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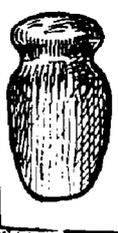
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4c playing card	3.75	4.00	1.00 manifest	25	30
4c proprietary	6	8	1.00 mortgage	1.25	1.50
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5c certificate		1	1.00 power of attorney	2	3
5c express	2	3	1.00 probate of will	50	60
5c foreign exchange	1	2	1.30 foreign exchange	25	30
5c inland exchange		1	1.50 inland exchange	5	6
5c playing card	20	25	1.60 foreign exchange	75	90
5c proprietary	25	30	1.90 foreign exchange	35	40
6c inland exchange	6	8	2.00 conveyance	2	3
10c bill of lading	2	3	2.00 mortgage	5	6
10c certificate		1	2.00 probate of will	35	40
10c contract		1	2.50 inland exchange	3	4
10c foreign exchange	12	15	3.00 charter party	5	6
10c inland exchange		1	3.00 manifest	8	10
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15c foreign exchange	20	25	5.00 conveyance	5	6
15c inland exchange	1	2	5.00 manifest	1.00	1.25
20c foreign exchange	35	40	5.00 mortgage	35	40
20c inland exchange		1	5.00 probate of will	35	40
25c bond	4	5	10.00 charter party	35	40
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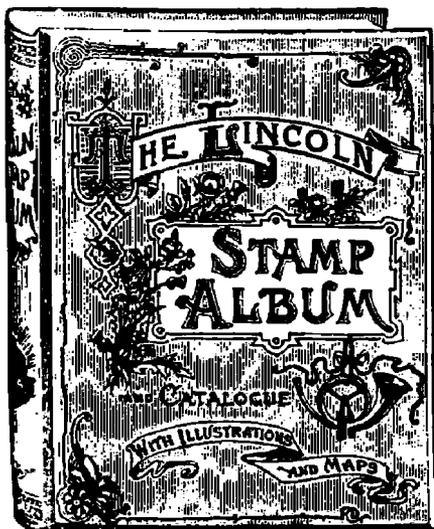
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4c proprietary.....	20	08
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10c foreign exchange.....	50	18
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20c inland exchange.....	02	1/2
25c bond.....	12	05
25c insurance.....	03	01
25c entry goods.....	12	05
25c life insurance.....	20	09
25c power of attorney.....	13	01
25c protest.....	25	11
25c Warehouse receipt.....	60	28
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50c mortgage.....	04	02
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10c " " ultramarine	10
10c Inl. Exchange, blue	1
10c Power of Attorney, blue	2
15c Inl. Exchange, brown	2
20c " " red	1
25c Bond, red	5
25c Certificate, red	1
25c Entry of Goods, red	5
25c Insurance, red	1
25c Life Insurance, red	10
25c Power of Attorney, red	1
25c Protest, red	10
30c Inl. Exchange, lilac	3
40c " " brown	4
50c Conveyance, blue	1
50c " " ultramarine	10
50c Entry of Goods, blue	2
50c Life Insurance, blue	3
50c Original Process, blue	1
50c Mortgage, blue	1
50c Passage Ticket, blue	8
50c Surety Bond, blue	4
50c " " ultramarine	10
60c Inl. Exchange, orange	7
7c For. " green	5
\$1.00 Conveyance, red	5
1.00 Entry of Goods red	3
1.00 For. Exchange, red	2
1.00 Inl. " "	2
1.00 Lease, red	4
1.00 Life Insurance, red	6
1.00 Power of Attorney, red	3
1.50 Inl. Exchange, blue	6
2.00 Conveyance, red	4
2.00 Mortgage, red	6
2.50 Inl. Exchange, violet	5
3.00 Charter Party, green	6
3.00 Manifest, green	8
5.00 Charter Party, red	10
5.00 Conveyance, red	8

Second Issue.

1871 2c blue and black	1
5c " " "	4
20c " " "	2
25c " " "	10
50c " " "	1
\$1.00 " " "	5
1.00 " " (punched)	1
1.50 " " "	10

Third Issue.

1872 2c black and orange	1
5c " " "	4
\$1.00 " " green	4
1.00 " " (punched)	1

Fourth Issue.

1874 2c blk and or'nge on gr'n pap'r	1
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Fifth Issue.

1875 2c blue (Profile of Liberty)	1
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Sixth Issue—Playing Cards.

1894 2c lake	5
1898 2c ultramarine	3

Proprietary Stamps.

1871 1c black and green (violet paper)	3
1c " " (green ")	3
2c " " (violet ")	5
2c " " (green ")	5
4c " " (violet ")	6
4c " " (green ")	10
1875 1c green	1
2c brown	1
3c orange	4
4c red	6
4c red brown	3

Seventh Issue.

1898 1c green Surcn. 1R (small type)	10
1c " " 1R (large ")	1
2c " " 1R (" ")	1

Proprietary

1/8c green	1
1/4c brown	1
1/2c orange	1
3/8c blue	1
1c green	1
1 1/4c violet	1
1 1/2c blue	4
2c violet brown	2
2 1/2c lake	2
3 1/2c olive gray	10
4c purple	4
5c brown orange	5

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UNITED STATES

DOCUMENTARY

1898	½c orange	5
	½c gray	1
	1c blue	1
	2c red	1
	3c blue	1
	4c rose	1
	5c lilac	1
	10c brown	1
	25c purple brown	1
	40c blue lilac	3
	40c " " (cut cancelation)	1
	50c slate violet	1
	80c bistre brown	10
	80c " " (cut cancel)	3
	\$ 1.00 green	1
	3.00 brown	6
	3.00 " (cut cancel)	2
	5.00 orange red	10
	5.00 " (cut cancel)	5
	10.00 black	10
1900	\$ 1.00 carmine	10
	1.00 " (cut cancel)	1
	1.00 gray and black	3
	1.00 " " (cut cancel)	1
	2.00 gray and black	3
	2.00 " " (cut cancel)	1
	3.00 gray and black	10
	3.00 " " (cut cancel)	6
	5.00 gray and black (cut cancelation)	8
	10.00 " " (cut cancel)	10
1902	\$ 1.00 green & black	10
	1.00 " " (cut cancel)	2
	2.00 green and black	8
	2.00 " " (cut cancel)	1
NEW YORK STOCK TRANSFER TAX STAMPS.		
1905	2c gray	2
	10c green	2
	20c orange	2
	50c brown	2
	\$ 1.00 blue	1
	\$ 2.00 red	1
	\$10.00 violet (punched)	10
1906	2c gray & black	2
	4c brown & black	3
	10c green & black	2
	20 orange & black	2
	50c brown & black	2
	\$1.00 blue & black	1
	2.00 red & black	1
1908	2c brown & black	1
	10c ultramarine & black	1
	20c slate & black	1
	\$1.00 red & black	1
	2.00 green & black	1

TELEGRAPH STAMPS AMERICAN RAPID

	1c black (telegram)	1
	5c brown	2
	10c purple	2
	15c green	3
	20c red	1
	25c rose	2
	1c brown (collect)	2
	5c blue	2
	15c red brown	5
	20c olive green	2
	1c brown	2
	5c blue	2
	15c red brown	5
	20c olive green	2
BALTIMORE & OHIO		
	1c green	2
	5c blue	2
	10c dark brown	2
POSTAL TELEGRAPH		
1885	10c green	10
	15c red	10
	25c blue	5
1892	blue gray	10
1894	gray green	6
1895	blue	10
1896	slate green	10
1897	lilac brown	10
1900	blue	1
1900	magenta paper	2
1901	sea green	1
1902	chocolate	1
1903	blue	1
WESTERN UNION		
1884	violet	7
1885	green	10
1887	red brown	10
1888	blue	8
1889	olive	8
1890	purple	5
1891	pure brown	10
1892	vermilion	10
1893	blue	10
1894	green	10
1895	brown	8
1886	violet	8
1897	rose red	8
1898	green	2
1899	olive	2
1900	red violet	2
1901	brown	2
1902	blue	2
1903	green	2
1904	red violet	2
1905	carmine rose	2
1907	brown	2
1906	dark blue	2

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CONFEDERATE STATES

1862	5c blue (London Print)....	5
	5c blue (local print).....	5
1893	2c brown red.....	10
	10c blue.....	3
	10c blue (II type).....	3
	20c green.....	10

ABYSSINIA

1894	2g dark brown.....	8
	8g violet.....	10
	16g black.....	10
1901	Surch. "Ethio" in blue	
	¼g green.....	8
	½g salmon.....	10
1902	Surch. "Postes" in native letters	
	¼g green.....	6
	½g salmon.....	8
1903	Surch. "Message" in native letters.	

	¼g green.....	6
	½g salmon.....	8

1905	5 on ¼g green.....	6
	10 on ½g salmon.....	10

1906	05 on ¼g green.....	8
	10 on ½g salmon.....	10

1907	¼s on ¼g green.....	8
	½s on ½g salmon.....	10

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

1896	¼g green.....	8
	½g salmon.....	8
	1g blue.....	8
	2g dark brown.....	8
	4g lilac.....	10
	8g violet.....	10
	16g black.....	10

1905	¼g green surch. T.....	10
	¼g green surch. Taxe.....	6
	½g salmon " ".....	10

1907	¼ on ¼g green.....	6
	½ on ½g rose.....	8
	1 on 1g blue.....	10

AITUTAKI.

1903	½p green.....	2
	1 p carmine.....	4
	2½ p blue.....	8
	3p yellow brown.....	10

ALBANIA

Italian Stamps surch. Albania

1902	10p on 5c green.....	3
	20p on 10c rose.....	4
	35p on 20c orange.....	6
	40p on 25c blue.....	8
	Without "Albania"	
	10p on 5c green.....	2
	20p on 10c rose.....	3
	35p on 20c orange.....	6
	40p on 25c blue.....	7

ALEXANDRIA

French Stamps Surch. "Alexandria"

1899	1c black on bluish.....	1
	2c brown.....	2
	3c gray.....	2
	4c claret.....	3
	5c green.....	3
	10c black on lilac.....	5
	15c blue.....	6
	20c red on green.....	8
	25c black on rose.....	5
	30c brown.....	10
1902	1c gray.....	1
	2c violet brown.....	1
	3c red orange.....	1
	4c yellow brown.....	2
	5c green.....	2
	10c rose red.....	3
	15c pale red.....	4
	20c brown violet.....	5
	25c blue.....	6
	30c violet.....	8
	40c red and blue.....	10
	50c brown and lilac.....	10

ALGERIA.

Postal Packet Stamps.

1898	10c blue.....	10
	25c violet.....	10

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1877	¼a ultramarine.....	3
	½a brown.....	5
1899	½a blue.....	2
1901	½a green.....	2

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Angola.

1870	5 r black	6
	20 r bistre	3
	25 r rose	10
	100 r lilac	3
	200 r orange	8
	300 r chocolate	10
1881	10r green	8
	20r carmine	3
	25r violet	2
	40r yellow	10
	50r blue	10
1886	5r black	3
	10r green	5
	20r rose	6
	25r violet	3
	50r blue	3
1893	2½r brown	2
1894	5r yellow	3
	10r red violet	6
	15r chocolate	8
	20r lavender	10
	25r green	3
	50r blue	4
1898	2½r gray	1
	5r orange yellow	1
	10r green	2
	15r brown	3
	20r gray violet	3
	25r blue green	2
	50r dark blue	3
	100r dark blue	7
1902	Surch. "Provisorio"	
	15r brown	5
	25r blue green	5
	50r blue	8
1903	15r gray green	3
	25r carmine	2
	50r brown	6
	75r lilac	10
1905	50 on 65 blue	8
Postage Due.		
1904	5r yellow green	1
	10r slate	2
	20r yellow brown	4
	30r red orange	5
	50r gray brown	8
	60r red brown	10

Angra.

1892	5r yellow	3
	10r red violet	8
	25r green	3
	50r blue	10
1896	2½r gray	1
	5r orange	1
	10r green	2
	15r brown	5
	20r violet	3
	25r green	2
	50r blue	5
	100r dark blue	10
1899	15r green	3
	25r rose	2
1905	50r ultramarine	6

Anjouan.

1892	1c black on bluish	1
	2c brown	1
	4c claret	2
	5c green	2
	10c black on lilac	3
	20c red on green	5
	25c black on rose	8
	30c brown	8
	40c red	10
1900	10c red	10
	15c gray	10
	25c blue	10
1905	35c black on yellow	9
1908	45c black on green	10

Antigua.

1882	½p green	4
	1p carmine	6
1886	2½p blue	8
1903	½p green and black	3
	1p red and black	4
	2p orange brown and violet	8
	2½p blue and black	10
	3p brown and green	10
1901	½p green	3
	1p red	3
	2½p blue	7
Australian Commonwealth.		
1902	½p emerald green	3
	1p " "	2
	2p " "	3
	3p " "	6

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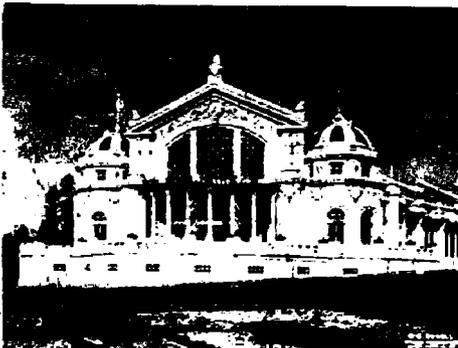
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10 diff	Argentina all issues	07	6 diff	Labuan 1897 1 to 8	18	10 diff	Portugal	07
4 "	" 1900	03	9 "	" 1897 1 to 24	35	20 "	Queensland	60
12 "	Austria 1900	05	9 "	" 1894 complete	40	20 "	Roumania	12
20 "	Australia	05	8 "	Liberia	20	60 "	"	65
100 "	"	1.25	19 "	"	60	20 "	Russia	12
50 "	"	12	40 "	"	3.50	10 "	Salvador	15
10 "	Bavaria	07	15 "	Luxembourg	20	50 "	"	1.25
10 "	Bosnia	10	13 "	Nacao	40	10 "	Servia	10
10 "	Brazil	10	10 "	Mauritius	16	25 "	"	60
10 "	British Guiana	15	30 "	Mexico	35	3 "	Siam	06
9 "	Bulgaria 1889	08	50 "	"	1.25	20 "	"	75
40 "	" all issues	45	4 "	New'ndland 1887	18	30 "	Spain	12
50 "	Canada	1.30	30 "	"	1.25	100 "	"	1.50
15 "	Ceylon	35	35 "	"	1.75	10 "	Straits Settlements	35
35 "	Chili	1.25	24 "	New So. Wales	65	30 "	"	90
25 "	China	40	50 "	Netherlands	50	60 "	Sweden	65
50 "	Col. Rep.	1.25	20 "	New Zealand	20	15 "	Switzerland	10
25 "	Costa Rica	60	50 "	"	1.75	7 "	Tasmania (picture)	65
50 "	Cuba	60	10 "	Nicaragua	12	15 diff	Trinidad	50
35 "	Dutch Indies	90	40 "	"	75	17 "	Tunis	50
20 "	Ecuador	50	7 "	Nyassa (giraffe)	15	50 "	Turkey	65
10 "	Egypt	10	13 "	"	50	100 "	"	2.35
40 "	France	15	7 "	Paraguay	10	100 "	British Colonies	45
50 "	Greece	90	20 "	"	40	200 "	"	1.50
50 "	Guatemala	1.25	35 "	"	90	400 "	"	5.50
24 "	Hawaii	1.75	10 "	Persia	10	500 "	"	9.00
50 "	Hayti	1.65	20 "	"	35	200 "	U. S.	1.75
50 "	Honduras	80	50 "	"	1.25	40 "	Uruguay	30
50 "	India	1.25	100 diff	Persia	3.35	40 "	"	1.25
60 "	India (Native states)	1.40	5 "	Peru (old issues)	08	75 "	"	3.35
50 "	Italy	40	10 "	"	18	7 "	Venezuela	10
25 "	Jamaica	55	14 "	"	40	3 "	Zanzibar	12
20 "	Japan	10	50 "	"	1.35	20 "	French Colonies	35
3 "	Labuan 1897	06	25 "	Philippine old issues	35	50 "	"	50
						100 "	"	1.40



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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

OUR VISIT TO EDGAR LINCOLN, DEALER IN COINS, CURIOS, &c.

Mr. Lincoln had lately removed to 144 Kensington High Street, London W., and when I called on him he was kind enough to show me many things of interest in coins and curiosities. I saw in his coin trays, coins from William I to Queen Victoria, including some fine specimens, especially in copper Maundy money from Charles II to Edward VII, consisting of 1d, 2d, 3d and 4d pieces given away each year on Maunday Thursday by the reigning monarch or deputies. But his collection is not only English. I glanced over numerous trays containing Roman brass and silver coins, tokens of the 17th and 18th centuries, and foreign and colonial coins in great variety. Among his curios must not be forgotten a drawing obtained by the kind assistance of Herbert A. Grueber F. S. A. of the British Museum of a Saxon penny of King EDGAR coined at LINCOLN and "Edgar Lincoln" of these latter days could not resist the temptation to adopt this 10th century coin as a trade mark or sign for his numismatic business. In his ad is shown the way he has used it.

After inspecting the coins Mr. Edgar Lincoln pointed out to me that

his premises are of interest to lovers of pictures by the fact that Sir David Wilkie R. A. , lived at this house from 1815 to 1824 and called my attention to a tablet on the wall in his memory as can be seen in the picture of his store. The premises were then named No. 24 Lower Phillimore Place, but have recently been renamed 144 Kensington High Street. Mr. Lincoln has furnished me with some interesting information respecting Sir David Wilkie, from researches he has made.

Sir David Wilkie was born in 1758, at Cults, in Fifeshire, 28 miles from Edinburgh. From childhood he gave promise of artistic talent and developed into a painter of celebrity. When in London he resided in many places, the most important being No. 24, Lower Phillimore Place, now named 144 Kensington High Street. The lower part of these premises has recently been altered for business purposes by Edgar Lincoln and comprises the "two parlours" mentioned later on.

On his father's death in 1812, Wilkie resolved to have his mother and sister to live with him and wrote to his sister in Jan., 1813, saying:—"It has been my wish to take a house in London, and that I have been chiefly prevented doing so by want of furniture, and another requisite, that I am (perhaps fortunately) not yet supplied with, a person to take care of my house;" and suggesting that his mother could supply his wants in both respects. In the following March he had decided on No. 24, Lower Phillimore Place, and in writing, says:—"it is elegant and commodious. On entering from the street are two parlours, the front one a handsome room. At the back of the house is a garden (which still exists) larger than the plot of grass before the door at Cults, and the house is supplied with water by pipes;" a boast inspired by the fact that at his Fifeshire home water was supplied from the garden well, and water conveyed by pipes was then a luxury and novelty.

