second time.—White's Sayings.

Postmarks of New York

By J. W. Wheeler

72 Comstock Ave., Providence, R. I.

Note: Corrections or additions welcomed. Cuts are half size. Continued from last month.

Both of these New York postmarks, as well as those that follow, were often accompanied by separate marks such as "Paid," "Ship," etc. As these were stamped entirely separate from the regular marks, and were only used under certain conditions, they will be described later under the head of Special Postmarks.

Early in 1798 an entirely new design appeared which has not been exactly duplicated by any other office



Fig. 3

(Fig. 3.) While this is the only postmark from New York which is noticeable for its "art," this class of postmarks of odd and varied design was the general rule in the United States for many years, and even at the present date it is not uncommon to meet with octagonal or oval marks, decorated with divers scrolls and "fish tails."

This postmark was stamped in black ink. The latest date seen is 1803. The year was not printed on postmarks till more than half a century before, but the postmark and letter were on the same piece of paper, as explained before, and the letter was usually dated with the year, it makes it easy to find the correct year in looking up dates of postmarks.

In March, 1802, an oval postmark was used (Fig. 4) stamped in red ink. This remained several years,



Fig 4



Fig. 5

and was the last postmark not in a circle. In 1806 the first circular postmark appeared (Fig. 5.) It was usually printed in red ink. The dashes in this are the last bit of ornamental work in New York postmarks. With a slight variation in the size of the dashes, this postmark was in use until as late as 1814. Beside this postmark, another was introduced in 1810, a plain, circular mark. (Fig. 6) This style of mark was in use until 1844, although there are slight changes in the size of the circle. Two of these variations are enough different to deserve special notice. In



Fig. 6



Fig. 7

the one shown in Fig. 7, the circle is quite a little larger, and the letters are farther apart, noticeably the W and Y. This was used from February, 1826, to June, 1830. The other, (Fig. 8) has a larger and heavier circle and much larger type. It was used during 1834, 5 and 6.

During this time a postmark was also adopted containing the word "SHIP" to show that the letter was going by a sailing vessel. Later on some other ship postmarks will be described, as they are not properly despatching marks, but the one shown in Fig. 9 was used purely for despatching mail, and no other mark was



Fig. 8



Fig. 9 used on the envelope. This was in use from 1831 to 1837, and was stamped in red ink.

In 1847 a new feature was added to the postmark, namely, the amount of postage (Fig. 10.) This saves a great deal of time, as the letter formerly had to be marked separately with the postage. It will also be noticed that the rates took a decided drop. In 1837 the rate to Cambridge was 20 cents, and ten years later it had gone down to five. The postage rates to New York from some of the other offices during the early part of the last century may be interesting. New York, 1 cent; Philadelphia, 12; Washington, 17; Providence, 17.

(Continued in Next Issue.)

Dr. Schumacker's Idea

IN reading your last issue of the WEST an idea struck me concerning a stamp collector's button. There is hardly any country but what have the old Post horn or the Winged Wheel somewhere on their stamps. How would a button look, say a deep red or vermillion back ground with a golden post horn.

Formerly the mails approach was announced by the Postillion, long before stamps were used. The winged wheel would look similar to the League of American wheelmen.

A button of say $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter would make a fine emblem for a collectors button. The vermillion to represent sealing wax.

The countries having either a Post horn watermark or as an emblem are as follows:

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| Hungary. | Brunswick |
| Hanover | Norway |
| Denmark | Sweden |
| Germany | Netherlands |
| Bavaria | Finland |
| Shanghai | Norway |
| Danish West Indies | Poland |
| Iceland | Guatemala |
| Orange River Col. | Roumani |
| Russia | Holstein |
| Sweden | Switzerland, etc. |

In Rebuttal By Jos. E. Harvey

IN my recent article I completely overlooked the $\frac{1}{4}$ surcharge on 1855 Cuba. The other two corrections I was aware of at the time I wrote the article. I did not deem the Mauritius surcharge of any importance as the value was not changed. The French stamp referred to I entirely disregarded, considering it in the same class with speculative issues, since it was never placed in use. Therefore, I thought it unworthy of mention. The critic employed by this paper, i. e. the Adhesive, certainly must consider himself or herself infallible, from the attacks on other papers.

Revenues stamps are on sale at all Mexican post-offices as well as at special offices where they are required, and can also be obtained from banks and newsdealers.

Collectors as a whole can no more stop the propensity of collecting than the world as a whole could stop the operation of the propensity of sociality.

Souvenir Postal Cards.

By Miss M. Keller

MANY collectors cannot get local new cards for exchange purposes and these, as a rule, are mostly in demand. Our foreign brother collectors are among the main ones to make a desperate howl when such are not sent, and the only help and consolation for those who would gladly send local cards if such were to be had is to try their hand at Blue Print Postal Cards, providing they are something of an amateur photographer. "The Picture Post Card" some time ago published a very instructive article telling how these cards can be made. I quote the following:—The Photox post cards may be manipulated in a room with an ordinary gas burner at its full height, provided that it is kept at a distance of 8 or 20 feet from the flame. Exposure is made in the printing frame by means either of day light or artificial light, the latter always having advantage over the former of being readily regulated. An ordinary gas burner will print through a good negative placed at eight inches from the flame in from three to five minutes. With an incandescent burner, and the flame about 3 feet away, the exposure required about three minutes. The developer recommended by the makers is metol-hydroquinone, which may be had made up from the photographer or may be prepared according to the given formula: Metol 8 grains; Hydroquinone 30 grs.; Sodium Sulphite $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.; Sodium Carbonate $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.; 10 per cent solution of potassium; Bromide 20 minims; water 10 ounces.

On taking the card from the printing frame after exposure rinse it in water and then flow over it the above solution the image will come up quickly, and care must be taken to extract it as soon as the image is fully developed. A

good rinsing followed by fixation for 15 minutes in a solution containing an ounce of hyposulphite of soda and one quarter ounce of alum to every four ounces of water and a subsequent washing are all that remains to be done.

Some one has said that it takes money and experience to make success of the concession of the official Souvenir Card, but as far as these photographic cards are concerned, money is the least in demand, and time is the only sacrifice, and when a little experienced in amateur photography it takes but little time even, judging from how Photox cards are made.



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Our membership is growing. Stop figuring out how old Ann is and send in your name for an application blank. That list will be issued soon now as we have nearly the required number of names.

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 C. Buckholz, Cincinnati, Ohio, No 40.

The committee on constitution and

law have completed their labors and it
 will be published, beginning with the
 January issue, also the reports of your
 different officers will appear monthly
 after this issue.

Wishing you all the compliments of
 the season and light loads, I am fratern-
 ally, Edward P. Hennessy, President.

TWIN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Twin City Philatelic Society meets second
 Friday of each month at No. 535 Smithfield st.,
 Pittsburg, Pa.

President—E L Porter, 413 Wood street, Pitts-
 burg, Pa.

Vice President—Dr T L Hazzard, 56 Montgom-
 ery avenue, Allegheny, Pa.

Secretary—Geo W Rode, 255 Fifth avenue,
 Pittsburg, Pa.

Treasurer—Anton Platz, 314 Fourth Ave., Pitts-
 burg, Pa.

Sales Superintendent—J M Crom, East Pitts-
 burg, Pa.

Librarian—Max Arnheim, 908 Liberty Ave.—
 Pittsburg, Pa.

Counterfeit Detector—H E Wilson, Fitzsim-
 mons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

Regular Meeting of The Twin City
 Philatelic Society, held November, 13,
 1903.

In the absence of the President and
 V-President, Mr. E. Doebelin was elect-
 ed President, pro tem. The minutes of
 the previous meeting were read and ap-
 proved. Ten members were present at
 roll-call. The report of the Librarian
 for the last year was read and placed on
 file. A committee, consisting of Messrs
 Doebelin, Burgoyne and Rode, was ap-
 pointed to consider the question of hav-
 ing a stamp exhibit at the coming Con-
 vention of The American Philatelic As-
 sociation in August, 1904. Mr. W. A.
 Hemple presented plans for a new de-
 partment to be known as the corre-
 sponding Sales Department, which were
 fully discussed and left over to the next
 meeting. 27 lots were sold in the infor-
 mal auction sale. The Acting Treasur-
 er reported a balance on hand of \$111.25
 After the transaction of some routine
 business, the meeting adjourned.—Geo.
 W. Rode, Secy.

Philatelic Fiscal Society OF NEW YORK CITY.

Formerly the American Fiscal Philatelic Society.

Organized for the benefit of and in the interests of Collectors of the Fiscal Stamps of all Nations.

OFFICERS FOR 1904.

President—A. E. Lawrence, 221 South St. N Y Cy
1st Vice President—E. A. Wood.
2nd Vice President—W. W. Norton
Secretary—Raymond Wilcox, Room 226 N. Y.
Produce Exchange Bldg., N. Y. City.
Treasurer—J. H. Peterson, 70 East 121 St. N Y Cy.
Exchange Superintendent—F. J. Scoof, 74
Bleeker st, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Librarian—William J. Salva, 733 Tremont Ave.
N. Y. City
Auction Manager—A. Herbst, 106 East 111 St.
N. Y. City
Trustees—T. O. Young, Chairman, New Haven,
N. Y.; A. B. Kay, A. M. Trujillo, Dr. L. M.
Homburger, E. A. Wood, J. C. Miller.
Official Journal—WEST, Superior, Nebraska.

Meetings are held regularly on the first Monday in each month (July and August excepted) 8 p. m. at No. 167 West 71st St., New York City

Further information and application blanks from the Secretary.

The first regular meeting was held Monday, November 2, 1903, at 167 West 71st, New York City.

Messrs A. E. Lawrence, F. J. Scoof, Herman Stein, Dr. L. M. Homburger, William J. Salva, and Raymond Wilcox, present.

Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle and L. Frier, both of New York City were elected members. The resignation of H. C. Beardsley was accepted with regret.

Treasurer's, Librarian's, Secretary's and Exchange Superintendent's report were read and accepted. Communications from E. A. Wood and E. Herbst were read.

The following note on Mexican Revenues was submitted by J. H. Petersen:

"The use of 'Talon' on documentary issues of the Revenue stamps of Mexico heretofore been a mystery to

the collector of these stamps. As the stamp and the Talon both appear on drafts, collectors conceived the idea that they should be collected intact. But this idea has proven to be wrong. The stamp is used on First of Exchange and the Talon on Second of Exchange, and should be known as distinct varieties.

It was noticed that the Exchange Superintendent was doing a good deal of business. The main part of the evening was taken up in "swapping."

Second regular meeting held December 7, 1903. Present, Messrs A. E. Lawrence, Dr. L. M. Homburger, H. Stein, E. A. Wood, William J. Salva, and Raymond Wilcox.

- The following were elected members:
82. A. D. Blair, Jr., Box 215, Elmira, N. Y., proposed by R. W. Gequa.
 83. Edw. Heusinger, San Antonio, Texas, proposed by Raymond Wilcox.
 84. L. T. Brodstone, L. Box 6, Superior, Nebr. proposed by R. Wilcox.
 85. J. C. Auf Der Heide, Amsterdam, Holland, proposed by R. Wilcox.
 86. Rev. R. R. Thiele, Manchester, Wis., proposed by Raymond Wilcox.
 87. Rev. L. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis.,
- The resignations of Fred D. Pollard and Chas. A. Daly, were accepted.

The rest of the evening was taken up in "swapping" stamps.

A LETTER FROM DALY!

New York City, Nov. 17, '03

Mr. R. Wilcox,

Dear Sir:—Your letters have all been duly received and full contents of each noted. In regards to balance, if said balance existed at the time the books left my hands, there must have been charges not entered, and as I have no cash, positively, in my possession belonging to the society, I will not pay any. The two stamps I received for the society have been loaned out to the members. As such a society should have honest members, I do not see the

reason why they should keep those two small stamps, I do not write because I have lost record of whom I them to. The catalogue was sent to Mr. Pepper. I am not indebted to the society in any way. There are members of the society who are indebted to me for stamps, and they should be goodly enough to adjust them. You can read this letter before the members, it may shake the guilty ones. Kindly accept my resignation.

Most respectfully,
CHAS. A. DALY.

It took Mr. Daly about four months to note the contents of all my letters.

His books showed a balance of \$1.96 due the society,

The society was made a present of two Alabama Tax on Seals stamps and they were in his possession, if he loaned them to any members he should have kept a record.

The catalogue is in the hands of the Librarian.

The society has nothing to do with the private business of its former Secretary.

Mr. Daly's resignation has been accepted.

RAYMOND WILCOX, Secretary.

Largest Stamp Society in America
STAMP COLLECTOR'S
Protective Assoc'n
OF AMERICA

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

President—E. Chandlee, Roanoke Va.
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Sales Supt. and Auc. Mgr.—H. DuBose, Hugue-not, Ga.
Attorney—H. Swensen, Minneapolis, Minn
Trustees—Wilkinson, Estes, Hopson, Omaha
Official Organ—The WEST.

NEW MEMBERS.

A C Chase, East Providence, R I, 25 Burgess Ave; J Taylor, North Sutton, N H, box 32; Stafford Montgomery, Rome, Ala; Rev R Stollenwork, Libenthol, Rush City, Kans., R. Worden, Sandusky, O., 1333 Columbus Ave.

SALUS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—Your worthy president having appointed me Sales

Superintendent, I wish to thank you one and all for the kindness shown me. All members wishing to use the Sales Department should write me at once. Books are now ready and cost 2 for 5 cents. I cannot make this department a success unless I have the hearty co-operation of the members. Our society now has over 600 members and there is no reason why there should not be a fine market for medium priced stamps.

Hoping to hear from all of you soon. I remain, yours sincerely,

W. P. KELLEY, Sales Supt.

3324 Peery Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Can any of readers tell me if C Wilson is in Hutchinson, Kans, complaint made by B Green of Chicago. A Koens of Norristown, Pa, Complains of R Diehl, of Tama, Iowa. F Robinson, Belvidere, Ill, complains of Globe Stamp Co, of Danielson, Ct, or G A Popper, the same party Crozier reports got back his goods. Blanc of Washington, D. C., as well as Brassington and Scott Williams Co. of Seattle, Wash, all seem in the dark yet. Pres. Murihead of D P A of Canada reports Ex Secy Ussher of Toronto has left for parts unknown' his portrait was in Bay State Phil few years ago, and say has quantity of Niger Coast, Canada, and British Colonies. We have had complaint on party name J Lowe of that city for few years. Glad to hear of any cases. Several suggest getting out book of names. Be sure and enclose 4c postage with each complaint to help out the secretary.

A curious thing has been discovered regarding the half dollar of 1805, which is not a rare coin, except in the case of those possessing the rare curiosity which I speak of, which increases the value tenfold. This is that the figure '5' in 1805 has been struck over a figure '4,' showing that the coin was really one of the undiscovered minting of 1804.

Texas Philatelic Association

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 13, 1896

Membership Fee \$ 50
 Annual Dues 60
 For application blanks and information concerning membership and correspondence in general, address Secretary-Treasurer.

OFFICERS

President—S V Pfeuffer, New Braunfels; First Vice President—Otto Staerker, Cuero; Second Vice President—Emil Gerlich, Schertz; Secretary-Treasurer—Edward W Heusinger, 133-135 West Commerce St., San Antonio; Librarian—G C Cuenod, P O Box 273, Galveston; Exchange Superintendent—Charles Roemer, 200 Adams St., San Antonio; Board of Trustees—S V Pfeuffer, chairman ex-officio; Associate Trustees—H A Herzog, and H G Askew, Care of R R Com. Austin

Donations to the Library and correspondence relating thereto address the Librarian.

All correspondence relating to the Exchange Department, address the Exchange Superintendent.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

According to my last report from Oct. 14th, in circulation, 20 books, val \$427.47
 Less 6 books returned to owners (from which has been sold \$22.87) \$106.37

Books remaining in circulation
 14-value \$321.10

—Respectfully Submitted, Charles Roemer, Supt.

REPORT OF SECY-TREAS.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Jeffries, Robert A., Age 16, drug cler, P. O. Box 142, Louise, Wharton Co. Referances: Edward W. Heusinger and Charles Roemer.

CASH & COUNT

General Fund—cash on hand
 Oct. 1st \$49.30
 dues and fees collected \$.55
 \$49.85

Insurance Fund—cash on hand
 Oct. 1st \$53.09
 \$102.94

Dues for 1904 (60 cents) are now due and payable. All members are requested to remit promptly and wishing each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain, Yours For The Good Of Our Association, Edw. W. Heusinger, Secy-Treas.



NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY. 222

Nebraska's Pride.

ORGANIZED 1892. LARGEST STATE SOCIETY EXTANT.

Pres. E. H. Wilkinson, Omaha, Sta. C.
 V-Pres., F. B. Woolston, Omaha, Registry Dept.
 Secy-Treas., L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr.
 Sales Supt., Rev. H. Wendt, Sterling.
 Auc Manager, C. L. Pond, Omaha, Box 584.
 Librarian, H. T. Parker, Lincoln, 245 S 15 St.
 Count. Detector, W. C. Estes, Omaha, Bx 1262.
 Attorney, H. Whipple, Omaha, N Y Life Bldg.
 Trustees, W. Hendricks, Paxton Hotel, Omaha.
 Hopson & Peterson.

Monthly Report of Sales Dept.

52 books on Circ. Oct. 21, net,	\$455.94
13 books recd since, net	\$141.45
—	—
65	\$597.39
28 books returned	\$185.29
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37 books in circulation, Dec. 1. \$412.10
 The sales amounted to \$45.00. This Department buys and sells stamps. Write us.—H. Wendt, Dunlap, Iowa. (Formerly Sterling Neb.)

Change of address H. Wendt, Dunlap, Iowa; Renewal of F. Muller Peake.

Great many dues fall due next month. Look up your cards and see if you are one of them.

American Society of Curio Collectors

President—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kas.

Vice Presidents—Jacob Welgel, North Pasadena, Cal.; Mrs. F. May Tuttle, Osage, Ia.; Guy T. Bogart, Brookville, Ind.

Secretary and Treasurer—Wm. Warner, Jr., 1802 A Division Ave., East St. Louis, Ill.

Official organ—The WEST. Department of Mineralogy—Forrest Gaines Glendive, Mont.

Department of Conchology (Marine, Atlantic Division)—J. Lewis Wheeler, 20 Lenox Ave., Providence, R. I.

Department of Conchology (Marine Pacific Division)—Chas. Russell Orcutt, Superintendent, San Diego, Cal.

Department of Conchology (Terrestrial Division)—Charles Russell Orcutt, 15 12th St., San Diego, Cal.

Department of War Relics—A. H. Bailey, Superintendent, Marietta, Ga.

Department of Entomology—Prof. C. Abbott Davis, 131 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R. I.

Department of Numismatics—E. L. Bangs, 1401 Clarkson St., Baltimore, Md.

Department of Botany—C. R. Orcutt, Superintendent, San Diego, Cal.

Department of Archaeology—Arthur B. Coover, Superintendent, Roxabell, O.
Department of Birds and Mammals—

Department of Geology—F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa.

Cost of membership.—Initiation fee, 25 cents; annual dues, 50c. 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, Sayre, Penn.; F. G. Hillman, New Bedford, Mass.; Basil G. Hamilton, Moose Jaw Association, Ontario, Canada; A. W. Conner, 640 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.; Oswald A. Bauer, Piermont, N. Y.; W. G. McLain, Edison, Ohio; W. C. Aiken, Angwin, Cal.; Archibald Crozier, 810 W. 5th St., Wilmington, Del.

REPORT FOR DECEMBER.

NEW MEMBERS

- 512 W B Mitchel Box 24, Santa Anna Texas,
- 513 W H Amberg, Box 5, Dundas, Ontario, Canada.
- 514 Mrs H. L. Haskins, Medford, Ore
- 515 Cyrus Mitchael, Conneant Lake Penn.
- 516 A G Reynolds, Disston City, Fla.
- 517 Norman L Sims, San Refeal, Cal. 604 4th St.
- 518 R D Vromau, Box 22, Forbes Station, Pittsburg, Pa.
- 519 Walter Sherman Miner, Bellows Falls, Vt.

APPLICATIONS

- 520—B. S. Dennis, Letcher, Calif.
- 521—F. W. Pollet, 204 Patterson St. Patterson, New Jersey.
- 522—J. H. Woods, 10 Brattle St

Cambridge, Mass.

523—Mrs. S. M. Krag, Letcher, Cal.

524—Dr. J. M. Henderson, 31½ N. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

No. 15—Basil G. Hamilton, North Portal, Assa. Canada, to Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—I desire to call the attention of all the members to the matter of dues for the ensuing year. All dues fall due, Jan. 1st, 1904. Look up your membership card and forward your dues to the Secy-Treas., without delay. Do not let your numbers appear in the "Delinquent List" of the February number of the WEST. Remember the dues are 50c per year. The officers for the year 1904 and the number of votes cast for each, are as follows:

Pres.	{	R. F. Green Ark. City, Kans.	57
		Wm. Warner Jr E St Louis Ill	29
		Mrs. F. May Tuttle Osage Ia	14
V.P.	{	J. Weigel N Pasadena, Cal	59
		R F Green Ark City, Kans	1
		W Warner Jr E St Louis Ill	1
Sec and Treas	{	F May Tuttle Osage, Iowa	26
		Guy Bogart, Brookville Ind	11
		H. Bishop, Sayre, Penn.	1
Sec and Treas	{	W. Warner E St Louis, Ill	63
		A B Coover Roxbelle Ohio	21
		F. Gaines, Glendive, Mont	12
		H. Bishop, Sayre, Penn	6

Stamp and coin collectors met at 115 North Fourteenth St., Lincoln Nebr., November 12th, and organized a society Temporary officers were elected and steps wrre taken looking to the perfecting of the organization. E. N. Rector was made chairman and Harwood Bowers, secretary. Messrs. Hargreaves and Barth were made a committee on constitution and by-laws. Another meeting will be held in the near future, at which the organization of the society will be perfected.

Up to and including September 30 last the total amount of the new Philippine coinage was Pesos 15,060,300. The sign adopted to indicate Pesos is a capital "P" with two horizontal lines across the loop

Stamp Collectors Association.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS.

President—W. H. Barnum, 661 Rose Bldg. Cleveland, Ohio
Vice President—L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.
Secretary—S. E. Moisant, Kankakee, Illinois
Treasurer—W. A. Zuehlke, Appleton, Wisconsin
Sales Supt—H. C. Crowell, Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.
Official Organ—The WEST, Superior, Neb.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS

41. A Herbst, 106 E 111th St, N Y; 42. Percy Stevenson, Sheridan, Mont; 43. J A Cook, Waterloo, Ia; 44. D T Eaton, Muscatine, Ia; 45. Sidney H Barnes, Marceline, Mo; 46. H C Beck, Detroit, Mich; 47. E Marks, Toronto, Mich; 48. E B Sterling, Trenton, N J; 49. W F Schad, El Reno, Okla; 50. R Stollenwork, Libenthal, Kan; 51. E F Wurtele, Quebec, P Q, Can; 52. R R Robinson, St Boniface, Man; 53. M Tausig, N Y; 54. W A Langdon, Cleveland, Ohio; 55. G C Cuenod, Galveston, Tex; 56. Herbert Bowen, Detroit, Mich.

CORRECTIONS

Application of No. 54 should read W A Langdon instead of W A Sangdon as given in report last month.

APPLICATIONS

57. J Edward Sohn, Jr, 3303 Jefferson Ave, Cincinnati, O, Bank clerk, age 22. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
58. George Cockrell, Deer Lodge, Mont. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
59. Alfred E Fritz, 154 E Lake St, Room 33, Chicago, Ill. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
60. Albert F Distelhorst, Dorchester, Wis, student, age 18. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
61. J M Bartels, 814 Old South Bldg., Boston, Mass, age 32. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
62. Alfred H Coe, 4130 Drexel Blvd, Chicago, student, age 17. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
63. Everett M Bartlett, Newton, N H, carriage trimmer, age 45. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
64. Forest Gaines, Glendive, Mont,

Hotel clerk, age 22. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.

65. Thomas S Futcher, No 41 Fort St, Victoria, B C, Can, merchant, age 56. Ref S E Moisant, F Oliver.

66. R. W. Greague, 96 Wall St, N Y City, clerk, age 18. Ref L T Brodstone, S E Moisant.

67. Edward Horn, 2113 Third Ave, N Y City, stamp dealer, age 22. Ref S E Moisant, L T Brodstone.

68. Alvin Good, 17 Coutant St, Cleveland, O, stamp dealer, age 32. Ref W H Barnum, H C Crowell.

69. Edward Ebbels, Austin, Man, Can, farmer, age 38. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.

Thanking the members for the help they have extended me in conducting the affairs of my office, I remain

Yours Very Truly,

SHIRLEY E. MOISANT.

Secretary.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. C. A.:

My letter to you last month was rather mixed up before it appeared in type and I wish to state briefly that, there will be a charge of one per cent on all books circulated in this department, which covers losses in the mails and by substitution. There will also be a charge of one per cent for all stamps removed from the books. Books will cost at the rate of two for five cents.

Trusting to receive your support I am

Very fraternally Yours,

H. C. CROWELL,

Exch. Supt. S. C. A.

A Growsome Discovery.

A soldier has accidentally discovered in a cellar of the citadal at Aquila, Abruzzi, Italy, hundreds of corpses. Several of them are half mummified, and retain a lifelike appearance. It is the general opinion that the corpses date from the French invasion of 1796, and are the remains of prisoners. The discovery has created a great sensation.



Camera News



Editor, F. J. CLUIE, San Francisco

Some More Advice

By Frank N. Gibson, Kansas City, Mo.

THE editor of this department has demanded that I write something that will be helpful to the beginner in photography. Casting about for a fit subject it occurs to me that with the constant bits of advice that he furnishes, and the most excellent "Answers" department, the reader is well supplied with information on practical subjects; and that it might be better to confine myself to a general resume of a few impressions that I have gleaned from an experience of over ten years as an amateur photographer.

In the first place the beginner will do well to bear in mind that it is neither practice or information gathered from others that can alone make a photographer. I have in mind as I write these lines, the case of a friend who took up photography over two years ago. Today he knows but little more than he did after the first weeks work. He reads none of the photographic publications, preferring "a good interesting story" as he explains. He adds that there is little use of bothering ones head over a long article on toning. for instance; when one can step into the nearest stock house and get a bottle all ready mixed up that will tone a hundred prints for a few cents. He has no more idea concern-


ing the right exposure for a certain subject than when he first started to use a camera. Just the other evening he came to me with a plate that was supposed to be capable of reproducing the beauties of a cloudy sunset. He did not know what stop he had used or what exposure had been given and although he had essayed the same subject many times before, not the least profit had resulted from the experience. He loads up his plate holders and goes forth. If he secures ten printable negatives he simply congratulates himself that luck was with him. If ten are worthless and the remaining two capable of producing a print he simply condemns his luck for that day and that is the end of the matter.

On the other hand I have another friend that carries the matter to the other extreme. He buys every book and takes every magazine devoted to photography, of which he can learn. Exposure tables, meters, and the like, he has without number almost. He has bought about seven different cameras in the two years that he has practiced photography. He has the whole thing at his fingers ends, but it somehow happens that he always forgets something or does something wrong. He sets up his camera and having had but little practice with that particular instrument its manipulations require so much of his attention that some important factor in the success of his picture is neglected and the result is failure.

It is evident that a happy medium is the path to follow. Practice alone will give one that command over the simpler manipulations that will permit one to devote some attention to things requiring more special consideration. When a failure results, its cause should be located. The operation of determining the origin of the failure will impress the matter upon the mind much more forcibly than the reading of many pages, and the error will not be easily repeated.

Another thing that the amateur should bear well in mind is the fact that there is much written that requires the proverbial grain of salt to insure its safe digestion. This necessary mental pepsin is nothing more than a little common sense. There is a great deal written at the present time in condemnation of the "record" photograph. Do not allow it to destroy your peace of mind. If you find pleasure in accumulating a collection of the so called "records" of the scenes about you, the facts connected with your daily life or those things that appeal to you in your travels, continue in the work. If by intelligent study and thoughtfulness in your work you succeed in becoming proficient in production of good clean work along these lines you will find that such a class of prints will prove interesting to a large portion of your intelligent friends, which fact, coupled with your own satisfaction in their production should assure you that your critics on the art side are unduly severe in their judgment of your work.

I have been a maker of these same "record" style of photographs for my entire photographic experience. I am still making them and allowing the other man to produce his so called artistic work. I have learned to see that a certain view point may be much better than another, and that one lighting will give a better and more pleasing rendition than may another; but while my artistic friend was looking for an artistic bit of composition that was unrecognizable as a part of the edifice, I photographed the entire building. It was torn down this fall and I would hardly care to exchange negatives with him, although I believe the satisfaction is mutual.



Answers

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

H. M. W.: Yellow Stains on Developing Paper.—If the stains are on the margins or on some high light in the prints they can be easily removed leaving the paper as white as driven snow by applying the following solution: Make a saturated solution of iodine in alcohol, and a saturated solution of potassium cyanide in water. For local quick reduction mix about 10 drops of the former, 15 of the latter and 1 dram of water. Apply with a tuft of cotton and wash directly the desired result is secured. To reduce evenly all over a print, use the solution in a tray and rather more diluted, that it may work slower and be more under control.

L. R. P.: Waxed Paper Negatives.—This correspondent has experimented unsuccessfully with paraffin wax, vasaline and Canada balsam and cannot get them transparent. He will not succeed in making them really transparent; the most he can expect is translucency. Dissolve by gentle heat in a tin vessel over a sand or hot water bath:

White paraffin wax in sureds. .6 oz.
Paraffin or coal oil. 2 oz.

This mixture is to be applied cold to the back of the paper, and rubbed in with a rag. Hold the paper negative close to the fire for a minute or two to drive in the mixture and then place it between blotting paper under slight pressure. After a few hours, place the negative face down on a piece of glass, and polish the back with a clean rag. It is useless to apply the mixture to the front of the paper, as it cannot penetrate the emulsion.

The American Historical, and Natural History Photo Society

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



An association of those interested in the Exchange of
American Historic
and Natural History
Photo Prints and
Lantern Slides.

Yearly dues, including exchange notice and subscription to this journal 50c. Foreign membership \$1.00.

Address all communications to Geo. E. Moulthrope, Sec.-Treas., Bristol, Conn.

VOL. 2.

DECEMBER, 1903. CIRCULATION 15,000

NO 23.

A Word to Our 15000 Readers

During 1904 we will, with your kind assistance, make our society the most interesting and instructive in existence.

We have members residing in nearly every state in the union, as well as foreign lands, and it is to you we appeal for assistance in the following:

1st, we wish to make a series of Photo Print Albums composed of prints (any size) donated by our members.

The first two to contain prints devoted to American History and Natural History respectively.

As soon as the albums contain a sufficient number of prints we will send them on their routes to those members donating for same.

Will all of our members send a few of their choicest prints for these albums and also please send with same a brief description. If a Historical view give any dates of events or any item of interest and if a Natural History subject, give a few things you observed about the animal or bird while photographing same.

2nd, we would also like to have all those who are interested in making Lantern Slides, to send a few of their best slides to be put into a club set, which will, like the albums, go on a route to

all those donating slides for same. Please also send brief description of each slide, as well as each print sent.

We hope all will assist us in making these new features a success and that all having suggestions to offer will advance them at once and please get a few of your friends to join our society.

Yours Respectfully,
GEO. E. MOULTHROPE, Secy.,
Bristol, Conn.

A common cold weather trouble with Velox, and other developing papers, is the formation of blisters in the wash water. This is caused by the temperature of the wash water being considerable lower than that of the developing and fixing baths. The only remedy is to wash in water of the same temperature as the baths. Even formalin-tanned prints will blister in very cold water.



**INTERNATIONAL
PHOTOGRAPHIC
EXCHANGE**

With which is Amalgamated the
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**NOTES FROM THE ILLINOIS
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Word comes from Mr. Homer Bentier Morrisville, Vt., Class of 1899, that he has a growing business and will shortly move into a large new studio which he has erected at that place.

On Halloween eve the students indulged in a weird performance at the college grounds. The place was illuminated by fantastic Joss-lights and everything was draped in gold, silver and lavender, the college colors. A fanciful program was rendered including hypnotic and mesmeric performances, solemn music and marches among the uncanny lights: ending in a marshmallow roast by a huge bon-fire on the campus. All present will long remember the occasion.

The latest entries in our "Book of the Blest" are Mr. Walter Johnston of Hoopston, Ill., Manager of the Johnston Photo Co. of that place, with us in 1898, married to Miss Ida Sophia Frankenberg of Chicago. Also Mr. Will Morgan of Calumet, Mich. student of 1902 who has established an excellent photographic business, married to Miss Clara Benoit of Terre Haute, Ind. We extend congratulations.

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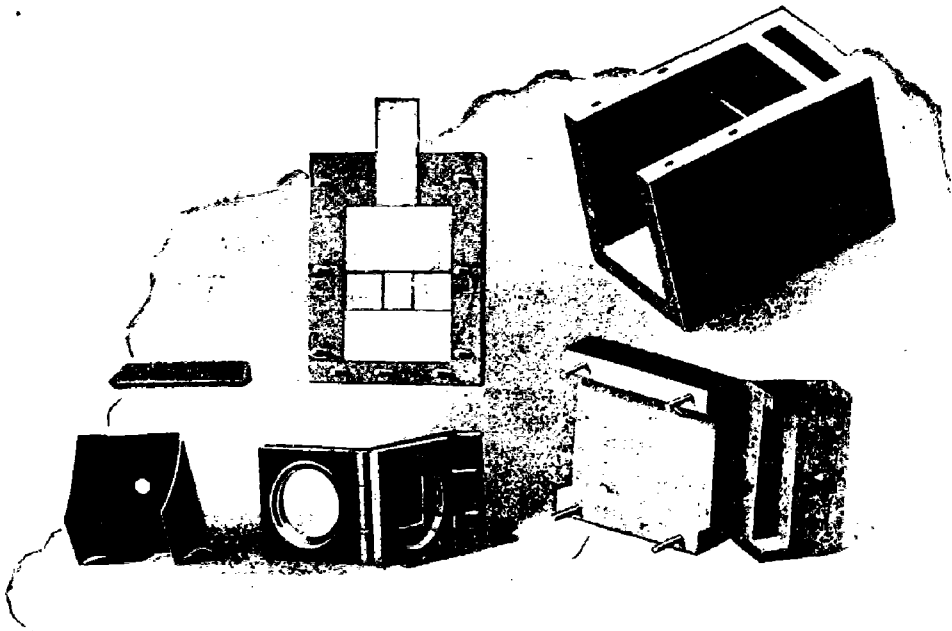
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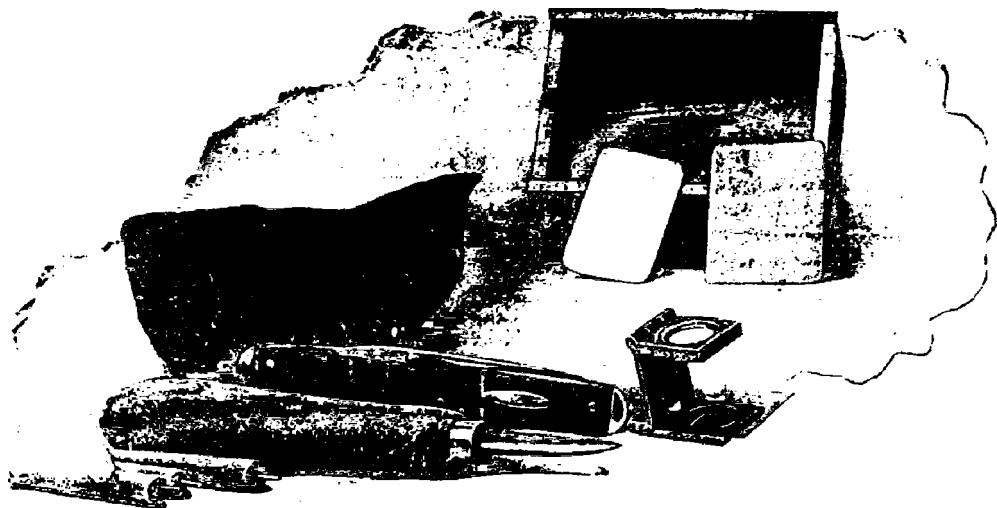
This is the Donnelly camera, the smallest in the world, made by Martin Donnelly, a pen expert employed by the Waterman Fountain Pen company, from tools used on the work bench, together with a pocket knife.

The frame of the camera is an ordinary white wood box fastened with pins made from punches, such as are used in opening the vent holes in caps. The shutter appliances are made of tin used on the bench for cleaning out the fissures of foods. One small piece with an opening about 3-32 in size was inserted in the front of the camera for a diaphragm, in back of which another small piece was arranged to slide up and down, thereby opening and closing the shutter. This second piece had a flange which protruded a short distance above the top of the camera, and by

pushing it down the exposure was made, the same as with the button of an ordinary kodak.

The lens was fashioned from a magnifying glass used by pen seaters and examiners, and when folded was only $\frac{1}{2}$ inch square and about $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch thick. This lens was fastened behind the shutter without injuring the construction of the magnifying glass, which can now be used the same as ever.

The focus of the lens was then ascertained, and a small strip of wood with a slit placed in the back of the camera so that a piece of ordinary film could be inserted and held stationary, making a fixed focus and acting as the plate holder. The box was covered with cloth, such as is used on the work bench for wiping machine oil and ink from the gold pens.



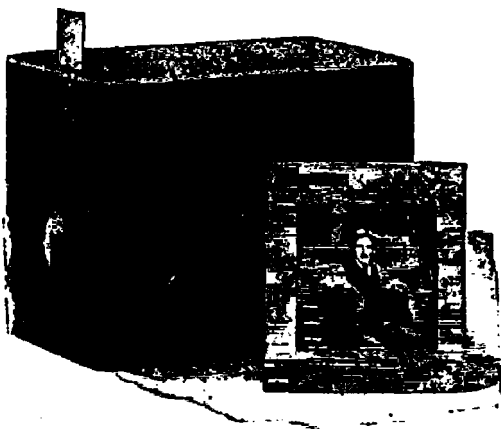
The crevices made by joining the box were rendered light proof with melted wax, such as is used to stop up the vent holes in caps.

All told, the number of tools and pieces used in making this tiny camera was eight.

The camera is small enough to carry in the palm of the hand. By carrying a number of pieces of cut film it can easily be reloaded without danger of being light struck. The camera is held under the operator's coat, the change taking only a few seconds.

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COLD WEATHER TROUBLES.

It will be found at this season of the year that many troubles are caused by cold dark rooms and cold chemicals. Some of the developers which act very well in summer and give density without trouble, behave very differently when they are cold. No developer will give a dense plate at 40 degrees F., and even at 50 degrees the process becomes very long. Developers should always be used at a temperature of 60 to 65 degrees, and it is not sufficient to start with that tem-

perature and let the solution be cooled off by exposure to a colder room, or by putting in cold plates. The dark room should be kept warm and plates and solutions should always be brought to its temperature before use. Care should be exercised in loading a camera in very cold weather that it is not done in a damp warm room. If this is the case, on taking it out on a cold day, the moisture will condense or freeze on the lens and plates with disastrous results.

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ideas and hints as to what they think
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MOUNTS AND MOUNT TESTING.

The testing of mounts to see if they are likely to have any injurious action on the prints mounted upon them is a very simple matter, and it may be carried out by anyone who will take the trouble to do so; and, furthermore, it requires no chemical knowledge. The method to be described was published some few weeks ago by Mr. E. W. Foxlee. The method is this: A portion of a print is kept for a time in a semi-moist condition in contact with the suspected mount, while the other part is protected from it with an impervious material. Then, if that portion of it that is in contact with the mount shows a change before the other which is not, it is clear that the mount is the cause.

In practice, the test is made as fol-

lows: On one half of the mount is put a piece of waterproof material, such as a thin piece of celluloid, or three or four thicknesses of paraffined paper. Then on this is laid the print—preferably a light one—face downward, and on that a piece of pure paper such as the Rives photographic paper, very slightly damped, and on that three or four thicknesses of moist, though not wet, blotting paper, the whole secured together at one end with paper fasteners. The lot is then put into a pressure frame, with a glass plate on top to prevent evaporation of the moisture, and screwed tightly together, and then put away in a warm room. Now, it will be seen that the print is kept in precisely the same physical condition all over except that one half of it is in close contact with the mount, while the other is insulated from it by the protecting medium. Any silver print, in time, will succumb to this drastic treatment, but it is manifest that if the half which is in contact with the mount changes first, the hastened change must be due to it, and it only. Sometimes a change may be noticed in the course of two or three days when the mounts are very faulty. In others, when the mounts are inert, no difference in the two halves of the print will be seen at the end of several weeks, although the print throughout may have changed considerably. Such mounts may always be relied upon.

GENRE PICTURES.

When you get out your album of miscellaneous prints with which to bore your friends, did you ever notice that when they do show enough interest in a print to give it a second glance, it is invariably one in which some one is represented as doing something? When you turn over the back numbers of your favorite photographic magazine, does it not strike you that those pictures that look most familiar, or, rather, those from which your mind seems to have received the deepest impression at the time you received the magazine, are again in the genre class? You will find an admiring group in front of a photographer's case down town and wonder what celebrity he has lately photographed. You crowd up and find it is a picture of the old man that saws your stove-wood filling his saw. You enter a print in a general competition, and, although it is a prize winner in a purely landscape class, a second or third-rate attempt at telling a story with a couple of poorly-posed figures will take the prize over your head. There is no need of further examples being cited; neither is there any necessity of pointing the moral. All I ask is that you give the matter the thought that I am sure you have—at any rate a great many of you—denied the subject, and you will look about for story-telling material instead of something you can label "A Country Road."

SPECTACLE LENSES.

A correspondent, having read that work produced with a spectacle lens is more artistic than that made with the regular instrument turned out as a sample of the possibilities of the optician's art, asks for details. In the belief that artistic results are the result of using certain tools, my correspondent is mistaken. On the other hand, it is quite true that some of the best workers on the other side of the pond employ these ordinary spectacle lenses for their landscape work. From

my own experience I can recommend them for intelligent use where rectilinearity is not important. Some little familiarity with their method of working is required. One must obtain what is called a periscope, and one of the right focal length to suit the extension of the camera used. As its visual and chemical focus are in two different planes, it will be found necessary to bring the lens about one-thirtieth of its focus length nearer the plate after focusing and before making the exposure, by means of the rack and pinion. The exact distance can only be found for each lens by experimenting.

YELLOW SPOTS ON PRINTS.

An amateur friend has been having trouble with his prints turning yellow in spots. The makers of the paper told him that the trouble was either insufficient fixing or too little washing. That was all right, but which was it? He convinced me that he was giving the prints plenty of time in the fixing bath, and the washing tank—a patent affair—seems to insure perfect washing. However, we decided to try an experiment. We took some waste prints and soaked them in a weak solution of analine red. This color should wash out of the prints a little easier than a solution of hypo. The tinted sheets were placed in the washing tank and the water turned on. At the end of an hour the prints were examined. Large patches were found here and there on several of the batch where the red color still remained. This was good evidence of the fact that the sufficient separation of the prints had not been secured to allow of the complete removal of a chemical contained in the film. In a like manner the simple expedient of coloring the contained water will often demonstrate the faulty principle upon which many washing boxes are constructed. They are often so made that while a large body of water constantly enters, the complete replacement of the original supply takes place after an hour or more of use.



Editor SAYS

JHERE is little more required this month than an expression of the good wishes that the publisher, the editors of the WEST, and myself in particular, desire to extend to the army of camera devotees who monthly pass judgement upon our efforts to cater to their desire for information that may assist them to a better enjoyment of photography. We wish you all a Most Merry Christmas and Happy New year. Futhermore, we mean what we say. There is not a magazine published today, whose subscribers number a greater proportion of actual correspondents as distinguished from the average subscriber who is satisfied to make his annnal remittance of the subscription price; than does The WEST. There is hardly a subscriber in the entire list of over 15,000 who is not familar with the characteristic chinography of Mr. Brodstone or the less illegible letters of the editors. May the same conditions continue in a still greater degree. Our best wishes to you all.

The Missouri State Camera Club

THE indefatigable effort and enterprise of Mr. Wm. Burton has resulted on a most gratifying consumation of his plans to found in St. Louis, a club that would be a credit to to the City and the State. The enthusiasm that has been aroused has resulted in the securing of the cooperation of other workers equally energetic and making possible and early and

complet organization of a most promising Club. We clip from a leading daily of that city a portion of an article relative to the club:

The amateur photographers who organized the Missouri Amateur Camera Club have gone into the new organization with a business-like spirit, which means that they intend to make it a certain success.

The club meets in Allen building, No. 1, North Broadway.

At the organization of the club on November 3, it was stated that several enterprises would be undertaken under the direction of the club which would encourage the photographic spirit and give information and instruction to photographers.

The club is now contemplating the issue of a monthly club magazine which will contain items of interest to photographers, and the reproduction of the winning pictures in the monthly photographic contest.

When the rooms of the new club are fitted up, they will have a home-like atmosphere for lovers of peotography.

Along the walls will be hung pictures taken by the members, theselves Prefereace, of course will be given to the pictures which have won prizes.

The club will be provided with a small library of books and magazines relating to photographic art.

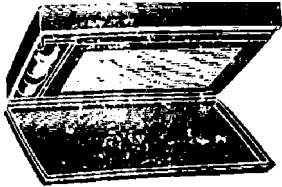
A small art gallery will also be arranged in which members will be allowed to display their masterpieces.

The club recognizes the value of competition in stimulating and maintaining interest and has decided to have a monthly contest.

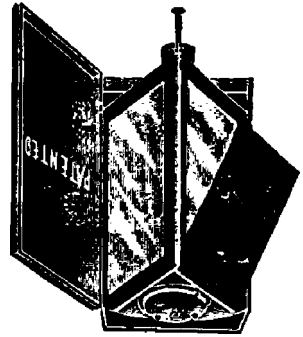
The club has not decided whether it will award prizes to the winners in these contests, but the successful contestants will feel they are well paid in honor when their pictures are published in the monthly magazine with names attached.

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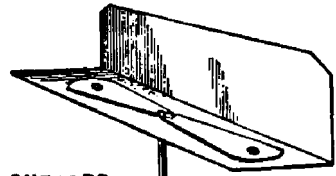
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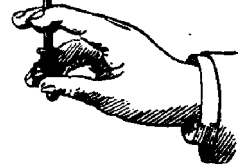
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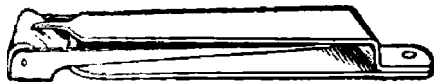
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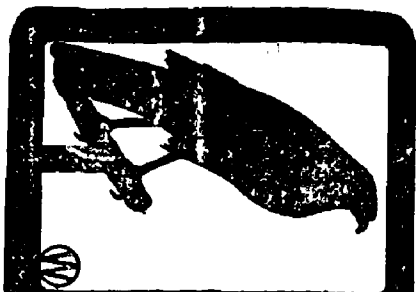
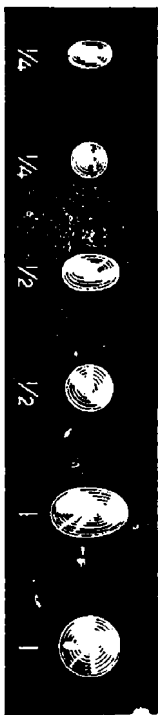
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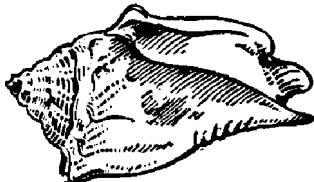
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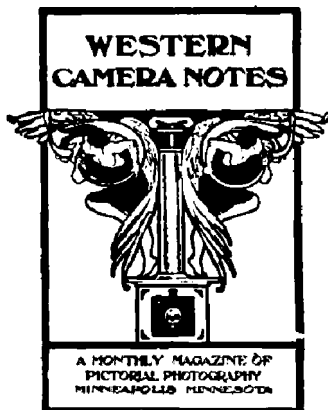
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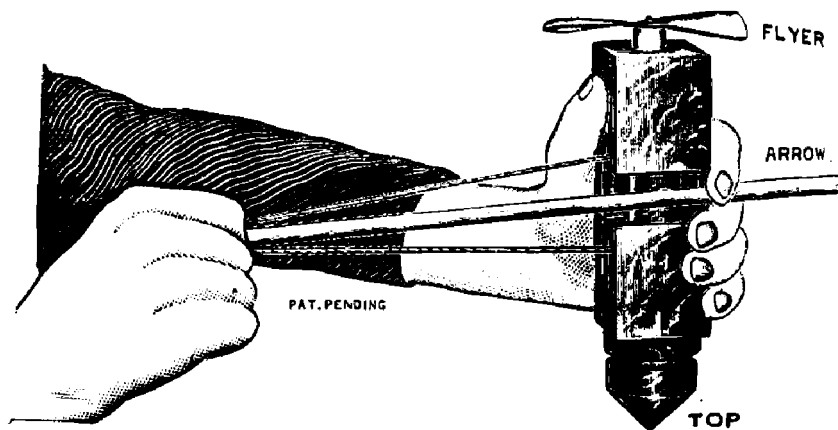
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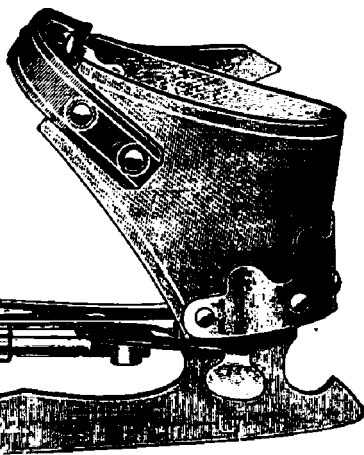
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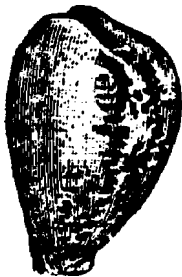
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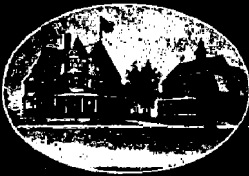
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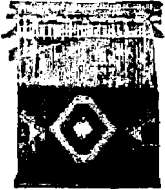
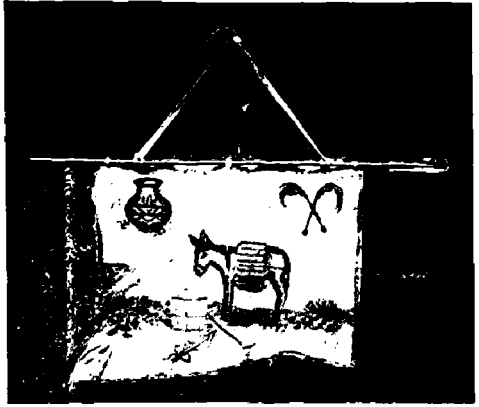
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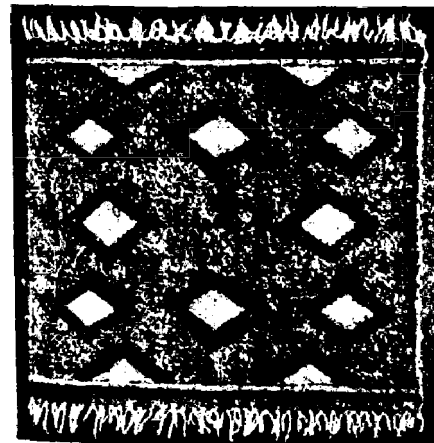
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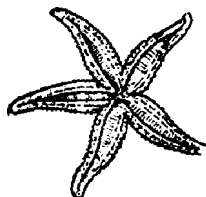
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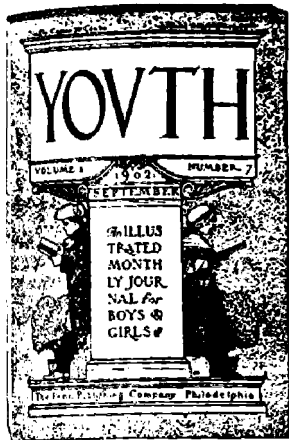
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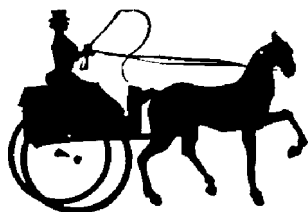
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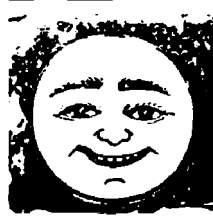
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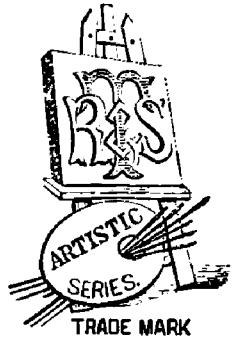
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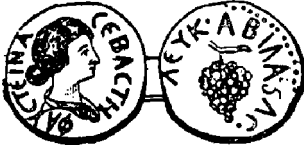
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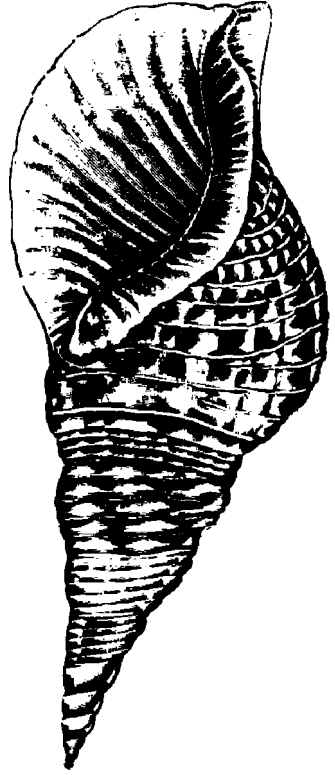
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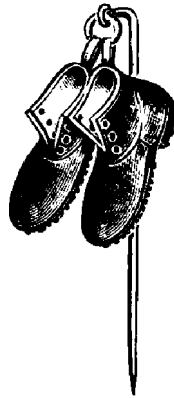
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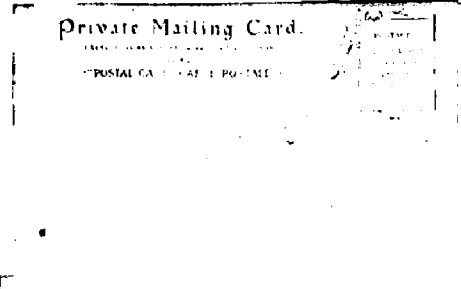
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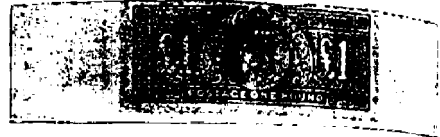
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68	4p yellow	15	10		205	1sh green rev	"	05	
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70	1sh lilac	15	50	40	215	2sh brown	"	08	
70a	1sh violet	15	08		216	2sh brown	"	10	
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74	2sh blue	"	05		223	2sh green rev	"	03	25
75	2sh 6p red	"	06		224	2sh blue	"	05	
76	5sh rose	"	10		237	1p lilac	"	03	
79	2sh blue	"	05	40	245	1p lilac	"	02	15
80	2sh postally	"	60		351	1p rose	06	03	
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81	5sh red rev	canceld	10		253	6p green		04	
84	1p orange	08	04	30	359	6p green		04	
84c	1p orange	10	05	40	360	6p green		05	
85a	2p blue	10	05	40					
86	2sh brown rev	canceld	30	2.50					
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90	1p orange	02	01	05					
90a	1p rose	05	02	15					
90b	1p	03	02	15					
91	2p blue	03	01	05					
91b	2p blue	03	01	15					
92	2½ p rose	05	04						
93	3p brown	10	04	35					
93b	3p brown	15	06						
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95	6p green	05	02	15					
97	2sh brown	1 00	40						
97a	2sh brown	1 00	45						
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102	1p orange	08	04						
106	5p brown	10	06						
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" " " '99-00, (Prov) to 12 1/2c...	2		05
" " " 15, 20, 25, 50c	4		23
Germany, '00 30, 40, 50, 80pf and 1mk	5		21
*Honduras, 1890, off. 1c to 1p comp	11		68
" " " 1c to 1p, complete	11		68
* " " 1892, 1c to 1p.	11		68
" " " 1898, 1c to 10c (Locomo- tive; local printing, crude.....	5	20	10
Netherlands, 1852, 5, 10 and 15c (first issue)	3	62	30
Netherlands, 1872-75 (King) 15, 20, 25 and 50c.....	4	15	07
Netherlands, 1899, 1/4c to 50c.....	14	30	12
New Zealand, 1890, newspaper, 1/2p to 6p (severely plain stamps)	6	79	40
Nyassa, 1901, high values [camels] 150, 200 and 300r.....	3	75	45
*Paraguay, 1884, 1, 2 and 5c.....	3	24	10
Roumania, 1893-98, 1b to 50b.....	9	13	05
" " " 11 and 2l.....	2	15	08
" " " 1891 Jubilee [Type A 15] 1 1/2h to 15h, complete	5	1 65	1 00
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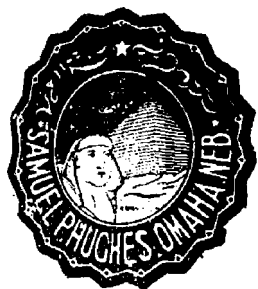
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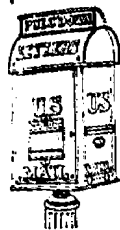
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" 10c	75c	32c
" 12-13-14-15	13c	5c
" 16c	18c	8c
" 26c	35c	15c
Guatemala 1902, 1-2-5-6-10 o g		8c
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				2c	red-brown	Jackson .01
				3c	green	Washington .01
				6c	carmine	Lincoln .05
				7c	vermillion	Stanton .30
				10c	brown	Jefferson .10
				12c	dull violet	Clay .25
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15c red orange	5c	5.00 black Profile of Columbus	4.00
30c full black	5c		1894
90c carmine	40c		
1882-1888.			
5c yellow brown	1c	1c pale ultramarine	Franklin 1c
1c gray blue reengraved	1c	1c blue	" 1c
3c blue green	1c	2c pink triangle I	Washington 1c
6c rose	4c	2c carmine lake	" 1c
10c brown	1c	3c purple	Jackson 1c
2c red brown	1c	4c dark brown	Lincoln 1c
4c blue green	1c	5c chocolate	Grant 1c
2c green	1c	6c dark red brown	Garfield 2c
3c vermilion	5c	8c puce	Sherman 3c
1c ultra-marine design	1c	10c dark green	Webster 1c
4c carmine same as 1872-83	1c	15c dark blue	Clay 5c
5c indigo	1c	50c orange	Jefferson 15c
30c orange brown	15c	1.00 black	Perry 65c
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2c carmine	1c	2c carmine	Washington 1c
3c purple	1c	3c purple	Jackson 1c
4c dark brown	1c	4c dark brown	Lincoln 1c
5c chocolate	1c	5c Chocolate	Grant 1c
6c brown red	2c	6c dark red brown	Garfield 1c
8c lilac	1c	8c puce	Sherman 1c
10c green	1c	10c green	Webster 1c
15c indigo	4c	16c dark blue	Clay 2c
30c black	4c	50c orange	Jefferson 6c
90c orange	25c	1.00 black	Perry 20c
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4c ultramarine Fleet of "	1c	4c rose brown	Lincoln 1c
5c chocolate Columbus Soliciting Aid from Isabella	1c	5c dark blue	Grant 1c
6c purple Columbus Welcomed at Barcelona	4c	6c brown lake	Garfield 1c
8c magenta Columbus restored to favor	2c	10c yellow brown	Webster 2c
10c black brown Columbus presenting natives	1c	15c olive	Clay 2c
15c dark green Columbus announcing his discovery	15c	TRANS-MISSISSIPPI EXPOSITION ISSUE.	
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50c slate blue Recall of Columbus	25c	2c copper red Farming in the west	1c
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		10c gray violet Hardships of Emigration	2c
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5c ultramarine and black	Bridge at Niagra Falls	3c
8c brown violet and blk	Canal	3c
10c yellow brown and blk	Fast Ocean Navigation	3c
	1902-03	