In August, laden with much of the old furniture, including an ancient gothic chair and an old copper sauce pan, his mother and sister arrived while he was finishing his picture, "The Bagpiper."

The period of his residence here included the most brilliant part of his career, as he painted some of his most celebrated pictures, including "The Bagpiper," "Letter of Introduction," "Parish Beadle," "Blind Man's Buff," "Chelsea Pensioners," "The Errand Boy," "The Rabbit on the Wall," "Sheepwashing," and others.

On January 21st, 1907, the London County Council placed a Tablet on the wall of 144 Kensington High Street as shown in our illustrations.

Mr. Edgar Lincoln is always very pleased to show visitors the room where Sir David Wilkie passed some of the happiest days of his life and also the interesting collection of souvenirs, including autographs, pictures, &c. of this great Scottish painter. Next I was shown his ingenious coin cases and shifting trays, of which he was the original inventor over twenty-five years ago. It was pointed out to me that there are many collectors, having a few coins, but not sufficient to invest in a large expensive cabinet. It suggested the idea to invent something for the most modest collector and determined to make these special cases and trays so that a collector can purchase a coin case and only one tray if desired if the collector has only a few coins and as the collection increases other trays can be procured, until the case is filled.

On looking around the walls I noticed a curious License badge issued by Peter the Great, granting permission for the owner to wear a Beard or

Moustache. Obverse, in Russian characters "Beard Money." Nose. Moustache & Beard below & countermarked Reverse, in Russian characters, "Year 1705" Surmounted by the Imperial Eagle. See cut in our illustrations page.

Peter the Great in his travels through Holland and England became familiar with the Shaven Face and thought the beard a needless adornment. His having a scanty beard may have biased him in the matter.

On his return to Russia in 1698 he began a crusade by commanding his Courtiers and those who entered his presence to shave. The Church, however, threatened the custom with its ban and to excommunicate not only those who shaved, but also those who had intercourse with them, and denounced such habits as being practiced only among heretics.

Peter the Great found that owing to this strong opposition of the Church, his people would not shave to his order, so levied a tax on beards and moustaches, which amounted in some cases to as much as one hundred roubles (about \$50) When the tax was paid a badge was granted licensing the holder to wear a Beard and Moustache, and this badge had to be kept about the person of the owner, and produced if demanded. The license was renewable every year, or the old one countermarked with the Imperial Eagle.

Among his curiosities and works of art many beautiful things are to be seen—cut glass, china, Wedgwood &c, and Mr. Lincoln showed me a Wedgwood medallion that he has recently designed and registered of the Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain, and which has been specially made for him by the famous firm of Wedgwood & Sons at their works. The portrait represents the Rt Hon. Joseph Chamberlain in court dress and using the well known monocle eye glass, and is a very striking likeness of him.

Foreign Postage Stamps, packets of stamps and a variety of Stamp Albums are other items in his large stock.

There were many other things to be seen and described but space will not allow any further descriptions—so bid adieu to Mr. Edgar Lincoln with whom I had an interesting and pleasant interview. Look up his ad in this issue. He is a relative of the oldest stamp dealer in the world whose place was illustrated last month and who also has an ad in this issue. Where you can get a fine illustrated 50c Stamp Book free for 4c postage.

L. G. CLINE is a well known Kansas collector and dealer in post cards and stamps belonging to a number of exchanges in the U. S. and foreign countries. He is a member of the Union Souvenir Card Exchange Collectors Union and also, the Pan American Souv. Card Exchange of which he is vice president. He is a member of the Southern Philatelic Ass'n, M. P. A. and the A. J. P. S. He has written a few articles on Philately the latest being on the Commemorative stamps of the U. S. He has signed a contract to act as Dept Editor for a New York Collectors paper. He would like to hear from collectors at all times. Wants to start up Kansas Philatelic Society

ARTHUR ODELL was born in St John, N. B. in 1898. He collects stamps and postcards and has 3500 varieties of stamps and 5000 postcards. He started dealing in postcards in 1906 and nearly everyone who answered his ads in WEST came back two and three times. He would be pleased to correspond with any readers of WEST or exchange stamps or postcards. He is thinking of getting up a Canadian postcard society, and if any reader is interested he would like to hear from them. Is representative of U. S. C. E.

and collects Philatelic literature

AUGUST ANDERSON, the scenery photographer of Ruthven, Ia, was born in 1866 at Ruthven, where he now lives. He is a farmer, but spends most of his time in photographing Lake views, scenery, buildings, etc. Began collecting postcards two years ago and now has 1350, mostly photo cards. They are kept in Walrus leather albums. He is now kept busy making and sending photo post cards of which he advertises in the WEST. To be kept busy this winter is the reason he sells his cards so cheaply. He invites correspondence and exchange from any post card collector, at any time. See his ads in the WEST. He has just moved to Exra, Iowa.

W. H. MACKIE is manager of the Western Mesaba Electric Co., which furnishes the towns of Bovey and Coleraine, Minn., on the Western Mesaba Iron Range, with electric current. He has been a collector of stamps and post cards for the last ten years. His specialty is postage stamps of the U. S., and he has a fine selection of them. His postal collection numbers over 8,000 cards from all parts of the globe. He also has a collection of coins, Indian relics, minerals and curios of which he is very proud. At present he is a member of the following clubs:—State Rep. The Fad Card Club; Jolly Jokers No. 4407.; Union Souvenir Card Club Ex., No 308; Pan American Card Club No. 68; C. C. C. Life member, &c.

C. LESTER DAVIS collects natural history specimens and curios of all kinds, but his specialties are Indian relics and birds' eggs. He has been collecting in earnest for about 8 years, and has a collection valued way up in the hundreds. The specimen shown in the picture is the lower jaw of a Mammoth. It was found at LeRoy, Kan., in the banks of the Neosho river, imbedded in a strata of glacial gravel, about 21 feet from the surface of the ground. The gravel bed lies just on top of a very deep strata of limestone shale, and runs at a depth of one to thirty feet through this part of the state. The teeth of the Mastodon and parts of cement idols, equal in size and imitative of the human form, are also found in the gravel. The bone shown in the picture is a slight optical illusion as it appears a little larger than it really is, but it is nevertheless a large specimen. Weight 150 lbs., length from snout to socket joint 36in., width from joint to joint 35½ in. Teeth 4½ x 10½. It is not petrified but is turning and in a fine state of preservation.

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At any Fad you will find some people grin,
But persevere, and don't let that alarm you,
Get the best specimens and stick them in,—
Another Gem that you must try and get
Imperforate Five pence, the color green,
Of New South Wales It is a little pet
And of that issue, it's the best that's seen.

By E. Elliott of Camberwell S.E. over 60 years old, who has a six story building filled with all kinds of collections, and lots of the finest seen in London, and some are the best of that city. He collects most everything.

Denmark again had a Christmas stamp for 1908. It bore a view of the children's sanatorium at Kolding and was printed in a number of 6 millions.

Commemorative Stamps of all Countries

This country was the first to issue a commemorative postage stamp—the Centennial envelope of 1867—and while it was more than a decade before any other government followed the example, there have been many such issues during the past twenty years.

The first country to take the cue from the United States was New South Wales, which in 1888 issued a set of stamps commemorate the 100th anniversary of the colony. Hong Kong in 1891 celebrated its semi-centennial as a colony by overprinting or surcharging, one stamp of the issue then current.

But the era of special stamps was practically ushered in with the anniversary of the discovery of America, and since 1892 the issue of commemorative stamps has been a popular fad with the postal authorities of the various world powers.

Ten days in advance of the opening of the Jamestown Exposition, the United States government placed on sale at post offices throughout the land a new and handsomely designed set of postage stamps which were sold until the close of the exhibition. Millions of these little upper right corner envelope stickers were sold and used during the exposition and they soon became as familiar to the general public as are the other commemorative stamps that have been issued by this government. Next will be Seattle issue

This land was not alone in issuing Columbian stamps, for in 1892 and 1893 Argentina, Porto Rico, Salvador and Venezuela used postal carriers in celebration of the American discovery, while Trinidad brought up the rear with an issue in 1898, a little late but no less to the point. It has been widely commented on that although Spain's money and men played such a conspicuous part in the opening up to the world of the Western Hemisphere that country did not join in the procession of Columbian stampmakers and only one of her colonies took note—postally—of the advent of the 400th anniversary of Columbus' triumph. The colony in question was Porto Rico and her issue of 1893 was of one stamp depicting the landing of the discoverer.

Portugal caught the fever in 1894 and within four years got out no less than three sets all of which are very interesting. The first was the Prince Henry set. Then came the St. Anthony of Padua set, showing the saint in various scenes from his life on the face, and bearing on the back of each a prayer of thanksgiving, the latter printed in Latin. After this Portugal issued the Vasca da Gama set in commemoration of the discovery of India. All three of these series of stamps were duplicated for the several Portugese colonies. The discovery of India was also recognized upon its anniversary by the surcharging of the stamps of the Mozambique Company.

Belgium issued sets for the Antwerp Exposition in 1894 and at Brussels in 1896. Greece issued in celebration of the Olympian games in 1896 and again in 1906. When the Central American Exposition was held in 1897 Guatemala issued a series for the occasion.

Brazil postally remembered its 400th anniversary in 1900. Bulgaria honored the anniversary of the battle of Shipka Pass. The Dominican Republic and St. Lucia both in the same year issued 400th anniversary stamps, and Mauritius and Montenegro each has a 200th anniversary stamp, and Peru directed attention to the national anniversary with a specially designed stamp in 1897.

Beginner's Department--Argentine

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue.)

On December 19th, 1857 printing in sheets of 216 is certified. These consisted of the three values with wide border and small numerals and the stamps were arranged in two panes 25 mm. apart, each pane consisting of 12 rows of 9 stamps. The plates were made by transposing a strip of 9 as often as necessary. Unused stamps of this issue which have for some time been considered as prints are nothing but genuine remainders the government assuring that reprints were never made. There may be some counterfeits though, although among the genuine stamps there is quite a diversity caused by poor printing, and the 9 transfers spoken of above also show some variety.—One thing which I would like to know is: Were the stamps of 216 in a sheet manufactured by the same firm as those of 96 in a sheet? It seems to be implied, but I find no direct statement to the effect, nor is there any proof before me as to which stamp was really used first, that with the large or that with the small figure 5; Senf assigns the year 1861 to the stamp with large figure, but where is the authentic proof?

The second issue, coat of arms in center with inscription "Republica Argentina," consisting of the same values as the first issue, was prepared by the lithographer, Robert Lange of Buenos Ayres; the printing was done at the Mint under official supervision and the stamps and plates were there kept under custody. On the 23d of December, 1861, 105 sheets of 70 (10x7) 5 centavos and 75 sheets of 10 centavos were sent to Regulo Martínez, the general director of revenue. On the 30th of the same month 353 sheets and 40 single stamps of the 10 centavos value followed. On the 31st, 6667 of the 15 centavos were sent and on January 11, 1862 another lot of 72,650 of the 5 centavo stamps. Gervasio A. de Posadas was then the postmaster general of the province of Buenos Ayres, and he was the mediator between Martínez and Lange. On the 11th of January the stamps were issued to the public. (It appears that stamps of the first issue as well as the locals of Buenos Ayres, Cordoba and Corrientes were in use instantaneous by this time.) On February 4, 1862 a new printing was ordered, and on February 8, 1000 sheets of the 5 centavos and on February 18, 300 sheets of the 5, 286 sheets of the 10 and 96 sheets of the 15 centavos were delivered. Whilst these were used, a new issue was contemplated, and it was decided that the head of Rivadavia should be the subject of the design, and that the stamp plates should be made in Europe. The latter resolution caused a delay and new supplies became necessary long before the plates arrived; consequently the old stamps remained in use. On the 27th of January, 1863, 300 sheets of the 5 centavos, which had been kept at the Mint, were delivered. On the 7th of February a new supply was ordered and Lange went to work at once; Dr. del Pont estimates this edition at 1716 sheets of the 5, 287 sheets of the 10 and 195 sheets of the 15 centavos (exact dates being absent); the delivery was made on the 10th of March (or May) 1863. On the 11th of June Posadas required a new edition; 1715 sheets of 120,050 stamps were finished by July 4. If I understand right, these were all of one value, 5 centavos. In October we find Lange again at work in the Mint printing 1429 more sheets of the 5 centavos, and in January 1864 again 1029 sheets of the 5 and 200 sheets of the 10 centavos, and in February again 1029 sheets of the 5 and 200 sheets of the 10

centavos.

Regarding the types of this issue Dr. Marco del Pont again shows that catalogues generally are in error. According to his researches, which were conducted with great care and diligence making use of very good facilities there were two matrices of the 5 and one each of the 10 and 15 centavos. None of the matrices contained an accent on the U of REPUBLICA, but on the first transfers on the printing stone the accent was added, the only exception being the second stamp in 8th row of the 15 centavos: hence all stamps of the first editions have the accent in all three values and these are the most common; of the 15 centavos without accents there are only 378 copies, one for each sheet printed, while with accent there are 26,703 copies. On the second transfers of the 5 and 10 centavos no accent was added, but the 10 centavos has dividing lines between the stamps; these were used for the second edition most likely after February, 1863. Towards the end of 1863 the matrices were destroyed, and for the last editions (of 1864) a new matrix was prepared; this is the one with a "narrow C" and 72 pearls in the circle against the 74 pearls of the first matrix; this new matrix has no accent. The three stones delivered by the Mint (Banca y Casa de Moneda) to the general post office on May 13, 1864 are still there and they are: 5 centavos made from the second matrix "narrow C" and 72 pearls; 10 centavos made from the first matrix, no accent, 78 pearls; 15 centavos made from the first matrix, accent on every stamp but one; 71 pearls, one stamp tete-beche.

The so-called reprints (narrow C and 72 pearls) were never made from these nor from any other original stones (nor are there any remainders to speak of), but from a new set of stones prepared from the 2d matrix of the 5 centavos which had been left in the possession of the lithographer Lange. Of these the 5 centavos is of very little value; but the 10 and 15 centavos are downright forgeries. It may yet be added that the 10 and 15 centavos were cut into halves and thirds and so used. There are many shades in the genuine stamps as well as in the reprints.

At last on March 15, 1864, the long expected plates, machinery and paper for the new issue arrived from Paris, and the work on the 2d issue must have been begun at once, because the supply of the 2d issue at hand was quite small and could not last long. Regarding the 2d issue, 1864, head of Rivadavia, same three values as before, I have very few dates. It seems the Argentinians had a good deal of trouble printing from the line engraved plates, but more so with the perforating machine. The stamps should be perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, but it seems quite a number were issued without perforation, simply because the good people could not make the machine work. Why paper without any watermark was used I do not know; some say it was done by error, others say it was done by order, but I think it was done because the watermarked paper (wmk. AR) was used up and a new supply of it was not at hand in time. Why the stamps which were in use from 1864 to 1867, over $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, should be so high in price is another thing I can not account for; I think the prices for this issue are too high as compared with the issue of 1862, which was in use a shorter time. Rouletted stamps of the 3d issue are made so fraudulently and were never so issued by the post office.

(To be continued).

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DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



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 beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

448. Is it true that the U. S. post still works with a deficit? According to the P. M. General's report it is. The fiscal year ending June 30, 1908 has a deficit of \$16,910,297, the largest ever experienced. The P. M. General von Meyer asks Congress to enact a law allowing rural carriers to accept and deliver parcels locally and hopes that this will wipe out the deficit. Besides that many other improvements are being made or intended. The cause for the deficit is partly to be sought in the extension of rural delivery and partly in the reduction of domestic and international rates.

494. What is the best way to start dealing in stamps? That is rather difficult to say. A whole book could hardly do justice to the matter, and very much depends on the ability, experience and knowledge of the would-be dealer. We may however say so much for a suggestion: Read all the advertisements in THE WEST and any other stamp journals through carefully, get price lists from all dealers who offer them, also auction catalogs; compare and study them carefully. Then buy where you think you can get stamps cheap enough to sell them at a profit. Do not forget to advertise your business regularly in as many journals as you can. Perhaps better than all this it would be to act as agent for some of the larger stamp firms until a general acquaintance with sellers and buyers is gained. Start in a small way and increase your business as your experience and knowledge increases.

450. What must one do to insure success as a stamp dealer? This query is about as difficult to answer as the previous one. If we had an infallible formula it would be worth a couple of thousand dollars at least. We may point out a few facts though that will certainly be worth remembering. First of all strict honesty, promptness and politeness are indispensable assets. Then it is also necessary to find both buyers and sellers. With the very best stock of stamps one cannot be a successful dealer, unless he can find the people who will buy; and with the very best buyers one cannot satisfy them unless he can find sellers who will supply him at reasonable rates with the stock he needs. Perhaps here too, the best advice would be: Get employment by some experienced dealer and let him teach you for a while.

451. Is it advisable to buy or sell stamps at auction? This is another question as difficult as the two going before. It might be answered by yes and by no. To buy stamps at auction is advisable, if the buyer knows what to buy and what prices to pay; otherwise it may be very foolish. To sell at auction is advisable, if one wants quick returns and can obtain the services of a first class auction manager; otherwise he may be sadly disappointed. At auction some lots go at one tenth catalog prices, others will go even above catalog quotations, and unless one knows how to pick out what is to his own advantage it is better for him to keep hands off.

452. Who can give any information about Express and Railroad Stamps used in the U. S.? We had a few words about these in THE WEST some time ago, but the question was not satisfactorily—because not exhaustively

—answered and it turns up again and again. I would be much obliged to our readers, if they would lend me any copies which they may possess of these stamps. Some were used only a few months ago but I have not been able to get a good sight of them. The more detailed the information that can be obtained, the better.

453. Should school children and young people be encouraged to collect stamps? Yes. Stamp collecting will help to keep them employed and out of mischief. It will tend to teach them neatness and attention to details and may interest them in geography, history and languages. Children and young people, as a rule, are inquisitive, and when they see anything that is new to them, will wish to know all about it; thus the stamps of the world will give them occasion to ask hundreds and thousands of questions. In trying to find out, they will form a habit of research which in later years may be of great value to them. We might thus keep on for hours to show that stamp collecting is apt to exert a beneficial influence. On the other hand, a little warning may also be necessary. As with all other pursuits that attract, interest and engross the juvenile mind, a certain supervision is necessary, lest the youngster should become so fascinated as to forget his duties; so in stamp collection it is necessary to warn young people not to make a vice of it by devoting too much time and energy to it. Then too, it is proper to see that the young philatelist in his eagerness for enlarging his collection may not resort to improper or dishonest means. The danger, however, lies not in stamps, nor in stamp collecting, but in a general lack of proper education, in bad example and in the human proneness to abuse good things and to err from the way of right. A wise educator of youth may employ stamp collecting as a valuable means for good influence, while a poor educator may find it an occasion for endless trouble. Thus very much will depend upon the guardianship under which the young people are growing up. If this is good, as it should be, I do not see why they should not be encouraged to collect stamps.