1c		1c
2c		1c
3c		1c
4c		1c
5c		1c
6c		1c
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3c "	Washington	3c
6c "	Lincoln	4c
10c "	Jefferson	30c
12c "	Clay	15c
15c "	Webster	20c
24c "	Scott	30c
30c "	Hamilton	30c
90c "	Perry	1.00

JUSTICE.

1c purple	Franklin	60c
2c "	Jackson	1.20
3c "	Washington	25c
6c "	Lincoln	35c
10c "	Jefferson	1.50
12c "	Clay	1.20
15c "	Webster	3.00

NAVY.

1c ultramarine	Franklin	50c
2c "	Jackson	20c
3c "	Washington	10c
6c "	Lincoln	20c
7c "	Stanton	5.00
10c "	Jefferson	80c
12c "	Clay	60c
15c "	Webster	1.20
24c "	Scott	2.00
30c "	Hamilton	1.50
90c "	Perry	5.00

POST OFFICE.

1c black	Figures of Value in Oval	15c
2c "	"	10c
3c "	"	1c
6c "	"	5c
10c "	"	75c
12c "	"	40c
15c "	"	50c
24c "	"	50c
30c "	"	50c
90c "	"	90c

STATE

1c green	Franklin	1.25
2c "	Jackson	2.50
3c "	Washington	40c
6c "	Lincoln	40c
7c "	Stanton	1.50
10c "	Jefferson	1.50
12c "	Clay	2.00
15c "	Webster	2.25
24c "	Scott	4.00
30c "	Hamilton	3.50

TREASURY

1c brown	Franklin	6c
2c "	Jackson	5c
3c "	Washington	1c
6c "	Lincoln	4c
7c "	Stanton	60c
10c "	Jefferson	10c
12c "	Clay	5c
15c "	Webster	10c
24c "	Scott	1.20
30c "	Hamilton	10c
90c "	Perry	25c

WAR

1c rose	Franklin	2c
2c "	Jackson	3c
3c "	Washington	1c
6c "	Lincoln	2c
7c "	Stanton	80c
10c "	Jefferson	10c
12c "	Clay	10c
15c "	Webster	8c
24c "	Scott	8c
30c "	Hamilton	20c
90c "	Perry	40c

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30c brown	Figure of val in oval	40c	5c Playing Cards	Red	25c
50c "	" " " "	50c	5c Proprietary	Red	40c
1c red	" " " "	1c	6c Inland Exchange,	Orange	7c
2c "	" " " "	1c	10c Bill of Lading	Blue	3c
3c "	" " " "	40c	10c Certificate	Blue	1c
5c "	" " " "	5c	10c Contract	Blue	1c
10c "	" " " "	3c	10c Foreign Exch	"	20c
30c "	" " " "	25c	10c Inland Exch	"	1c
50c "	" " " "	75c	10c Power of Atty	"	2c
1c bright claret	" " " "	1c	10c Proprietary	"	15c
2c "	Figure of val in oval	1c	15c Foreign Exch	Brown	30c
3c "	" " " "	3c	15c Inland Exch	"	2c
5c "	" " " "	5c	20c Foreign Exch	Red	40c
10c "	" " " "	4c	20c Inland Exch	"	1c
30c "	" " " "	50c	25c Bond	"	6c
1c deep claret	Figure of val in loz-	1c	25c Certificate	"	1c
	enge shaped frame	1c	25c Entry of Goods	"	5c
2c "	" " " "	6c	25c Insurance	"	1c
3c "	" " " "	6c	25c Life Insurance	"	10c
5c "	" " " "	6c	25c Power of Atty	"	1c
10c "	" " " "	4c	25c Protest	"	15c
30c "	" " " "	20c	25c Warehouse Receipt,	"	30c
50c "	" " " "	60c	30c Foreign Exch	Lilac	75c
1c "	Watermarked U S P S	1c	30c Inland Exch	"	2c
	one letter on a stamp	1c	40c "	"	3c
2c "	" " " "	2c	50c Conveyance	Blue	1c
3c "	" " " "	2c	50c Entry of Goods	"	2c
5c "	" " " "	2c	50c Foreign Exch	"	25c
10c "	" " " "	2c	50c Lease	"	25c
30c "	" " " "	15c	50c Life Insurance	"	3c
50c "	" " " "	30c	50c Mortgage	"	2c

REVENUE STAMPS.

First Issue—Head of Washington in oval.

Denom	Description	Color	Price
1c	Express	Red	3c
1c	Playing Cards	"	1.50
1c	Proprietary	"	2c
1c	Telegraph	"	6c
2c	Bank Check	Blue	1c
2c	Bank Check	Orange	1c
2c	Certificate	Blue	30c
2c	Certificate	Orange	20c
2c	Express	Blue	2c
2c	Express	Orange	4c
2c	Playing Cards	Blue	10c
2c	Playing Cards	Orange	25c
2c	Proprietary	Blue	4c
2c	Proprietary	Orange	50c
2c	U S Internal Revenue,	Orange	1c
3c	Foreign Exchange,	Green	4c
3c	Proprietary	Green	8c
3c	Telegraph	Green	10c
4c	Inland Exchange	Brown	4c
4c	Proprietary	Violet	10c
5c	Agreement	Red	2c
5c	Certificate	Red	1c
5c	Express	Red	3c
5c	Foreign Exchange,	Red	3c
5c	Inland Exchange,	Red	1c
5c	Playing Cards	Red	25c
5c	Proprietary	Red	40c
6c	Inland Exchange,	Orange	7c
7c	Foreign Exch	Green	6c
7c	Conveyance	Red	7c
1.00	Conveyance	Red	7c
1.00	Entry of Goods	"	5c
1.00	Foreign Exch	"	1c
1.00	Inland Exch	"	1c
1.00	Lease	"	4c
1.00	Life Insurance	"	8c
1.00	Manifest	"	30c
1.00	Mortgage	"	1.75
1.00	Power of Atty	"	4c
1.00	Probate of Will	"	75c
1.30	Foreign Exch	Orange	40c
1.50	Inland Exch	Blue	6c
1.60	Foreign Exch	Green	1.25
1.90	Foreign Exch	Violet	60c
2.00	Conveyance	Red	5c
2.00	Mortgage	"	6c
2.00	Probate of Will	"	50c
2.50	Inland Exch	Violet	5c
3.00	Charter Party	Green	8c
3.00	Manifest	Green	10c
3.50	Inland Exch	Blue	75c
5.00	Charter Party	Red	12c
5.00	Conveyance	"	7c

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		1904	Our			1904	Our		
		Cat. Price	Price			Cat. Price	Price		
1847	5c	Brown	.75	.35	1869	1c	Franklin	.60	.25
"	10c	Black	4.50	1.95	"	2c	Horseman	.15	.07
1851	1c	Blue	.30	.12	"	3c	Locomot, used		.10
"	5c	Red Brown	10.00	4.00	"	1c	" new	.75	.25
"	10c	Green	.75	.30	"	6c	Washington	.65	.30
"	12c	Black	2.00	.95	"	10c	Coat of Arms	.80	.40
1857	1c	Type II	1.00	.40	"	12c	Steamship	.60	.30
"	1c	" III	.15	.07	"	15c	L. of Columbus	1.50	.70
"	5c	Type II	6.00	2.50	"	15c	" " variety	3.50	1.50
"	5c	" III	2.50	1.15	"	24c	Dec. of Indep.	5.00	2.50
"	10c	Green	.35	.15	"	30c	Coat of Arms	3.00	1.25
"	12c	Black	1.25	.50	"	90c	Lincoln	15.00	7.50
"	24c	Lilac unused	6.00	2.00	1870	1c	Grill	.50	.20
"	30c	Orange	6.00	2.25	"	2c	"	.10	.05
"	90c	Blue	30.00	12.00	"	3c	"	.05	.02
1861	1c	Blue	.06	.02	"	6c	"	3.00	1.25
"	5c	Buff	7.00	3.00	"	7c	"	3.00	1.25
"	10c	Green	.15	.06	1871	1c	Ultram.	.15	.05
"	12c	Black	.50	.25	"	7c	Verm.	.65	.30
"	24c	Red Lilac	1.00	.45	"	10c	Brown	.15	.05
"	30c	Orange	.50	.25	"	12c	Violet	.50	.20
"	90c	Blue	3.50	1.70	"	15c	Orange	.75	.30
1862	2c	Jackson	.06	.03	"	24c	Purple	1.50	.70
"	5c	Bk. Brown	.60	.25	"	30c	Black	.40	.15
"	15c	Black	.50	.25	"	90c	Carmine	1.25	.55
"	24c	Lilac	.40	.20	1887	3c	Vermillion	.10	.05
1868	1c	Grill 11x13 M.	2.00	.80	1888	5c	Indigo	.04	.02
"	2c	" " "	.20	.10	"	30c	Orange Br.	.40	.20
"	3c	" " "	.04	.01	"	90c	Purple		.55
"	10c	" " "	.75	.30	1890	15c or 30c, each			.04
"	12c	" " "	.50	.25	"	90c	Orange, beauties		.30
"	15c	" " "	4.00	1.50	1893	Columbian 15c for 12c; 30c for 20			
"	1c	Grill 9x13	.75	.25		50c " 30c; 1.00 "	1.40		
"	2c	" " "	.10	.05	"	" 2.00 to 5.00 unused, at face			
"	3c	" " "	.05	.01	1894	50c Orange	.35	.15	
"	5c	" " "	4.00	1.50	"	1.00 Black	1.25	.45	
"	10c	" " "	.60	.25	"	2.00 Sapphire	3.00	1.25	
"	12c	" " "	.50	.25	1895	50c Orange	.15	.05	
"	15c	" " "	1.00	.40	"	1.00 Black	.50	.23	
"	24c	" " "	5.00	1.75	"	2.00, for 95c;	5.00 for	1.50	
"	30c	" " "	3.50	1.50	1898	Omaha's 1 to 10c	set	.15	
"	90c	" " "	12.00	5.00	"	" 50c for 14c	1.00 for	.75	
					"	" 2.00 Brown		1.35	
					1901	Pan-American complete		.12	

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1879 25c		6c
1880 25c		2c
1882 1/2m (Pen C.)		8c
" 1m unused		2c
" 2m used		4c
" 4m		4c
" 4m unused		3c
" 6m		4c
" 8m used		8c
" 1c used		3c
" 2c		2c
" 8c		3c
" 10c		3c
1884 3c		4c
" 5c		4c
1890 1/2m unused		10c
" 2m used		8c
1891 1m		4c
" 1m unused		3c
" 2m used		4c
" 4m		3c
" 1c		12c
" 2c		5c
" 3c		3c
" 5c (Y. G.)		8c
" 5c		3c
" 6c unused		3c
" 8c used		12c
SURCHARGED 1898-99		
1m unused	3c	2m unused 3c
1c	2c	2c " 5c
3c	10c	4c " 10c
4c	3 00	5c " 10c
6c		12c
SURCHARGED IMP. DE GUERRO		
5c on 1m unused		8c
2c used		25c
1894 1/2m used		3c
" 4m unused		3c
" 1c used		3c
" 2c		5c
" 3c		2c
" 20c		10c
1896 4m unused		6c
" 1c		2c
" 3c used		2c
" 4c unused		8c
" 5c		6c
" 8c punched		6c
" 20c		5c
" 20c unused	cat	15c
" 40c punched		50c
1897 3c used		5c
" 3c unused		5c


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OME thoughtful friend in England sends us this remarkable arraignment of philately, clipped from an English newspaper. The author betrays a familiarity with his subject that leads one to believe that he could write a passable refutation of the sneers his diatribe contains:

"The method by which a mania of this kind is engineered is somewhat like this: When once a few choice foolish minds have taken fire, a club is started, and laws are fixed. These regulations are solemnly invented and preserved like religious ceremonies. The penalty of offense is, I suppose, ostracism from the society of the fancy. You do not deal with the person you find faking stamps, and you openly sneer at Central American Republics who attempt to dodge your rules. In this, I think the stamp maniacs have exercised wonderful forbearance; for consider to what airy height of possibility the collector's art could be carried if all petty States in America were allowed to print their own stamps, independantly of criticism! But the fraternity of stamp collectors is adamant. The President Castros of this world receive their ultimatum and tremble: Before the fiat of the philatelists of the world Nicaraguas and Columbias bow."

"The art of collecting stamps not being found difficult enough in its original form, the fancy set to work to make it more so. Some ingenious person discovered that stamps had different numbers of perforations, and were characterized by different letters, and that even whole blocks of them had varying watermarks. Conceive the delisht of the brotherhood under this discovery. It was now possible to enlarge the art or science (whichever it is termed) practically without limit. Stamp collectors, chuckling in their joy could surmount hill after hill in their ascent toward the ideal, and still find their goal remote and inaccessible. It was stimulating; it acted like a great religion; and it provoked hope, faith, courage, and constancy; noble qualities in poor, ignoble man, Hence philately flourished. Perforations became known over the face of the civilized Occident, and the mystery of watermarked blocks penetrated (with the Bible) even to remote uplands of Africa.

FROM Chihuahua, Mexico, comes the following literary gem, anent the philatelic button: "Our well beloved Hermes tells me you are in a dilemma about a button for Ye Order of Philatelia. Methinks it is an easy matter to decide (I flatter myself that you have me as synonymous with knowledge). Take the winged head of Mercury, our Messenger, put a laurel wreath around him and "Philatelia" in Greek letters. Lo! you have a button. A model that pleases us, and why not you? Your Bards hath said 'Rome, you have been a kind mother,' be thou in turn obitian and ye Gods will thrice bless thee.

MINERVA.

"(Look envelope stamp of Greece of the year 1894 and see a model.)"

And after all, why not? This word juggler's idea is worthy of consideration.

OVER 1600 pages is the record of the WEST for 1803. A year ago we promised subscribers 100 pages each month. Our motio remains unchanged:-
"The Best—and Lots of It."

The Mottoes of the WEST Postmarks of New York

By J. W. Wheeler

72 Comstock Ave., Providence, R. I.

THAT the WEST has enjoyed prosperity during the past year is obvious. And the reason is as apparent as the fact, "The Best—and Lots of It," is a sure winner. We have this business motto of ours so securely and conspicuously placed in our memory that we simply can't forget it.

There's another motto of the WEST that means a good deal "The Oldest, Largest, and Best." These three mottoes express the whole condition in a nutshell; they contain all the whys and wherefores. It is not necessary for us to tell you how much the WEST will be improved, how the size will be increased, etc., etc. During 1904 we don't juggle promises. What the WEST IS, is what counts. Comparison with other publications tells the whole story.

Over 100 pages each month and every month. Why that's a mark no other collectors paper in the world has ever reached. We have reason to believe that January 1905 even this great record will be broken. In the meantime the same high standard as applied to the text will be maintained. So that the latest motto of the WEST is worth repeating right here "Published Particularly for Particular People."

L. T. BRODSTONE,
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Note: Corrections or additions welcomed. Cuts are half size. Continued from last month.

IV.

The adding of the amount of postage into the postmark, in the very year in which stamps were introduced seems remarkable, but though stamps were in use they were not in general use so that at least up to 1858, New York was still using these "PAID" postmarks. The first style of these was shown last month, but it was also used in the ten cents value, and until

1855. In that year a new one came out, Fig 11, in black ink, smaller type, and the word "PAID" added, this also had

the 2, 3, and 10 cent values. It was used as late as 1858. In 1856 another style was used, Fig 12, with the word "PAID" in the middle in slanting letters, the whole being in red.

But meanwhile on the letters where regular postage stamps were being used, other postmarks were in evidence. From 1852-58 a plain single circle was in use, stamped in black ink, Fig. 13. This differs from



Fig. 11



Fig. 12.



Fig. 13.



Fig. 14.

Fig. 9 in the spacing of "York." In 1854 a slight variation occurs, Fig. 14, in which the type is set a little farther from the circle. It may be mere that the PAID postmarks above described were the last despatching marks in red ink, and that red has since been used only in stamping notices of postage due, etc. on the backs of envelopes. (To be continued)



Revenue Dep't.

Conducted by
Charles A. Nast.

THE list of the Antikamnia surcharges having found so much favor with collectors, I herewith give the Piso Co. and the J. Elwood Lee Co's. cancellations. The Piso Co. is always found with red imprints, all are precancelled and type printed, (with one exception noted below). As the ink is a bright vermilion and generally th $\frac{3}{8}$ blue stamp used, they are at once striking and beautiful.

- $\frac{3}{8}$ —The Piso Co., two lines, small type and figures.
- “ The same inverted.
- “ The Piso Co., tws lines, large type, Gothic figures, 1898.
- “ The Piso Co., large type, figures in Italic, 1899.
- “ The same inverted.
- “ The Piso Co., three lines, same as last. Small date inserted, 1-28-1899.
- “ The Piso Co., three lines, same as above, different date, 2-17-1899.
- “ The Piso Co., Jensen Type, De Vinne figures, 1898.
- “ The Piso Co., large type, the two 8s above the line, 1898.
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ The Piso Co., in three lines red surcharge in frame, rubber hand stamp, Sept. 1, 1899.

The J. Elwood Lee cancellations are also always in red ink, though sometimes the red assumes a brownish color. The following list are all in black letters, with three noted exceptions. They are always in two lines,

however. the letters on the first and the gures on the second. Some varieties in type exist, but I will, for lack of space, generlize and give only the dates on each value:

- 3
- $\frac{5}{8}$ —Long letters J. E. L. Co., 7-1-98.
- 2— “ “ “ “ “
- $\frac{1}{8}$ —Block letters J. E. L. Co., 1900 over B. & B. inverted.

The followidg are all block letters:

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- $\frac{1}{4}$ —J. E. L. Co., 7-1-98.
- “ “ 7-21-98.
- “ “ 7-25-95.
- “ “ 8-26-98.
- “ “ 1898.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ “ 1899, nine different.
- 4
- $\frac{3}{8}$ “ 7-1-98.
- “ “ 7-21-98.
- “ “ 7-25-98.
- “ “ 8-6-98.
- 4
- “ “ 1898.
- “ “ 7-1-98.
- “ “ 7-25-98.
- “ “ 8-6-98.
- 4
- 1c “ 1898.
- “ “ 7-1-98.
- “ “ 7-25-98.
- “ “ 8-6-88.
- 2
- 2c “ 7-1-98.
- “ “ 7-25-98.
- $2\frac{1}{2}c$ “ 1898.
- “ “ 8-6-98.
- 1
- 5c “ 8-6-98.

Of the last there two varieties of the figure 6. There has never been found so far, any block letter cancellations on the $1\frac{1}{4}c$, $1\frac{1}{2}c$, $3\frac{1}{4}c$ and the 4c. And it is safe to say that none exist in these values, especially the three last enumerated. I trust my correspondents will notify me if any errors or

omissions to this list. Next month I intend to give a list of the monogram surcharges of the J. E. Lee Co., also the list of Chas. Fletcher.



In a recent number of the Metropolitan, J. W. Scott speaks of the beauty and value of proofs. He mentions the fact of Mr. Mendel's going in and making a fine collection of proofs, which after his death realized twenty thousand dollars for his estate. He concludes by saying that proofs and essays are the most sought after stamps in the whole field of philately today, and predicts that they are the coming feature in our hobby. This leads me to enquire as to proofs of U. S. Revenues. I have seen very few of these, and as to proofs of Match and Medicine stamps, they must be scarce indeed. I should like to get up a list of these, and ask my correspondents to write me concerning them. The largest collection of this kind in the world is owned by Mr. H. E. Deats. He obtained through Mr. Sterling some years ago, all the remainders and proofs contained in the papers and correspondence of the late Jos. R. Carpenter, the government contractor and engraver. Mr. Carpenter, the engraver printed the Match & Medicine stamps, and frequently they were printed in various colors to be submitted to customers for their approval.



When the Boston Revenue Book was published, a mass of information regarding proofs was collected and put at the disposal of the compilers, but the size of the book prevented its incorporation.



In Mekeel's Stamp Collector for November 30, there is an article on United States coins illustrated with

fac similes of the cents, half cents, the Louisiana Purchase Gold Dollar and other coins of this country. By the repeal lately of the act of 1891 prohibiting the publishing and printing of illustrations of money, it is now possible to do this. The thought occurs to me that in the contemplated M & M album, we might have half-tone reproductions of these stamps. These issues are obsolete, and there is a well founded rumor that a petition to reproduce these in monotone would be looked upon favorably. It might be well to petition for permission to illustrate. The Hon. Bores Penrose, U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania, is the author of the amended bill.



Lately I procuree a lot of stamp literature at auction in Philadelphia. Among the lot is a very ambitious work, though unfortunately it was never completed, "A Complete Cyclopoedia of all the United States Revenue Stamps," including Document, Match, Medicine, Playing Card, Stamped Checks, Tinfoil and Paper Tobacco Wrappers, Snuff, Tobacco, Beer, Spirit, and other Tax Stamps. Octavo size, 96 pages. By Oscar Scarlett, printed in Philadelphia by Wm. E. Scarlett, 1883. The preface is signed by the compiler and dated March 4, 1885. Very accurate, and beautifully printed. A splendid work.



As a record price we have the Lambert 2½ cent provisional bringing \$1.40 recently at auction. I should say this is very cheap.

The Interior Department has finally decided to use the new official design for its penalty envelope, having had the new device on trial in one bureau for some time. It is a great improvement over the recent three straight lines of type.

"Were revenue stamps ever counterfeited?" Was recently asked. It will be remembered that E. B. Sterling was made the recipient of \$1000 from the United States Government for the detection of a counterfeit beer stamp. The 1c Proprietary, red, was counterfeited and the perpetrators arrested before many got out. The 1c blue "Henning & Bonback," a very scarce stamp indeed, cataloged at \$8.00, was counterfeited by the proprietors themselves. The 1c B. & H. D. Harvard was also counterfeited, this last also by the firm themselves, in order to cheat the government. In both the latter cases the proprietors were tried and convicted for defrauding the Revenue Department. But in all these cases the counterfeiting was not done for the purpose of palming them off on stamp collectors, so there are no reprints. And I should think that the counterfeits were much more valuable than the originals themselves. I have never seen any.

Recently I secured a block of 3 of the 1 cent blue Mansfield & Higsbee, silk which was perforated all around, but not through the middle. This stamp is found often in blocks of 4 as the firm used them thus on their preparations costing \$1.00. Whether the government made a slip merely or perforated them thus by design is a question. Time was often short in those days.

All the hand cancellation stamps used by the United States Government have for more than forty years been made by one family. Benjamin Chambers, son of the original steel cancellation stamp maker, is the present proprietor of this monopoly.

Postage Stamps for the St. Louis World's Fair. 4

WORD has reached us that the that the postoffice department has decided upon designs for the stamps to be in commemoration of the St. Louis World's Fair.

The one cent stamp will have the portrait of Robert R. Livingston; the two cent stamp, that of Thomas Jefferson; three cent, that of William McKinley; the ten cent stamp, a map of the United States, showing the territory purchased from France.

The stamps to be about the size of the Chicago World's Fair stamps.

Robert R. Livingston was born in New York, Nov. 27, 1846. He was an American statesman and jurist; a member of the Continental Congress, Chancellor of the state of New York 1777-81, Secretary of Foreign Affairs 1781 to 82, and United States Minister to France 1801-1804. He negotiated the Louisiana purchase in 1803 and was associated with Fulton in furthering steamboat navigation. He died Feb. 26, 1813.