454. How would you advise a boy of 14 or 15 years to start in stamp collecting? I would tell him to collect as many hundreds or thousands of all kinds of common stamps as he can get from his relatives, friends and neighbors by politely asking them for what stamps they may have. Then I would tell the young man to assort the stamps he had thus acquired and to pick out the prettiest and cleanest copy of each kind, paying attention to all details of difference that he could discern. The next step would be to mount these picked copies by means of hinges as neatly and cleanly as possible in any blank book, keeping stamps from different countries separate and leaving plenty of room for additions after each group of like design. The next step would be the acquisition of a catalog and the subscription to a philatelic journal, and the seeking of acquaintance with other stamp collectors, with whom he may compare collections, etc. This will lead to exchanging and buying stamps. I would warn the youthful beginner against buying too hastily. He should buy none but fine or perfect copies, and rather buy large variety packets than single stamps. After a while, when he has some 2 or 3 thousand varieties, and has decided on making any country or group of countries his speciality, then he may buy from approval sheets, at auction sales or in any way he thinks it will please him, but by that time he will hardly need my advice. Above all from beginning to end I would say, be honest and act as a gentleman.

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The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

H. Wendt from Dunlap, Iowa to Manilla, Iowa.

Maude M. Stowell from Timber Valley to Snowden, Wash.

Roger Q. Pease from Boston to Newton Center, Mass.

W. H. Kinnard from Abbeville, to Union Ticket Office, Columbia, S.C.

Dear Members:--I wish to state that some members are somewhat dilatory in notifying me of their moves and to these I wish to say that it is our desire to keep the records as accurate as possible. In order to do so kindly assist us by notification and we will keep the official organ after you.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID 1909 DUES.

Up to the present quite a few members have paid their dues, yet many have not responded. To these, I hope to hear from them with an early remittance of the small amount—35c to U. S. and possessions, 60c to all other

countries.

THE YEAR BOOK.

The year Book for the S.P.A. is well under way and this will be a neat addition to all members' library. We expect it out by March 1st, so send your dues and correct address in order that it may be correctly inserted.

We have a limited amount of space to offer in this work at the following rates: 1 inch, 30c; 1/2 column, 65c; 1 column \$1.00; 1 page \$1.60. Each page 5x7. Forms close Feb. 1st, 1909. Here is an opportunity for dealers to get space in a work that will be treasured for years.

Application blanks for the asking. Fraternaly,

Prof. R. L. Doak, Sec'y.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts: On hand Sept. 20th, 1908.....	\$19.53
Receipts from Sept. 20th to Dec. 15th.....	12.86
Total	\$32.39
Disbursements:- To WEST July to Nov.....	\$11.06
To 2000 Application Blanks.....	3.50
To Record Book50
To Secretary's postage Sept. 20th to Dec. 15th	4.50
	19.56
On hand Dec. 15th	12.83
	32.39

R. L. Doak, Treasurer.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that I am forced to chronicle the death of Bro. Otto Staerker No. 305, Cuero, Tex. Since the Divine Ruler of the Universe has removed from our midst Bro. Staerker Dec 15th, 1908, we realize that Philately has lost an ardent supporter. Bro. Staerker has been an ardent worker of the S. P. A. for some time and we realize the inestimable degree of our loss. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved friends and relatives.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, DEC. 21st, 1908.

64 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	\$1630.33
10 books received since, value.....	131.01
95 books, value	\$1767.34
21 books retired during the month, of which the amt of \$54.32 was sold 180.59	
74 books in circulation value.....	\$1580.75

INSURANCE FUND

Amount on hand as per last month's report.....	\$94.02
1 per cent from retired books.....	1.80
Total amount.....	\$95.82

If you have not been a patron of the Sales Department during the past year it will be a surprise to see what fine stamps I am receiving and how cheap they are marked. Members will greatly assist the Superintendent and each other if they handle all circuits promptly and not retain them so often over time.

Respectfully submitted.

Charles Roemer, Superintendent.



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

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The ninety seventh regular meeting of the Society was held at the usual place and time, on Tuesday, Nov. 24th. President Myers was in the chair and sixteen members were present:—Anschuetz, Bain, Berger, Boisselier, Diamant, Humes, Mechin, Millhouse, Myers, Pokorny, Schoeman, Sisson Sr. and Jr., Strauss, Wood, Voelker and also one visitor, Mr. Heath.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The application of Donald R. Heath, 3860 Wimsdor Pl., proposed by B.G. Johnston was referred to the Membership Committee.

The Secretary read a card received from Otto Pastzhke sending his greetings to the members.

A letter received from the Publicity Committee of the A. P. S. asking for a subscription was laid over until the close of the year, after the Treasurer's Annual Report has been submitted.

The resignation of L. Crandall of Ithaca, N. Y., was accepted with sincere regrets.

The business of the evening, namely the nomination of candidates for officers of the Society for 1909 was then in order and brought forth the following:—For President, F. N. Chase nominated by Sisson, seconded Diamant; Walter Bain, nominated by Wood, seconded by Strauss. For Vice-President, Wallace Delafield, Jr, nominated by Strauss, seconded by Bain. For Treasurer Wm. J. H. Anschuetz nominated by Humes, seconded Millhouse. For Secretary, Frank Millhouse, nominated by Wood, seconded by Humes. Election of officers will take place Dec. 22nd.

The President then brought up the matter of the One Hundredth Regular Meeting which takes place on January 5th when the new officers will be installed, and announced the appointment of the following Committee to take charge of arrangements:—Strauss, Chairman, Bain, Cornwall.

After considerable discussion Mr. Bain moved, seconded by Strauss, that the Society have a Social Evening on the occasion of the Hundredth Meeting. Carried. Mr. Diamant moved, seconded by Sisson that the Society give the Banquet and that the Committee of Arrangement be authorized to receive any subscription towards the expense of the same.

Changes of address, Vinton E. Sisson to 706 Chestnut St., and Otto Patzschke to 603 Marion St., Seattle, Wash.

Geo Wood, Secretary.

The ninety-eighth regular meeting of the Society was held at the usual place and time on Tuesday, Dec 8th. President Myers was in chair, and twentytwo members were present:—Anschuetz, Bain, Berger, Boisselier, Chase, Cornwall, Heath, Hussman, Humes, Mechin, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedl, Schellhorn, Kennedy, Schoeman, Sisson, Sr. & Jr., Slack, Strauss, Voelker, Wood, and two visitors, Bartel and Flachskamm.

This was a record turnout for our Society and beats everything on the attendance line in our history, but we expect to have the biggest yet on the evening of the banquet and celebration of the One Hundredth Meeting on

Jan. 5th. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The application of Donald R. Heath being reported favorably by the Membership Committee, he was declared elected.

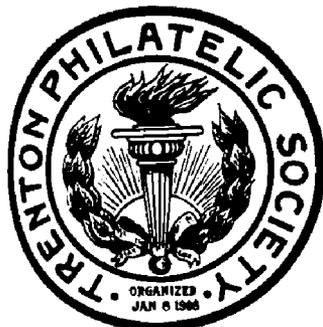
A bill from Redfield Publishing Co. for \$2.75 subscription for 11 new members was ordered paid by the Treasurer.

Committee of Arrangement for the Celebration through its Chairman reported progress. The banquet will be held in the Mercantile Club.

It was moved by Wood, seconded by Chase, that the matter of the official organs for 1909 be reconsidered. Motion carried. After considerable discussion Cornwall moved. Sisson seconded that "Redfield's Weekly" and the "Philatelic West" be made the official organs for the Society for 1909. Motion carried. The President brought up the advisability of the Society making arrangements to have copies of the official organ placed in the Public Library and its Branches, and the biggest hospitals. The Secretary was instructed to write the libraries and hospitals to find out if they would be agreeable to receive and place on public file the Weekly and WEST and then report.

Mr. Cornwall had on exhibition one of his U. S. albums and his New South Wales album. In his U. S. which were the Postal Adhesives from '47 to '93 the majority were in unused and immaculate condition, not only containing all in the catalogue but several not to be found there, such as 1867 3c Rose embossed 17x16. In his N. S. W. there were Sydney views by the score. In a most entertaining manner Mr. Cornwall explained his system of plating these stamps. It is needless to say that many envious looks were cast upon these albums. At the close a most hearty vote of thanks was moved by Chase, seconded by Bolsselier. It is much to be hoped that Mr. Cornwall will continue to bring along an album or two every little while, for such treats are deeply appreciated.

Geo Wood, Secretary.



The regular meeting of the Trenton Philatelic Society was held Thursday evening Dec. 10, 1908, at the home of President Wallace Buckman, 102 N. Clinton Ave. The main business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows: President, Geo. E. Poole. Vice Pres., Wallace Buckman. Secretary, Alvah G. Clark. Financial Secretary, William R. Housel. Treasurer, Mortimer H. Potts. Sales Agent, Edward A. Andrews. Librarian, Edward B. Sterling.

Our new President is the Deputy Commissioner of Charities and Corrections of the State of New Jersey. The members were glad to hear that Mr. E. B. Sterling has again been appointed Judge for the department of Stamps, Coins and Curios, at the Interstate Fair, and acted in that capacity this year. A committee composed of Alvah G. Clark and E. B. Sterling were appointed for the purpose of securing new application blanks, and they promise something neat but attractive in this line at an early date. The committee on exhibit reported progress and a fine exhibit in the window of one of our leading merchants will certainly be the outcome of this committee's work. After considerable routine business the meeting adjourned.

Alvah G. Clark, Secretary, 285 Spring St., Trenton N. J.

U. S. Notes--By E. R. Aldrich

Rennett Newspaper Subscription Agency list comes this fall franked by a South Whitley precancelled one cent pasted over Chicago permit No. 33.

Patent No. 903618 issued to Alfred Sutcliffe of Hummelstown, Pa., was for a tablet arrangement of stamp sheets and is thus described in the Official Gazette:

A stamp pad comprising a plurality of groups of gummed sheets of stamps or the like bound together at one side of the pad, paraffined or equivalent leaves bound between each adjacent stamp sheet, a set of numbers on the top face of each leaf arranged in rows and readable from the upper left hand corner to the lower right hand corner of the leaf, a second set of numbers on the top face of each leaf arranged in rows and readable from the lower right hand corner to the upper left hand corner or reversely to the first set of numbers, numbers of both sets being disposed under each stamp to indicate the number of stamps removed from or remaining in the sheet, a marginal index for each group of sheets and formed by extensions of the said leaves, said extensions being of successively increasing length to provide exposed portions, two sets of index numbers on the extensions, one set being arranged on the exposed portion of the extensions and readable from the top to the lower leaf of the group and the second set of index numbers being arranged on the said extensions and arranged to be readable progressively from the bottom to the top leaf for indicating in round numbers the number of stamp sheets in the remaining sheets of the group.

In advocating the establishment of postal savings banks in connection with the post offices the Postmaster-General a couple of years ago said:

Two sevenths of all the postoffices in the country are money order centers, and not only is the country covered by them with almost geographical revenues, but nearly every civilized country of the world also can be reached by them. The number of money order offices has been more than doubled during the last eight years, and the system will be vastly extended, especially in the Mississippi Valley and beyond, during the next few years. In several of the newer States the number of offices will be doubled; already they largely exceed the banks. In Massachusetts, the most highly organized State in the Union in respect to finances, there are 606 money order offices and only 487 banks of all classes. New York, which comes next, has 1,757 money order offices to 728 banks. Alabama, which ranks at the bottom with 40 banks, contains 329 offices handling money orders. Five other States, selected at random, are equipped as follows: Maryland, 105 banks, 279 order offices; Illinois, 281 banks, 705 order offices; Texas, 237 banks, 792 order offices; Kansas, 511 banks, 710 order offices, and Montana, 67 banks and 127 order offices. There are more than twice as many such offices as there are banks, and soon there will be three times as many.

It is evident from two pieces of mail recently received that the permit number is assigned to a firm not to a value or single mailing, for in the same mail I received a catalog and a circular from the jewelry firm, C. D. Peacock Chicago, each franked by permit No. 301, the one being a seven cent value and the other a one cent one.

Occasionally a permit is also changed in value, and a collector in

Bloomington, Ind., sends the following list of these varieties:

Oneida N. Y., permit No. 1, used by Bert, Olney Canning Co., one cent surcharged 2 cents in red.

Bellows Falls, Vt., permit No. 1, used by Vermont Machine Co., one cent raised to two.

Louisiana, Mo., permit No. 1, used by Stark Bros., 2 cents changed to 3 cents.

New York permit No. 107, used by "Maceys" eleven cents lowered to ten cents. The permit now being used is a twelve cent value.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., permit No. 3 is found overprinted on New York permit No. 3 value 8 cents.

The earliest date reported as seen on the new two cent stamp is given by the World as Dec. 4. Publisher received last of November.

The one cent is said to have been placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on Dec. 3.

Rumor says that there may be exactments by congress in the near future which will call for stamp duties and the issue of new revenue stamps may occur. The deficit in revenue is the cause of the talk.

PENNY POSTAGE AND THE STAMP LOVER.

The reduction of the letter rate between Great Britain and the U. S. was celebrated by the Junior Philatelic Society of London by sending an invitation to join to American collectors. This invitation was sent in a specially designed envelope on the 1st of October with the first mail that carried letter under the news rate. Part of it reads as follows:

"The new Penny Postage, we think you will readily agree, should bring the stamp collectors of both countries into closer touch with each other. We speak the same tongue; we can correspond freely by the Penny Post; so we ask you to rejoice with us at the new bond of union established this first day of October, 1908." See illustrations in November WEST.

A post script says: "Collectors under 21 years of age, and ladies only remit 60c, there being no entrance fee for them." The 60c are for annual dues and include subscription to The Stamp Lover, which, by the way, is a paper of unsurpassed value and unequalled excellence, as the name of its editor, Fred J. Melville, would lead one to suppose.

No. 5 of Vol. I., for instance is a pamphlet of 32 pages, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ inches, well printed and beautifully illustrated. We mention the following headings: The Junior Philatelic Society. Prospectus for the New Season, Some Interesting Novelties, J. P. S. Notices The Art of William Mulready, The Library Month by Month, Early postal stationery, John Dickinson, Brighton Branch, "The Penny Post" of 1880, Correspondence, Programme of Meetings, Contemporary Impressions of the Mulready Envelope, Philatelic Nothing, On Collecting in Strips and Blocks, New Books, Postage Stamps of Malta, Business Notes and News Wants and Offers.--(Dorjat).

There are now 39,000 rural free delivery routes in operation in the U. S. The raise in clerical help and carriers' salaries caused an expense of \$9,891,321, additional annually. The institution of a local rural parcel post would, it is estimated, net the department 15 million dollars a year at least.



Reviews and Comments

By Verna Weston Hanway

(American and English publications desiring an impartial review in this periodical will please forward specimen copy marked "For Review" to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, Lk Bx Dallas, Pa.)

(The Twentieth Century Philatelic Directory, pp. 60, B. L. Fuller Co., Washington, D. C.)

A copy of this useful publication has just reached us for review. Twenty-two pages of the directory are given over to the listing of collectors in the United States, the remainder to those in other countries.

Of course this directory does not claim to be a complete index to all philatelists, or even an approximately complete index. Such a work would require vast labor, and would be entirely too bulky for general use. The "Directory," however, lists the names and addresses of an appreciable number of collectors, and will prove most useful for reference purposes.

(The Stamp Lover. Pub. by H. T. Johnson, 44 Fleet St., London, Eng.)

Our library table contains five issues of this most commendable magazine for review,—a veritable embarrassment of riches. We have not the space to give any adequate idea of the many good things contained in these magazines. Since its inception last June, the Stamp Lover has trodden fresh and unconventional trails, and it is in every sense of the term an ideal philatelic magazine.

The October number opens the season fittingly with a variety of articles relating to the early days of prepaid postage. "The Art of William Mulready is a pleasing criticism of an artist whose talent if not genius was closely akin to it. Another article is headed "Contemporary Impressions of the Mulready Envelope."

It is one of the ironies of life that we are best known for the moments when we have failed. Mulready's envelope was his failure. It came in for a great deal of criticism, but we learn from the Stamp Lover, that Thackeray, then writing under his pseudonym of Michael Angelo Titmarsh, defended Mulready and the engraver John Thompson on the grounds that the envelope was a product of haste.

Mulready was a leading artist, and your reviewer has in her collection of prints several charming examples of the ability of Thompson as an engraver.

The feature of the November Stamp Lover is an article, well illustrat-

ed, on the Hawaiian collection of Mr. Henry B. Crocker. Mr. Crocker's collection of "Hawaiians" is the best in existence and the Stamp Lover has indeed furnished philatelists a treat.

(The West End Philatelist. Pub. by D. Field, London, W. November, 1908).

The West End Philatelist differs from most philatelic journals in that the major contents are written by its editor, Bertram W. H. Poole; a practice which might not result so happily under a different editor.

We find in the editorial a philatelic breeze from the far east. The remaining stamps of Crete, it is said, have been surcharged "Ellas" (Greece), the surcharge covering the word Crete in Greek letters. When these are sold, ordinary Greek stamps will be used in the island.

Mr. Pool completes his article, "The Postage Stamps of Hong Kong," in this number. We understand the article has been printed in book form. In concluding he mentions an alleged surcharge, the letters "D. P.," which appear on many stamps of Hong Kong. Many persons have supposed these to be official varieties. On the contrary, Mr. Poole says, they are marked with these initials of a leading newspaper, as a precaution against theft. Numerous firms in this country use a similar device, perforating stamps with initials etc.; the method has been in use in England for some time.

In "Things Worth Knowing" the editor treats the 1896 Provisional Stamps of Seychelles. A very excellent article on "Papua." The Permanent Type" completes Mr. Poole's contributions to this number.

(The Canadian Collector, Toronto, Can., October)

The Canadian Collector comes out in an attractive form, fifteen pages, and covers in color. "A Color Dictionary" lists the best known terms and gives examples of certain stamps in these colors.

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(The Australian Philatelist. Pub. by F. Hagan Ltd., Sydney. Oct. 10th).

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(The Philatelic Tribune. Pub. by C. F. DeKay, Florida, N. Y., pp. 12. December).

The feature of the December number of the Tribune is Mr. R. Thielle's article on "The Late Surcharges for the Italian Offices in the Levant." Mr. Thielle states that a large quantity of unused stamps were ordered by telegraph from Rome, and that on receipt two lots were surcharged on the same day, purposely in different types; that new stamps were held back from sale in order that surcharged stamps might be sold; that errors were created, probably deliberately. Many of these lots were snapped up by speculators. Fresh types of surcharges may be expected as long as they will purchase.