Thomas Jefferson was the third president of the United States. He was a fine scholar and a most variously accomplished young man. He was a bold horseman, a skilled hunter, an elegant penman, a fine violinist, a brilliant talker, a superior classical scholar, and proficient in modern languages. That immortal document, the Declaration of Independence was with the exception of a few words, entirely his own work. Like Washington, he was of aristocratic birth, but his principles were intensely democratic which endeared him to the common people. He was inaugurated March 4, 1801.

Burr was Vice President. His second inauguration took place 1805.

Governor Clinton of New York, vice president. His second election was the first one held under the amended constitution, which provides that both president and vice president shall be voted for and chosen by the electors, the same as they are at the present day.

James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States was born in Westmoreland, Virginia, in 1759. He died July 4, 1831. March 3, 1817 he was inaugurated president, and on March 5 (the 4th being Sunday) he was inaugurated for his second term. At his second inauguration ladies as well as gentlemen were present, the first time that ladies have been mentioned as being present. And also the first time the ceremony had taken place in the open air in Washington. The scene was characterized by grandeur and simplicity. The Marine band furnished the music and the evening closed the festivities in a grand ball at Davis Hotel, at which the president appeared. James Monroe was an upright man; Jefferson said of him "If his soul were turned inside out, not a spot would be found upon it." Like that friend he died poor in this world's goods, but rich in honor; and like him also he passed away on the anniversary of the country he had served so faithfully.

William McKinley, whose portrait adorns the five cent stamp, was the twenty-fifth president of the United States. He was born in Ohio, Jan. 29, 1843. He served in the civil war, rank of Major, he was attorney for Stark county, Ohio, 1869-71; was a member of Congress from Ohio 1877-81; was elected governor of the state of Ohio 1881 by the republican party, and was reelected in 1893 by about eight thousand majority. March 4, 1897 he was inaugurated president of the United

States. His term in that high office was cut short by the hand of the assassin during the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo, F. Y. and cast a gloom over the world at large. He was a grand man, had served his country well and was an honor to every position held by him. His devotion to his invalid wife, whose comfort was his first thought, endeared him to all nations.

J. W. Scott, the father of philately in America, says:—Advertising to be successful must be persistent. Spasmodic offering of unimportant stamps can rarely be successful. To dealers outside of the few great cities the only possible road to success is steady advertising, and it will be noticed that every successful dealer, without any exception, is a steady advertiser. It is scarcely to be expected that the best class of buyers will write to every new advertiser whose announcement appears in the papers. Many have been defrauded by unscrupulous dealers, so that the average collector rarely writes to a new firm until he has seen the name often enough to recognize it as a standard house, and then sooner or later he is sure to write for some stamp he has been unable to procure from the firm with whom he usually trades. Undoubtedly large advertisements will build up a business quicker than small ones.

Good Advice, But—!

McKeel's Stamp Collector.

The stamps of the United States are good stamps to buy. In fact if you are in moderate circumstances, I say, stick to the stamps of your own country and get them all. It is better to finish a cottage than dig the cellar of a palace.



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REVIEW OF FOREIGN PAPERS.

Our readers will remember that the International Postal union intends to erect a monument at Bern in commemoration of its foundation 25 years ago. Designs were called for and prizes offered. The competition was held September 23-25 and No. 11 of the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt* reports on the result. One hundred and twenty designs were sent in; only 15 were at all available. Six of these were finally voted on. The first prize was awarded to a German sculptor named Hundrieser, the second to an artist named Morin, also of Berlin; the third and fourth to French artists, the fifth to an Italian, the sixth again to a German. Nevertheless none of these designs were entirely satisfactory and a new competition between these six artists was arranged for. This is to close August 1, 1904.

Since the trouble about British official stamps other countries have likewise become concerned about their official stamps. The same paper reports that the German postal authorities recently confiscated a lot of unused copies of the Prussian officials used during 1903 and has instigated an inquiry as to where the dealer obtained them. Other dealers have been notified that the possession of such unused official stamps will be considered a

punishable offense.

An interesting note refers to reprints of the early issues of Wuerttemberg, especially the 1 kr. brown and 3 kr. yellow. These were reprinted in 1866. At that time the authorities had no more supply of the Dickinson paper with orange thread, hence they borrowed some from Bavaria, where it was still in use. The Bavarian paper had a red thread, but none of this was sent; instead paper with green thread was sent, which properly belonged to the Swiss stamps, then being printed at Muenchen. This makes these reprints something unique, three different postal administrations being concerned in them. Fortunately they are scarce and not apt to bother our readers.

In No. 11 of the *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung* M. Molin writes at length on the designs shown in the competition for the Postal union monument, to which I have already referred. I wish I had the space to quote the article at length; his descriptions of the designs adopted and non-adopted are extremely amusing. From his critique it appears that the decision of the jury not to adopt any one design for execution was well justified.

M. Ellenberger, who has spent considerable time in various African colonies, takes exception to an article by Mr. Howes, our well-known American writer, in which Mr. Howes stated that the three issues for the Spanish colonies of Fernando Poo, Guinea and Elobey. Annobon y Corisco were unnecessary, as the three colonies together have but one post office, Sta. Isabel on Fernando Poo. Mr. Ellenberger does not wish to defend the necessity of these issues, but argues that a great injustice has been done to these colonies, as each of them has a post office of its own, Bala in Guinea and Elobey on the island of the same name. I doubt, nevertheless, whether this fact will make them any more acceptable to collectors.

Philately is indeed getting old! In No. 278 of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* M. Maury, the veteran publisher and dealer, announces that in July, 1904, his paper will celebrate its fortieth birthday, having been founded in July, 1864. M. Maury will celebrate the event by issuing a gorgeous jubilee number. Just you wait till the West is 40 years old and then Brodstone will show you something worth seeing!

A set of French colonials surcharged for Longcheou in China has lately been chronicled in the press. M. Maury has been informed that this office was closed before the stamps ever got there; so now you are aware of their status.

A sad state of affairs is disclosed in the following from a correspondent in Italy:

"Because of a near decrease of the letter rate for the interior, which will be reduced from 20 to 15 centesimi, the minister of posts and telegraphs has ordered from the Bank Note printing office 30,000,000 of 15 centesimi stamps to complete the present series. The new stamps are all ready, but still without gum, the money allotted for the purpose being exhausted. At present I cannot tell you when this stamp will be issued."

It now remains for the original gum cranks to take up a collection among themselves so that these unfortunate stamps need no longer remain without their chief adornment.

Everybody knows what a complicated affair the Philippine surcharges of Spanish times are. M. Maury has evolved a new system for their classification which appears quite lucid on casual inspection. I hope to reproduce it in another number, as it ought to prove interesting.

Let our stamp papers look out for their caricatures. The C. de T.-P. in a late number had a most amusing caricature on the new French "sower"

stamp, representing the sower as an old milk woman. This number was confiscated at Beyrut in Turkey by the postal authorities as dangerous and anarchistic! Nevertheless M. Maury, undismayed, has another caricature in this number—a base travesty on the two-cent Columbian of our own country, representing a cake walk of the most exaggerated type.

No. 9 of the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* gives a full account of the late philatelic exhibition held under the auspices of the Argentine society. It is illustrated with a view of the large hall used for the show, well filled with visitors and with reproductions of the medals and diploma. The list of rarities exhibited gives one a feeling of great respect for Argentine philately and we congratulate the Argentine society on the successful carrying out of this exhibition. The rarities shown were, of course, largely Argentine and South American; much attention was paid to fiscals.

Scott's catalogue distinguishes two types of the French 5 fr. stamp of 1863. No. 5 of *La Cote Reelle* makes this stamp and its types the subject of a special article. The design of this stamp was copied from a revenue stamp; only the fiscal was an upright rectangle, while this is horizontal. The 5 and the F, as is well known, were surcharged at a second printing; the idea in not inserting them on the plate proper was that the postal authorities intended to use the same frame with different surcharge for 10 and 20 fr. stamps also. For unknown reasons this intention was never carried out. The article distinguishes three varieties of the surcharge; they can easily be distinguished by counting the lines of the background. In type I. the figure 5 touches and intersects 13 of the five horizontal lines of the background; in type II. only 11 lines and in type III. 12 lines. The

differences in the F are less easily described; that of type I. is somewhat taller than the others.

A melancholy piece of news comes from Martinique. M. Emile Merwart, colonial secretary of French Guiana, has searched the ruins of St. Pierre, the city overwhelmed by Mont Pelee, and has found in the ashes the remains of his brother, Paul Merwart, who was one of the victims of the eruption. This concerns us philatelists, because Merwart was the designer of divers French colonials, e. g. the French Congo set, the new design for Madagascar, a new set, not yet issued, for French Guiana, the new set for the Somali coast and others, some of which have not yet been made public.

Szekula Briefmarken-Verkehr in No. 35 reports that the celebrated painter, Michetti, has completed designs for new Italian postage stamps and that they are to be printed before long. No definite information as to the designs is as yet given.

At The Hague—so relates the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzelvekunde* in No. 11—a trial is being made with an automatic machine for the sale of stamps. The 2½-cent value was the one experimented with. The first trial was unsatisfactory, because the paper of these stamps was too thin. For this reason they have been specially printed for use in this machine on thicker paper; this paper is yellowish in color instead of bluish, as the ordinary. The stamps on this paper are not printed in sheets, but in long strips of 500 stamps each. A collector of entire sheets would be somewhat puzzled what to do with such "sheets."

In No. 12 the same paper reports that Portugal was to issue a set of postage due stamps on January 1, 1904; the values have been prepared; 5 reis bistre, 10 r. orange, 30 r. dark green, 40 r. lilac, 50 r. red, 100 r. light blue. A very much needed value has been

forgotten: 130 reis for unpaid foreign letters; it will presumably follow. The colonies are also to receive postage dues of the above values, but in a different design.

A good deal of uproar has been caused in European philatelic circles of late by suspicious V. R. I. surcharges on stamps of the South African republic. In connection therewith the following will prove of interest:

"In the beginning of June, 1900, after the occupation of Pretoria by the British, the staff of the state printing office was ordered to surcharge the stamps of the South African republic found at Pretoria with V. R. I. The control of the surcharging was very careless, so that one of the officials secretly brought used stamps of the S. A. R., which he owned, gathered and purchased, under the press and thus had them surcharged. For this he naturally selected specimens on which the year of the postmark was illegible. In 1901 he sent me (Mr. Tuiven, Utrecht) some of these stamps, viz.: ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d. and 6d., all with inverted surcharge; he also had made the 5 and 10sh. with the usual surcharge. He wanted to use me as a channel for getting rid of these forgeries; he said that he had 40 more sets with inverted surcharge. I warned him, etc., etc."

Mr. Tuiven refused to handle them and so did a well-known German dealer. Now as to the stamps themselves:

"The used stamps surcharged by him can be recognized by the fact that they all bear the postmarks of the defunct republic, viz: with Z. A. R. in the ring. This is nevertheless no stringent proof, because in the early months of the occupation the old unchanged postmarks of the former S. A. republic were employed and I have such genuine postmarks on V. R. I. stamps up to the end of August, 1900. After this the new postmarks (without Z. A. R.) were employed. Postmarks from the

beginning of June, 1900, to the end of August, 1900, with the Z. A. R. postmarks may thus be genuine. For the largest offices (Pretoria, Johannesburg, etc.) the old postmarks of the republic remained in use, the letters Z. A. R. in the lower part of the circle being removed and replaced by nothing, by a star or stars, by a figure, by TVAAL, or by TRANSVAAL. Except that the surcharge V. R. I. on the counterfeits is sometimes placed over the postmark, and except those stamps where another year than 00 and other months than June, July and August occur in the postmark, the counterfeits cannot be told from the genuine, as the surcharge V. R. I. was made with the same type, the same ink, etc."

These are rather peculiar counterfeits, made from identically the same material as the genuine and still no good!

Nos. 37 and 38 of *El Filatelico Espanol* continue and conclude the valuable article of Sr. Carreras y Candi on the war tax stamps of Spain. It is something of a novelty to see revenue stamps so thoroughly written up as this, but I would wish that all fiscals might be investigated and elucidated in this manner. The serial catalogue is also continued, four pages per month.

The French are certainly patriotic and, moreover, there isn't much love lost between them and the Britishers, hence the following wail from *La Cote Reelle* No. 2 is significant:

"If one is proud of being a Frenchman when one contemplates the column (i. e. on the Place Vendome), this pride diminishes considerably when one compares the work of the British stamp printers with that of the printers of these poor, measly, emaciated, foolish, inconsistent, washed-out African stamps (i. e. the new set for the French Somal coast). M. Lemaire makes the text for a long eulogy

on the new King Edward British colonials and a scathing criticism of the late French colonial issues.

The catalogues list two types of the 40-cent stamps of the first French issue; the difference lies in the figure 4. M. Lemaire has discovered a third type which is midway between the two already known. The angle of the diagonal stroke is about the same as that of the first type, but it sticks out over the vertical stroke somewhat like the second type, for which it is easily mistaken. "Nearly all 40 centimes stamps are of the 4 of the first two types (i. e. the first one of the catalogues and this new one). There were only two stamps on the sheet which were of type 3 (type 2 of the catalogues). These two stamps were placed side by side and are Nos. 6 and 7 of the last row of the right half-sheet." It seems odd that Scott's catalogue does not price them accordingly. In European catalogues the rare variety is priced at about \$20.

The *Revisa de la Sociedad Filatelica Cubana* in its No. 10 devotes considerable space to an article on the 1870 issue of the United States in which the work of the various bank note companies is described at length and a simplified catalogue of these issues given. In another article the manufacture of the Spanish stamps of the present day is described at length. In No. 11 the same issues of the United States as before are again taken up and the distinguishing characteristics of these puzzling varieties described in a very minute and painstaking manner, which would convey much information even to many an American collector. I must congratulate our Cuban friends on the high quality they maintain in their paper.

Collectors by this time have, no doubt, all seen pictures of the new Swedish 5 kr. stamp. It shows a picture of the new general post office at Stockholm and was issued in honor of

its completion. No. 12 of the Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift brings an interesting account of the description of the new post office. From the description it seems to be a magnificent building, indeed; its total cost is about \$837,000, and the writer proudly states that the Swedish post office department was able to erect this building from its surplus earnings! What a contrast to Uncle Sam's post office, whose annual deficit is about ten times the cost of this building! Whether the Swedish post office department expects to recover part of the cost of this building from the sale of 5 kronor stamps to collectors, deponent sayeth not.

Notes For U S Collectors

By E. R. Aldrich

MR. John P. Lovch of Alton, Ill., shows me fine varieties of the current envelope in which there are differences in the cuecue of the wig, and also states he has a sixth one still different. There is evidently an interesting field for study in these stamps.

The request for knowledge of St. Paul two cent and three cent values in my notes recently, brought several replies from "Gopher State" collectors, and it can be definitely stated that the one, two, three and five cent can be found reading both up and down in the "St. Paul" variety. In the other varieties I have seen the four cent and ten cent reading up and the thirteen cent reading down. Who has any others. In the St. Paul, Minn. I have one and two cent both ways and three cent down. Who has others? These are the the 1902 issue.

Richard H. Edwards writes relative to the color variety on the Chicago surcharge which some collectors are making a separate set of. "I do not consider the so-called gray ink a variety but call all black as I believe that in winter the postoffice ink, normally black, if very cold looks gray when dry."

Fort Wayne, Ind., Northampton, Mass., are now employing neat devices out of the ordinary name and bar rut, which is a pleasing relief to the eye. Jackson, Mich., also continues to use their round design.

The Louisiana Purchase issue will undoubtedly be as stimulating to collecting as the Pan American was. The three lower values will depict the Americans who were to the greater extent responsible for the purchase. The presence of Jefferson's portrait on the two cent Exposition and on the fifty cent ordinary will be the first occurrence in a number of years of two stamps current with the same portrait. The placing of McKinley on the five cent will introduce that martyred president into the stampic photograph gallery, a wish of the great majority of collectors ever since his death. The map stamp will be a new departure for the United States and will probably be modelled after the sticker sent forth by the Exposition Authorities. Let us hope that it will be more creditable than the Canadian one.

"The Jewish," writes Mr. Charles E. Jenney, in "Mekeel's Stamp Collector," "is not the only nation without a country. Many a collector striving to work up a profitable foreign exchange, has been surprised at the wide spread dissemination of the Tartar.

Stamp

Curiosities,

By *Henry H. Huff*

DURING recent years it has been the custom of many magazines and newspapers to devote a portion of their space in each issue to interesting statistics concerning the largest, smallest, most costly, unique, etc., of almost everything we might think of. It seems to be the nature of the American people to appreciate these curious facts and accounts of extremes to which certain objects or things have been carried. However, we have no record as to any such facts having been compiled concerning stamps.

In view of furnishing some such an arrangement, the following curious facts which have been gathered from various sources, are here presented:

The smallest stamp on record is the 10c. of Bolivar Columbia, which was issued in 1863. Although quite elaborate in design, this tiny affair measures scarcely one half inch on a side. As to the largest stamp, I am unable to state definitely, but if revenues are to be considered, it would doubtless belong to Spain or Mexico.

The highest known value of a single stamp is the £20 of South Australia. The lowest, the ½ milestino of Cuba and Porto Rico, and the ¼c. of Spain, each having a value equal to about one twentieth of an American cent.

The handsomest stamp is the 5c 1894 issue, but as to the opposite in appearance there is much difference in opinion.

The plainest stamp is the twelve cent of British Guinea, issued in 1850. The stamp bore the following rudely printed words: "British Guiana, 12 cents," which were arranged within a circle. As to the opposing variety, no decision can be satisfactorily made.

it has been the opinion of many that the 1902 issue two cent, would approach very near to it.

The Korea 5mu. of 1884 was used on one day only.

The first stamp ever issued by authority of the government, was the Mulready envelope stamp of Great Britain, which was first placed on sale May 6, 1840. The stamp was quite large and represented Britannia sending forth letters to all parts of the world.

The first triangular stamp was the one penny Cape of Good Hope, issued in 1853.

The first memorial stamps ever issued were those of Great Britain, issued in 1887 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign.

The first surcharged stamp we have record of is the 25c of France, issued in 1850. The supply of 25c having given out, a portion of the unused 20c on hand, were surcharged 25c and used until more 25c stamps could be printed.

The rarest stamp is, doubtless, the 1c 1856 of British Guiana, only one specimen being known to exist at the present time.

Among the most curiously engraved stamps are those of several native Indian states, which was printed on Ivory, and wood engraved stamp, the 10c, 1858 issue of New Caledonia

The demand for the new series of 4 and 6cents envelopes is quite limited; not equalling, in fact, the customary demand of these denominations.

The Dr. K. & Co.
Provisional I. R.

By J. M. Brooks

HAVING had some special opportunity for observation of these interesting stamps, I take this liberty of calling your attention to them.

There is a popular notion that they have absolutely no status. Let us see. You will remember that a couple of months ago, much prominence was given a provisional Antikan via $\frac{1}{2}$ c provisional. This stamp seems to have been welcomed and accepted by our army of Revenue collectors. Why not the Dr. K. & Co. Provisionals? They are enumerated under like conditions and served the purpose of Revenue Stamp.

Perhaps a little history will make it clearer. You, no doubt, all remember that the beginning of the use of our late War Tax Stamp, the government was to supply them on or before July 1st, as that was to be the date of the beginning of their use. You all, no doubt remember that the revenue department was unable to furnish them as early as that date, nor, in fact, for about two weeks later. As a result, many persons or corporations made affidavit to the amount to the of revenue required and paid the cash, not being able to use these stamps, owing to them being unobtainable. Others as the antikamma and Vandyke Bitters people issued the so-called Provisionals alluded to above respectively. While the Dr. Kilmsr & Co., of Binghamton, N. Y., surcharged the 1c, 2c and 3c postage, with the name of firm, date, and the letters, I. R. These were used on all medicines shipped from July 5 to July 13 inclusive. The legality of this was questioned and a large consignment was seized by the Revenue authorities in Philadelphia, where upon receipt of an affidavit from the

company and upon careful investigation, the authorities were satisfied that this act of using the postage stamps, surcharged I. R., was done by the company in good faith, and at a loss of some \$300.00 to the company. This latter being due to the postage stamps used being of a higher value than the revenue stamps required (E. J.) a 3c postage was used where a $2\frac{1}{2}$ c revenue was required.

In view of all this, the revenue commissioner decided that all goods shipped from July 5th to July 13, inclusive, should be held as good. Thus giving them the sanction of the U. S. Government.

This, then should put them on a basis equally as good as the Antikamma printed provisionals. Thus making it clear that they should be at least, recognized in the collection of side-issues, if not in the general run of collecting revenues.

As to varieties, only the 1c, 2, and 3c were used. Three different types were used, and eight different dates are found imprinted. The three types are what have been called Roman, Celtic and Gothic. The Roman consists of three horizontal lines. 1st line Dr. K & Co. 2nd line, I. R., 3rd line, 7-5-'98. This type is found only with one date as above and all those denominations of the stamps are surcharged.

The Celtic type consists of the imprint on five horizontal lines: 1st line Dr. and Co.; 2nd line, I. R.; 3rd line, Binghamton; 4th line, N. Y.; 5th line, the date. The following are found: 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, 7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14

The Gothic type arrangement is the same as Celtic only the type is different. The dates are the same except the Gothic not found on the 7-6. The 1c, 2c, and 3c are found in each date and each type alike, except as above and below stated. The 3c is not found dated 7-13 or 7-14. The 1c is not found dated 7-12. The same to apply to the

Gothic and Celtic types. Each of the dates is followed by '98 as in the Roman. There are 36 varieties, therefore, exclusive of minor varieties of which there are several. The color of the ink used is black. Although red and blue have been seen. They, perhaps, were trial colors, as they were used only on some of the the 7-5-'98.

I am indebted to Mr. J. W. George, for much information and who, perhaps, has the most complete collection of these stamps in existence. Mr. George has an exhaustion article on these stamps in the December (1901) "A. J. of Philately." I would advise all interested in them to read it.

I do not see how these stamps, with all their interest attached, can be secluded from the collection of a Roman specialist, or even a set of the 1-2-3c to be secluded by the amateur.

They deserve recognition and if their history were more fully known, they would be recognized.

I would be pleased to see this matter taken up by those competent to deal with it, and make a thorough classification and go into the matter exhaustively. Thereby placing them on a proper footing. Mr. J. W. George has promised to do this at some time, but I learn that circumstances are such that he is unable to do so, now.

While I realize that I may not be perfectly accurate in every detail, yet I have endeavored to give briefly, some few points on these stamps that I hope will awaken the interest in some collectors and perhaps induce some one more competent than I to treat the matter more exhaustively. If I succeed in this purpose, I feel that I will be amply repaid for this small effort I have made in writing this.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

The Birmingham (England) Philatelic society has a stamp collection of 8,000 varieties. The society has 318 members

On Nov. 18, John F. Seybold of Syracuse, spoke before the section of philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and sciences.

Bright & Son of London, England, have purchased the remainder of the 1896 and 1898 issues of Zanzibar. The stamps are all cancelled.

The London Philatelic society has 227 members. The Prince of Wales is the president of the society and the Earl of Crawford is the vice-president.

The November number of the Literary Monthly, which is published by the students of Columbia University, contains a stamp story, entitled "The Workers of Iniquity."

If enough support is received, George J. Carter, a stamp dealer residing in Brooklyn, will undertake the publication of a stamp album, which will provide especially for match and medicine stamps.

A Philatelic paper, the Marki i Kolleksimer, is published in St. Petersburg, Russia, once in two weeks. The paper, is printed in both the Russian and German languages.

One advertisement one time is about as forlorn as the last cent in a purse—and does about as much good.

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GENUINE

COUNTERFEIT

Counterfeits And Their Detection.

By R. R. Theile

(CONTINUED)

BADEN—The 18 Kreuzer green of 1864 (Scott No. 24) isn't half a bad stamp to imitate; its price makes it worth while. Accordingly the festive counterfeiter has got in his work on it and I have before me two different forgeries of this stamp: the one illustrated above on the bottom and another one of which I have no cut at my disposal. As usual, the lettering supplies a good test. The two 'K's' of the original, in Kreuzer and in Freimarke, have as distinguishing characteristics the way in which the two short bars join the main stem; they barely touch it—in fact they are sometimes even separated from it by a very fine line of color, as seen above in the K of Freimarke in the lefthand cut. In the forgeries, on

the lefthand cut. In the forgeries, on the contrary—both of them—the juncture of the smaller bars with the main stem is quite wide and heavy. On the original the two lower extremities of the K's and R's are all of even length. This is true also of the forgeries, but not of the one above illustrated; here the right leg of the first R in Kreuzer, the right leg of the second R in Freimarke and the left leg of the second K in the latter word are longer than the corresponding leg. The U of Kreuzer appears to be a little taller than the other letters of this word; this seems also the case with the M of Freimarke. On the original the l of 18 has a serif F thinner than the main stem of the figure; on the forgery above illustrated the serif F is quite the same thickness as the main stem. The two coat-of-arms are so well imitated that the slight differences existing can hardly be described in words; the above cuts will enable you to hunt them out for yourself. Compare, for instance, the length of the feathers in the wings of the two beasts, the markings on the wings, the contours of the beaks of the animals, etc. The right hind leg of the right hand supporter furnishes a test. On the original, the claw of this leg partly covers the supporting ribbon; on the original, the claw of this leg partly covers the supporting ribbon. In general the shading of both griffins on the above counterfeit is much more indistinct than that of the original; also rather lighter along the belly and the inner part of the legs which on the original are shaded quite heavily. On the other counterfeit, I cannot compare the entire lower half of the coat-of-arms very well, as it is covered in large part by obliteration. It can be seen that the shading of the bodies in the parts just mentioned is rather heavier than that of the original. The wings and heads afford room

for close comparisons, but the differences are not easily described. For one, the eye of the lefthand griffin on this second forgery is quite round and stands out quite prominently, while on the original it is more in the shape of a slit and not very well marked. The ducal crown on the shield of the originals is very clearly drawn and the trefoils above its lower ring stand out quite clearly. On the counterfeit illustrated above the crown is not so bad, but on the other counterfeit it is quite lopsided and the trefoils are hardly recognizable as such. The crown should begin on the shield at the left of the place where the diagonal bar ends, but on this forgery it begins exactly at the point where the diagonal comes up, so that the entire lower part of the crown is thrown too far to the right. This second forgery shows another good test feature. The dots in the field of the shield on the original are arranged in regular rows in every direction. The first forgery also shows them thus arranged, but on the second forgery, they are quite irregularly distributed; the only direction in which any resemblance of order is distinguishable, is from left to right downwards. The vertical lines in the diagonal bar are also much coarser than those of the original. The lettering of this forgery is, on the whole, better than that of the first described, but it shows some defects, nevertheless, besides the K already described. The two legs of the A in Baden should be of equal thickness, but on this forgery the left leg is much thinner than the righthand one. Similarly the righthand vertical stroke of the N of the same word is thinner than the rest of the letter. The ornaments in the corners are quite coarse and show little of the lacelike detail of those on the original. If you have no genuine 18kr. at hand, you may

compare a suspect as to these details with any stamp of the A2 and A3 designs in Scott, i. e., and one from No. 10 to No. 25, as all were made from the same original die. Originals of these sets are often, in fact usually, found with the well-known five-ring postmark. The second forgery bears a fair imitation of one but as these five ring postmarks are a chapter for themselves, I shall not here attempt to enter into details. The first forgery bears some indistinct date stamp.

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Stamp Buttons.

(F. E. Halbert, South Berwick, Me.)

While I do not wish to antagonize anyone who has previously discussed this subject in these columns, but I wish to say in my opinion all stamp collectors would be glad to let other collectors, especially total strangers, know that philately is one of their hobbies; for there is such a fraternal feeling among collectors that who among them does not like to meet a kindred spirit? A button (call it something else, if you like) would be the stamp collector's wireless telegraphy. By a button, I do not mean anything along the lines of some of the caustic remarks previously indulged in, but a neat, small one, costing perhaps fifty cents each, which would meet with general approval. A button that is not conspicuous enough to attract the attention or curiosity of the general public. Who would be ashamed to wear such an emblem? Are the Odd Fellows ashamed of their links? the Mason his square or compass?

Boys who possess a 10 cent collection are not apt to invest in a 50 cent button to parade as a philatelists. The emblem would fail in its purpose, if it was issued in more than one design. Just whoop it up for an emblem, then decide on a committee to choose a design.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY

Conducted by
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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.

147—WHAT PORTRAITS ARE THOSE ON

THE STAMPS OF COLUMBIA?—The first portrait on the issue of 1881 is allegorical, the head of liberty. In the issue of 1886, we find on the 2c. General Sucre, a fighter for liberty and independence and president of Upper Peru (Boliva) from 1825-27. This is all I know of him. On the 5c, we have Senrio Bolivar, an account of whom was given under No 57, in this department of the WEST, for September, 1902. The 10c shows President Unnez and the 20c General Narinos, neither of which I have any account. . On the Antiquoia issue of 1875 appears (according to Kohl's catalogue) Berrio on the 10c, and on the issue of 1899, Gen-Cordova. On the values of 10c to 50c, of 1902, we see Girardot, and on the pesos Dr. J. Felix de Restrepo. When these men lived and what made them famous, I am at loss to tell. The stamps of the department of Bolivar have the Bolivar referred to above. Boyaca has the image of Governor Mendoza Perez, also unknown to me. Will the readers of the WEST please help me out?

148—WHY ARE SOME OF THE ENGLISH STAMPS OF 1856 TO 1880 FOUND WITH VERY WIDE MARGINS AT THE RIGHT OR LEFT, WHILE TOP AND BOTTOM ARE NEARLY ALWAYS CORRECT?—

These stamps printed in four panes of 60 stamps each were perforated at Somerset House, and instead of perforating two lines along the inner edge of the panes, the machine made one line

of perforation only along the middle of the space, separating the right and left panes. This space was about as wide as the width of one stamp. The margin on the inside (vertical) rows of each pane has half the width of a stamp, accordingly. When in 1880 De La Rue & Co. began to do the perforating at their factory, this was remedied by perforating two lines between the panes.

149—WHAT IS MEANT BY THE STAMPS OF SARDINIA?—

The early issues of Italy, before 1861. The King of Sardinia, Victor Emanuel II., with the help of Napoleon III., overcame the Austrian influence in Italy; joined the other states to his own, and so formed the Kingdom of Italy (1861). In some of the states Sardinian stamps were used before the formal declaration of the united kingdom; after the declaration they were used in all states until the new issue was made. So in fact the stamps of Sardinia became the stamps of the Kingdom of Italy. There are some embossed papers of 1817-21, issued by Sardinia representing a tax or duty on correspondence. 12 to 15 years ago, these were by some catalogues, enumerated under stamped envelopes.

150—WHAT MAKES THE 30c. 1879, OF ITALY SO SCARCE AND HIGH-PRICED?

—In the first place, it was a value very little used during the 10 years of its currency, consequently used copies are seldom found. In the second place, the large remainder of unused stock was in 1890, surcharged with the value of 20c., and so used, leaving only a very small quantity of the ununsed 30c., in private hands. With the surcharge the stamp is quite common, both used and unused.

151—WHAT MAKES THE 50 AND 100 L. SEGUA TASSA STAMPS OF ITALY, SO CHEAP AS COMPARED WITH THE 5

AND 10 L?—The highest value was used most on postal account, something like our newspaper stamps, while the lower values were principally used in the regular way as due stamps. The postal accounts were finally sold as waste-paper and from them the 50 and 100 L. stamps were rescued in large numbers. Some of them were probably not cancelled, and may now be offered as unused copies.

152—HOW IS THE POSTAL PACKET MAIL DISTINGUISHED FROM OUR 3RD AND 4TH CLASS MAIL?—The postal packet mail carries larger and weightier parcels at cheaper rates than our 3rd and 4th classes. It enters competition with the express companies, while our 3rd and 4 do not, except on very long distances. The parcels post (an other name for postal packet mail) seems to me a great improvement over our 3rd and 4th class. If the express companies were less powerful, we might as well have the advantage of the parcel post as the European countries. Our government ought to break the express monopolies.

153—WHAT INFORMATION IS THE MOST NECESSARY FOR A BEGINNER IN STAMP COLLECTING?—That's a pretty hard question to answer in a small space. Get any good album and catalogue, a big variety packet (1000 or more), subscribe to and read the WEST, and patronize this department and you'll come out all right. If you will, get a few books too, as Tiffany's, or better yet, Luff's "History of U. S. Stamps, Westoby's "Adhesive Postage Stamps of Europe," Nankivell's "Stamp Collecting As a Pastime," etc. What you want most is actual work on stamps; then experience will teach more and better than I can tell in a few lines.

154—ARE THERE ANY COUNTERFEITS OF THE U. S. PERIODICAL STAMPS OF 1865?—Yes, and it seems that they all come from Germany. Some of them

have the word "facsimile" printed on the face and are not very dangerous. Others were printed from different plates and without "facsimile." A 5c and 25c submitted to me are printed in paler or duller colors than the original stamps, they are smaller by 1 or 2um than the originals and are printed poorly, especially the head in the center. The perforation is 12½ instead of 12 and is poorly done. They are not a new product, but were sold at Berlin, some 15 years ago, under the name of "reprints"

155—WHAT IS A "CISTAFILE"?—A box containing a number of cards, each of which is to hold one (or more) stamp in some respects similar to a card-index. It is made by Lawn & Barlow, London, England, and seems to find great favor as a novel means for mounting a collection. For beginners it is hardly to be recommended.

156—WHAT IS THE REASON THAT ON SOME OLD LETTERS FROM HONOLULU U. S. STAMPS WERE USED?—Mr. Luff, in No. 4 of McKeel's Weekly Stamp Mews, says: "For the convenience of those having foreign correspondence, the principal 1st offices in the Island had U. S. postage on sale. On letters addressed to the postage for that country might be paid by means of U. S. or Hawaiian stamps; in the latter case, settlement was made quarterly by the Postmaster General of Hawaii, to the U. S. Post Office Department, through the postmaster at San Francisco." This, of course, prior to the entry of Hawaii into the Universal Postal Union. It seems though that Hawaiian stamps should be on the same, letter along side of the U. S. stamp to pay for carriage to the United States, as also the 13c stamps of 1853, indicate, dividing as they do, the 13c between the two countries and giving 8c to the U. S. and 5c to Hawaii. Any student of Hawaiian stamps will do well to get the above quoted number of McKell's paper, even at a premium, if necessary.

Is There History in Stamps?

By *Verna W. Hathaway*

THE year 1840 saw the introduction of the penny postage into Great Britain. In a few years the rest of the European countries followed suit. As a general rule postage stamps have been elegant and extremely interesting in design, and more often than not distinctly national; for instance, the pyramid stamps of Egypt, the Nicaraguan volcano, the Newfoundland cod-fish. The people of the United States have honored their great men by the placing of their portraits upon the postage. A recent issue shows in an extremely artistic manner the history of Columbus.

The oldest French stamps, without the perforated edging, shows the head of Liberty and the inscription "Repub. Franc." These are the relics of the years 1848-53, the time of the second Republic. A somewhat rarer issue has the same "Repub. Franc." with the head of Louis Napoleon. This issue was made while he was president of the Republic. A little later the legend was changed to "Empire Franc." Another issue which made one suspect a foreign policy added a laurel wreath. That policy led to Sedan, and in 1870 a Republic was again declared and Liberty once more made her appearance. Thus the history of France in the nineteenth century is accurately told by her stamps.

England has been the country without a history. For over sixty years her stamps bore the image of the late queen. But now that Edward has come to the throne a new order of things is beginning to appear, as the recent issues attest.

Germany has been compared to a

menagerie, the various states, like wild beasts glaring through the bars. We find while illustrating the growth of Prussia and the use of the present German Empire, that Schleswig-Holstein, Hanover, Oldenburg, Brunswick, Mecklenberg-Schwein, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and the free cities Lubeck, Bremen, Hamburg, all had separate stamps before Prussia absorbed them.

The influence of Prussia was strengthened by the victory over Austria at Sadowa in 1866. In 1867 the North German Confederation was formed but the states south of the Main—Baden, Bavaria, Wertenburg, still kept separate stamps.

The early Austrian stamps show the head of Francis Josep, who came to the throne in 1848, and is still the emperor. When the Magyars of Hungary got the home rule in 1877 the emperor's portrait was still used on the stamp. This one raised a vision of a green stamp, with emblems, harp and shamrock, which represented the national aspirations, and the head of the sovereign in token of loyalty. The more recent Austrian stamps bear the double headed eagle, which may also be recognized on those of Venetia and Bosnia.

The growth of United Italy is very well shown. There are the obsolete stamps of (1) "Sardinia" (Sardinia, Piedmont, Savoy, Nice) with embossed head of Victor Emanuel; of three duchies (2) Tuscany, (3) Modena, (4) Parma; of (5) Sicily with the head of Ferdinand, and (6) Naples, his other provinces with its curious arms. In 1859 Austria was driven out of Lombardy, and the people of the duchies-legations voted for union with Sardinia. So the pope lost (7) Romagna. After Garibaldi's expedition (1865) appeared the first stamps of the provisional government, and then the

new stamps of the Neapolitan provinces with the head of Victor Emanuel. These stamps were not unlike those of Sardina, but inscribed in Grana. In 1861 Victor Emanuel was crowned king of Italy in Turin, and soon appeared a new stamp of Italy, now a country, no longer a "geographical expression." In 1866 Austria ceded through Napoleon (8) Venitia to Italy. The stamps (9) of the states of the church with the crossed keys of heaven and hell, were in use until 1870, when the Italian troops entered Rome.

The Eastern question is still unsolved. The forces now acting on the decay of the Turkish power are the difficulty of langaages, races and religion, and the jealousies of other European powers. The star and crescent now floats over a smaller portion of the Balkan peninsula than it used to. In contrast with Italy what a difference we find. We see in Turkey the decay of empire.

The people of Montenegro make it their boast that they were never in bondage. Greece has been independent since 1829 and Mercury, the telegraph boy to the gods, is now in the employ of Greece on her stamps. In 1861 Roumania was formed by the union of Moldaria and Walachia. Servia was independent in 1862. The Russo-Turkish war of 1877 was followed by the treaty with Berlin in 1878. Bulgaria got home rule and stamps with the rampant lion. The Austrian arms appeared on the stamps of Bosnia.

The stamps of Livonia and Poland have given way to, and the stamps of Finland have become like, those of Russia. The same head of King Oscar appears on the stamps of Norway and Sweden, linking the two governments by one crown. The Iceland stamps illustrate the good feel-

ings between Denmark and Norway by the similarity of design. The currency convention of the Scandinavian countries is shown by various spellings (ore-our). In spite of all offers Luxemburg retains its own stamps.

So a collection of stamps holds an interesting picture of the historical and political condition of the world. Each stamp is characteristic of the country in which it is issued, and if studied gives us a variety of information concerning the powers of the world. Wars, treaties, revolutions, have happened before and will happen again. Collectors will look forward with interest to the problems of the future, and in stamps will find a faithful record of a state of continued flux and change.

A Song of Philately

BY V. W. H.

This is the philatelic collection,
A divine member exhales from it
from cover to cover,
It attracts with a fierce undeniable
attraction,
I am drawn by its breath as if I were
no more than helpless vapor, all
falls aside but myself and it,
Books, art, religion, time the invisible
and the solid earth, and what was
expected of Heaven or feared of
Hell are now consumed,
As I see my soul rejected on the pages
of history,
As I see thro' a mist, something with
inexpressible completeness, sanity,
beauty,
See the pages and pages filled with
stamps; the collection I see.
If anything is sacred, philately is
sacred,
And the glory of man is a painstaking
collection,
And in man or woman, a clean, hand-
some, well founded collection is
more to be desired than the most
beautiful face.

Reprints—Just as good when you
buy, but not worth a ding when you
try to sell.

Washington Notes

C. M.

THE interesting government publications of the past month are a collection of the memorial addresses (illustrated with portraits) delivered at the funerals of Presidents Garfield, McKinley and Lincoln, by Jame G. Blaine, John Hay, and George Bancroft; a biographical Congressional Directory from 1774-1903 containing the brief histories of every member and senator for that period; the nineteenth report of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the the Department of Agriculture; the report of the Smithsonian Institution for 1902; all of which are procured through application to a member of Congress.

A monster eighteen foot giraffe now being mounted for exhibition at the Smithsonian for exhibition at the St. Louis Exposition is to be stuffed with macerated money. This creature when completed will contain what was once Federal money to the amount of nearly \$100,000.

The souvenir card collector is making much trouble for the postal clerk, and orders are being issued quite frequently by the department which receive their starts in complaints. On December 4, an order was issued requiring the cards for a long list of cities to be made up in separate packages, so that it might be certain that the "backstamp" would appear on the front. Another order requires that cards which do not fulfill the requirements of the law respecting private cards be admitted to the mail as first class matter if written and third class matter if printed. The former practice was to declare these incomplete cards nonmailable or collect double

postage even if they were wholly printed, and in the case of foreign cards this caused much expense to the American addressee.

The report of the First Assistant Postmaster General calls attention to the fact that counterfeit postmarking stamps have been used on advertising matter circulating outside the mails, and that such use has resulted in many complaints to the department, also that fourth-class postmasters are authorized to use the postmarking stamp as a "seal" in executing pension vouchers. He recommends that a penalty be provided for the counterfeiting of the postmarking stamp, or for the use of the postmarking stamp for any improper or unlawful purpose.

The total number of rural free delivery routes is now 19,668 with petitions pending for the establishment of about 7,000 more. The increase in routes during the past year is somewhat counterbalanced by the discontinuance of 4435 fourth class post-offices.

In the average amount expended for postage per capita New York with \$2.98 stands at one end of the line and South Carolina with 45 cents at the other.

The exact dates of issue of the series of 1902 stamps is as follows:

1 cent, Feb. 3, 1903; 2 cent, Jan. 17, 1903; 2 cent revised, Nov. 12, 1903; 3 cent, Feb. 11, 1903; 4 cent, Feb. 10, 1903; 5 cent, Jan. 20, 1903; 6 cent, Feb. 20, 1903; 8 cent, Dec. 6, 1902; 10 cent, Feb. 5, 1903; Special Delivery, Dec. 9, 1902; 13 cent, Nov. 18, 1902; 15 cent, May 27, 1903; 50 cent, Mar. 23, 1903; \$1, \$2, and \$5, June 5, 1903.

Ships That Sail by Daylight. ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

E. R. Steinbrueck

WE call a person who likes and studies the postage stamps of the world "a philatelist," the world over. That name has taken root and "everybody uses it," like Pears soap.

With what justification it is used, not the soap, but the technical term, is not quite clear to me, since I have tried to analyze the compound. So much I know well, that "filo" is Greek and means "I love," which is no Greek to me—never was.

"Tely?"—What is this!

Derived from the Greek "tele" which means "far," turns the whole thing Greek to me again. Think of it—"far." Never mind that. If it is "philately" let it be that way and everyone initiated knows the word's meaning, which is sufficient.

I wanted to say something in connection and the allusion served but as overture. Here it goes.

We call a person who studies the postage stamps of the world "a philatelist," the world over.

My question is now, how is it with the specialist in the stamps of one or two countries. Is he a philatelist or not?

Suppose a man studies as his specialty the Latin language, while he does not devote any time or pains to any other language, dead or living. Is he properly called a linguist? Or to use a Greek expression, a philologist? From "filo" "I love" and "logos" "the word or the language."

Is he not really but a Latin scholar, a student of Latin and maybe by and by a doctor and professor of latin and still no philologist? Do you see what

I am driving at? Isn't for instance a specialist in the stamps of Greece rather a philohellasist? Hellas is the Greek name name for Greek. Love we have to use appropriately, another Greek expression. Or call him philohellenist after the people in Hellas, the Hellenos.

Philohellenist! Not to confound with philohelenist from "fileo" and "Helena" daughter of Jupiter and Leda or any other daughter. You will please notice that in the former case "hell" is spelled with "ll," while the daughter carries but half of it and usually is called "the better half."

It occurs to me now, as a philologist has to study many languages, as many as his bushel basket may hold, to merit his title in justice, that a person claiming to be or to become a philatelist true to name has to study postage stamps of as many countries of the entire world as he is able to buy or to borrow, too proud to beg and too honest to steal. A philatelist even may not call a single stamp his own. It is the study of stamps that makes him a philatelist, not the amount of his collection, ever so abundant and boundless. That's what I think about it.

About collectors I have nothing to mention. Collecting is a hobby. Magpies collect. There may be specialistic collectors of postage stamps, of revenues, and of M. & M. stamps. Collectors that grab everything in reach in the stamp line, and collectors that over reach the line. "There are collectors of tobacco tags, of buttons, rings, and even paperrags" but they are not called

PHILATELISTS,
the world over.

The Mexican public revenue is almost exclusively derived from the the sale of adhesive stamps.

Inscriptions On Stamps

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued.)

JAPANESE—an offshot of the Chinese, is as St. Frances Xavier said without doubt, an invention of the evil one. † For pure complexity of cussedness it would be hard to beat. The Japanese derived their first knowledge of letters from China through Korea. native language is totally different in construction and vocabulary and construction from the Chinese tongue. When they came to write their own language in Chinese characters they used the Chinese symbols simply to represent sounds, utterly regardless of the meaning (in Chinese) of the *sogul* they were employing. This proved after a while to be entirely too cumbersome, and they proceeded to cut down the characters by pruning off certain strokes. This pruning process began on the cursive forms of the Chinese characters, and from it was evolved the so-called *hirakana* syllabary. The Japanese had been employing quite a number of Chinese characters to represent one and the same sound of the Japanese tongue, so that there are several *hirakana* characters to represent each of the sounds in the syllabary. Perhaps some 300 *hirakana* characters are known. Each character represents a combination of a consonant plus a vowel; the Japanese have not reached the stage where vowels and consonants are discriminated. The syllables are 'a, e, i, o, u,' (experiments or continental pronunciation, but short), ha, he, ho, hu, ka, ke, ki, ko, ku, and so on. In one or two cases the changes are not regular; for instance, h plus u make fu, no hu; t plus i is chi, not ti, etc. The only final consonant in the language is n. By the addition of the sign called *nigori* (ゝ), sounds t, k, s, and h, are turned into sonants d, g, z, b; and by the addition of the sign called *maru*,

the h-series are turned into a p-series. The *katakana* is a simpler, and consequently less used, system than the *hirakana*. At the present time it is coming more and more into use, and deserves to, as it is very well suited to the needs of a language like the Japanese. Unfortunately the Japanese were not content to use these comparatively single syllabaries, but must needs retain the Chinese characters as well; and the ordinary Japanese writing, called *Kana Majire*, or mixed writing is a hodgepodge of Chinese ideograms, *Katakana*, and *hirakana*. The Chinese are used not for their sounds (in this case) but for their meanings, and the reader is supposed to know the Chinese characters so well that he can translate them into his own language as he reads. For the sake of illiterate persons, the *kana* are often at the side of the Chinese characters.

Why the Chinese characters could not be entirely omitted is a mystery that I have never been able to solve. In this system, the stems of nouns and verbs are written by the Chinese characters and the grammatical terminations are written in *Kana*. In this system there is no specific sound (Japanese) that can be assigned to any given Chinese ideogram; the ideogram must be translated when the reader comes to it by the most suitable corresponding Japanese. In modern Japanese a great number of Chinese expressions have been borrowed. In fact they fall back on Chinese expressions for new terms in just the same way as scientific Europe does on Greek and Latin. But to add to the confusion, instead of taking over the regular Chinese pronunciation, the Japanese follow an antique pronunciation in use in China at the time the Koreans first introduced Chinese Literature into Japan. Not content with this complication, the Japanese in certain instances fol-

low two other styles of Chinese nunciation of the Chinese H^r Tang dynasties resptively. and popular speech prefer pronunciation, while sci the Kaw-on, and commerc. so that modern Japanese is of three different styles of grafted on the old native speech. If this it follows, that sometimes yo. have to translate into Japanese the Chinese characters you come across in reading a Japanese book, and sometimes you read them as Chinese phrases adopted into Japanese; when you do one and when do the other, naught but a knowledge of the language can tell you; in other words, you must know the language before you begin to read Japanese books, and you must also have a thorough knowledge of the Chinese ideograms and their meaning—so far the letter quoted.

The readers of *The WEST* will understand that it takes time to master the inscriptions on Chinese and Japanese stamps. I hope, though to bring something for the next number of *The WEST*

Button Versus Emblem

By J. K. Burrow

(CONTINUED)

THE reason for placing it at 2000 is because of the wide range of collecting now open to the collector; it is no task to accumulate that number in a general collection, and those who have taken up the 20th century collector can come, I think, within the mark; but these of course, are matters for debate and futher consideration. 2nd, the beginner in collecting almost 9 times out of 10 leave off somewhere under the 2000 mark for a more convenient season, but ss soon as 2000 varieties are secured they have sufficient stimulus to proceed into the Philatelic ranks. My original proposition was the forming, as before stated, of a National Union, with a Mal-

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the new movement.
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lacked cohesion and the
ity to carry it to a successful
was no united action, at least
apparent. On the point at issue
been suggested that every one pit
himself and on the other hand, the ex-
tremest suggesting to leave it alone;
both are unwise; surely an intermed-
iate course can be found, one in which
all can participate and be recognized by
the same emblem. The possession of it
should recommend the wearer to the
good will and fellowship of every col-
lector. Every philatelic society should
have the right of voicing its sentiments.
and of sending a delegate to the na-
tional union according to the member-
ship. Thus the best material available
in the philatelic world would be brought
together for deliberation, for the better
understanding of philately, for the sup-
pression of fraud, and the closer watch
of speculative issues. This undertaking
is certainly a gigantic one, but look at
the immense proportion of philately,
with no concerted action whatever—
everyone doing as he pleases. Each so-
ciety going its own sweet way. True, a
few meetings are held, but what has
been accomplished? All that is needed,
is united effort with a mighty pull of
one and all.

And even if it does not assume the form outlined, we can make the center and probably build so that later on it will assume a recognized position. The position is bound to present itself. That is the stimulus requisite to show our errors and correct them.

My second suggestion I have to offer in opposition to my friend, L. P. Dorset of Wayside, it is this: if the matter of finding a suitable motto or center for the emblem, be difficult to suit, let us go back to the dead languages which can certainly offend no one, and above all, are not subject to decay or changed conditions, and take the Greek "Philos Atelia" for the center.

In conclusion, I shall be glad to hear from any interested along these lines and will treat their views with all courtesy through The WEST and if stamps are inclosed, will be pleased to answer personally.

The Non-Adhesive Stamps Of Our Early Post- masters.

By Henry Herbert Huff

THE UNITED STATES government did not begin issuing postage stamps until 1847. Before that time many different methods were employed in the affixing of postage upon mail matter. Each village, town and city had its own particular stamps and usually the postmasters were responsible for their design. This accounts for the many varieties of early postmaster's stamps. Stamp collectors of the present day have only to rejoice that the postal methods of those days are not continued at the present time, for if such were the case where could we obtain an album large enough to hold our collections.

Much has been written by our philatelic students on the subject, "The Adhesive Stamps Of Our Early Postmasters," but very little regarding the non-

adhesives. Perhaps the reason for this is that Philatelists have hitherto had no particular interest in the latter class.

The non-adhesive stamps are, at present, only a matter of curiosity, but they can rightly be classed as subject-matter for Philatelic research, and no one who undertakes to make a collection of them will fail to find it uninteresting.

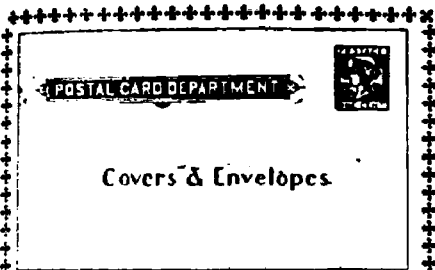
Non-adhesives were the commonest stamps in those days, and since there were very many more of them than of adhesives, they have but little value at the present day. They were used extensively in the western part of the United States, especially at the smaller offices.

The usual method of stamping matter was "Paid 5" or Paid 10" or whatever other amount was required. This was usually written with pen and ink, but in some instances the word 'Paid' was stamped with a hand-stamp, and the amount added with pen and ink. Another method was that of stamping in the upper right-hand corner, the word 'Free,' signifying that the sender had paid the postage to the master at his own station, and that the packet was to be delivered without further costs.

One of the most curious stamps was the one used at Sabula, Iowa. The postmaster placed a blot of brown ink in the corner of each envelope, which was afterward cancelled by drawing several lines over it with a pen.

Many of the postmasters used rubber hand-stamps, similar to those used in the smaller offices at the present day for postmarking letters. In the center, instead of the date, appeared the words, "Paid 5" and beneath them in many instances, the initials of the postmaster.

The stamps that I have mentioned are but a few of the many of the varieties existing; although the government issued stamps in 1847, we find many of the more remote towns using the early postmaster's stamps as late as 1855, doubtlessly because they did not have the facilities such as railroads grant us at the present time,



**Observations on
Some Original Covers**
By R. R. THIELE.

(Continued from September.)

As it shows no further New Zealand postmark, a tax-mark on the face of the letter was probably put on here also: it consists of a very large figure:

6^D

Six pence being the equivalent of the American 12c rate. The letter now resumed its eastward journey and the next postmark is that of San Francisco, but unfortunately the date is illegible. This being the exchange office the postage due was here marked for the office of destination, as shown by the handstamp:

**COLLECT
12 Cents**

The "Collect" stamp was evidently blank and the figure of value was afterwards added with another stamp in very large figures—all in black ink. Evidently under the postal arrangements then in force with the Australian Colonies returned letter were charged full postage; within the Postal Union they are now returnable free, as a rule. Next the letter arrived at Chicago and was postmarked:

CHICAGO, ILL., RECD.
APR.
21,
1891,
17

All in a single-lined circle. The "17" below is presumably the number of the cancellor. Then it was turned over the German consulate.

So far the journey of the letter had been quite a rapid one; from Jan. 12 to April 21 it had almost girdled the globe. But now came a period of rest, while it was waiting at the Consulate for some one to claim it. It must have become quite dusty in the pigeon holes of the Consulate before it was again resurrected. Nobody had called for it in all these months, and finally someone at the Consulate endorsed it in red ink:

"Not called for at Consulate."

The carrier to whom it was turned over repeated in pencil:

"Not called for.

917."

The latter figure is probably his number. This was late in December, for a large hand stamp in auline ink shows the inscription:

G. D.
DEC. 31, 1891
11 A. M.

There are other letters between G and D. but too blurred to read. I do not know what the full word may be; the handstamp was probably impressed at the Inquiry Office of the Chicago Post Office. The New Year seems to have laid the employes at this office out somewhat; at least the letter did not get another start until January 7, 1892. This is shown by a very large hand with outstretched index finger—impressed with a rubber stamp—which points to the senders address in the upper left corner and bears the inscription:

"Returned to writer."

And the date January 7, 1892.

(To be continued.)

BETTER PAPER FOR STAMPS

NOW that Philately is so well established in its present prosperous circumstances, we can afford to squander a thought on the unguessed region of the future, and to wonder, what it contains for our successors. Whatever be the hand that administers it, there is a law that causes us to provide for the interests of those that come after us, and it is a wise law, for do not our circumstances depend upon the actions of our forefathers, as truly as our descendants will depend upon us?

To a careful discriminating mind, it appears that the Philately of the far future will rest on an insecure foundation in a few respects. Let us imagine ourselves situated at some distant point of old father Time's circuit and thus endeavor to ascertain with some show of reason, what will be the future status of the collecting "hobby" or "instinct," as it is more rightly called.