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Letters from Europe--By J. C. Auf der Heide

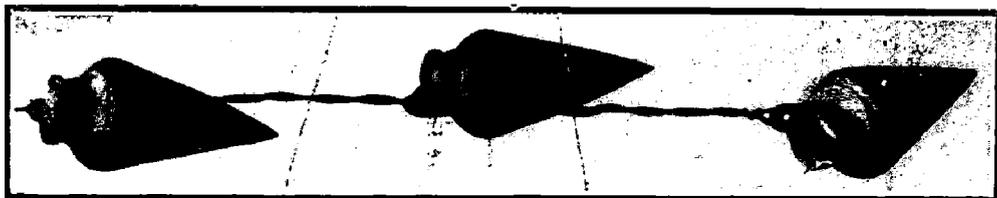
I consider it my duty to write some word for the Anniversary number of the WEST, although my time is very precious now. It is the first of December and on the fifth we have in this country as well as in some parts of Belgium, the fete of Saint Nickolas, on which occasion useful as well as unuseful presents are made to friend and family.

I believe I made about forty new stamp collectors in five days, by selling a great number of Stamp Albums and cheap variety packets. Mr. Brodstone, publisher of this paper, told in the September number, that I was one of the largest Stamp, Book and Postcard dealers of Holland, but he forgot to say by—weight! ! We spent some days together in going up the Rhine, or as this river is called by the Germans, "Vater Rhein". Among the treasures which came our way, were some kilograms of 1600 years old Roman coins. We had to divide them carefully, and put in every pocket at each side an equal number, to prevent stumbling to the earth. Mr. Brodstone was "kodaking" a little all the way and I hope he will publish in the WEST some of the pictures taken. Among the curiosities we observed, was a real old middle aged Castle, with the Stars and Stripes floating over its roof, and while Mr. Brodstone sang Yankee Doodle, I ordered a bottle of real Rudesheimer, to prevent his throat becoming dry!

Now about business: We got two new stamps bi-colored of the 15 and 20c denomination. The 15c is not yet sold to the public. The 20c has a green border and a black center. The surcharges "Java" and "Buiten Bezit" do not come to hand in large quantities. They are laid aside as people think they will grow in value, especially the small values of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, $2\frac{1}{2}$, 3 and 5 cents come slow. One finds 90 or 100 stamps surcharged "Java" against 10 or 15 surcharged "Buiten Bezit." A friend of mine has a strip of three stamps of one gulden, surcharged "Buiten Bezit," but first "Bezit and afterwards "Buiten". These stamps have really been used for postal purposes. For about \$40.00 each in American money he will sell them, and as the number of Specialists in Dutch stamps is very great, he will not keep them long. A number of surcharges printed upside down, has come under notice, but they are all waste paper. They have never been sold to the public nor gone through the post. They are sold for \$20.00 to \$40.00 as yet Holland issued some twenty years ago a gold piece of 5 gulden (two doll.) which are scarce now and sell at double face. The only gold coin now circulating is the ten gulden gold piece. Next year Amsterdam will hold the best Stamp Exhibition it had for years. The greatest collectors at home and abroad are expected to contribute. The Austrian Jubilee stamps are offered in large numbers, but one seldom sees a 5 or 10 Kronen Stamp among them. The five Heller postcard which had its own stamp design has now been issued with the same design as the five Heller Jubilee Stamp. The new Kohl catalogue gives no less than 800 varieties for Holland, in perforations, colors and types. Austria not Hungary included, is given 39 pages printed in the smallest type. The three leading Postage Stamp Albums used in Holland are printed in German. They are the Schaubeck, Schwaneberger and Universal. The latter is rapidly coming to the front, since this company published a permanent loose leaf Album for only \$5.00. Some good albums were printed in Dutch forty years ago one going through eight editions. We seldom see English or French albums here, though the number printed for private use is important. A happy Anniversary to you all, as tiny Tim said.



L. L. Cline, Hutchison, Kan. A. W. Odell, St. John, New Brunswick, Can.
See their ads in this issue.

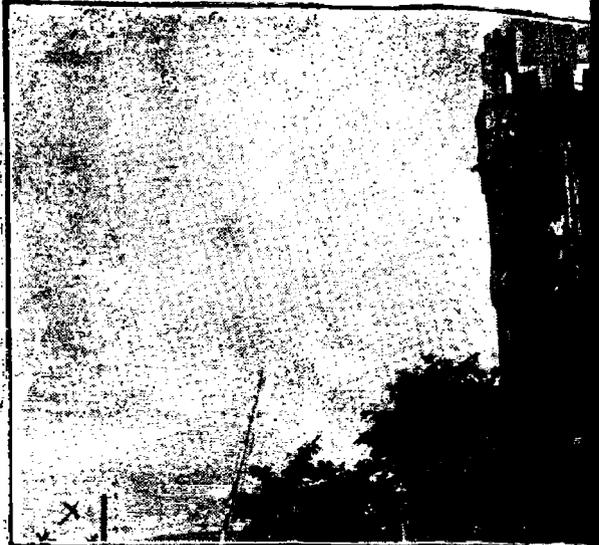
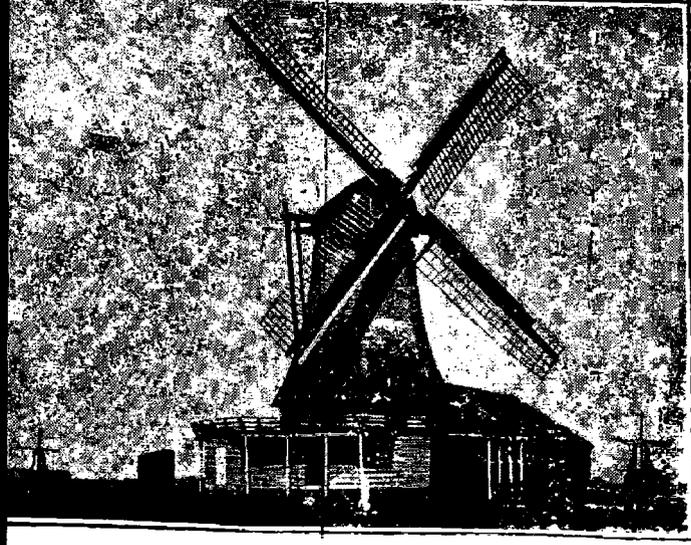


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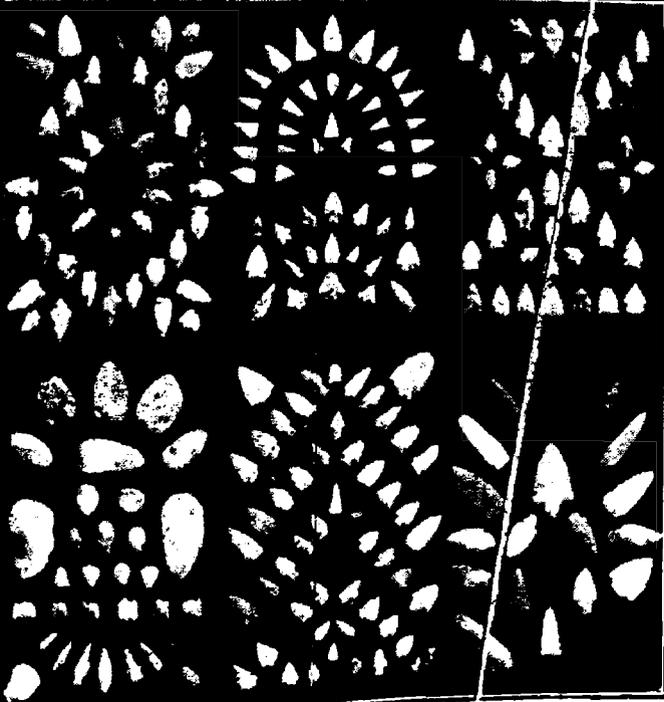
Wallace, Hughes and Gilder, near the place where the first discovery of the Mound Builders west of Missouri river was made, near South Omaha, Nebraska.

C. Lester Davis, LeRoy, Kan.





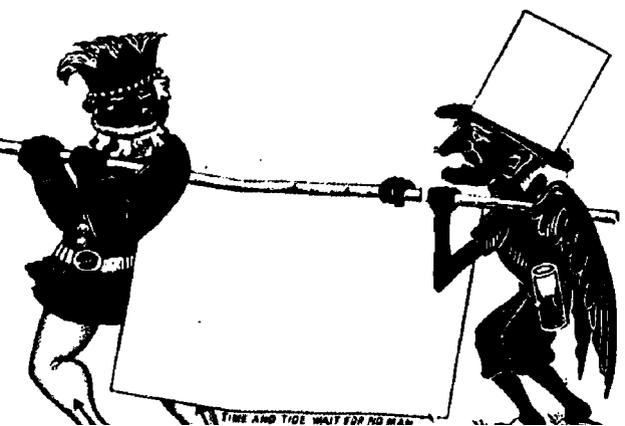
Scene near Amsterdam Holland sent by Auf der Heide, largest dealer in Holland. He and Castle across from Bingen on the Rhine. Near X is The Germania Monument, one of the finest and largest



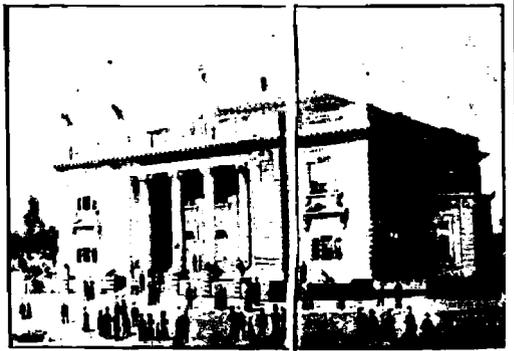
Some Arrows, Speers and Scrapers picked up by S. S. Garrison in Will County, near Lockport, Ill.



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A London Drakets' Card.

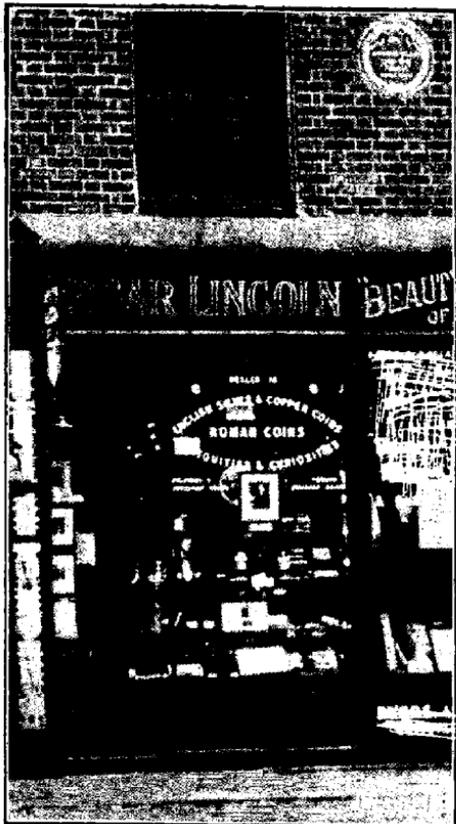




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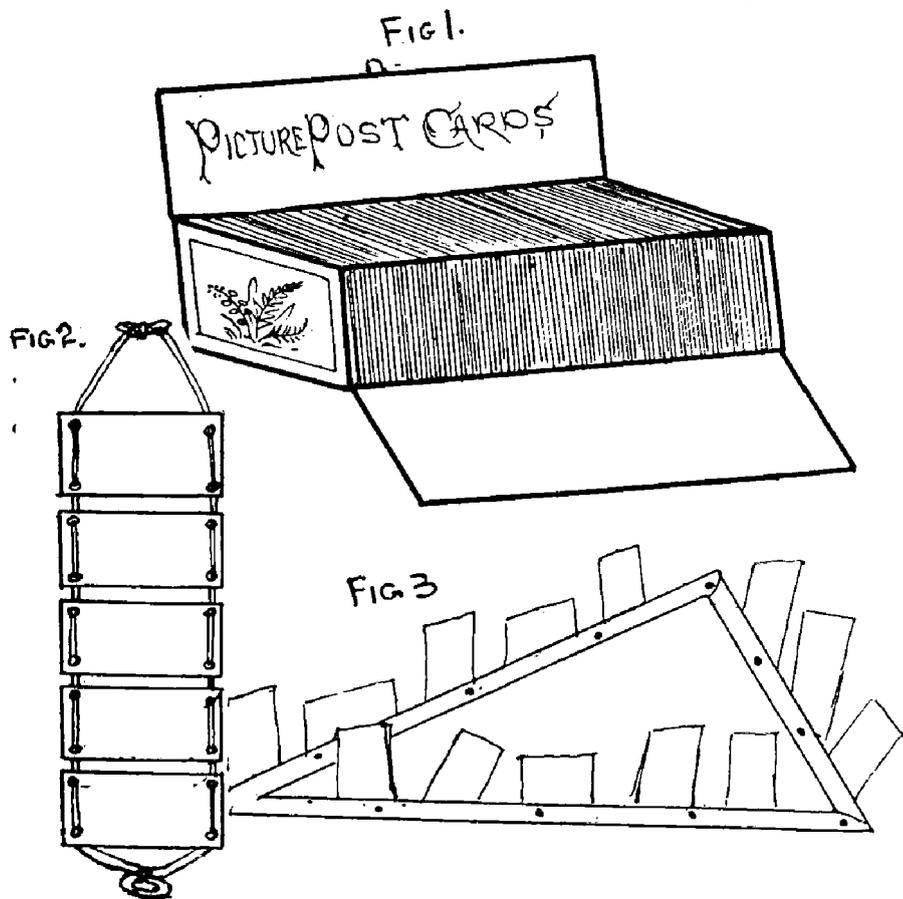
Collection of Old Guns of Stephen Van Rensselaer,





August Anderson, Scenic Post Card
Photograher, Exira, Ia. See his ads.

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POST CARD

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The World
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A pretty poem came to my mind I once read in one of our Post Card Magazines and I will quote some few verses I thought to be very good and enjoyed by post card friends.

Oh, picture postcard, that to me
Affords a long desired relief
Your virtue is that you must be brief.
It is a pleasant habit quite
With distant friends to keep in touch

But still it is a bore to write much.
A letter once it is begun
If made too short may look absurd.
Give me a card with room for one
word.

When mailing view cards to foreigners always bear in mind that collectors would like to see how we live, our customs, our people out pastimes, resorts, industries, natural wonders, street scenes or anything portraying the U. S. A.

Remember when the foreigner receives a card after three or four months of expectant waiting and receives some building or other card of little importance the result will be that he feels discouraged and sends no second card for return. A good joke about picture postals reads as follows: S.—“What will you do about picture post cards? I understand that they will not be made any longer.” Collector—“Why not?” S.—“Because they are long enough now.”

A nice fad just out is the photo print sofa pillow, or photo Post Card Pillow. Any photo post cards you may have of your town can be reproduced on silk or satin pillow tops. From four to ten views on one pillow top can be had making it a collection of interest if well chosen of places dear to one or of interest to one. These make nice holiday presents to friends. A college Pillow can be arranged neatly depicting the exterior of College Bldg's, as well as interior views, together with street scenes of the College town and things of interest pertaining to college life. Such a pillow would be a grand surprise to some old college friend. It would be a life long Souvenir to any one to remember old surroundings by, and places of interest.

Not only buildings and pictures of sceneries could be reproduced, but the photos of college friends and students as well.

These pillow tops sell for \$1. The higher priced depending on the

quality of the material such as expensive silk, etc. From the city of Mexico are seen nine new cards of interest, showing the hotel Iturbide, once the Emperor palace City of Mexico, The Cathedral, a large, massive building, with two large towers. This cathedral stands where formerly was the teocalli of the Aztec priests. The Aztecs' greatest idol, the stone God of War whose insatiable appetite yearly exacted thousands of human sacrifices, reposes to this day in the museum at Mexico as well as the great sacrificial stone on which thousands of his victims were bound, while their breasts were torn open and their hearts were thrown into the golden salver which stood before the hideous stone face of the war lord. The Castle of Chapultepec is seen in one view as well as the parks surrounding it. The famous old cypress trees at Chapultepec are the same under which Cortez and Montezuma walked, which have grown into gigantic trees since the night when Cortez paused to weep when driven from the city by the revolting Indians. Sunny glimpses of flowered court yards (remining one of Italy and Spain) are seen, such as the court yards of the hotel del Jardín, the garden of the Adriatic at Miramar. The Street scenes are very interesting showing modern shops, the peons in their native costumes. Here are contrasts everywhere the old and the new.

The patient lime pack mules, jostled and pushed aside to clear the way for the electric tram cars. From Vera Cruz are seen notable pictures showing a famous Cathedral, the public Square, the New Wharfs, the old Spanish Prison and Fortress on the harbor of Vera Cruz. The Cathedral is said to be one of the finest with its alters and font and table of onyx, its candelabra of silver and gold. This has stood thro' three centuries and is to this day one of the greatest for religious worship on the entire continent in spite of the big growth and enormous wealth of the North. A certain Adolph in Passau, Bavaria, 1878 first introduced the artotype post card into trade. A complete revolution in the Post Card business took place 12 years later. The reason why this was so delayed is that at first only a single negative could be copied on a printing plate, because the exposure and consequently the transparency of the photo negative varies greatly.

A good joke reads as follows:—"I wonder what will be the first thing they sight at the North Pole?"

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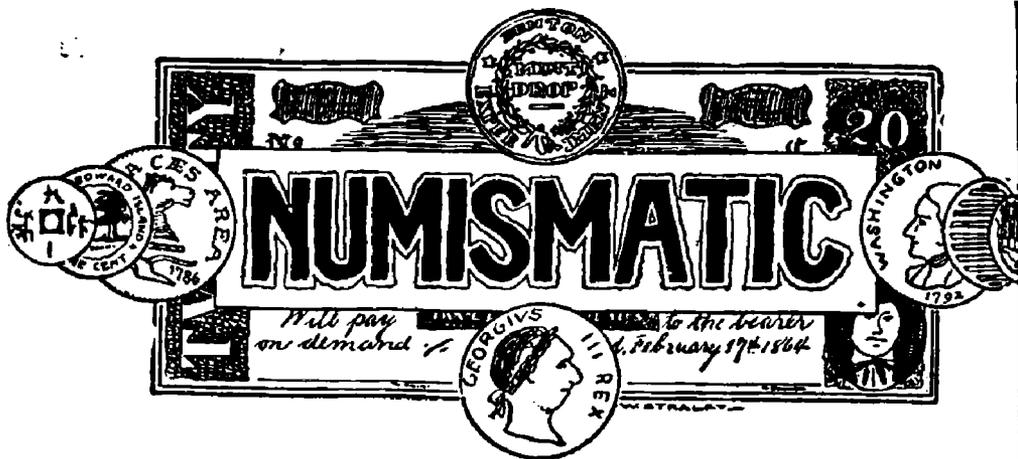
BIG PICTURE FOR UNCLE SAM.