Here is a hard problem for us to deal with, but he is a coward who turns back from what is hard, and excuses himself with: "after us the deluge." And these words apply more literally than at first would be imagined, for where will this deluge of new issues leave us in one hundred years. But the question with which this article is chiefly interested is that of paper and printing. How long will it be possible for such paper as is now used to hold together, and retain such colors as are now used, retain their brilliancy?

A single glance at the early issues of the world will be sufficient to convince the inquirer of the the mutability of colors, and although, of course, the improvement of the same will count for something, still the condition of the the stamps of the early forties may be regarded as an approximation of what

our bright colors will be in sixty years. One fact alone, is responsible for this question not getting more consideration than it does. The governments of the countries that issue stamps, prefer not to have them printed in colours of great duration, because it would then be easier to erase the postmarks. But if science would only discover for us some new ink that would retain its power indefinitely, then the same principle whatever it may be, could be applied to the coloring matter of the cancellation.

As regards paper, it makes the philatelist envious to look over the well preserved documents of historical fame, written probably on papyrus, the Egyptian paper, that never will be destroyed. How encouraging? to think that the collector of the future will never know our rarities! In a few hundred years the last Baltimore provisional will probably have faded into dust, while big fortunes will be passing for stamps that have not yet been printed! A philatelist is inclined to think that it would pay the government to print its stamps on papyrus, or parchment perhaps! Certainly it would pay philately. What a stability it would give to the pursuit, how much better for the future it would be!

We can at least expect of modern science to invent a paper that will couple the endurance of papyrus with the cheapness of the rag product as now used. She has recently showed us a paper that will suddenly decay after a short period of apparent integrity; let her now give us a form of paper that will NEVER decay.

A man in Geneva, Switzerland, is sending out circulars advertising facsimilies of rare stamps. His circular says that the facsimilies are practically undistinguishable from the originals and that they have been awarded eight gold medals for their great resemblance to the originals.

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"Once a collector always a collector"

W. N. SOUTHER—was born in Groton, Mass., in 1858 and has been there most of the time since. Has been interested in stamps for thirty years and in Natural history always.

His first collection of stamps he sold about twenty years ago when stamps were not as valuable as they are now and when he thinks of his New Brunswick shilling, Sidney views, etc., it makes him tired when he looks at the spaces now empty. His catalogue of 1875 says N. B. Shilling \$5.00 Sidney views 75c. Not long after he sold that collection he began another and now has a collection of between 6000 and 7000 varieties but his old collection was the most valuable.

In Natural history he is interested in birds which he collects and mounts himself, although of late he has given more attention to shells and butterflies of which he has very good collections.

Three years ago he was obliged to build a house especially for his collections and to have a place to prepare them for himself and for others.

He has made a beautiful collection of butterflies mounted on Denton's tablets and also has a lot on pins. All these things take a lot of money but he never felt he wanted to stop.

MR. CHAMPION—of Paris, France, was born in 1873. He occupies himself with stamps since the age of 6 years. He was formerly assistant of Mr. A. Forbin whose business he took in Sept. 15, 1903, under the firm of Theodore Champion & Co. He pub-

lishes the principal French catalogue with assistance of Messrs Yvest & Cellier of Amiens. He carries on an extensive business, and handles especially novelties, he also does much wholesale business with dealers. He employs many clerks and possesses one of the first firms of the place. See his ad on another page.

C. E. JOHNSON—of Montgomery, Mo., sends his photo and 3 views of his Indian "stone relics." The photo shows only a very small portion of them. He has been collecting Indian stone relics for 20 years, has sold once or twice, but took up the "fad" again. He is 48 years old and came from Virginia. He says he has been a reader of the WEST over two years and likes it very much.

MISS ANNA NORMAN—was born in Sweden 18 years ago and came to this country a number of years ago. Acquired the collecting craze while in the old country and is now collecting U. S. stamps exclusively having disposed of all Foreign; also collects old paper money. She would be pleased to hear from all money and philatelic collectors.

MR. WILLIAM BURTON—was born in Nashville, Ill, 1870. He holds a lucrative position with the Aetna Life Insurance Co., being in charge of the collecting department of that company.

One year ago Mr. Burton bought his first camera and since that time has become one of the most progressive amateur Photographers in the World's



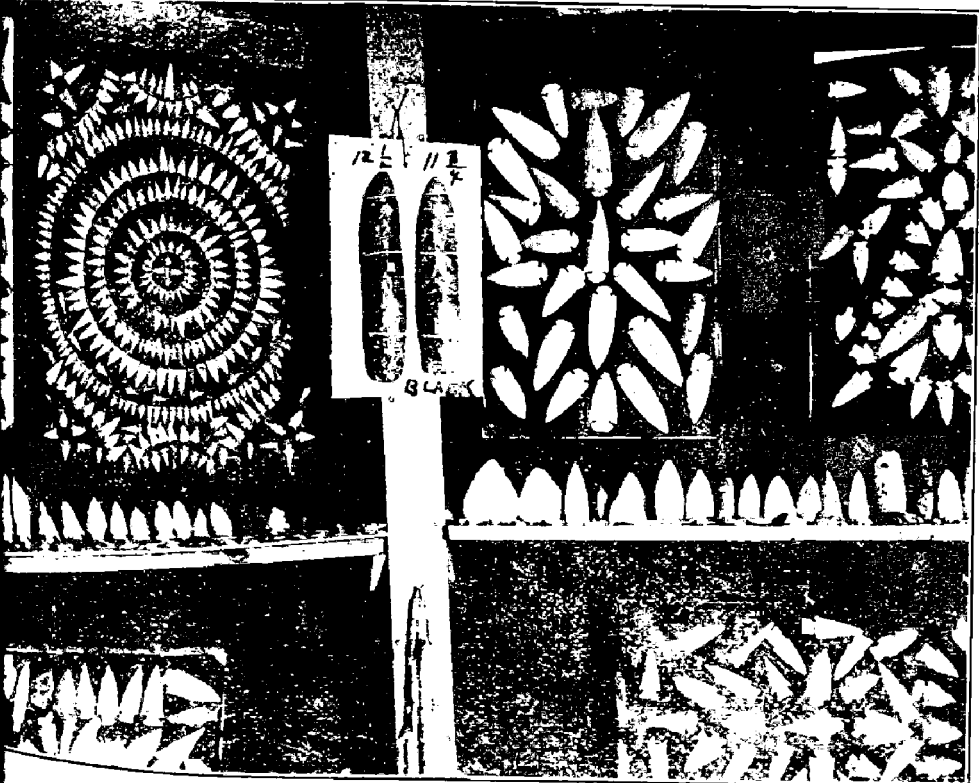
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CORNER OF JOHNSONS' CURIO ROOM



JOHNSONS' RELICS

Fair City, he having organized the Missouri Amateur Camera Club, No. 1 N. Broadway of which he is secretary and is fast becoming one of the best Amateur Camera Clubs in the country the membership of which increases with every meeting. They held their 1st prize contest Dec. 21 and was interesting to its members. Would advise all Missouri and particularly St. Louis Amateurs to write him for particulars.

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REPORT OF SALES DEPT.

For the month of December, 1903.

28 books received net value \$252.03
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\$68.24 were sold, certainly a good per cent. Still more are realizing that this department is run on honest business principles and is beneficial in buying or selling stamps. Write us.

H. WENDT, Supt.,
 Dunlap, Iowa.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARRELL GREENE, A S of C C

J. O. Barnes of Hickman, Ky., recently found in the river bottoms near that city what appears to be the tooth of some herbivorous animal now extinct. Some call it a mastodon tooth, but it appears to differ in a great many ways from the kind, usually picked up and sent to museums. The tooth is not extremely large, measuring only one and one-half inches across the top and three and one-half inches long. The sides of the tooth are comparatively smooth, the front and back are ridged lengthwise. The tooth has been placed in the collection of curios belonging to the editor of the Hickman Courier.

A press dispatch from Hartford, Conn. bearing date of Nov. 12, 1903, conveyed information of interest to curio collectors, inasmuch as it told of the historic letter written by U. S. Grant to Gen. Joseph R. Hawley accepting the nomination to the Presidency of the United States and ending with the now famous sentence: "Let us have peace". It seems that Gen. Hawley lost this historic letter some years ago and it was not thought likely that it would be ever found. A scavenger in Hartford, so the story goes, found it among a lot of waste paper and it will be so preciously preserved that there will be no danger of its ever getting lost again.

The State Historical department of

Iowa, by its curator Charles Aldrich, has lately secured what is undoubtedly one of the largest stone axes in existence. The interesting and valuable relic is heavier than the much prized stone axe in the Field Columbian Museum at Chicago and larger than the one in the Smithsonian institute. Its weight is such that it would have required the weight of a giant to wield it, and the ax was probably used in Indian ceremonies, rather than as an instrument of warfare. The weight of it is 31½ pounds, while the one in the Field Museum weighs 15½ pounds and the one in the Smithsonian institute weighs 20 pounds. This mighty ax which lately became the property of the State of Iowa was plowed up in Louisa. It is carved out of a species of stone not found in Iowa and is therefore doubly interesting. Mr. Aldrich, the curator of the state historical department, induced the trustees of that institution, after much persuasion, to pay \$40 for the splendid implement and it is certainly a valuable possession. The next largest ax in the Iowa state collection is one weighing 14½ pounds, which was found in Clayton County.

Workmen digging on the site of the old City of Teocalli, in southwestern Texas, unearthed, one day last month, about fifty skeletons which local scientists examined and pronounced to be, in

all likelihood the remains of Montezumas and his followers, who were supposed to have been buried at Tenoshilitan.

An interesting find was chronicled a few days ago near Pittsburg, Kansas. Miners who were sinking a coal shaft found imbedded in the fire clay, below the second vein of coal, at a depth of fifty feet below the surface, a box made in a rude manner of bark, about six inches long and four inches wide. It was imbedded solidly in fire clay, and was fossilized, but the bark could be seen plainly on the outside. When the box was broken open three arrowheads, crudely made of flint were found in it, two of them unfinished and one perfect. The fossilized box was found solidly imbedded in the fire clay, below the coal vein which had not been disturbed, and had apparently been lying there at least since before the carboniferous period. Of course the comparatively close proximity to the surface might lead to the belief that an ancient well or shaft might have been sunk years ago and the box dropped down in it, but the miners say the coal vein had never been disturbed, so it is up to the big archaeologists and the renowned scientists to figure it out.

A magnificent and interesting autograph collection was sold at auction in Berlin, Germany, not long ago. A letter written by Balvin brought 600 marks, a letter of Erasmus of Rotterdam brought 125 marks, a letter of Goethe's brought 25 marks, one of Queen Louise's the same price, and a letter of Napoleon's written two days before the battle of Jena brought 485 marks.

Old books are valuable property, and

curio collector who happens to add some copy of a "first edition" to his collection is certain to gain something that will increase in value as the years go by. At a recent auction sale a set of Scott's Weaverly Novels, as originally published, fetched \$2,500, while a first edition of "Robinson Crusoe" in old calf binding, brought \$1,535. A first edition of Izaak Walton's "Complete Angler," containing some fine old engravings, brought \$2,025. A second impression of Shakespeare's work containing the rare Richard Hawkins title page, went for \$4,250, and a third impression of the same, containing the Droeshout portrait brought \$2,850. First editions of American authors are valuable too, for it was not long ago that a volume of "Pierre Antiond's Date Palm" by Thomas Builey Aldrich, published in 1866, brought \$78 at auction. "The Pioneer," in three parts published in 1843, brought at the same sale \$240. Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," published in 1855 fetched \$75.

The University of Kansas sent out last summer A. W. Sellards, Graduate student, and M. A. Barber, of the department of botany on a collecting expedition. The work covered only about four weeks time during June and July, and the greater part of it was done in West Canada, a little being done in Minnesota and North Dakota. At Portal, N. Dakota; Moose Jan, Assiniboia; and Colgary, Alberta; collections were made of the flora of the great plains, and work was done in the edge of the great forest region of Canada at Edmond, Alberta. About two weeks were devoted to collecting in the mountain region of British America, Banff, Alberfa, being the headquarters during this period. The Canadian Rockies and Selkirks furnish an admirable field for the botanist.

since their higher altitudes present an arctic flora, and the well watered and often wooded valleys possess a great variety of the plants of lower altitudes. At Ranff good collecting may be found in swamps watered by warm sulphur springs. On the return, side trips were made into the Bad Lands of North Dakota and the lake region of Minnesota. The work was chiefly with flowering plants, and, owing to the large number, and the great variety of the regions visited, a very considerable amount of material was obtained and brought back to the University's collection at Lawrence.

A Natural Curiosity.

By Lloyd R. Robinson

No part of New England is more interesting than this section of Connecticut. Probably the most interesting natural curiosity to be found in New England is the Dragon's Cave. It is situated in North Franklin, 1 mile from the noted Bailey's Ravine.

The ascent of the mountain to reach the cave is about one-half mile.

The mouth of the cave is between two ledges of rock, that on the right about 50 feet in height, and the left one about thirty feet.

The space between them is about thirty-five feet, and covered with rocks of various shapes and sizes thrown together in such a manner as to bring to mind those lines more celebrated for wit than piety:

"Nature, having spent all her store,
Heaped up rocks—She could do no more."

The descent from the general surface of those promiscuous rocks to the mouth of the cave is about twelve feet.

The first room, which is in the form of a parallelogram, is fifteen feet in

length, nine feet in breadth, and six in height. The passage from the first to the second room is 9 feet long, three and one-half high and two wide. The second room is not so large, its length is ten feet, and height six feet.

From the second room there is an opening to two others, one on the right, the other on the left. The one on the left is eight feet long, five feet high, and three and one-half wide.

The room on the left is five feet high 10 feet long and four feet wide. From this there is a narrow passage on the left that is twelve feet in length and two feet in width. Here the cave stops, although 40 years ago it continued a considerable distance further. It has caved in.

From one extremity of the cave to the other is about fifty feet.

A kerosene light will not burn in this cave.

Louisiana Souvenir Gold Dollars.

The late coins issued from the United States Mint at Philadelphia to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and known as the Louisiana Purchase Gold Dollar, have been pronounced by numismatists the finest examples of modern coining art. This coinage which will live as a metallic memorial of the Great World's Fair of 1904, was provided for by a specific act of congress, which also limits their issue to 250,000 pieces. The entire coinage will be delivered to the Exposition Company and will represent a part of the Government's general appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the Exposition.



The specially designed coins are of two types: two obverses having the same reverse; 125,000 bear an excellent likeness of Thomas Jefferson—the Government father of the Louisiana Purchase. The other 125,000 present the profile of William McKinley, the Government father of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

A Family of Knockers

TO The lover of bird life, the wood pecker presents an interesting field for study and observation.

Its range is large and sactters from the Lake of the Woods to the Gulf and from Ocean to Ocean.

Everyone knows one or two species of this family. There are from 30 to 40 species in the United States, while but 10 species have been found in Kansas.

Their chief characteristics are stout sharp beak: for boring in dead trees and stumps for food. A long, sharp, barbed tongue for extracting insects and the tail feathers which stiff and pointing assist them in their climbing and working. Their nesting habits are very similar and all species lay in holes dug in trees, posts, etc., from 4 to 6 eggs of a very uniform size and shape—of a pure crystal white. So we see the collector should be very careful to identify his bird when collecting eggs for his collection.

On a clear Spring day, in a shady wood, the bird-lover will find the various members of the wood-pecker family at their best. Their peculiar sharp cries, their half-galloping flight, their bright red head and continual pounding make them easily found and recognized.

In collecting the eggs of these birds, as well as those of hawks, owls and crows, the oologist will find that a pair of climbing irons, a sharp knife or small hatchet and a stout leather belt are almost indispensable. The latter may be discarded, however, for its a high way up to a flickers nest and a long way down to its eggs. Let us look at a few members of the wood-pecker family.

Down in the rich bottoms of the Rio Grande in Texas, in the bayous of Mississippi and Louisiana and the

Everglades of Florida, and a few other localities is the home of that prince among birds—the ivory billed woodpecker—a giant among his own people. Few are the eyes that have had a glimpse of their eggs. For he is a shy bird and far from the haunts of men is his delight. In size it is 20 to 22 inches long with a bill of ivory white, 2½ inches long. Its body is blue black with a crest of scarlet with lines of black. It is one of the most handsome of American birds. But few collectors have either a stuffed specimen or a set of eggs.

The Red-headed Woodpecker is one of the commonest and noisest of American birds. He is here and every where. What telegraph pole has not felt the blows of his hammer? He is not partial as to his diet as he eats eggs, grasshoppers, as well as fruit, besides his regular diet of worms and grubs.

Another common species is the flicker which has a different name in every county in the Union. He is also called Yellow Hammer, Wake-up, Golden Winged Woodpecker, High Hole, Yellow Shafted Flicker, etc. A peculiar feature of this bird is that of all the eggs in a nest, but one, are taken, the mother bird will continue to lay on. As high as seventy eggs from one nest have been taken.

An interesting habit of the Californian woodpecker is their foresight in providing for Winter. They dig out small holes in red wood and other trees; fill them with acorns for Winter use. A specimen of bark before me is so thickly studded with acorns and so firmly imbedded that they cannot be removed by the fingers.

The Pileated Woodpecker is next in size to the Ivory-billed,

It is sometimes known as the "Log cock." It is common in South Eastern Missouri and Arkansas. I had

MINEROLOGY

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—This department will be devoted exclusively to mineralogy, mines, etc., and the allied branches. All communications addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont. will be answered as far as possible in this department. We invite questions on this subject and will also be pleased to hear of any rarities or new finds in the mineral line.—Forest Gaines, Ed.]

SOMETIME ago, mention was made of the discovery, in some places, of pure, limpid quartz, containing minute needle crystals of rutile. Since that time, many more specimens have been imported, so that now, good specimens are quite common; and the mineral may soon be seen in nearly all collections. It will be a good deal of a rarity for some time to come, however, and good specimens will be somewhat high.

On some of the moors in England, recently, excellent specimens of dog-tooth calcite have been found. Most of it is clear and limpid, but occasionally some of it is found which is of a beautiful pink or other colour, on account of the amount of iron or other metal discriminated through it. The color is not so deep, however, as to obscure the clear, limpid properties of the mineral. None of the localities have been thoroughly looked up yet, which makes it sure that better and finer material will come to hand than has been seen yet. The moors of England still remain as wild and desolate as they have been for a long time back in the dim past and as they are very-swampy and undesirable places of habitation, it will be a long time before they are settled to any extent by human beings. One of the most typical of these moors is called Alston.

The editor has lately had called to his attention, the particular excellence of the specimens furnished by a dealer

Mr. A. N. Fuller, of Lawrence, Kansas, whose ads. have probably been seen by many of our readers, in numerous mineralogical and scientific publications. Mr. Fuller deals only in rare specimens; that is those which have some peculiar interest aside from their purely mineralogical value. The gentleman is constantly on the alert for rarities, and very few of them escape his vigilant attention. Many of his fine specimens decorate our own shelves. And indeed the best single consignment we ever had was received from him. He sends out selections on approval to all responsible parties, which may be kept or returned as desired. Those who are looking for fine specimens or something rare, should give him a trial.

Up-to-date we have identified many doubtful specimens, for correspondents in all parts of the country, and we are pleased to see such an interest taken in the subject. Aside from an attraction fad, the collection of minerals has an added value to any of those who live in a mining or a valuable mineral bearing section, and a good knowledge of minerals is not to be depreciated.

A collection of types (only every different design used for a postage stamp) is as interesting as a complete collection and far more attractive to the non-collector than the dozens or hundreds of volumes of the rich.

The great medium publication, the *Lancet*, says: "A hobby may be constantly accessible and it behooves all men who find themselves 'run-down' to make an attempt toward enjoyment of some intellectual activity different from that constantly demanded by their daily occupation."

Robinson Crusoe's Gun

WHO has not read Robinson Crusoe; the marvelous book which makes young and old hang with interest upon each succeeding chapter, one enters so fully into the fortunes of the hero? All who have read the famous book will be interested in the following account of a relic of the days when Robinson Crusoe and his man, Friday, dwelt upon the Island of Juan Fernandez.

The relic, which is the identical gun of Robinson Crusoe, is in the possession of Randolph Bexens of England. It is the most interesting historical find of recent years and will shortly be presented to the British Museum.

The gun, which Alexander Selkirk, better known as Robinson Crusoe, is supposed to have used on the desert island, "is fitted with an ordinary flint lock, and upon the lock is engraved the figure of an elephant. This would seem to imply that at some time or other, the lock—not necessarily the gun—was the property of the East India Company. Also engraved on the stock are the words, 'A Selkirk, Lago, N. B.' This inscription is roughly and laboriously engraved as with a penknife, in letters an inch high. The following friendly doggerel is cut upon the barrel:

'With three drams powther,
And two ounce hail (or 'shot')
Ram me well and prime me,
To kill I will not fail.'

The manner in which the finding of the gun came about, is rather strange.

Mr. Berens, while looking for antiquities in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford, about 20 years ago, saw it and bought it for ten shillings.

Mr. Berens has tried to trace back to the origin of the gun, but has been able to trace to 1875, when it was sold to some one at Clapham for ten shillings, to a man, who failing to see anything of interest in it, offered it after two years

to the custodian of the Ashmolean Museum for twenty shillings. They also saw little of interest, but Mr. Berens, two days later, being on a visit near Oxford, strolled into the Museum, and immediately recognized it as an important find.

This recalls once more, the curious history of Alexander Selkirk. He was left on the Island of Juan Fernandez, by order of the captain of the ship upon which he served as boatswain's mate, for inciting the ship's crew to mutiny, and was taken off again by Captain Werdes Rogers who, when out at sea, had observed the signal on "Lookout" point.

On the "Lookout" hill, Selkirk had erected a mast on which he, every day hoisted a strip of cloth, to serve as a flag, and at night he lit a fire there. The remains of the flagstaff were found seven years ago by a party sent by the Chilean government to explore the island, with the object in view of locating a penal colony there. It had already been used as a sort of exile for political convicts, remains of dungeons and cells are still to be seen there. This use was abandoned, and in 1877 the island was let to an eccentric Swiss.

A quiet little population of sailors and colonists are now settled there. The principal town, a hamlet, San Juan Bautista, has been built on the the Cumberland Bay, on the very spot which Selkirk landed.

At the foot of the Lookout there is to be seen a bronze memorial tablet fixed into the rock. It was placed there in 1897 by a Chilean Scientific Society at the head of which was the President of the Republic. An inauguration meeting was held, at which solemn speeches were made, in which the endurance, courage and industry, that characterized Selkirk, were spoken of.

THE MAN WITH A HOBBY.

The man with a hobby is a good one to address your mail order talk to. Philately, numismatics, amateur photography, mineralogy, philocarty, curio collecting, et cetera, are luxuries. Penurious people avoid them. If a man can afford a hobby, he has money and is willing to spend it. If your goods are of ordinary merit your returns from men with hobbies will be larger than from any other class.

Every subscriber to the WEST is a subscriber because he has a hobby. The WEST is his vade mecum. He reads it as thoroughly as the socialist his Tolstoy. This from Mr. J. W. Werner, of Topeka, is in point: "The 50 pages of ads in each WEST are of absorbing interest. Your reading matter can not be beat, but we cranks must have ads. Ads are our meat, reading matter dessert."

Dealers in those articles in which the man with a hobby is particularly interested find advertising in the WEST immensely profitable. Dealers in any mail order commodity, where it is desirable to reach people of means and intelligence, find the WEST equally productive of results.

The man with a hobby has money to spend—you can reach him through the WEST.

YOUR ADVERTISING PROBLEM SOLVED.

Will my ad be read? is the question that worries every mail order man. He resorts to various methods to accomplish this end. If he knew that every reader of the chosen medium would read his ad he would consistently expect profitable returns.

There is one ad medium where this desideratum obtains. That medium is the WEST.

Men with hobbies are ever on the alert for something new for their collections or for bargains. With the enthusiasm peculiar to their kind, they carefully read the ads, it being desirable to overlook nothing. While the literary section of the WEST is of the highest degree of excellence, the advertising pages offer so many and varied opportunities for gratifying their propinquities that no ad, be it ever so diminutive, is overlooked.

When you advertise in the WEST you accomplish two things: You reach people who are able to and will buy whatever attracts them; your ad is seen and read by every subscriber.

Until recently the ad pages of the WEST have been monopolized by dealers who cater only to hobbyists. We are mail order enthusiasts and are opening up this new field to mail order dealers in general. We invite you to enter it while it is still practically unexplored by your competitors.

CIRCULATION—QUANTITY AND QUALITY.

The WEST has a paid circulation of 15,000 per month. Every reader is a paid subscriber, secured through our extensive advertising in the leading magazines of the country. The readers are composed of people of education and culture. Not only the best class of young people of this and foreign countries, but also prominent business and professional men.

Inquiries received from WEST readers are not mere "curiosity satisfiers,"—they're really interested and have the money to buy.

The magazine, being the largest and best of its kind in the world (over 100 pages, illustrated and handsomely bound), each copy is preserved—never destroyed. In this way, in many cases, your ad will do double duty, as a second reading will bring many additional orders from subscribers and from others who are not subscribers who will have an opportunity of reading the old numbers.

We guarantee "The Best and Lots of It;" both to subscribers and advertisers.

DROP IN YOUR HOOK.

Bait your business hook with a tempting bit of advertising and drop into a trial space in the WEST. Our readers are not "fake chasers," or

"suckers," but they'll make a "game strike" if your proposition looks good.

We do not believe there's another magazine in the country giving such value for the money as is the WEST at 10 cents a line. There may be others promising as great or even greater circulation at the same rate, but the VALUE of the circulation is what you pay for, and not so much the amount. And then we've never heard of any other magazine so large as the WEST with such a low rate.

The WEST contains over 100 well printed, illustrated, substantially bound pages. A big lot of valuable reading for 50 cents per year. The circulation is growing at an amazing rate.

The advertising rate NOW is 10 cents per line, but it MAY go up most any time, and you'd better some in now and get "on the ground floor."

It's a good proposition,—we know it—but you needn't take our word. Just read the "Proof of the Pudding." It follows:

"PROOF OF THE PUDDING."

B. Morrah, McCarmel, S. C.: "Have been crowded with replies to my ads in the WEST."

E. Stern, 2113 Third Ave., N. Y. City: "Our ad in last number was very satisfactory, and will use space from now on continually. Enclose three pages now."

F. Reid, Denver, Colo.: "I did not expect replies to my first ad, but it has already more than paid for itself. Will take page or more each month."

W. Hofert, Chicago: "The WEST has been responsible for enlarging my bank book. It is without doubt the best paper I ever advertised in."

E. Tomlinson, Alexis, Ill.: "My ad in the WEST brought replies from Maine to the Pacific coast."

R. McGill, Chicago: "My ad brought me replies from all over the U. S. and as far as Europe."

The Standford Co., Omaha, Neb.: "Eighty-four replies to our ad so far."

N. Collins, Detroit, Mich.: "My ads in the WEST have been quite satisfactory. I enclose new copy."

St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., St. Louis, Mo., who have carried ad in WEST nearly every number for over six years, say the WEST pays best of all for cost.

NOT ONLY IN THE U. S. BUT—

M. Duhmal, Saint Aver, France: "My ads in WEST gave me many replies."

J. Welsh, Fitzroy, Australia: "My ads in the WEST have given me large bombardment; in fact, too many to take care of."

J. Roberg, Sorel, Canada: "I consider the WEST the best advertising medium, barring none."

H. Lamotte, Paris, France: Just signed third yearly contract. He thinks the WEST a good ad medium.

J. C. Auf Der Heide, Amsterdam, Europe: "My ads in the WEST bring me replies with every mail."

Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Canada: "We have recommended the WEST to lots of stamp readers who ask for a good paper."

Stanley Gibbons, Inc., New York and London: "We know the WEST has a large circulation by the lot of replies we got for our catalogue."

FROM OUR READERS.

Ira Fisher, Fisher, Ill.: "I must congratulate you on publishing such an interesting paper. I am more than pleased with it. It is just such a paper as I have been looking for. I always look forward to its coming with pleasure. I never want to be without it."

Archaeology in Canada

By Rev. W. A. Laughlin

GREAT strides have been made the last few years in this important study and throughout the Dominion of Canada the Department of Education has in every way encouraged research, by publishing important documents, this meritorious use of printer's ink has imparted a needed stimulus to investigate specially of the prehistoric past.

The prehistoric past with its secrets has been united to the historic present. The excavator's spade has unearthed many "historical documents" which tell tales of the characteristics and conditions of the ancient Indian population whose numerous aboriginal settlements were made in sparsely inhabited regions.

The archaeologist will find in Canada his most fruitful field on the sites of the numerous Indian villages, which abound in the Northern part of Senico county, specially in the townships of Tiny and Tay. This ground was the site of many Huron Indian villages. As a result Huron relics are found in both these townships.

As to investigations made in Tiny, this has certainly historic interest, for there Champlain and the early Jesuit missionaries landed. These pioneers of civilization and christianity have described these villages.

In the Bear Nation territory a tribe belonging to the Huron league, there were no fewer than 49 villages, and 24 bone pits or burying places have been unearthed. These villages were not all occupied at the same time. Thirty nine bear evidence of contact with the Europeans who visited their country.

The most interesting site is the ruins of the second fortified Jesuit Mission of St. Marie, on Christian Island surrounded by the crumbling ruins of an

extensive Indian village. In the fall of 1649-50 the population is supposed to have been between 6000 to 8000, but it was decimated by famine and disease.

Some arguments have been advanced as to the probable spot where the early missionaries Brebeuf and Lallement met their tragic deaths. Evidence fixes upon the site of St. Louis. This historic spot is on the farm of John McDermitt, Lot 15, Concession 4, where extensive ash beds have been found mixed with relics. The identity of the village of the St. Louis has been determined partly by its size, partly by the descriptions of the old writers.

The farm of Chas. E. Newton, Lot 11, Concession 6, was the supposed site of St. Ignace. The weird scenes behind its walls have been powerfully described by Parkman. It has been locally called "The Jesuit's Field," and around it hover the usual traditions of buried treasure.

Space forbids to tell of less notable sites, and of the frequent discoveries of Indian remains in the twin townships of Tiny and Tay, but this we say to antiquarians, whether Yankee or Canuck, visit these grounds at your first opportunity, and remember this:

"THERE WAS A TIME"—and that is all we know!

No record lives of their ensanguin'd deeds;

The past seems palsied with some giant blow,

And grows the more obscure on what it feeds.

A rotted fragment of a human leaf;
A few stray skulls, a heap of human bones!

These are the records—the traditions brief—

'Twere easier far to read the speech-

less stones.

The fierce Ojibwas, with tornado force,
Striking white terror to the hearts of
the brave!

The mighty Hurons rolling on their
course,

Compact and steady, as the ocean
wave!

The frey Iroquois' a warrior host!
Who aue they? Whence? And why?
no human tongue can tell.

A One Penny Note.

Ponderous Bank of England Once
Circulated Legal Tender That Small.

WHEN the Bank of England commenced business in 1694, with a staff of fifty-four clerks, all of whom worked in a single room and the directors with them, no one imagined that it would develop into the great national institution it is today. And its career, extending over two centuries, has brought it in touch with a wealth of romance, relics of which which may be found in that department of the bank with which the public is least familiar—namely, its museum.

How many people know that the bank once issued a note for a penny—although it should be explained that this was entirely due to an error. But the penny note went into circulation all the same, and only by offering a reward of £5 was the bank able to get it again before it passed into the hands of the curio collectors. This note is still preserved in one of the albums, and in another are some of the curious notes which saved the bank in 1745. In that year a great run on the funds took place—so great in fact that it was thought that the bank would be unable to meet it, but the directors in the nick of time sent a number of their clerks into the crowd to present notes which were paid in sixpences, thus giving

the officials time to prepare for the demand for specie.

Another curiosity is a note for \$1,000,000, which is the only one of that value ever printed, while there is also a note which was in circulation for nearly 150 years before it was presented.

Specimens of all the forged notes which have been uttered from time to time by the unscrupulous are kept, and their value aggregates several million pounds, while notes brought from the wreck of the Eurydice and one taken from the stomach of an enormous codfish captured off the coast of Greenland are among the bank's most valued treasures.

There are hundreds of specimens of coins which have been returned to the bank from all parts of the world, or found in the testing machine. This machine, by the way, tests 35,000 sovereigns a day, and automatically rejects any which have become light.

The museum library contains all the old ledgers which have been used by the bank since it was first opened, and they number 70,000, while another set of the staff who has ever served at the bank. There are also 20,000 volumes of all kinds for the use of the staff, some are so rare that the same number of sovereigns would not purchase the collection.

The bank has its own churchyard adjoining, and here many of the officials have in former times been buried. In one corner is the grave of a clerk who stood eight feet two inches in his socks:—London Tit-Bits.

M. P. V. Bounef, said to be a Bulgarian journalist, has arrived in Paris on a journey round the world on foot with his wife. They expect to do it in fifteen years and pay expenses by the sale of post cards bearing their portraits.

A Chat About Roman Coins.

THE whole subject of Roman coinage and its many varieties is very interesting, and collectors young and old are glad to study the curious dies found upon the monies of ancient Rome. Volumes have been compiled dealing with the different mintages of Rome and her provinces. The great charm of collecting coins of the Imperial series lies in the different reigns obtainable, and in the great variety of the types and emblems found on the coins of the majority of those reigns.

Although the Imperial series covers a period of a little more than half the time which has elapsed since the Norman conquest, the rulers and governors it includes are numbered by hundreds, for nearly all those who reigned issued coins, and in several cases where the emperor only survived their election a few days, coins were struck in their honor by their successors. Naturally, coins issued during such short periods were limited in number, and as few passed into circulation, many are now rare. This is not always the case, however, for

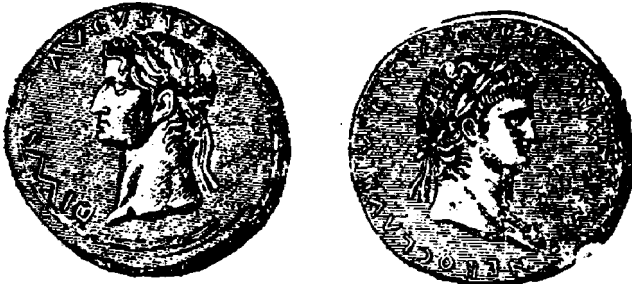
hoards have oftentimes been found, even of reigns which might justly be classed as rare.

How to arrange a cabinet of Imperial coins sometimes a difficulty, and young collectors must study their Roman history in order to learn the chronological arrangement they should follow, unless they are fortunate enough to possess a really good work on Roman coins. Most of the text books are of little value and do not help much; and although advanced collectors find good books necessary, there are many who possess scarcely enough Roman coins to warrant such an outlay. The simplest and most effective way to group Roman Consular coins is to classify them in alphabetical order, according to their families. This interesting series may be prefixed by a representative group of the earlier silver coins of Rome of the Republican era, which of course was before the different family coins were issued. Fig. 1 represents the reverses of two denari of the Æmilian family. The imperial series can be more readily traced and their approximate date ascertained from the inscriptions and portraits upon them.

Fig. 2 represents a silver denarius of Julius Cæsar, which may be regarded as a connecting link between the two series. This series should be arranged in chronological order and the coins struck by the different Cæsars grouped under the reigns of the wearers of the Imperial purple in whose time they were issued. The wives and daughters of Emperors were given prominence



FIG. 1



and frequently had coins struck in their honour. Many of the coins of the Empresses are among the rarer specimens, although the rule is by no means general.

The silver denarii form the most interesting group (with the exception of the gold, which are of course costly) and trays filled with anything like well-preserved coins are pleasing mementos of that great and powerful nation who once ruled the world. It is disappointing to find the breaks—sometimes extending over a long period—when debased coins took the place of pure silver; but so avaricious were some of the Emperors and tyrants in whom the right of coining the precious metals was vested, that debased coins were too often struck. Some of the denarii were not even made of adulterated silver, but were merely washed with silver or tin; in fact they were copper dipped in a bath of rarer metal.

The laws of Roman succession are puzzling to those who are accustomed to regard the handing down of the crown from father to son according to modern ideas of legitimate heritage. The law of adoption was strictly observed by the Romans, and when any one had been adopted as a son by the Roman Emperor he became at once incorporated in very deed as a lawful member of the family and his succession was in no way disputed. When Julius Cæsar, the Dictator, adopted Octavius, afterwards Augustus, he became henceforth C. Julius Cæsar Octavianus, and afterwards ruled the world as the Imperial Augustus. An example of a sesterius of Augustus is given in Fig. 3. Coins were frequently struck in honour of the public adoption of the heir and probable successor to the throne, and the gold and silver coins of Hadrian,

commemorating his adoption by Trajan, may be instanced as a well known illustration of this class of coin.

The public entry of the Souverign into the Capitol shortly after his proclamation or Coronation is a feature still kept up in modern times. The State visit of King Edward VII to the chief city in the Empire is still fresh in the minds of many who witnessed the event. It would appear to be a survival of a custom always observed in Rome and perpetuated by the issue of coins (generally large brass) on which the Emperor is shown on horseback and the fact is announced by the legend ADVENTUS. Scores of coins (covering as many reigns) bearing such legends can be found in any cabinet of Roman coins. Nero, the obverse of one of whose coins is given in Fig. 4, seems to head the list and Jovianus to close it. The Emperor is generally represented riding with his right hand uplifted and sometimes preceded by a Victory and at other times by several soldiers bearing standards. Sometimes these coins were struck at intervals during long reigns, to mark special victories and conquests, after which the Emperor would enter his Capitol in State, making one more triumphal entry. Hadrian was essentially a traveler, and his long journeys through his many dominions were often followed by a triumphal return to Rome and afterwards by issues of bronze coins or medallions in commemoration. Indeed, so many are the Adventus coins of Hadrian that some collectors have specialised upon them and collected a series arranged according to the cities and countries mentioned in the inscriptions. This traveller-Emperor visited many places, including Africa, Britain, Spain, Gaul, Judea, Asia, etc. The personified Nile was frequently used as an emblem upon his coins, his

African visits having impressed him greatly. Upon one of his gold coins the Emperor, clothed in a toga, is seen holding his right hand elevated towards a female figure who is distinguished as personifying the Roman province of ———? by the elephant's trunk on her head.

Many of Hadrian's coins proclaim in an unmistakable manner the stern fulfilments of the prophecies of our Lord in reference to the downfall of Jerusalem and the oppression of the Jews. In reference to this sacred subject the coins of Hadrian bearing the inscription COL. AELIA. CAPITOLINA. are of peculiar interest. One represents a priest of Jupiter supported by Pallas and the Diety of the city of Aelia Capitolina, which Hadrian had built on the spot from which he had banished the Jews on pain of death, and on which the Holy Temple once stood. The name of Jerusalem was obliterated and was supplanted by the Roman colonial city called after the family name of Hadrian. Antoninus Pius still further insulted the Jews by issuing a coin on which there was a hog (an abomination to the Jews); indeed, the once favoured people of Jehovah were oppressed and driven out of the land.

Through the Roman Empire is no more, Roman coins are still treasured as mementoes of a people vanished and of a military system which, although it once dominated the world, has long disappeared.

A French philatelist recently discovered some secret marks on the stamps of Natal. Guiseppe Masini, who engraved these stamps, concealed one letter of his name on each of the stamps, beginning with the lowest value. So on the 1 grana stamp the letter "G" may be seen below the figure of value and so until the letters form the name G. Masini.

New Picture Postcards.

During the summer months the view card, not unnaturally, has held almost undisputed sway among pictorial postcards, and has been mailed in such hitherto unheard of numbers that the postoffices at the principal holiday resorts have only with the greatest difficulty been able to cope with the heavy extra work thrown on their shoulders. With the approach of winter, however, the collectors fancy turns once again to cards of various other kinds; and the publisher, with his usual foresight, stands ready to spread an attractive assortment before the buyer's eyes. See the many ads in this number and send for samples.

This Should Interest You!

As announced in the WEST a few weeks ago, Omaha, Nebraska, is distinguished from all other cities by being the home of the only school in the world teaching the mounting of animals, birds and all natural specimens. Almost every person at some time or other is fortunate enough to secure specimens of beautiful birds or animals that if mounted would make most attractive decorations to the home or den, it is not to be wondered that the school has received such unprecedented patronage from among the best people. The institution is known as the Northwestern School of Taxidermy, and a letter addressed to to them would doubtless bring detailed information of the school. Their ad appears on another page of the WEST.

At a sale held in New York of historical letters written during the civil war, a letter written by President Lincoln to General Grant on April 30, 1864, brought \$1,054.

Olivella Biblicata

By Florence E. Fuller

ONE of the most valued treasures among my collection of curios, is a portierre made of strings of Olivellas, interspersed with colored Indian beads, The strings being finished with Turitellas from Ceylon. One cannot fail to admire the creamy white and highly polished purple sheen of this dainty shell, and while I admire the portierre as much for the beauty of its parts, every one of the thousands of shells used in its construction, recalls fond memories of shell hunting, among the rock pools and along the sandy beaches of our Californian coasts.

To the collector of Indian relics the shell is not unfamiliar, the aboriginies using it for wampum and for ornamental purposes, and even today, among more "modern" Indian relics, the olive shell plays its part!

Olivella Biblicata is a univalve or Gasterpod shell. The animals of this class usually possess two sensory organs, called Tentacles, fleshy-like horns projecting from the head with two eyes near their bases; but though active little animals, they are bereft of both tentacles and eyes, Burrowing in search of food it can be found in considerable numbers just below the surface of the sand. It takes its name from the shell resembling the olive in shape and from its beautiful coloring, the specific name being taken from the two small folds beneath the bulge of the enamel, on the aperture. The spire of the shell, though short is distinctly marked by a spiral groove between the whorls.

A rock pool is a veritable garden of the sea; in such a pool at Moore's Beach, near Santa Cruz, I gathered my first Olivella. It lay temptingly in about eighteen inches of water.

Around the sides of that little pool were citrons, polyps, sea anemones and barnacles, here a star fish, there a jelly fish, amid the glistening sea weed, crabs and crabs hurrying away to shelter!

With arms bared, I dived midst all this life for my treasure. It proved to be a specimen of Olivella Boetica, a smaller specimen than the Biblicata, easily distinguished by its longer spire and highly polished bluish white color and dainty yellowish stripes. That solitary Boetica gave the secret away, for just underneath the sandy covering of that solitary rock pool, was a fine bed of Olivellas.

To remove the animal from the shell, boiling it, destroys the polish, so we bury them for a time. By filing the extreme tip of the spire, they can then be strung just like beads and used for decorative purposes. The shell varies from half an inch to an inch in length and interspersed with large colored beads, they can be utilized in many very effective ways, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Disillusioned.

F. E. Halbert

We have a real old tin lantern in our curio collection, and we thought it quite a relic of revolutionary days; when, on moving into this up to date? section, we found nearly exact duplicates of our valuable relic on sale at the local hardware store.

The tallow candle does not occupy such a prominent place in the collection now, in fact, it is out of sight just at present. The joke seems to be on the other side of the fence, however, for the average New Englander thinks that he is up to date. I have often thought that if the real truth was known about all of our (and other people's) valued relics, that the fairy tales attached to them would have a stroke of total paralysis. What a job there would for the junk and garbage men.

Holiday Souvenir Cards

A MERRY, and Happy New Year to our Collecting club!

Last month we had a brief article about various new cards in the mail and otherwise, but being so near the New Year, every collector is on the look out for something new in the line of holiday cards. Publishers vie with one another in producing novelties in these post cards combining the artistic with the realistic, soft in tone and decidedly effective; printed in many colors. They are all charming subjects, beautifully treated.

Even the numerous cards appear among Christmas and New Year sets. The pictures being the very essence of humor, which will be received with laughter everywhere.

Adolph Selige, publisher, in St. Louis, Mo., has fine varieties of Holiday cards as well as Ralph Tuck & Sons, New York. Mr. P. Graybell Denver, Colo., Koch of Peoria, Ill., or the Universal Art Co., whose Advertisement appeared in last month's issue of this paper on the cover page. It would be useless to name all the various publishers of Souvenir art cards here and abroad and as there are a goodly number a goodly number of adds of such in the copies of each WEST I do not deem it necessary to mention more about such.

The most beautiful of these that came to my notice were the Tuck's cards. Also the Universal Art Co., has an endless assortment; these being reproductions of landscapes, pet animals, flowers, birds.

The comic designs as well as the artistic are of the finest lithographic work on the finest Bristol board. The Tuck cards are of the finest tints, especially noticeable in the landscapes and sun set and sun rise scenes. No

doubt the mail will be flooded with the millions of greetings during the Christmas Season and the various Post Office hands and mail clerks have my heart felt sympathy during the rush.

Quite a space is left for correspondence on each card, in spite of there being a verse of poetry or congratulatory message on each.

The fashion of mailing real picture post cards to relatives and friends as well as to card collects has become so general that almost every body use them instead of the general Christmas cards.

Another novelty in Christmas and New Year Cards is a set produced in London. These cards which are said to be printed in two colors, have the calendar for 1904, printed in vivid red and bordered with sprigs of holly and mistletoe.

One set among the Tuck's cards appropriate for congratulatory purposes, is the Green Sea Edition, No. 1,102. The subjects in this set are: "On the Clyde," "Entering the Harbor," "St. Andrew's," "The Drongd," "Hillswick," "The Bow Fiddler Rock," "Cullen," "The Giant's Leg," "Bresay," "Griniecoe," "Castlewick."

All are charming subjects, beautifully treated.

Wishing our collecting fraternity a merry Christmas and happy New Year again and again and a goodly number of cards. M. Keller

Small gold pieces, classed as charms octagonal and round and of the size of the gold quarters and half dollars that were issued from the private mints of California from the early '50's to the late '70's, are being made, sold and advertised at prices almost approaching those commanded by the coins and in some instances have been represented as genuine coins. They are but charms; having no numismatic value and should be represented as such. Their stamp bears no indication of a money value (the same being prohibited) and though of recent making, some bear dates of the '50's. One of this type of charm can be recognized by the word EUREKA which appears on it.—McKeel's Collector.

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1. Members wishing to participate in this department should notify the Superintendent, and will be admitted upon signing the rules.

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3. The Superintendent may decline books which are bulky or contain stamps of no interest to the members. Books

containing unnecessary and misleading remarks regarding the stamps are also excluded.

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10. Notice of absence from home or change of address must be sent to the Superintendent.

11. The Superintendent shall furnish a full report of the Exchange Department at each Regular Meeting of the Society.

12. Members declare, by their signature, their acceptance of these rules and promise to observe them.

Signed..... Membership No.....
Date.....190....

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Brother Carriers:

I have the pleasure to submit a very encouraging report for the beginning of the new year, which will perhaps be my last one as all future reports will be made to you by your secretary, A. J. Bauer; however, you may hear from me supplementarily and you may rest assured that I am at work advancing the interests of the association and expect each and every member to push forward the work of this organization, which is in its youth and needs nourishment, but which bids fair to compete with any organization in a very short time. It will be our policy when not inconsistent with the best policies of the association to furnish you monthly, through the official organ the reports of all officers, and this month I present to you my acts since the start of the organization, which the executive board have approved: James J. Corcoran, appointed on executive board. James J. Dowling appointed on committee on constitution and laws, vice Corcoran, resigned. Corcoran, of New York, approved organizer state of New York. Recommend members from each state as organizer. Recommend first convention at St. Louis, Mo., September 1, 1904.

The acts of the officers have been approved by the executive board as follows:
Approved: November 11, 1903.

FRANK B. ELDRIDGE,
Chairman, Ex. Board.
A. J. BAUER,
A. C. BASS,
CHAS. ESHELMAN,
JAS. J. CORCORAN.

While we have done some things which may look as arbitrary, we feel that when you look at the fact that we have not been fully acquainted with the qualifications of some of our members, we have acted solely for the good of the association by selecting men who we were positive would work for the best interests of our organization; and while

we admit that each and every member is looking towards its success, we were not in close enough touch with them to know their qualifications, and we feel that by the next election that the members will know each other well enough to know their qualifications for the various offices. Your exchange superintendent reports that he has in circuit 30 books valued at \$203.40 net, which in itself is proof enough to show the N. P. A. L. C. have come to stay.

We would request each and every member to secure at least one recruit during the coming year.

Thanking you all for your consideration and efforts and wishing you and our association a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,

fraternally yours,
EDW. P. HENNESSY, Pres.

TWIN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Twin City Philatelic Society meets second Friday of each month at No. 535 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.

President—E L Porter, 413 Wood street, Pittsburg, Pa.

Vice President—Dr T L Hazzard, 56 Montgomery avenue, Allegheny Pa.

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Sales Superintendent—J M Crom, East Pittsburg, Pa.

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Counterfeit Detector—H E Wilson, Fitzsimons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

Regular meeting held Dec. 11, 1903.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Hazzard. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Roll call showed nine members to be present.

The committee on a competition stamp exhibit to be held at the February meeting submitted a report recommending that the contest be limited to the adhesive postage stamps of any one country (each exhibitor to select the country he prefers.) The points to be:—40 per cent for completeness; 40 per cent for condition; and 20 for Rarity.

A silver medal to be awarded if three or less collections are entered, and also a bronze medal, provided five or more collections are entered.

The informal auction sale resulted in the sale of seventeen lots. The financial report showed a balance on hand of \$104.27. Adjourned.

GBO. W. RODE, Secy.

American Society of Curio Collectors

President—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kas.

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Official organ—The WEST.

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Department of Conchology (Marine Pacific Division)—Chas. Russell Orcutt, Superintendent, San Diego, Cal.

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Department of Entomology—Prof. C. Abbott Davis, 131 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R. I.

Department of Numismatics—E. L. Bangs, 1401 Clarkson St., Baltimore, Md.

Department of Botany—C. R. Orcutt, Superintendent, San Diego, Cal.

Department of Archaeology—Arthur B. Coover, Superintendent, Roxabell, O.

Department of Birds and Mammals—Department of Geology—F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa.

Cost of membership.—Initiation fee, 25 cents; annual dues, 50c. 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, Sayre, Penn.; F. G. Hillman, New Bedford, Mass.; Basil G. Hamilton, Moose Jaw Association, Ontario, Canada; A. W. Conner, 640 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.; Oswald A. Bauer, Piermont, N. Y.; W. G. McLain, Edison, Ohio; W. C. Aiken, Angwin, Cal.; Archibald Crozier, 810 W. 5th St., Wilmington, Del.

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524. Dr J M Henderson, 31½ N High St, Columbus, O.

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525. Herman Zuber, Antwerp, O.

526. Frank L Groves, Delaware, O.

527. G N Remington, St Anthony Falls Station, Minneapolis, Minn.

528. Geo B Mair, Broken Bow, Neb.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

102. F May Tuttle from Osage, Ia to 908 So St, Waterloo, Ia.

FELLOW MEMBERS:

I must again remind all members as to their annual dues but very few have renewed their dues so far, this is a matter of as much importance as if the sum was much larger than it is, do not let this matter of dues pass your notice. I will publish all members numbers in February number of WEST as delinquents, who have not sent me their dues before I make my next report. None of you wish to have your numbers appear in the delinquent list I know, where the dues are but 50c per annum. If the society does not furnish you enough benefits let us know it, so that we may discontinue sending you the official organ.

The A. S. C. C. is in a prosperous condition at present and I desire to maintain this state of affairs with your assistance and support viz. :—The prompt remittance of your dues. Remember the dues are 50c per year. Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am

Fraternally,

WM. WARNER, JR.,

Secy-Treas.

The King of Denmark had a very valuable collection of bird's eggs which included specimens of nearly every bird's egg in existence, and took years to get together.

George J. Remsburg.

There are many queer devices and preparations for removing the hirsute growth from the human face now-a-days. There has lately been patented a sort of composition stone which is rubbed over the face sandpaper fashion, and which is said to grind the hairs as "sleek as a whistle." How often we see in the advertising columns of the newspapers about some harmless (?) chemical preparation, an application of which causes the hairs of the face to wilt and fade away like autumn leaves, or blades of grass after a killing frost. We are all familiar with the so-called safety razor which resembles a miniature lawn mower; but the most curious of all razors is the Indian's razor, such as the writer recently examined in the collections of the Kansas State Historical society.

The little instrument is nothing more than a simple coil of brass wire. To one unacquainted with the Indian toilet it would seem suggestive of almost anything other than a barber tool. As a rule, the Indian tribe, instead of cultivating the pale face practice of shaving a la lawn mower, resorted to the most strenuous of all tonsorial methods, a la stump-puller. One authority in Chambers' Encyclopedia says their beard was "generally wholly, sometimes only partially rooted out." Thus can we account for the general prevalence of smooth faces, or scanty growth of beards, among the Indians. Extirpating the hairs by the roots has virtually evolved the Indians into a beardless race.

A great many ethnological writers have contended that the Indians naturally had no beards. According to Samuel G. Drake, a recognized authority on the Indians, a Mr. McCausland took the trouble of writing to Brant, the noted Mohawk chieftain, to get the truth of the matter. Brant re-

plied as follows:

"Niagara, 19 April, 1783.—The men of the Six Nations have all beards by nature, as have likewise all other Indian nations of North America which I have seen. Some Indians allow a part of the beard upon the chin and upper lip to grow and a few of the Mohawks shave with razors in the same manner as Europeans, but the general-ity pluck out the hairs of the beard by the roots as soon as they begin to appear, and as they continue this practice all their lives they appear to have no beard, or, at most, only a few straggling hairs, which they have neglected to pluck out. I am, however, of the opinion that if the Indians were to shave they would never have beards altogether so thick as the Europeans, and there are some to be met with who have actually very little beard.—Joseph Brant (Thayendanega)."

As a rule Poor Lo evidently loathed the lanated face, for Parkman mentions that during his sojourn among the Ogallallas he "made careful use of the razor, an operation that no man will neglect who desires to gain the good opinion of the Indians."

The Indian razor which I started to describe was found with another of its kind and many small glass beads, flint arrowpoints, burned human bones and other objects in a mound near the junction of Carnahan creek and the Blue river, in Pottawatomie county, Kan., by Mr. William J. Grifing, an antiquarian of that locality. While most of the mounds of that region are supposed to have been constructed by the Indians who lived there at the time of the Coronado expedition in 1541, this particular mound must either have been built by the Kaw or Kansas Indians, who had a village in that vicinity about 80 years ago, or else it was an intrusive burial. Prof. Thomas Say, the naturalist of Maj. Long's expedition in 1819-'20, visited the Kaw Indians in their village on the Kansas river and in his account of this tribe he says: "The men

carefully pluck from their chins, axilla of the arms, eyebrows and pubis every hair of beard that presents itself. This is done with a spiral wire, which, when used, is placed with the side upon the part and the ends are pressed towards each other so as to close the spires upon the hairs, which can then be readily drawn out. This instrument we observed to be an article of dress of the chiefs."

The late Judge F. G. Adams, formerly secretary of the Kansas Historical society, once told the writer that he had seen the Kickapoo Indians use these instruments when he was agent for the tribe. "By holding the ends of the spiral coil between the finger and thumb," said Mr. Adams, "the coil against the chin or face, and pressing the threads of the spiral together, the scattering hairs were thus caught and pulled out one by one."

Ellen C. Weber, of Vancouver, N. B., who has made some studies of the Digger Indians, describes in the American Archaeologist, volume 2, page 232, a similar process employed by that tribe as follows: "This performance is evidently a tedious one, and as he sits outside solemnly peering into the glass, and with a tiny pair of nippers he twigs out his scanty beard, one hair at a time, his mahalas (squaws) squat about him and twist their faces into sympathetic puckers, or laugh outright when a twinge of misery causes the Digger to exclaim, "Ugh!"