The United States Government has made a contract with the firm of Gates & Morange of West Twenty-ninth Street for the execution of an enormous cyclorama for the Alaska-Yukon and Pacific Exhibition at Seattle next year. The contract calls for a huge picture on 30,000 square feet of canvas representing mountain scenery of Alaska. There will be besides minor views of Crater Lake, Oregon, and studies from the Grand Cañon of the Colorado, and Yellowstone Park.

Mr. Morange of the firm has sailed for Juneau, Alaska, to make sketches for his big work. He said: "Some have thought scene painting to be a minor art, and not important from a standard of fine arts. Of late years however, rapid strides have been made to keep pace with the improved tastes of the theatregoers, and the best scenic artists look upon their work very seriously." The expense of cyclorama of Alaskan scenery will be paid out of a National appropriation voted to advertise the natural scenic wonders of the country.

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BY CHESTER DUNHAM.

I had the pleasure of examining today and admiring a United States coin set of 1908 in all denominations.

The silver half dollar, quarter, dime, nickle and cent have not been changed, and the familiar form of old silver dollar is still absent.

Thanks to our great and good numismatist, President R., we have a genuine Indian head on the quarter and half eagle.

The portrait is similar to the one on the five dollar silver certificate. A peculiarity of both quarter and half eagle is that all described parts below are incuse—obverse of half eagle—head of Indian Chief facing left, head-dress of feathers LIBERTY above, dividing 13 stars 6 facing 7 behind. Below, 1908

Reverse:—Eagle facing left, standing on quiver of arrows entwined by a vine, above UNITED STATES OF AMERICA before E PLURIBUS UNUM in three lines behind IN GOD WE TRUST in 4 lines below, FIVE DOLLARS

Milled edge—size 22 millimeters, wt., 129 grs.

The Quarter Eagle is a facsimile of the half eagle with exception of change in denomination 2 1-2 DOLLARS and size 19 millimeters—wt. 64 grs.

The Eagle is similar to that of 1907. Obverse, a ladies face with an Indian head dress of feathers, facing left. Above 13 stars in a circle, below, 1903.

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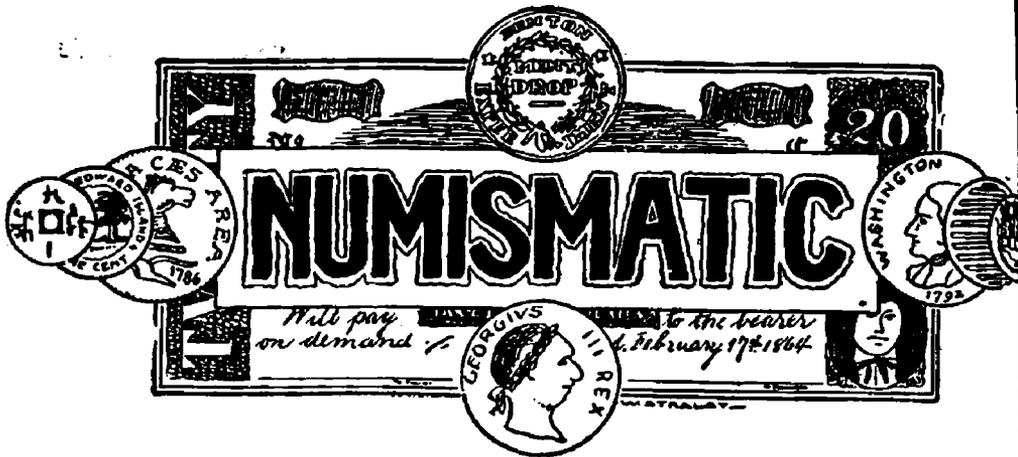
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BY CHESTER DUNHAM.

I had the pleasure of examining today and admiring a United States coin set of 1908 in all denominations.

The silver half dollar, quarter, dime, nickel and cent have not been changed, and the familiar form of old silver dollar is still absent.

Thanks to our great and good numismatist, President R., we have a genuine Indian head on the quarter and half eagle.

The portrait is similar to the one on the five dollar silver certificate. A peculiarity of both quarter and half eagle is that all described parts below are incuse—obverse of half eagle—head of Indian Chief facing left, head-dress of feathers LIBERTY above, dividing 13 stars 6 facing 7 behind. Below, 1908

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Milled edge—size 22 millimeters, wt., 129 grs.

The Quarter Eagle is a facsimile of the half eagle with exception of change in denomination 2 1-2 DOLLARS and size 19 millimeters—wt. 64 grs.

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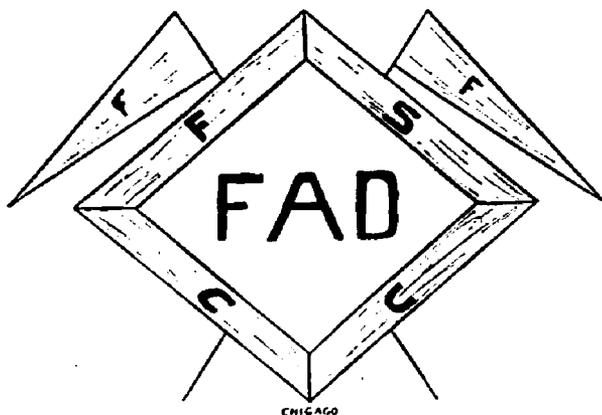
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46. Harry Groves, Cavite, Manila, Philippine Islands; Actresses, and women's heads.

NOTICE.

18. Geo. J. Rhein, Manchester, Wisconsin desires foreign exchange

only.

Dear "Fadists"—We desire to call your attention to the fact the "Fad" has dropped the Defense Fund and in its stead have maintained a Free Information Bureau. This we think, is a more satisfactory benefit to offer to members and know you yourself will be pleased with the change. See circular form.

Yours fraternally

Elmer O Arends, Sec'y.

"Best wishes for a Happy New Year".

FAD SOUVENIR CARD CLUB OBJECTS.

1. To secure the names of reliable and honest collectors as members of this organization to indulge in the correspondence with other members pertaining to the collecting and exchanging of souvenir post post cards.

2. To maintain a Translation Bureau for the use of those members receiving foreign communications which they are unable to translate.

Mr. Alois Vederjak, 243 E. 84th St. New York City is at the head of this department and all such letters will be given the best of services. The club pays for all such letters and post cards sent to the Translation Bureau.

3. To maintain and establish a Free Information Bureau for the benefit of all members desiring information concerning historical and geographical post cards.

This Bureau will be equipped with all the necessary books taken from the libraries, institutes, etc. This is one of the best benefits ever offered to collectors as all questions and queries answered from this department will be a great help to all members. Do you not think so?

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It is surprising how many people, not regular collectors are interested in old coins. One of our publishers late auction sale was noted in some of the N.Y. dailies and these notices were copied into a number of papers published in various cities with the result that we have received nearly one thousand letters making inquiries regarding old coins in the writer's possession. Naturally very few of these have any value because coins in the hands of a number of people are not rare. A week seldom passes without a lot of coins being submitted to us by the administrators of some estate. In fact it is safe to say that at least a quarter of the adult population of the country have a small hoard of obsolete coins in their possession. Of course these people cannot be considered coin collectors, they simply save anything curious that comes their way. Numismatics is making rapid progress in the country, a New York daily publishes a column article in every Sunday issue, and numerous notes are constantly appearing in the public press. Collectors are increasing and the demand for U. S. cent, half dollars, and gold cannot be supplied except at advancing prices. The buyers of real fine coins have made enormous profits in the past but buyers of rare specimens today will quadruple the investment inside of ten years.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

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Novel Features of 1908 Rare Book Season *By O. L. D.*

The past year has been a very trying one to dealers in rare and second hand books. People did not have the money to indulge their hobbies in buying rare First Editions, scarce and out of print rarities. These were classed as superfluous luxuries and "cut out." Many a dealer has shown a perisstant customer some rare little "nugget" that he would dearly love to add to his collection only to be turned down with the rather curt "Nothin' doin'." With scarcely enough money to pay grocery, clothing and butcher bills and the ordinary necessities of life is it any wonder that book lovers couldn't indulge their propensity to add to their collections!

The 1908 American Book Prices Current reflect this depressed state of the book market. True some very fair lots of books were sold by Executors to close up estates that collectors who had bought books for speculative purpose held off awaiting a more propitious time. With the return of good times and a freer circulation of money we may expect some fine collections to be thrown on auction boards in 1909-10.

Scrutinizing the Auction Sales of 1908 we are struck with some very peculiar phases of book collecting. For many years there lived in Long Island a strange and eccentric character, hermit—book collector—quasi poet who figured in one of Mark Twain's early works—a man by the name of Cutter, who had amassed a most extraordinary collection of early books and pamphlets on the Railroads, Canals, and Transportation Co's of the U. S. These were sold by auction by a prominent house in N. Y., and it is astonishing to note the interest and zest displayed by collectors in scrambling for them and the phenomenal prices some of them realized. Since then Railroad stuff has been considered "good medicine" and all the dealers are very keen after it. But I fancy this is one of those ephemeral crazes in the collecting line that may or may not pass off—explained in this case probably by the fact that there may have been two railroad officials, millionaires doubtless both collectors in this line who were pitted against each other in auction room, hence the fancy prices realized.

Another remarkable feature about the 1908 sales season was the extraordinary interest and prices paid for those old paper covered Song & Minstrel books current about 30 or 50 years ago and which then sold for 10 or 25 cents. "Jenny Lind Songster," "Negro Songster," "Harrison Campaign Song Book," "Lincoln Song Book," any old thing in way of a song or Minstrel

book fetched from \$3 to \$15.00. One would have thought that the shade of old Tony Pastor was haunting the market place for old coon songs, glees, catches, or that some member of the Hebrew Theatrical Trust had gone "daffy" on these old time melodies and was trying to corner the market; or perchance Victor Herbert had given a dealer carte blanche to gather up all he could of this strange typically American music and jocular literature to embody perhaps in his catchy and tuneful comic operas.

Books in on Pirates, Freebooters, Highwaymen had a most remarkable vogue & sale. Almost anything about those old sea rovers or bucanneers, Morgan, Kidd, etc., was eagerly held up to fancy prices. I picked up on a street bargain counter at 25 cents an Inghram 'Capt Kidd 2 Vols', for 25c the same item fetched 12.00. A purchase from a Dutch dealer of a Whitehead—Voyagers du Chemin at 2.00. It fetched in half morocco 13.00. A friend tells me a trifling little volume on Pirates that he picked out of a London dealers List at two shillings, fetched 6.50 at a sale of his last spring. Verily a perfect furor for Piratical literature and yet next year the same books may drop to their proper worth intrinsically speaking and fetch but one fifth of what they did the past year. You see you never can tell what craze will strike the book auction market or what kind of a maggot will get into the brain of a rich collector who is bent on bulling the market in the line of goods he specially fancies. No accounting for the singular whims, and idiosyncracies of book collectors. "Every one to their tastes" as the old woman said when she kissed the cow. But don't let anyone on reading the above imagine that he is justified in buying Piratical literature indiscriminately at any cost or speculation purposes or he may be sadly left.

As the past year of financial depression might properly be called a "rich mans panic" or money stringency among the wealthier classes, bankers, brokers, stock jobbers many of whom have fads in bank collections as a consequence of hard times there was a veritable slump in the ruling high prices of scarce First Editions of representative American and English authors and prices fell off at least one third and one half from the great Arnold sale of 1905. Only the wealthy can indulge in collecting rare "First" and as many of these men have been hard up—some mortgaging their homes, selling their automobiles, dismissing servants and having and living on borrowed money for ordinary household expenses it is quite natural that prices ruled law and that very few good collections were offered for sale. The rarer First Editions of such writers as Hawthorne, Poe, Whittier, Irvins, will always be eagerly sought for and command tall prices, especially in immaculate condition and those who have collections of such will know that the longer they hold on the more valuable they will become and only the direst necessity or severest reversal of fortune would induce them to part with them, consequently in an "off year" like this passing there was a surprising dearth of rarities offered.

Very few fine Autograph collections were offered in 1908. Autographs are one of the things in literary merchandise that absolutely must go up in value. The supply of good historical autograph letters is becoming scarcer every day they are being rapidly absorbed by great Libraries, Antiquarians and Historical Societies with very little prospect of ever coming again on the market. Then too, the days of lengthy letter writing and pen written historical documents are past. All the letters of today's distinguished men are for most part dictated to Secretaries and typed and signed only in auto-

graph signature, consequently it goes without saying that good autograph letters of past prominent authors, statesmen warriors must of necessity rise in value and be more sought for year by year.

The above are some of the most novel features of the panicky year of 1908 in the rare book business. Many dealers bought sparingly and added few if any rare books to their stocks, but on the other hand, many "cleaned house" and dumped an amazing mass of indigestible and unsalable junk and rubbish on the auction block for just what it would bring. With the election of a new president, confidence restored in business circles, and that "tired feeling" gone with the elimination of Mr. Bryan from public view, the dealers all look hopefully forward to a prosperous year in 1909.

Aboriginal Life--By J. Francis

Like a moleheap on a meadow the Black Hills of South Dakota rise out of the prairie with Kearney peak in the South and Custer Peak in the north as height extremities. From those peaks the various creeks branch like threads and spiderwebs. As a rule those streams reaching the prairie sink in the ground running through subterranean channels in the limestone, till it appears again on the prairie as a slow, placid creek:—But I was going to tell something about prehistoric camps.

On every stream I have visited, where the hills and the prairie join together, is an ancient camping ground. My theory of locating those camps can nearly always be followed to success; but still it fails. As we have here in the Hills no ruins to prove their living in houses, we supposed they lived in tents of barks, rushes or skins, with the ground for bedsteads and skin for covering. We will then reason out their camping place accordingly. For instance, we will suppose a thorough windbreak would be necessary, to keep the tents from blowing away, and then proper drainage, such as low hills or large slopes would accomplish, keeping the occupants from being drowned out. As a coincidence, by means of necessity, such places were selected by our earliest inhabitants, and in turn followed by the Indians, who again submitted his inherited roaming place to the white habitation; consequently many of those places are destroyed, or rather, the implements left there generally are, which implements were evidently made by prehistoric people, have later been gathered up, and used by the Indians, who acknowledge to have used them, but deny the making of them. By this constant use for centuries without renewing the supply, the whole relics left are but few. Two visits to a place 14 miles in the Hills on Elk creek netted me 76 whole specimens and a friend with me, about the same amount; but at the mouth of some creek I found 154 whole relics, some very rare. At this last place more than half were knives and scrapers. I have noticed the same things over again. It seems that the camps jolting the prairie have been regular tanneries, judging from the great amount of knives and scrapers found. This is probably due to the buffalo on the prairies, as being their main meat crop. Further up in the Hills, the specimens found are mostly arrows. This may indicate deerhunting expeditions of shorter duration, while the camps on the prairie were more permanent. At the edge of the Hills on Whitewood creek at Camp Crook has been a sort of preparing shop. For acres the ground is covered with large flint chips, and turtlebacks by the thousands are strewn everywhere. Curiously, I found no trace of any camp,

though on a small round hill in a heap of fine chips, I found one spear, three arrows and 4 scrapers. These relics were made here, as the chips were of the same kind as the implements, and the makers either slayed, or left in haste never to return. However the place was forgotten. In the Hills look for a camp at the junction of a tributary to the main creek. At such a place three or more hollows come together, making a center of good burying grounds, and for domestic uses. The water in smaller creeks is purest.

My next article will be my theory on the age of the stone implements.

INVENTOR OF PICTURE POSTCARD FAD DIES.

The man who invented the picture post card died recently in Germany. His name—it happens to be Schwartz—will be unknown to all but a small fraction of the people who send these cards daily. No one cares who started the printing of illustrated cards ready for mailing, yet millions of them are in transit daily. They are a valuable medium of communication, indeed, they may be said to be a powerful stimulant to correspondence.

A traveler reaches a new town to stop for a night and at the news stand or cigar stand or the soda fountain finds a collection of "local" cards. They are cheap and in five minutes as many of them can be addressed, stamped and mailed, sending to five friends information of location and words of greeting. The receipt of a card from a tourist is gratifying. It is pleasant to be thus remembered. But if it were not for the pictures the cards would not be sent, for most people hesitate to use plain postal cards in polite communication, and only a very few travelers take time or trouble to write letters.

It is impossible to measure the educational effect of the picture postal. They have given to people in all corners of the world glimpses of foreign parts which they never hope to see. They have stimulated interest in geography and history and have in many cases evoked a desire to travel. A well kept post card album gives a child a distinct interest in the regions which lie beyond the personal horizon. The sense of communication with foreign countries is broadening. Many times the post cards are artistic and foster the latent love of the beautiful. The treasures of art galleries in Europe are by this cheap and simple means shared with millions in this country.

It was inevitable that the post card fad should cause a flooding of the mails. Postal authorities have bewailed the practice, but their complaints have fallen on deaf ears. The postal service is established for the precise purpose which the picture post card forwards so effectively, namely, the prompt transmission of intelligence. Herr Schwartz may not be honored with a monument contributed by the employes of the post offices of the world, but he deserves to be set down in the records of this wonderful age as the inventor of one of the most popular and useful methods of communication ever devised. He truly helped to girdle the earth.

Look up Post card Ads of The WEST and thereby help your collection.

By using the Exchange Column collectors wants will catch the eye of all who are likely to be able to supply what is needed. Dealers watch such advertisements very closely, and collectors who want to dispose of duplicates will not fail to note the opportunity for exchange or sale. Low rates, only one cent a word, three times for price of two. Many keep ads this way 6 months and a year and it pays them. Will sure help you and pay you to try it.



The 59th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, on Friday evening, Dec. 4th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Blumenschien, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Williams, Ripstra, Lewis, Tierney, Kelley, Green, Verkler, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Simpson, Leon, Tuckerman and

Doctors Merrill and Bert.

Mr. Swift was present as a visitor. Mr. Wm. Hesslein was elected to membership.

The election of officers for 1909 resulted as follows: President, V. M. Brand; Vice President, F. Elmo Simpson; Secretary, Ben G. Green; Treasurer, W. F. Dunham; Censor, T. E. Leon; Librarian, Chester Dunham; Curator, M. P. Carey; Executive Board, J. B. Holmes, W. F. Dunham and Dr. F. B. Merrill.

On motion the Society voted to hold semi-monthly informal meeting on the third Friday evening of each month, except where previous meetings had been arranged for that night.

Under exhibits Mr. Leon showed proof quarter and half eagles of the new design, a set of Mormon gold and a set of copper patterns of the California gold coins. Dr. Merrill showed some half eagles and Pioneer gold.

Magazines received since last meeting were Mehl's Monthly for November and December, Chicago Collectors Monthly for October and the Numismatische Correspondenz, Spink's Numismatic Circular and the Numismatist for November. Auction catalogs were received from Green and Low; catalogs with fixed prices from Steigerwalt (3), Geo. N. Olcott and Sally Rosenberg; and a priced catalog from Green.

Adjourned to meet Jan. 8th, 1908.

The following are some of the prices realized in Green's 44th sale held on the 27th ult.: The trade dollar of 1884 brought \$280.00; the Tiffany Bryan dollar brought \$10.00; the 1793 cents brought from \$10.00 to \$57.00 each; the 1794 Hays No 56 cent brought \$18.00; the 1799 cent, \$82.50; the 1804 cent, \$62.00; 1806 cent, \$29.00; 1807 perfect date cent, \$32.00; 1808 cent, \$16.50. The flying eagle cents of 1856 brought \$11.00 for the copper nickel; \$31.00 for the pure copper and \$37.50 for the pure nickel. The twelve patterns of 1858 small cents in copper nickel brought prices ranging from \$1.60 to 3.10 each. An 1863 copper proof cent brought \$2.60; and a five cent nickel of 1866 without rays brought \$4.80.

Among the out of town visitors present at the sale were Wm. Hesslein of New Haven, Conn., H. R. Newcomb, Detroit, Mich., A. L. Schuyler, Clinton, Ia., A. P. Wylie, Troy Grove, Ill., and Judson Brenner, DeKalb, Ill.

Yours very truly, Ben G. Green.

We are already cogitating on improvements for this year, and shall always be glad of suggestions or criticisms that will help us to improve our pages, or mend the error of any bad habits that have been apparent. Do not hesitate to say what you like and what you do not like, and what, in your opinion, is open to improvement. We are doing our best, according to our lights, to please two people—yourselves and ourselves.

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EDITOR'S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines, books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

"Massasoit's Town, Sowamis in Pokanoket; Its History Legends and Tradition," by Virginia Baker Warren R. I. A copy of this nice booklet of 43 pages has been received and read with much interest. The author traces and explains the history and traditions of this famous Chief and his people in a most interesting manner. All students of history should read this narrative.

The September—October number of Records of the Past, (Washington, D. C.) contains the following articles of interest to students of American archeology: "A New Serpent Mound in Ohio and Its Significance," by G. F. Wright; "Relics of the Past in Southern Minnesota," by A. T. Gesner; "Preservation of the Man Mound, Wisconsin," "Discoverys of first Mound Builders in Nebraska made by S. P. Hughes and Wallace" together with numerous interesting editorial notes.

Recently while workmen were excavating for a warehouse in East St. Louis, Illinois, they exhumed the bones of 16 supposed Mound Builders. The first skeleton encountered was found in a stone tomb, and when the slab which covered the top was removed the skeleton, standing upright, could be seen, but crumbled to dust when struck by the air. Near the base and seven feet below this tomb were found the skeletons of 15 men, all above normal height. They were seated in a circle about the tomb where their chief-tain had been walled up. As the earth was cleared away they also fell to pieces. In the bottom of the chief's tomb was found fire pottery bowls, 20 flint arrowheads and a stone hatchet.

Geronimo was doing a rushing business on the streets today, selling Indian relics, the bow and arrow being his favorite article of merchandise. He prints his name on the bow and sells it with two arrows for \$1 50.—Lawton News-Republican

The remains of a prehistoric animal forty feet long and twenty-two feet in height as found in the bad lands south of Glasgow, Mont, by Barnum Brown, of New York, connected with the American Museum of Natural History. The relic has been shipped to New York. It took sixteen teams to haul the the fossil to the railroad, the skull alone weighing 4,000 pounds. Mr. Brown classifies the fossil as a tyraunosaurusrex, "King of the Lizards.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

A profoundly interesting subject again comes to light in a dispatch from Chippewa Falls, Wis., which says that Riley Jones had forwarded to Washington proofs to show that he had discovered a method of tempering copper and asking for the \$1,000,000 reward which has for years been the standing offer of the government. Jones is reported to have samples of copper tempered to the hardness of flint. The discovery is the result of twelve years' work. Doubtless more will be shortly forthcoming regarding this latest addition to the ranks of the rainbow chasers.

One of the largest iron ore reserves in the present field of iron mining is located in New York state, according to a report submitted to Andrew S. Draper, state commissioner of education, by Dr. John M. Clarke, the state geologist.

Dr. Clarke has just completed an investigation into the iron mining fields of New York and reports that a field is presented for exploitation in the so-called Clinton formation, situated in the central and western sections of the state, which, according to conservative estimates, carries a volume of mineable ore of not less than 600,000,000 tons.

Dr. Clarke's report is chiefly based upon a series of diamond drilling across an extensive belt of territory lying along trunk railroad lines, which have been carried out in pursuance of a special appropriation made for that purpose by the legislature of 1907. He says in part:

"The deposits with which the report is concerned are hematites of good to excellent iron percentages and are deposited in beds of the Clinton formation. The succession of rock strata takes its name from Clinton, Oneida county, but is represented by a continuous belt that stretches across the central and western parts of the state from Otego county to the Niagara river. The formation, with its characteristic ore beds, occurs as well in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Wisconsin, and in many of the southern states, attaining special prominence in Tennessee and Alabama, where the deposits are the main support of the iron manufacturing industry of that section."

Mineral and mining publications sent to the address of the editor of this department, as above given, will be awarded an impartial review as to their contents. Especial attention will be given articles of worth contained therein, relative to the mining arts.

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado

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The 46th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held Nov. 20th at the residence of F. Fellows, 3159 Vallejo St. With 10 members present the meeting was called to order with President Jackson in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read. The Secretary was ordered to write publishers of the 20th Century Philatelic Directory in regard to the Club's copy not being forthcoming. The following nominations were then made for Librarian, vice R. Harris, resigned: D. Sargent, J. Kramer. Result of vote Kramer 4, Sargent 3. It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to investigate as to the whereabouts of the Club's library; following were appointed: F. Fellows, P. Kramer, J. Kramer. The Club then adjourned to auction sale; several interesting lots were sold. The exhibit of Cuba resulted as follows: F. Fellows, 9 points; F. Klink, 6 points; J. C. Skinner, 3 points.

Refreshments were furnished by Fellows. As an appreciation of same a vote of thanks was tendered and heartily made unanimous.

Fraternally yours, A. L. Nell, Sec'y.

The 47th regular meeting of the J. S. C. was held Dec. 4th at the residence of F. W. Klink, 3243 Wyandot St., with 8 members present, Vice-President J. C. Skinner presiding, President R. Jackson being absent. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Kramer reported that he had received no reply from the letter he had sent to Mr. Nelson concerning the library. The Club was entertained by a comedy given by several members. Yours fraternally, P. J. McIntyre, Sec'y pro tem.

The 48th regular meeting of the J. S. C. was held at the residence of Fred Fellows, 3159 Vallejo St., with 7 members and 1 visitor present. Vice-President J. C. Skinner presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The exhibit was Hayti, resulting in Fred Fellows 1st, Donald Sargent 2nd, J. C. Skinner 3rd. The Club was furnished refreshments by the host. W. D. Sargent, Sec'y pro tem.

Canadian Gold Coins.—Six gold brick from the Dr. Reddick Larder Lake gold mines, aggregating between 60 and 70 ounces, have been sent to the Ottawa branch of the royal mint to be minted into English sovereigns. These will be the first gold coins made in Canada. There are no dies for the stamping of Canadian gold coins at the mint at present, but the Imperial Government, when the institution was opened, granted permission to the authorities to mint English sovereign pieces until Dec 31, 1908. The expiration of the time has almost come, and this consignment of gold will be the only English coins of Canadian metal made in Canada.

A Kolumn for Kansas Collectors

By George J. Remsburg

The skeleton of a mammoth elephant was unearthed during the past summer in Butler county, Kansas. One of the tusks found measured nearly eight feet in length.

Dr. Arthur Wellington Clark, of Lawrence, Kans., is said to possess the largest and most valuable collection of book plates, war medals, decorations and Napoleonic autographs in the West. His collection of book plates numbers over 500, and contains examples of the work of such distinguished artists as French, Spencely, Mucha, Beardsley, Hopson, Ewer, Parish and Sherborn.

The exhibit of relics and curios made by the Daughters of the Revolution in the City Hall, is surprisingly large and interesting, considering that the branch of the order in Atchison is comparatively young, and this is away out west. Usually, when families move as far west as this they leave everything that belonged to their grandmothers in their old home, but a surprisingly large number seem to have brought these priceless heirlooms West with them. Mrs. W. F. Barrows, Mrs. A. M. Cosgrove, Mrs. Leroy Lyons, Mrs. C. A. Lockwood, and Mrs. J. L. Berry and others have heirlooms on exhibition that are very valuable and interesting. Mrs. Berry has a copy of the Blue Laws of Connecticut published in 1784, that would prove more entertaining reading than any late novel; there is a spinning wheel, old dishes and spoons; and samplers, coverlids, quilts, etc., made by hands that have long since turned to dust.—Atchison Globe.

Mr. L. Frasser Delany, an archeological student of Pawtucket, R. I., sends us an interesting account of a steatite or soapstone quarry which was worked by prehistoric Indians. The ledge is situated at Johnston, in the vicinity of Pawtucket, and the state of Rhode Island has just marked its site with a bronze tablet bearing this inscription:

"An Indian Quarry.

One of the Few in New England.
From this Soapstone Ledge Now
Only Partly Uncovered, the
Indians Fashioned Utensils
For Family Use and trade."

We regret that we cannot find space for a more extended account of this important New England discovery.

A quaint little mahogany writing desk owned by Douglass Gardner of Kansas City once belonged to Noah Webster of dictionary fame. Ink pots, fondly preserved on the desk, are said to have been made by Webster. A tradition in the Gardner family says that Webster used the little desk part of the time when he was editing his dictionary. Douglass Gardner is a student at the University of Missouri. His father, Dorsey Gardner, was one of the editors of an edition of Webster's dictionary, and it was through his connection with the publication that the desk came into possession of the family. Dorsey Gardner's name is given in the 1891 edition of Webster's dictionary as one of the associate editors. He was a magazine writer of some note and the author of several books. Douglass Gardner also owns a copy of one of the earliest editions of Webster's dictionary, and other mementoes of the lexicographer. The old dictionary is in two volumes, bound in pigskin.

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 piasters, 4 kronas. For those who are already subscribers to THE PHILATELIC WEST the
 dues are as follows: United States and Canada, 35 cents; Mexico, 75 centavos; Foreign, 50
 cents; 2½ francs, 2 shillings, 2 marks, 2½ lire; 1 veu, 1½ rupees 1 ruble 2½ pesetas, 1.25 flo-
 rins, 1 milreis, 10 piasters, 2 kronas.

Address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any of the officers or representatives:

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.
 1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
 2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
 3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.

4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
6. The society gives as a premium five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured, and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.
7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive *The WEST* regularly, and not the Secretary of *The UNION*. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.
9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.
10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards, by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months;
11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage [The last list was published May 1st, so if you wish a copy please send postage to the Secretary.]
12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in *The UNION*.

ROLL OF HONOR. Our Five Leaders.

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| 916. L. W. Dixon | Points to date 34 | 903. Arnaldo Ghisla | Points to date 13 |
| 868. Mrs. John Hoffman | 12 | 814. Miss M. Hays | 8 |
| | 546. Pierson Hardwick | Points to date 7 | |

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured.

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| 916 L W Dixon, previous points 33, new points 1, total points 34. | |
| 1619. Elmor Mohring, new 1, total 1 | 1622 Wm. R. Sonder, new 1, total 1. |
| 1639. Forrest E Jewett, new 1, total 1 | |

IMPORTANT!

The Union begs to announce that the position of Secretary will hereafter be filled by Mr. Claude C. Reals, of 2531 Tenth Street, Boulder, Colorado. Mr. Reals needs no introduction to our members, having been connected with our Society as state Representative for a number of years.

All mail matter requiring the Secretary's attention should be addressed to Mr. Reals as above. The address of the General Manager has been changed back to 1113 East Alameda Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

We have again been delayed in getting out the long promised membership list on account of lack of funds, but we have every reason to believe that by the time our members read this notice in *THE WEST* a new Membership List will be ready for distribution.

RENEWALS

- 314 Miss Mary Hays, Manchester, Conn.
- 622 Herran R. Yates, Longview, Texas
- 689. Stephen L. Lawrence, Box 208, Reading, Pa
- 1297 Oscar R. Bertram, 2300 E. St. Ave., Austin, Tex., historical colored view cards with description on view side.
- 1302 Charles Chadbourne, 5 S Prospect St., Hartford, Conn.
- 1304. Leonard Burk, Longview, Texas.
- 1306 Miss Grace Edmonds, Box 125, Valley Falls, N. Y.
- 1307. F. C. Bomberg, Redwood City, Calif.
- 1308 Fred Blancheuser, 422 East F. Street, Louisville, Ky.
- 1309. Miss Holzh Ronsheim, 1282 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 1313 J. C. Anderson, 2925 Cherry St., Kansas City, Mo., foreign only.
- 1315 O. E. Granberry, Ancon Canal Zone, Panama, Gov't and Public Bldgs. only. Will always send first to U. S. Members.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 1661. Alfred Brunjes, 25 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.
- 1662. Will S. Loucks, 611 Mulberry St., Scottdale, Pa.

1663. Mrs. Chas. T. Hoyt, 1937 N. Marvine St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 1664. George McDonald, Poole, Nebr
 1665. Miss Mary Bigelow, 118 Second Ave., Joliet, Ill.
 1666. A. G. Knight, State Treasury, Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States.
 1667. A. B. Rimuyan, c o The Borneo Co., Ltd., Bau, Sarawak — Actress cards only.
 1668. J. Pursel Litley, State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pa.
 1669. William H. Wilhelm, Box 13, Roscoe, O
 1670. Frank Dansereau, 93 Camp St., Ashtabula, O.—No comics.
 1671. Francis P. Conrad, P. O. Box 20, Sierra Madre, Calif.
 1672. Henry R. Fiedler, Citizens National Bank, Mansfield, Ohio.
 1673. John Whinham, 31 Wilson St., West Hartlepool, England.
 1674. Marcosa Pimentel, Daet, Ambos Camarines, Philippine Islands.
 1675. John S. Stanton, 51 Comfort St., Rochester, N. Y.
 1676. H. Roeyen, Pre 48, Antwerp, Belgium.
 1677. Carl Leffler, 246 S. Greenwood St., Marion, Ohio.
 1678. Robert Allen, Jr., 557 East Center St., Marion, Ohio.
 1679. Eduardo Garcia, Apartado 119, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic — Will send first.
 1680. Chi San Cheng, Heeren St., Malacca, Straits Settlements.
 1681. Adr Gunnar Freudenthal, Mellerud, Sweden.
 1682. T. Tiang Yew, 47 North Boat Quay, Singapore Stra Settlements.
 1683. F. L. Symonds, 452 S. Downing St., Denver, Col.—Photo cards only desired.
 1684. A. M. Rahinchnai, Chhavni Main St., Poona, India.
 1688. Miss Zola M. Simmons, 601 E. Bayaud Ave., Denver, Colo.
 1668. Miss Hazel Simmons, 601 E. Bayaud Ave., Denver, Colo.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1411. Mrs. G. H. Staring, from Hartington, Nebr., to R.R. No. 2, Mt. Carroll, Ill.

RESIGNED

1544. G. Johnsor, 110 Armenian St., Madras, India
 1643. Maurice J. Lecompt, Apartado 141, Mexico, D. F., Mexico.

When a member resigns it is because he no longer wishes to exchange cards. Therefore when a resignation is announced, please discontinue sending the resigner cards for exchange.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

The following memberships will expire during the month of January. A prompt renewal will be greatly appreciated. The renewal fee is but 50 cents per year in the United States and 75 cents for foreign countries: 576, 686, 758, 790, 798, 869, 890, 903, 924, 945, 955, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354, 1355, 1356, 1358, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368 and 1369.

All stamp collectors are particularly requested to write at once to their Members of Congress and their Senators asking for their support of the proposed bill for the illustration of U. S. postage stamps for educational purposes. This is very important. Not only write themselves but have their friends write. Bill is to be introduced by Taylor of Ohio on Jan. 5.

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SPECIAL.

If you are already a subscriber to the WEST, you may have membership for only 10c. Note our rate of dues, and see how cheap this is. It is very cheap—rather cheaper than we can afford, but we are going to afford it, for a short while. This special rate goes into effect Dec. 1, 1908 and continues till Feb. 1, 1909. Remember, send regular rate after Feb. 1, 1909. Join now—here's your chance.

NOTICE TO REPRESENTATIVES.

This society is a good one, as you know. Now can't you get that one new member before Feb. 15 1909. Surely you can if you work. Plenty of blanks for the asking. Let me know what I can do for you.

RESIGNATION.

Our former Sec'y-Treas. has decided to resign and he wishes me to announce it. We are all sorry to receive his resignation.

No. 3 James A. Carr, Jr., Belleville, Ill.

WITH OUR MEMBERS.

No. 3 will answer all cards he has received to date, as soon as possible.

No. 7. I have received the resignation as state representative for Illinois. He hereafter wishes to be known as an associate member.

No. 21 will hereafter exchange only with foreign countries excepting the States Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and the West. Also wishes personal photo cards.

No. 30 wishes no Exchange. No. 90 take note.

No. 79, who was entered complaint against last month by No. 93 has made everything square before even report appeared in print. Members need not be afraid to exchange with him.

No. 98 and 120 wish no further exchange of cards.

No. 127 will hereafter exchange colored views of parks, bldgs., historical

mountains, snow scenes, water falls and scenery.

No. 140 has been appointed Representative for Ia.

CORRECTION.

In report published Oct 1908, No. 127's name was published David Carlson, it should have been Arvid Carlson.

No. 134 is O. L. Prentice—the L. was blotted out in Dec No.

COMPLAINTS.

No. 86 take notice that No 90 sent you a card on June 15, 1908. Please answer at once.

No. 85 take notice that No 90 sent you a card on July 25, 1908. Please answer at once.

Have you any complaints?

NEW MEMBERS.

141. Karl Wolff 142 Walnut St., Winnipeg, Canada; colored scenery, state buildings, battle views, monuments and actresses—colored cards only. Corresponds in French, English, and German. Stamps also.

142. Mrs Edna Webb, Amsterdam, Ohio.—Will always send first.

143. Mrs. G. Gearson, 60 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill —Foreign view cards only. Corresponds in German, English, French, Russian, Italian and Polish.