FOSSILS OF THE SOUTHWEST MISSOURI MINES.

By Ernest J. Palmer.

The limestone of the Burlington and Keokuk groups of the lower carboniferous series attains a thickness of several hundred feet in many places in southwest Missouri. It is extensively quarried at Carthage and elsewhere and furnishes one of the handsomest

building stones in the west.

But it is of its origin and scientific aspect that we wish to consider. To the searching eye of the geologist it reveals a wonderful story of primeval times, when the waters of a vast ocean covered this portion of the globe and strange forms of life existed and perished in countless numbers. Indeed, these entire strata are found to consist of the crushed and broken fragments of crinoids, shells and marine animals that flourished in the Carboniferous seas.

The crinoids or stone lillies were plant-like animals that grew on long-jointed stems rooted to the sea bottom. They were related to the modern starfish. The body was encased in a shell, composed of five or six-sided plates closely joined together in the form of a cup or vase. From the top of this cup a number of jointed arms sprang, with which the crinoid captured its food. Some of the plates were ornamented with crosses, lines and nodes arraigned in patterns. The entire crinoid presented a beautiful and flower-like appearance. There are only a few species left in the modern ocean but in Carboniferous times there were hundreds of forms that grew in countless numbers. The loose joints of the stem, sometimes called Indian beads, are the part most commonly preserved. The writer has found many good specimens of actinocrinus, platacrinus, dorocrinus and numerous other genera.

One of our finest fossils is the sea urchin, *Olegoporus mutatus*. Some specimens are as large as a good sized orange. There are five sections of hexagonal plates separated by five narrow sections of irregular plates. This fossil is very rare. A good specimen would perhaps be worth \$25 or more.

Here as in many other places the

brachiopods or double shells are the commonest fossils as well as the best preserved. The writer has nearly a hundred species for the upper and lower carboniferous rocks of this locality. *Productus* and *spirifer* are the commonest genera. Related to them, though very different in form, were the bryozoans. They formed a kind of coral and lived in large colonies. One species, *archimedes*, is a very remarkable fossil. In the center is a column twisted like a screw or auger; from the thin edge of this extended a spirally twisted band of fine net-like coral. On the upper surface are the pores, so small that a magnifying glass is required to see them. Each was once the home of a tiny animal. There were many millions of polyps in one of these colonies. Another genus, *lyropora*, resembled the ancient lyre, and the generic name *fenestella* indicates the fan form of this genus of bryozoans. Amongst gasteropods were several species of *loxonemae*, *capuli*, *plurotomariae*, etc. A beautiful little coiled shell—*euomphalus perspectivus*, is found in the *Kaskaskia* group.

A few trilobites, lamellibranchs, pteropods and cephalopods are found, also the teeth and bones of fish. The fish of this period were encased in a complete armor of bony plates. The remains found here are only fragments.

Many species of coral of the horn type, *zaphrentis*, *cyathophyllum*, etc., occur. All of these are remains of marine animals. We find no trace of land until we reach the upper carboniferous rocks. Here a few plant remains are met with, although there are few good specimens found in this locality. Is it not wonderful to contemplate the remains of these creatures that lived and perished in the remote past, ages before man appeared on earth, and that have lain buried in the solid rock since that time until the hand of human energy and the eye of science came to disturb their long rest and interpret the secrets of nature that they teach?

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Application blanks of Secretary.

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R. W. GEAUQUE,
Secy-Treas.

In Arizona near Mesa City there is a large deposit of Bismuth bearing ore. When the Mormon settlers came into Arizona years ago they worked the deposit for a time, thinking that the ore contained large quantities of silver. Phoenix parties have recently secured control of the property and preparations are now being made to work the property on a large scale. A leaching process has been devised so that it is possible to work even the low grade ores at a profit.

No matter how big a dinner you eat today, tomorrow you will be hungry, and no matter what good bargains you advertise in this number the buyers will be looking for new ones in the next.

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Fellow Members Kansas Philatelic Society:—We start the year 1904 with very flattering prospects, over 49 members in good standing. Let every member send in his dues when they are due and keep our membership intact, and each one make a special effort to get new members, and make the K P S a hummer if we are far from the leading stamp centers.

Yours respectfully,
 F. J. FORD, Secy.

Stamp Collectors Association.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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- 65 Thomas S Patcher, 41 Fort St, Victoria, B C Canada.
- 66 RWGeanque, 06 Wall St, New York City.
- 77 Edward Stern, 2113 Third Ave, New York City.
- 68 Alvin Good, 17 Contant St, Cleveland Ohio.
- 69 Edward Ebbels. Austin, Man,

Canada.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

- 70 Jose Gutierrez, Hernandez, Santo Fomas, Cuba, Commercial Proprietor, age 49. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
- 71 A McKechine, Box 404, Ottawa, Ont, Canada. Accountant, age 60. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
- 72 P J Martin, West Bay City, Mich, Stamp Dealer, age 18. Ref S E Ref S E Moisant, Lumberman's State Bank.
- 73 R R Bogert, Room 68, Tribune Bldg, New York, N Y. Age 62. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
- 74 Homer Collins, M D, New Jersey Bldg, Deluth Minn, Physician, age 45. Ref S E Moisant, Chas L Cudding.
- 75 Wendell Wheeler, Latham, Ill, Ref H A Hoover, S E Moisant.
- 76 Perry Wade Fuller, Wake Forest, N C, clerk, age 16. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
- 77 Minnie McCannahan, 420 Canahan St, Findlay, Ohio, Stamp Collector, age 15. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
- 78 W Bartley, Fort Frances, Ont, Can, Asst Postmaster, age 18. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
- 79 Mrs M S Todd, Hotel Vendome, New York City. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.
- 80 C Wesley Price, Truso, Colchester county, Nova Scotia, Canada, commercial traveler, age 58. Ref S E Moisant, Wesley C Payerto.
- 81 Stedman Bent, Overbrook, Pa. Ref S E Moisant, H B DeSelm.

Correction.

67 Edward Horn should read Edward Stern.

We have plenty of application blanks and anyone applying to secretary and stating the number that can be used will be promptly accomodated.

When we started, four months ago, it was intended that this should be an organization of workers; and while most of the members have duly complied, there are a few who still remain dormant and from whom we have neither received an application nor a prospect. If you are one of these few send for some application blanks and do as most of the other members are doing—sending in applications.

Respectfully submitted,
 SHIRLEY E. MOISANT, Secy.



Camera News



Editor, F. J. CLVIE, San Francisco

COMBINATION PHOTOGRAPHS.

By L. F. Walker, Cincinnati, O.

We all of us have to take pictures of the children of our acquaintances and we all know how hard it is to please. We make several negatives, trying to get a large image, and the result is that should more than one prove at all good the fond parent blames for the failures which would have been the best were it not for some fault of our own and finally condescends to let us make a few of those that are not out of focus or moved. I have gotten over this method of working and for the benefit of my amateur friends will tell how I go about the matter.

I use a 5x7 camera, but instead of using that size plates I have some kits that will take a plate much smaller. I can then rapidly use of my supply of plates and not feel that I am using more plates than it would cost to take the youngster to a gallery and have a professional have all the trouble. By using the smaller plates I can get much further from the sitter and in that way there is less danger of a want of focus and it seems there is also less danger of movement. I pose the subject before something light for a background and snap away at every pose that seems at all promising. With the small plate and the subject at a distance I can use the lens wide and give very short exposures. I make all exposures with the child standing if possible.

When the negatives are developed I pick out three or four of the best and trim the sides a little with a glass cutter so that the figures will not come too far apart when all are placed side

by side. I then take a large printing frame and, placing in it a sheet of clear glass first, follow with several smaller negatives ranged in a row, fastening them in place on the clear glass with bits of gummed paper at the edges. With the plate of clear glass towards me I hold up to the light and dab on common shoe blacking to make a vignette all around each figure and cover up the joining places that would show where the negatives come together. This done, and one can obtain the most pleasing gradation with this simple vignetting medium, the printing is ready to be proceeded with.

This is a very simple part of the operation. If there is a difference of density in the negatives it means that one must cover the front of the frame with a sheet of tissue paper, putting on a second or third thickness over those that print too rapidly. The printing done, I remove the glass to which the negatives are attached and put another clear sheet of glass in position. On this is placed a piece of opaque paper of the right size and with straight, clean edges. On this is laid the print so that the black or opaque paper just covers the part of the print required. The back is put in place and the margins of the print that extend beyond the opaque mask are allowed to become more or less tinted or blackened.

Toned or developed, as the case may be, and so trimmed that a narrow strip of this tinted border remains, the finished print will present a most pleasing appearance and will be sure to please those most interested, if the work has been at all well done, and you will be surprised at the advantage this method of working possesses.



Answers

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

Pour off the turpentine, which will carry the oil with it, and bring to the consistency of cream by adding fresh turpentine. Then add an ounce of scraped yellow soap and mix until dissolved. Strain through calico or a fine hair sieve, and it is ready for use.

J. W. K.: Dusting-on Process.—

Briefly the method is as follows:
Make two solutions:

- A. Le Page's fish glue.... 1 oz.
Glucose 4 oz.
Water, to.....10 oz.
- B. Ammonium bichromate 1 oz.
Water10 oz.

For use, mix equal parts of A and B, and filter. Then coat a piece of glass in subdued daylight evenly with the mixture, drain off all superfluous solution, and dry over a stove. When quite dry and hot, warm the negative thoroughly and place the plate and negative in contact in a printing frame. Expose in diffused light for about five minutes, and develop the exposed plate, now quite gummy, by dusting it with fine plumbago. When sufficiently developed coat with collodion, and then immerse in a 5 per cent. bath of sulphuric acid. Wash until free from yellowness, dry and coat with a thin varnish to hold the film on the glass. By this method you can make a negative from a negative at one operation.

A. J. S.: Background Paint.—The following is a good groundwork paint or "base," the color being entirely governed by the amount and kind of color added:

- White lead (ground in oil). 1 lb.
 - Drier 2 oz.
 - Turpentine10 ozs.
- Mix thoroughly and allow to stand for a day to allow the lead to settle.

A. A. F.: SHELLAC MOUNTANT:

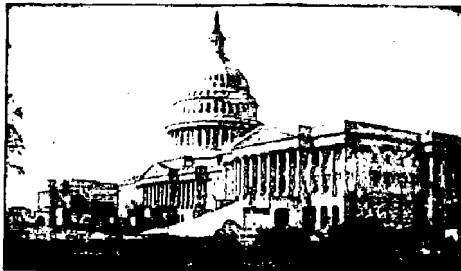
A very good mounting medium, and one which is absolutely non cockling, is a solution of white shellac in alcohol. The alcohol should be ninety-five per cent., and sufficient shellac added to give the mixture a syrupy consistency, that is, almost a saturated solution. It requires about 24 hours for the shellac to dissolve completely. The print, being perfectly dry, is brushed over with this paste, and then applied to the mount. It is then rubbed down thoroughly, and the whole immediately put under heavy pressure between blotters. A letter press is best for this purpose. This whole operation should be performed as rapidly as possible, as the shellac dries very quickly.

R. L. J.: TITLING FILMS:

There are several ways of doing this. If you wish the letters to appear white on a dark spot of the picture you may either put the title on the film in reversed letters, using a fine pen and India ink or by lettering the paper with a little opaque, making the title in such a place that it will come right in the print. The first wash water will remove the paint from the paper exposing the white letters which have been protected by the opaque. To make the letters appear black on a white portion of the print is a little more difficult, requiring the use of an etching tool on that part of the film containing a dense deposit of silver. With a little practice this can be done neatly, but a few trials are required.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Every person sending 50c during January and February, and their cabinet photo, will be entitled to a years membership in the American Historical and Natural History Photo Society, a years subscription to the WEST. and one dozen of our Gem Photos copied from any cabinet. Duplicates from same negative after first order 50 for 50c. Address all communications to **GEORGE E. MOULTHROPE, Photographer, Sec., BRISTOL, CONN.**

Rapid Developer.

A couple of years ago one of the members of the London society developed several negatives before that body in the short space of five seconds to each negative. The formula is as follows:

No. 1.

Hydroquinone	20 grains
Metol	20 grains
Auduroil	40 grains
Sodium sulphite	480 grains
Water	8 ounces

No. 2.

Potassium bromide	10 grains
Sodium hydrate (caustic soda)	120 grs.
Water	8 ounces

Equal parts of Nos. 1 and 2 are used without further dilution.

Printing Under Green Glass.

Printing under green glass is often strongly recommended for weak negatives on p. o. p. paper, and the results of such treatment are certainly superior to those obtained by simply printing in the shade. The reason of this, according to Mr. T. Thorne Baker, is that silver citrate is more sensitive to green rays. Hence, by exposing a piece of p. o. p., we may produce a print consisting mainly of reduced citrate which gives blacker tones than the chloride.

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Ammonium Persulphate Reducer.

Professor Namias gives a brief account in Eders Jahrbuch of his researches on the use of the above salt, and strongly recommends the following formula:

Ammonium persulphate...	30 grams.
Alum	50 "
Water.....	1,000 c. c.

the addition of the alum acting as a restrainer upon the solvent power of persulphate. Namias also combats the idea, advanced by several writers, that the black precipitate formed on the addition of ammonium persulphate to silver nitrate is metallic silver, and states that he has proved it to be hypsulphite of silver; and further, that a neutral or alkaline solution of persulphate ammonium acts precisely the same as an acid solution, only it is slower.

For the reduction of prints, too, he strongly recommends a 0.5 per cent solution with one or two per cent ammonia to be used before toning and fixing.



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559—F. C. Handy, Talmage, Cal.
560—B. F. Toles, Talmage, Cal.

Notes from the Illinois College of Photography.

L. R. Ledahl has purchased the interest of Alfred Ostrook in the business at Preston, S. Dak., and will assume full charge. The studio was established by these young men and speaks well for their enterprise and I. C. P. photography.

The students were recently favored with a valuable lecture on lenses and photographic optics by Prof. Lawrence of the Bausch & Lomb company. Prof. Lawrence has an excellent method of treating these subjects.

Mr. Bissell has succeeded in obtaining the services of Prof. C. H. Mills, an experienced and expert photo-en-

graver of New York. Prof. Mills has taken up his duties on the faculty of the school of photo-engraving and is producing evident results.

A new clear glass sky-light has been added to Rembrandt hall for the convenience of the students.

Mrs. May McAdams, of Athens, Ga., has disposed of her photographic business at that place and gone to St. Augustine, Fla., where she will remain until she selects a new location.

Some beautiful samples have been received from Miss E. A. Ritenour, of Uniontown, Pa., and from R. E. Draper, of Owosso, Mich. Miss Ritenour has more than a local reputation and it is certainly merited. Mr. Draper is manager of the McLane studio at Owosso, and is turning out some splendid work.

Prof. Cook has published the third and fourth numbers of his series of books on "Negative Making," and has received many compliments on the work.

The C. C. C. recently received the International Photographic Exchange Circulating Album and Prof. Cook gave a talk and criticism of its contents at their rooms which was well attended. The club has installed running water in its dark rooms on the third floor at its quarters and it has added greatly to the convenience of the place.

Prof. Raymer has just been engaged for a talk and demonstration at the convention of the Illinois Photographers' association at Aurora next year.

During the month the students were given a demonstration and talks extending over three days by Mr. Dorella of the Cramer Dry Plate company, using Cramer plates. Mr Dorella is an able speaker and gave an excellent

demonstration.

We were surprised by an unexpected visit from Adin Hertzler and wife of Carlisle, Pa. Mr. Hertzler was a student of 1901 and has been conducting one of the leading studios at his home, but prefers the west and will re-locate as soon as he finds a favorable place. We also received a visit from Harvey Shoemaker, of Cairo, Ill., who reports business good.

The college is at present sending out 30,000 circulars notifying their correspondents of an advance in price of life scholarships to \$300, March 1, 1904.

Mixing Developers by the Aid of the Hydrometer.

If the hydrometer be used for preparing developers the most convenient way is to make up saturated solutions and to add water to a portion thereof until the hydrometer indicates the desired degree. It makes no difference if dried sodas are used in place of crystals, when the solutions are prepared by hydrometer test, but if they are prepared by weights, it must be borne in mind that one ounce dried or anhydrous soda is equal to about two ounces crystals, owing to the water of crystalization the latter contain. This applies to both the sulphate and the carbonate of sodium.

Carbonate of potassium may be substituted for dry carbonate of soda and is of equal strength.

For the hydrometer test, use the hydrometer made to measure silver solution. These instruments are often incorrect, and should be tested by measuring a solution of nitrate of silver 40 grains per fluid ounce, which should indicate 40. In case of a material difference, use the figure the instrument shows instead of 40 or procure a hydrometer which is correct.

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Improving Negatives.

Foggy and flat negatives or lantern slides will become clear and rich in contrast again, according to Prof. H. Kessler, if the following process is applied: The dry negative is bleached completely with bichloride of mercury, washed for 15 minutes and then blackened with a solution of 50 gr. sulphite of soda, 5 gr. metol in 500 cem. of water, until the blackening has penetrated to the glass side. Then wash again and reduce with a solution of fixing soda and red prussiate of potash, until the picture has become clear. Finally wash again. Blackening with sulphite of ammonia cannot be done, as the intensification will disappear in the reducer.

A Good Investment

How many of my amateur friends, that use the modest 4x5 or smaller can lay claim to an 8x10 printing frame? Just the same, one of that size or larger is the best investment they could make. One of these amateurs came into the stock house where I hold up a show case occasionally and bought one the other evening. I immediately asked if he had bought a new camera. He had not. He was simply going to print some of his 4x5 negatives in the center of 8x10 sheets of paper. This is no new idea, but simply one of those little kinks by which an amateur can add a little variety to his output. From this style of print to the plate-sunk and deckle-edge effect, that has such a rich appearance, is but a step. You can pick up a second-hand copying press for a song sometimes, and the making of a cardboard die is simply the question of a couple of old mounts and a few minutes' time.

When your graduates, bottles of solution, etc., get dark and discolored, dump out the contents, and, before going to bed some night fill them with a fairly strong solution of citric acid. The discolorations will have disappeared by morning. Then rinse thoroughly in warm water and your bottles will be as clean and clear as new.

INTENSIFYING AND REDUCING.

About so often I receive a letter asking if I would advise the attempt at reducing, or perhaps it is intensifying, of a certain negative. The writer invariably adds that he does not like to risk the negative, as he is unfamiliar with the work. I do not wish in the least to discourage the writing of letters to this department for the reason that I do not get one tenth what I should like to see come this way, but the style of letters I have just mentioned are a little out of place. For ten cents one can get a supply of bichloride of mercury and for an equal amount a quantity of red prussiate of potash. With these two and a few waste negatives he can get enough practice in a few hours to make him thoroughly confident in his capabilities and quite conversant with the possibilities of both intensifying and reducing. The mercury is a poison and should be kept away from the fingers as much as possible, yet, if no cuts are present, is so easily rinsed off that it will do little harm. Make a saturated solution and label the bottle. It will not take much of the chemical, as it does not dissolve to any great extent. If not a saturated solution it will simply take a little longer for it to do its work. If there is much of the undissolved crystals in the bottom of the bottle it means that there is danger of pouring them out upon the plate. The solution can be used over and over as long as it works satisfactorily. Take one of your thin wasters and place it to soak in the solution. When the plate is whitened right through to the glass side remove it and after a good wash immerse the negative in water and ammonia until blackened right through. The strength of the ammonia and water is immaterial; have it just about as strong as you can without making it unpleasant to work over the tray. A slight wash completes the work and when dry a print will show what has been accomplished. Reduction is equally as simple. Put a crystal of the potash in a

glass or graduate, add water and stir until the solution is a good straw color. Add some of this to a quantity of your regular hypo solution, such as you mix up for plates. Immerse one of the dense waste plates in the bath so compounded and watch the result. If the action is too rapid it was because you added too much of the potash. If too slow after the negative gets well soaked, add more of the potash. This reducer gradually exhausts itself and constant addition of potash solution is required if much density or more negative is to be overcome. The same washing must follow as in the ordinary use of the fixing bath. The potash solution does not keep well, but it is so easily prepared and so cheap that it does not matter. Master these two methods and then you can try the others if you think they will assist you. Other reducers act differently and are more suitable for certain cases. Some of the trade preparations work most satisfactorily. At any rate you will have gained confidence and knowledge at the cost of a few cents and a few waste negatives. Knowing that you have done this much for yourself, I will be only too glad to help you further if you will but write.—F. J. Clute, in Camera Craft.

Causes of Pinholes.

Pinholes or other defects can generally be traced to lack of cleanliness. If the dark room, trays, graduate, and plate holders are kept free from dust few, if any, pinholes will be found on the negatives.

When flowing the plate with developer, particularly in warm weather, air bells sometimes form and if not removed, cause small, clearly defined round spots.

A tuft of soft clean cotton passed gently over the negative after emersin gwill remove all air bells which may have formed.



Editor SAYS

This month we are favored with another of those lively and interesting little articles from our good friend, Mr. Walker, of Cincinnati, O. Although a man well along in the sixties, Mr. Walker is still as enthusiastic a camera fiend as the youngest of us. Lessons can be learned from his experience and it is hoped that he will again and again contribute to this department.

Our clipped article this month is from the pages of *Camera Craft*, that able exponent of what can be done on the Pacific coast in the way of a photographic publication. The price has been reduced to \$1.00 but the high quality will be maintained. West readers will do well to secure a copy in order that they may see just what good value in a photographic magazine is like.

I have been using one of the "Acme" flash lamps that was sent me months ago. It is just the thing for Christmas trees but that does not mean that you are to wait for next Christmas to come around. Get one and take my advice and get the larger or 75-cent size. That is the kind I am using. The smaller ones may serve for a single figure but when one has a group to handle the greater spread of light secured with the larger size is an assurance of good results.

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Quality, Not Quantity.

It is probable that no mistake is more prevalent in the use of the camera than that of attempting to make a very large number of exposures in a very short time. The enthusiast, who, starting out for a day's work in the field carrying with him a dozen plates or films, returns at the end of a few hours with all exposed, is likely to meet with sore disappointment in viewing his finished work. It is far better to spend a whole day, if necessary, in securing two, three or four good pictures than to waste time, material and patience in a dozen shots, not one of which has had the proper amount of attention in composition, lighting and arrangement. The successful camera workers of to-day, those who win for themselves fame, are they who carefully study their subject before exposing the plate upon it, often going many times in the study of a certain bit of scenery before allowing themselves to make a single exposure. The result of this care in selection is, however, apparent in their work and its importance cannot be too strongly urged upon earnest students, as carelessness in this particular produces a continuation of carelessness throughout all succeeding manipulations, and engenders a general lowering of quality in every case. In the increasing importance attaching to photography and its recognition in the circle of art productions, every user of the camera should feel a personal interest in keeping the standard of his work high and making every output a credit to himself.



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Old Revolutionary pistol, good shooting order value \$10.00 will ex for better class U. S. stamp or cash. C. J. Hoevet, Fairfield, Neb.

I wish to ex for precanceled stamps or curios the following: 2 new rubber punching bag bladders, 4 fountain pens, klip-klips, pocket-book, hypodermic syringe and case, souvenir spoons, collection of 150 different bicycle buttons, Seth Thomas watch, etc. A. K. Butler, 1816 8th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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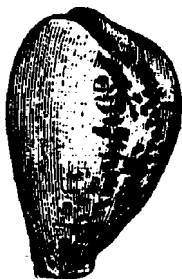
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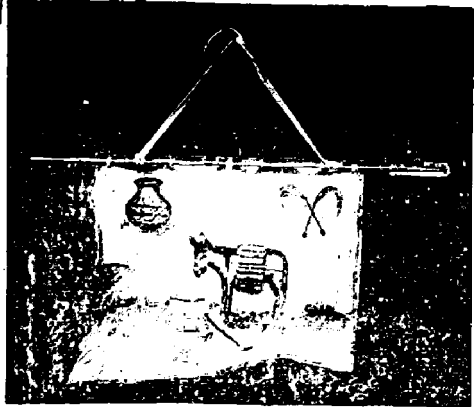
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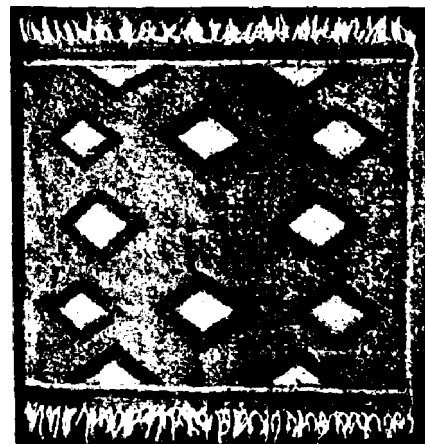


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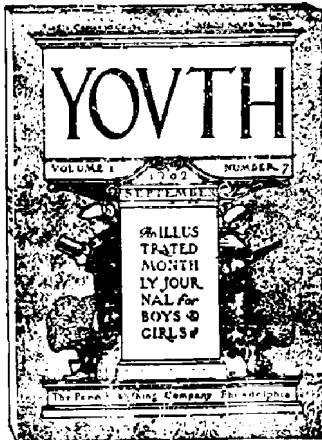
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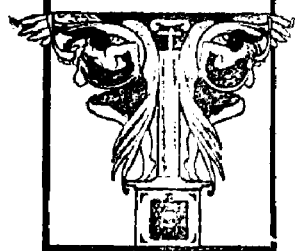
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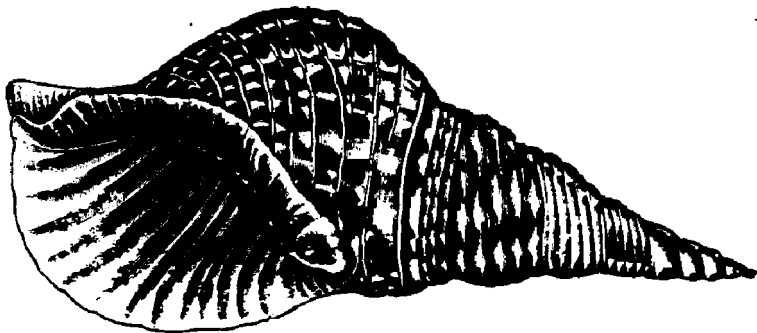
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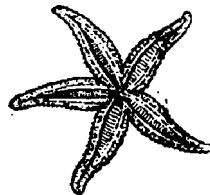
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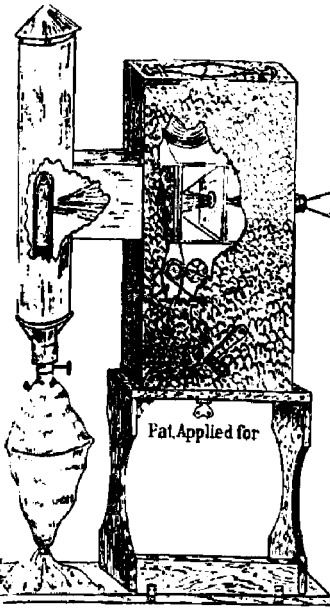
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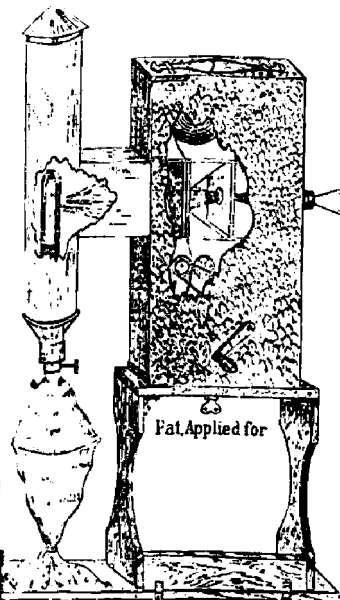
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