144. George Gildner, Berliner Chaussee, No. 5, Breslaw, Germany.—Views of churches, places, type of the United States. Corresponds in German and English.

145. W. E. Evans, Belize, British Honduras, Central Am.—Colored views. Corresponds in Spanish and English.

146. Geo. S. Geigz, High, Iowa.—Views. Corresponds in German and English.

147. Julius Olson, Conroy, Iowa.—Views.

148. Miss Katherine Quayl, Perry, Ohio.—Views.

RENEWAL.

21. W. Kay Fetter, 411 Lycoming St., Williamsport, Pa.

CHANGE IN RULES.

Members residing in U. S. and Canada will hereafter be required to answer cards in two weeks.

Members use care in addressing postals correctly so as to make the percentage of reimbursement as low as possible. Members should refer to list because mistakes happen in printing club reports.

CHANGE OF DEFENSE FUND PLAN.

Under the old plan a member had to have 3 complaints against him before the complainants were reimbursed and he was expelled. Under the new plan all members will be reimbursed immediately and when a member has had three complaints against him and all three complaining members have been reimbursed the member is expelled.

RENEWALS.

Dues for renewals in U. S. and Island Colonies 50c and 75c for foreign countries. Those who do not wish The WEST, U. S. and Island Colonies, also Canada 35c, foreign 45c. Will Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 kindly renew at once.

Dear Members:—Business notices may be printed under your name without extra charge. We intend to make this club the best and we are willing to do anything for our members that can be done. The best persons on the

Pan American roll this month are Emil Pecher who got two new members and J. S. Bernhard who got one member. Come, boys, fall into line. Let next month be a winner. Plenty of blanks, free. We are giving you all the other club is and more. We give you a subscription to two papers, that is, if you desire, and give you defense under our Defense Fund Plan. Why don't you join? Our President will send a message every other month. We're different from the rest. We are not in business for the money but for a good card exchange club. Help US and we will help YOU.

Your Respectfully,

Clarence V. Webb, Sec'y-Treas

The British Museum

The British Museum is not only one of the chief attractions of London, but it is one of the most important institutions of the kingdom. Like many other institutions it had a very small beginning. It originated in 1753 with the purchase by the nation of the library and collections of Sr. Hans Sloane, who had spent a long lifetime in forming them.

Montague House, Bloomsbury, formerly the residence of the Earl of Halifax, was purchased in order to house these treasures. The Cottonian and Harleian collections were added to them, and the museum was opened to the public in 1759. Since then many libraries and collections have been added.

The building has been enlarged from time to time to meet its ever-increasing requirements, and the front now extends over 370ft., the Ionic portico, with its projecting wings, forming a colonnade of forty-four stately columns.

In 1857 the great circular Reading Room was erected in the central quadrangle at a cost of \$750,000. In 1879 a new gallery was built for the Mausoleum marbles, and a new wing on the south east, in which accommodation is provided for the department of Prints and Drawings, newspaper-reading room, exhibition galleries, etc. The number of volumes in the Library is estimated to be close upon two millions; about 35,000 volumes are added annually, and the shelves, if placed in a row, would extend to about fifty miles. The alphabetical Catalogue extends over 2,000 volumes.

The doorway to the right of the entrance hall gives access to the Granville Library, in which is shown a series of illuminated MSS, arranged chronologically to illustrate the progress of illumination from the tenth to the sixteenth century. In the Manuscript Room are specimens of ancient and illuminated MSS, historical and literary papers, autographs, charters and seals. In the King's Library the origin and progress of printing are illustrated by select specimens dating from the year 1423.

Between the entrance hall, and the Reading Room is the Room of Greek and Latin inscription in the midst of which are two Lycian tombs profusely sculptured. To the left is the Roman Gallery, containing a series of Roman portrait busts and statues. Three rooms are devoted to statues, busts, and reliefs of the mixed class termed Græco Roman.

In the Elgin Room are deposited the sculptures from the Parthenon which stood on the Acropolis of Athens, and some remains from the Erechtheum. In the Phigaleian Room are some of the marble remains of the Temple of Apollo Epicurius, erected near Phigaleia. B. C. 430.

Monuments from Phœnicia, Carthage, Cyprus, Palmyra, and A den are

deposited in the Phoenician Room. Chief of these is a cast of the Moabite Stone (B. C. 900), which records the wars of Mesha, King of Moab, against Ahab and other kings

In the first and second Egyptian Rooms, arranged in chronological order, are a fine series of mummies and mummy cases; the third room having sepulchral furniture, mummied animals weapons, tools, writing implements and articles for personal use; and the fourth showing alabasters porphyry, and earthenware articles, also amulets, domestic furniture, and utensils. These articles extend from the period of the fourth dynasty (about B. C. 3633) to that of the Roman occupation

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American Historical Discoveries....

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EDITORS NOTE

THE EDITOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE COPIES OF HISTORICAL MAGAZINES AND BOOKS ON HISTORICAL SUBJECTS FOR REVIEW. ALSO CLIPPINGS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST. PROPER CREDIT TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS



Meeting of the American Historical Association at Washington

By John U. Perkins

During the recent holiday week the American Historical Association held its regular annual meeting at Washington, D C, which was chosen as this year's meeting place at the convention in Madison, Wisconsin, last year. Several of the sessions this year were held in affiliation with the American Political Science Association and for the concluding session on December 31, the members adjourned to the city of Richmond, Virginia, where interesting conferences were held.

The opening address at the meeting in Washington was made by the Honorable James Bryce, the British Ambassador, and during the week many intensely interesting papers were read, among them being especially noted "The American Newspapers of the 18th Century as Sources of History," by William Nelson, of the New Jersey Historical Society; "The Use of Census Materials in American Economic and Social History", by Joseph A. Hill; "The Use of Newspapers for the History of the Period from 1508 to 1877", by James F. Rhodes; "The Use for Historical Purposes of the Newspapers of the Last Thirty Years", by Talcott Williams, etc. "Normandy under William the Conqueror", by Charles H. Haskins, of Harvard University; "The Movement of European Expansion led by Prince Henry of Portugal", by C. Raymond; "Religious Toleration in Brandenburg Prussia under the Great Elector", by O. H. Richardson, of Yale; "Chatham, 1703-1908", by C. W. Colby. Besides the reading of papers, conferences and discussions were held on the subjects of "Problems of State and Local Historical Societies", "Research in English History", "Research in American Colonial and Revolutionary History", "Research in Southern History", "The Relations of Geography to History", and "History in Secondary Schools". At the Richmond meeting, conferences were held on the Wilderness campaign of Grant, Lee, etc.

In dealing with the aspects of the press in Revolutionary times, Mr. William Nelson, in the paper mentioned above, said:

"What a vivid picture of everyday life during 'the times that tried men's souls' is presented by the newspapers of the day," said Mr. Nelson, referring to the press of revolutionary times. "The Official reports of events, carefully written and revised at leisure, have pruned out of them the little human touches that appeal to the heart. But your newspaper account of a skirmish, a battle or a raid, written currents calamo, has a dash and a touch

of local color that stirs the blood of the reader. Here you shall find accounts of the same event published in royalist and in patriotic newspapers, presented in such opposite language that it is difficult to realize that they are descriptions of the same occurrence. Was it from a desire to be impartial, that the same papers would often publish the accounts of both sides, or was it merely a desire to get 'copy' with the least expense of time and labor? A newspaper published in New York would frequently publish a story, crediting it as 'from a rebel newspaper' and a journal of the opposite side would as frequently publish an excerpt from 'a late tory paper.'

"The reader could take his choice which story to believe, and thus was cultivated a species of 'higher criticism,' whereby all the probabilities were carefully taken into account and there was sifted out an approximately accurate narrative of the events narrated by the newspapers of opposite faiths, or perhaps I should rather say professions, as it is doubtful if some of these newspapers publishers had any faith—if they were not mere 'journalists,' whose sole function was regarded as that of a purveyor of news to the public. You will recollect that Hugh Gaine attempted at the beginning of the revolution to serve both sides in publishing a tory edition of his paper in New York, which lauded the King and his army and all of his servants and fittingly berated the patriotic cause; while at East Newark he issued for some weeks a patriot edition of his Gazette, which heaped scorn and contumely on the British cause.

"One of the most soul stirring episodes of the outbreak of the revolution was the carrying of the news of the battle of Lexington by relays of swift messengers from Boston to Savannah, the account of the battle being received for by the successive messengers. It was like the bearing of the fiery cross through the highlands of Scotland with its summons to arms. Even yet it stirs the blood to read the story in the newspapers from week to week and to trace the progress of that soul stirring appeal to arms as it swept from north to south through the country.

The official reports are generally silent, too, regarding the raids made by parties from the opposing armies into exposed territory or the daring expeditions of attacking parties on outlying posts. The brutal savagery which characterized the British march through New Jersey in the fall of 1776 is nowhere detailed in the official reports, but in the newspapers of the times you shall find it set forth in all its bare and hideous cruelty.

"The newspapers of the day showed that the election and inauguration of Washington were hailed by the newspaper writers as the inauguration of a new era for the republic. One can see an increased confidence in the stability of our institutions, indicated by the exploiting of new enterprises in manufactures commerce and in the settlement of the frontiers all of which" Mr. Nelson said "were cleverly advocated by enthusiastic and skillful newspaper correspondents."

The editorial, up to that time practically unknown Mr. Nelson said "now gradually made its appearance at first in the shape of a modest paragraph suggesting some course of action or criticising what had been already done or proposed. Towards the close of Washington's second administration we find the newspapers taking opposite sides in politics, indicating a positive a distinct cleavage in party lines.

(To be continued).

Mandan Indian Site--By E. R. Steinbrueck

That site is a very peculiar Indian village site of the certain number of villages of the Mandans which Lewis and Clark found abandoned. Some explorers name five, some seven villages and some even nine. I know by my own exploration along the banks of the Missouri that there were at least seven in all and five in the neighborhood of Heart River. There are four on the south or west side of the Missouri Fort Lincoln, Heart River, Mandan City and Renden sites and on the East side three: Apple creek or First Mandan, Burnt creek and Double Ditch sites. Double Ditch site, so named after its peculiarity, having two ditches or trenches, one inside the other. Between the two trenches have been the most of the lodges, while the inner trench encircles a few lodges only—probably the Medicine lodge, the Big Canoe and a number of granaries or caches. Outside the outer trench, surrounding the whole, are mounds thrown up. Not burial mounds, but breastworks. These mounds are of different shape and size, some round, some long, some semi-circular, with the open side or base towards the village. The mounds had been thrown up by heaping up the soil and emptying the refuse on top. In these mounds, ten to twelve feet high, the majority of specimens are found, mostly broken in use or during manufacture. The Burnt Creek site is situated about three miles below the former, and has been leveled by ploughing, while the Double Ditch site is undisturbed only for the frequent digging done there by everybody. At the Burnt Creek site the Mandans suffered a total defeat by the Sioux. Many valuable specimens have been found there in perfect condition

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In Vindication of the Girl Amateur

BY L. L. VOELCHER, Milwaukee, Wis.

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I believe as possessors of cameras, the masculine and feminine are in equal proportion, but when we consider the ration of camera workers who do artistic work, the masculines are in far greater proportion. Most of the ladies appear to be mere "snap shooters", with no apparent object than to obtain views that will record some picnic, bit of landscape, home life, etc.—In other words, they appear to be mere souvenir hunters, but I feel safe in saying that the artistic sense is as much in evidence in the ladies as in the masculines but the ladies are hampered with timidity and other hindrances which prevent them from developing their artistic temperament and producing material evidences that artistic interpretation is present in their natures.

I can recall a typical instance of these shortcomings in an Eternal Feminine who was decidedly ambitious and as much bound to produce a masterpiece as any Masculine ever was. She decided that her masterpiece would have to be an animal study inasmuch as figures appealed most to her, and she had failed in posing her friends. So she studied up some pictures of old masters and finally decided her masterpiece must contain the figure of a cow. She set out bravely enough into a field where a harmless cow was grazing, but advanced more cautiously as the distance between cow and Eternal Feminine lessened. Tripod was set up and camera gotten ready while the cow went on grazing. But when the head of the girl disappeared beneath the realm of focusing cloth, the cow quit cropping the grass and looked at the camera in evident suspicion and astonishment. That settled the masterpiece of that camera girl for she beat a precipitous retreat and vows nothing would induce her to attempt a picture of a cow, as one "narrow escape" was a great sufficiency.

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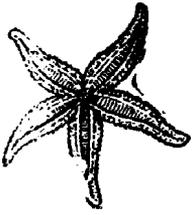
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Your name and address with Xmas greetings in gold on 12 pictorial cards, views of England etc., for 40cts, 25 for 70cts, 50 for \$1. Agents wanted, hustlers, samples 5cts, Carter Bros., Sawston, Cambridge, England. 10 31

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Old Barbados and Jamaica stamps used and unused to X for British Colonial stamps, revenues J Eriksen Northwestern Cal

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X U S postage for same, old mining stock bank checks, other documents, with revenue stamps or X for U S revenues Emie Grant Austin Nev

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 Indian relics of all kinds. Arrow points and spears by the 1000.

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X desired Send sheets Also want unused U S all issues but present and will give cash or good ex Send with price J U Perkins Smithsonian Institution Washington D C

For X or sale Stamps, permits, precancela, coins, Indian relics, arrow points, minerals, fossils, shells, curios Write me your wants Emmet A Bish 216 No Adams St Marion Ind 11-3

X fossiis, minerals, shells, post cards etc W Schmun 618 W School St Chicago Ill

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Will x good Holland and Colonial stamps for good U S Canadian and other stamps W Hart-snijker 3rd Helmers stroat 5t Amsterdam, Holland 10-3

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- 10 motto cards
- 10 Komec & Juliet series

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- 10 automobile lovers
- 10 glazed American lovers
- 10 landscapes
- 10 and gold lovers
- 10 embossed stork cards
- 10 health girl series
- 10 beautiful girl heads
- 10 mablized greetings
- 10 silvered emb. f. nts
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\$100 Gen'l Early	25
50 Gen'l Hook Smith	16
20 Gen'l Beauregard	15
5 South & North in combat	10
5 variety " "	10
5 Figure 3 in green	08
1 Female seated	05
1 Ship sailing	05

VA. TREAS. NOTES.

\$100 Bust of Gen Letcher	50
50 Jm Bennett	25
20 Part green	10
5 Va Coat of Arms	07
1 Female seated on log	05

MISS. TREAS. NOTES.

\$50 Negroes picking cotton	50
20 Train cars	50
20 Am eagle	25
20 Indians	25
10 red x	15
10 blue x	25
10 green x	25
5 red v	20
5 blue v	20
5 train cars	20
5 Sailor boy	25
2.50 Indians	25
1 train cars	15

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31 Erie RR Mich	12
" " " "	15
5 " " "	25
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25c Corporation of Winchester	15
\$2, \$1, 50c, 25c So RR each	12
50c, 25c Miss Central RR each	10
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\$100, \$200, 300, 400 each	15
\$500, 700, 900	20
1000, 1200, 1500, 1800	22
2000, 2300, 2500	25
C. S. A. Bonds with Coupons	
\$1000 fine	85
\$500 "	50
\$100 "	35

Confederate music copyright	50
Jeff Davis Bail Bond (fac)	25
Confederate Stamps Unused.	
1c, 2c, 5c, 10c 20c set	1.00
Confederate Treas. Notes.	
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Confederate envelope showing flag in colors	25
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C. S. A. Buttons	50

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1 " 1851 fine	10
1 " 1854 fine	10
1 " 1829	5
1 " 1817	10
1 " 1831	3
1 " 1825	08
New Jersey cent 1787 rare	50
One half cents 1803	25
1804 1807 each	25
1809 1808	22
1835 1829 each	15
1832 1826 each	17
1825 1851 each	18
1853 1834 each	20
1828 1809 each	15
2 cent pieces 1864 bran new	25
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1860, 1861, '62, '63, '64 each	10
1c 1856 Flying eagle new	9.00
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1c 1863 First in war first in peace	10
1 1863 Our army	06
1c 1863 Indian head	10
1c Shield	05
1c Army and navy	10
1c The Federal Union must be preserved	15
1c Troy, N. Y.	05
1c Tiffin, Ohio	05
1c Union Flower	05
1c large size City Hall N. Y.	10

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References, Miller & Co., Bankers & Brokers, Richmond, Va.

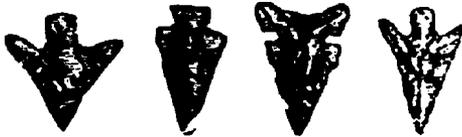
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Autograph letters Simon Bolivar, Son Martin etcto X for stamps J Eriksen Northwestern Cal

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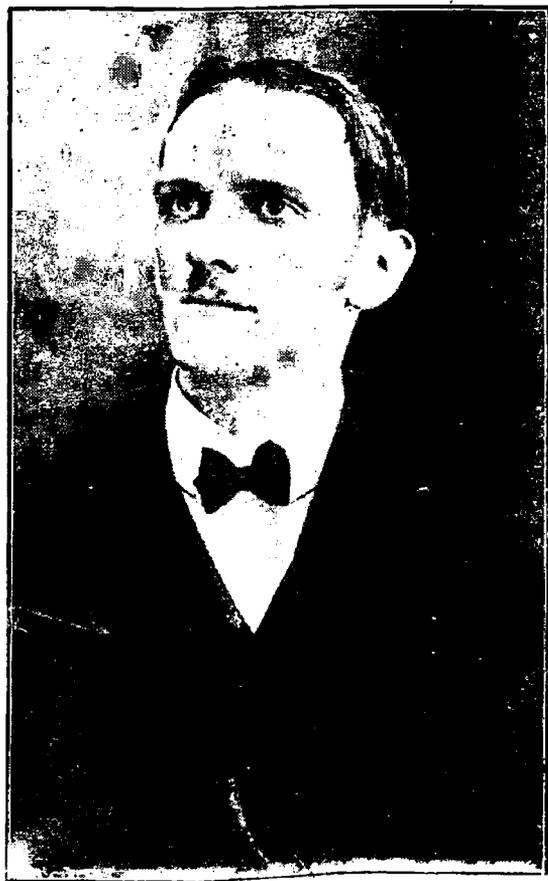
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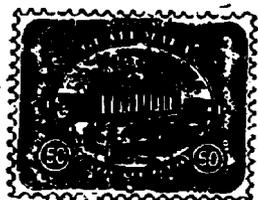
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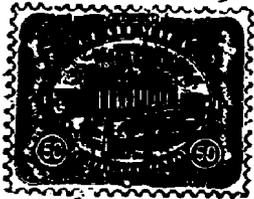
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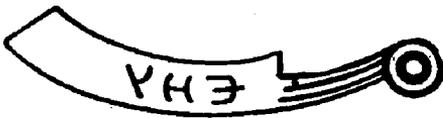


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2 Siam .15	100 U.S. .20	1000 " Spain .10
15 INDIA .04	5 Fiji's .08	1000 " Swiss .09
50 PANAMA .11	5 Fee Chow .04	1000 " Italy .11
4 Mexico .05	1 Gibraltar .05	10 Finland .06
10 Egypt .07	6 Polivia .05	10 Peru .05

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America including New-
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only new and old issues, a fine
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A stamp collection of 5000 varieties
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The desirable kind of stamps at 50 percent are the kind I send out on ap-
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H. C. Ioor,
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Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition 1909.

Argentine Republic.

1858	5c red	\$.06
	10c green	8
	15c blue	10
1868	5c vermilion	3
	10c green	10
1873	1c purple	2
	4c brown	1
	60c black	10
	90c blue	10
1876	8c lake	4
1878	16c green	3
	20c blue	10
	24c blue	7
	2c green	1
	8c lake	2
1882	½ on 5c vermilion	6
	½c brown (litho)	4
	1c red	4
	12c ultramarine	10
1884	½c brown (engraved)	2
	1c red	2
	12c blue	3
	24c blue	4
1888	½c blue	2
	3c green	5
	5c carmine	2
	10c brow	2
	15c orange	5
	30c chocolate	6
	50c blue	10
1889	½c ultramarine	1
	1c brown	1
	3c green	2
	5c carmine	1
	6c blue black	6
	12c blue	5
	20c green	4
1890	¼c green	1
	2c violet	1
	5c carmine	1
	10c brown	2
	40c olive green	3
	50c orange	5
	60c black	10

Argentine Republic

1890	¼ on 12 black surch	\$ 3
	¼ on 12 red surch	1
1891	8c carmine	5
1896	½c slate	1
	1c brown	1
	2c yellow green	1
	3c orange	1
	5c carmine	1
	10c rose	1
	12c blue	1
	16c gray	3
	24c gray brown	5
	30c orange	5
	50c blue green	5
	1 peso lake	8
1899	½c brown	1
	1c green	1
	2c blue	1
	5c carmine	1
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	20c claret	2
	24c violet	5
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1901	3c orange	1
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	12c blue	1
	30c vermilion	3
1902	5c blue (Rosario)	8
1903	4c yellow	2
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 1.60 " " heavy canc 2.00 .50
 2.00 Mortgage .15 .05
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Thomas S. Doughty,
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 1907 8 1/4p......03

Transvaal

1896 6p......12

Zululand

1894 6 * 1/2p......08
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STAMPS FREE!

100 all different for the names of two Collectors and 2c Postage.

COINS

Abyssinian coins.....	20c
18 diff Foreign coins.....	15c
20 " ".....	25c
Egypt 1/2 Millicme.....	05c
" 1/4 ".....	04c
Honduras 1 centavo.....	05c
Persian copper.....	05c
Russia 2 varieties.....	05c
Columbian Rep 2 var.....	10c
Japan paper money.....	05c
Cuban bank notes each.....	05c
U S half cents each.....	20c
U S large cents each.....	05c
U S 1c pieces each.....	05c
U S 3c silver pieces each.....	15c
1/4 dollar Calif gold.....	35c
1/2 " ".....	75c
4 Congo coins.....	25c
Siam coins.....	15c
Travancore (small).....	10c
Selling—list of coins.....	10c

STAMPS

4 Bosnia picture.....	05c
4 Roumania Jubilee 1907.....	12c
30 Sweden.....	10c
50 Australia.....	15c
20 Russia.....	10c
20 Japan.....	10c
20 Denmark.....	10c
10 Animal stamps.....	10c
10 Scenery stamps.....	10c
100 Mixed stamps.....	12c
10 U S Long Revenues.....	10c
7 Nyassa Giraffe.....	20c
6 Hayti 1904 cat 57c.....	15c
7 Dominican Rep 1902.....	12c
100 diff U S.....	75c
100 " ".....	19c
100 mixed U S.....	17c
Hub coin book.....	25c

Now Ready —Scotts 1909 Catalog—Post Free 60c.

NOW READY

—20th CENTURY ALBUM—

NOW READY

No 1 Board covers post free.....	\$1 50
No 2 Cloth covers post free.....	2 25
French revenue catalogue.....	90
Collectors Album.....	15
" Catalog.....	12

Imperial albums illustrated.....	35
1000 hinges 0c 10000 hinges..	40
Watermark detector.....	35c
Stamp tongs.....	25c
1000 Imported hinges.....	12c
Philatelic Maps.....	35c

\$2.00 Dealers' Stock \$2.00.

Five 50 variety packets, three 100 variety packets, one 150 variety packet one 200 variety packet, one 300 variety packet, 300 die cut hinges, 1000 peelable hinges, 10 millimetre scales, 2000 mixed stamps, 50 blank approval sheets, two 40 variety U. S., one 10 var U. S., one 50 variety unused stamps, 1 collectors cat., 50 return blanks, 1 dime album, 1 collectors album, 10 approval stamp button, 50 stamps to sell at 1c each, 25 stamps to sell at 2c each, 10 stamps to sell at 3c each, 5 stamps to sell at 4c each, 5 stamps to sell at 5c each.

Wholesale lists for Dealers.

AUCTIONS.—We hold Auctions Periodically. Let us add your name to our mailing list. If you have anything to sell write us for terms.

WE BUY STAMPS.—We want large or small lots of good saleable stamps also current U. S. Jamestown, Quebec and other Canadian stamps. Buying list 10c. Big price lists free. Ask for 1/2, 1, 2c lists.

3 Canada Dues .05



Toledo Stamp Co.

Toledo, Ohio, U. S. A.

Atlas Packet

Contains 1000 well mixed stamps such as Chili, India, Japan, Russia, Levant, Eastern Roumelia, Mexico, Venezuela, Turkey, Argentine Rep., Malay, St. Settlements, Peru, Prussia Phil. Is., Cuba, Ceylon, Grt. Britain Levant, Cape Hope, Col. Rep. Greece, India. It contains no U. S., German, French, Belgian or other common European stamps. Catalogue over \$20. This coupon and \$1.25 entitles the holder to the above packet.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Special Offer

This coupon and 25c in stamps entitles the holder to the following; 25 diff. U. S. stamps, 200 mixed U. S. stamps, 10 diff. U. S. revenues, 12 diff. U. S. Envelopes, 10 approval sheets, 100 mixed foreign stamps, 1 Phoenix Album. All the above only 25 cents

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Phoenix Album

This album is printed on heavy paper. It is an elegant album for boys who are beginning to collect postage stamps or can be used by advanced collectors for their duplicates. We will send this album to any address on receipt of 7 cents and this coupon.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Faultless Hinges

This coupon is good for 3c on an order for 1000 stamp hinges. Send us this coupon and seven cents in stamps and we will forward a ten cent packet of 1000 stamp hinges.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

'Approval Sheets

These sheets are printed and neatly ruled to hold 20 stamps.

50 sheets \$.09	500 sheets \$.70
100 " .17	1000 " 1.00
250 " .40	5000 " 4.25

25 Cents

This coupon and 25c in stamps entitles the holder to the following: 1000 U. S. stamps, 1000 foreign stamps, 1 Phoenix album, 5 U. S. Revenues. Only 25 cents.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

\$1.35 For \$.30

This coupon and 30c in stamps entitles the holder to the following:

25 Approval sheets.....	\$ 06
2 Approval sheets of Stamps	56
100 Mixed foreign stamps....	08
100 Mixed U. S. stamps.....	05
12 different U. S. Envelopes.	10
2 Phoenix albums.....	20
1 Packet of stamps	25
1 Mm. scale.....	05

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Scott's 1909 Catalogue

A 25c packet of stamps from Mexico Greece, Argentine Republic, Japan, Malay, India, etc., with each order for a Scott's. Order at once. Price, 50 cents, Post Free 58 cents.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Civil War Packets

This PACKET contains 50 CIVIL WAR REVENUES such as the following:

3c For. exchange	70c For. exchange
4c Inland "	6c Inland "
15c " "	30c " "
40c " "	60c " "

25 CENTS.

ATLAS STAMP CO.,

Sta. S,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

120 Splendid Stamps free to all applicants for approval sheets who send 2c for postage Guatemala (pictorial) Orange R. Colony, Malta, Egypt, Belgium [large] Costa Rica [fine] Cape and many others too numerous to mention Don't forget 2c postage Mention WEST H Watkins Granville Rd. Barnet, England.

1000 varieties stamps, on approval, choice 1c each. Ref. please. R.R. Robinson. Akron, Dep. 36, Ohio. 2-3

Complete set of Canadian Dues or Jamestown FREE to applicants for 20th Century on app. at 50 percent dis. Gordon Reity, 895 Main St., E. Rochester, N. Y.

You want 1000 well mixed foreign stamps for 12c, 3000 for 32c. Also 80 stamps, cat. over \$2.00, some 10c, for only 20c, 3 packages, 50c Lester Thomas Beaver Dam, Wis.

Real good stamps, not expert examined \$1, \$3, \$5, per lot. G. Jewell, Moorlads, Salisbury, England.

Collection of 50 different unused (catalogued \$1.20; postfree 20c, and to all buyers of the above collection asking to see our Approval Sheets (50 percent discount) we will give FREE, rare First Issue India. London Philatelic Co., Apsley, Hemel-Hempstead, England. 2-3

FIVE 5 CENTERS

United States 10c Bill of Lading 5 cents, British Guiana Jubilee 2 on 5c, 5 cents; Canada 1897 2c Jubilee 5 cents, Newfoundland 1898 5c Duke of York 5 cents, Samoa 1887 ½ 5 cents.

Surprise Packet No. 2.

Contains 50 varieties foreign stamps from Argentine Republic Cape of Good Hope, India, Mexico, Roumania, Switzerland and many others. All collectors who did not get my packet No. 1 and also those who did be sure and get this one. Its a stunner! Try it and see for yourself. That's the best way. Special price for this month only 10 cents Leon Carter Grosjean, 1227 Oakland St. Shreveport, La.

Quebec Tercentenary Stamps for sale, unused ½c to 10c 40c, ½c to 15 65c ½c to 20c \$1. Used ½c, 1c, 2c, 2c each, postage 2c extra. Leekien, 3 Douglas St Kings Rd. Victoria, British Columbia Canada.



British Colonies

I've for disposal a large number of unused, any specials you may want give Scott's or Gibbons catalogue number and if I have them will quote lowest price. A few specials.

Canada Scott 44, 6c red brown....	15c
" " 71, 6c maple.....	12c
" " 79, 6c numeral.....	15c
" " 88, Queen.....	9c
" Jubilee 1897 1c, 2c, 3c for....	8c
" Postage Due 1c, 2c, 5c....	10c

All unused o. g. Postage extra. Last months ad cancelled.

W. H. McKechnie,
196 Sparks St., Ottawa, Ontario.

Two Good Collections

Of United States stamps in National Albums and one collection of foreign stamps, about 2500 varieties in Scott's 19th Century album, two volumes. Particulars on application.

WANTED A collector in each foreign country to act as my agent in purchasing stamps for me.

Howard M. Brown,
Rock City Falls,
New York.

Enclose 3 years subscription to West, think it the greatest ever read and can hardly wait until it comes each month.—C. Shaler, Dunkirk, N. Y.

WHOLESALE BARGAINS

All in good condition and all free of paper. 50 supplied at 100 rates, only when price is 50c per 100 or higher.

UNITED STATES.

Cat. No.		per 10	per 100	Cat No		per 10	per 100
42	1c 1857	\$.55		233	4c "		
65	3c 1861	.04	.25	234	5c "		.10 .75
94	3c 1867 embossed	.08	.60	235	6c "		.35
114	3c 1869	.10	.85	236	8c "		.15 1.20
136	3c 1870 embossed	.15		237	10c "		.12 .90
145	1c 1870-71 National	.40		249	2c 1894 tri I	.08	.50
147	3c "	.08	.60	250	2c " " I	.05	.30
151	12c "	2.00		251	2c " " II	.15	
152	15c "	2.00		252	2c " " III	.08	
156	1c 1873 Continental	.08	.65	264	1c 1895		.05
158	3c "	.03	.20	265	2c " " I	.25	
159	6c "	.15		266	2c " " II	.25	
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178	2c 1875	.12	.90	268	3c "	.05	.35
182	1c 1879 American	.12	.90	269	4c "	.03	.20
183	2c "	.06	.40	270	5c "	.03	.20
184	3c "	.02	.12	271	6c "	.03	.60
185	5c "	.20		272	8c "	.05	.30
205	5c 1882	.12	1.00	273	10c "	.03	.20
203	1c "	.02	.15	274	15c "	.15	1.20
207	3c "	.02	.12	280	4c 1898		.10
209	10c "	.05		281	5c " per 1000	.65	.08
210	2c 1883, per 1000	.50	.08	282	6c "	.08	.50
211	4c "	.10		283	10c "		.10
212	2c 1887 per 1000	.50	.08	284	15c "	.12	.90
214	1c 1887		.10	285	1c " Omaha	.05	.35
216	5c 1888	.15	1.20	286	2c " "	.03	.15
219	1c 1890 per 1000	.50	.08	288	5c " "	.35	
219b	2c " lake	.10	.70	294	1c 1901 Pan Am	.05	.35
220	2c " carm pr 1000	.25	.05	295	2c " "		.10
221	3c "	.05		296	4c " "	.18	
222	4c "	.03	.20	297	5c " "	.35	
223	5c "	.03	.15	310	50c 1902 03	.40	
224	6c "	.18		548	3c P O. Dept, unused	.18	
225	8c "	.05	.35	584	3c War "	.10	.75
226	10c "	.03	.20	391	Special, cat 8c	.18	
227	15c "	.30		394	" 1895	.08	.60
230	1c 1893 Columbian	.10		1245	1c " Dues		.20
231	2c "	.05		1246	2c " "		.20
232	3c "	.20	1.75	1248	5c " "	.12	1.00
				1249	10c " "	.10	.75

F. W. REID,

1925 Broadway,

DENVER, COLO.



Collectors! Take NOTICE!

We are offering bargains this month which we will not be able to keep up long as they will soon be gone. Hurry up if you want to get in on them. If there is nothing here you want send for bargain list approvals on application at 50 percent com. We continue our offer of 25 foreign for the names of 2 collectors and 2c for return postage. Our terms are cash with order, postage extra on orders less than 50cts. An International album free with every \$65 packet. Previous ads still good. Here are our bargains.

- x means unused.
- 1 Mexico 1899, 3ct cat 3c 01
- x 1 Columbia Rep. 1903 5c blue cat 4c 01
- 50 New Zealand id asst cat over \$1 25
- 1 U S 2c bank check orange scarce 02
- 1 U S 3c black & orange 3rd issue violet paper 02
- 1 " 2c " " 4th " green " 01
- 1 " 2c lake 1890 cat 5c 01
- 1 " 50c entry of goods, cat 4c 02
- x3 large Cuba rev asst 05
- 100 mixed stamp catalog 1c each 15
- 100 " " " 2c " 30
- 100 " " " 3c " 50
- 50 variety packet 05
- 100 " " " 10
- 40 diff Japan mounted on lithographed sheet 25c 05
- x 5 foreign envel scarce cut square 05
- 2 Mexican revenues rare 05
- 1 foreign revenue rare 03
- 6 varieties Spain catalog 9c 05
- x 5 " Servia " 13c 05
- x 5 " Venezuela map cat 15c 10
- x 3 " U S army franks 05
- x 3 " Bulgaria 1903 Jubilee cat 26c scarce 15
- 12 " U S 1898 rev cat 20. 08
- 6 " Jap revenues 05
- 1000 well assorted foreign 25
- 1 Hyderabad 1891 96 catalogue 3c 01
- 3 var U S 1/2m Rep Telegraph 1, 5, 10c cat 13 05
- 1 Shanghai 8 cambereens, emerald green Cat \$2.50 50
- \$1.00. 1 Shanghai 16 cambereens red cat 4.50 1.75
- 1 Guatemala 1902 10c cat 3c 01
- 1 U S 3c 1869 cat 4c 02
- 1 Cuba 1899 3c cat 5c 02
- 1 Belgium PP 1903-06 9c cat 5c 02
- 1 Gt Britain 1 shlg king cat 5c 02
- 2 Costa Rica 1892 2 10c cat 5c 02
- x 1 Nicaragua 1905 1c cat 2c 01
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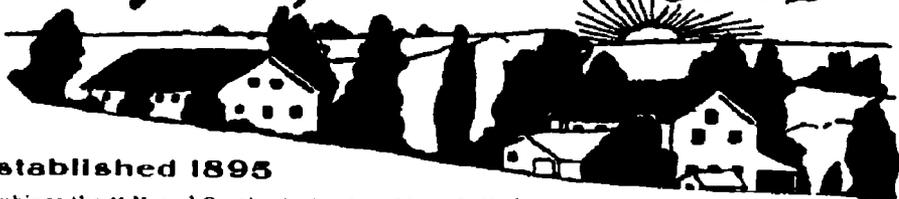
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

GUSTAVE H. FABIAN, JR., was born in New York City, in 1895. At the age of 2 years his parents moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., his present home. He became interested in stamps when quite young as his father was one of the first philatelists of New York City. In the year 1872 Mr. Wm. Beyer, now Police Serg't of Buffalo, was the original owner of the Atlas Stamp Company. In 1876 he sold out his entire stock to Gustave H. Fabian Sr., who continued under that name and now Gustave H. Fabian Jr., is at the head of this firm. He is always glad to hear from readers of the WEST also of the different societies of which he is a member. He is a member of numerous societies in the United States as well as foreign societies. See his ad (Atlas Stamp Co) on another page.

The picture was taken during the publisher's visit in New York City in 1908, when Mr. Fabian was showing him about Brooklyn and the neighboring towns. Mr. Fabian is always ready to help Philately along and if any society wishes any suggestions he is always ready to suggest a good plan for the welfare of the society.

E. O. ALLEN, chief of Police, Shreveport, Iowa, was born near Green

ville, Illinois, in 1869. He was a railroad man for many years and has lived in most of the western states. He was formerly Street Commissioner of the City of Shreveport but was promoted from that office to Chief of Police, and was recently re-elected. He collects coins, stamps and paper money for pastime and finds great pleasure in importing loose lots of stamps, sorting and classifying them. He is an importer of stamps and coins, and wants offers of stamps and coins in loose lots and quantities from all countries. After filling out his collection all duplicates are turned over to his son Irl L. Allen (dealer) for sale. His ad (Caddo Coin & Curio Co) was seen in some of the past issues of The WEST. He believes every man should have a hobby to act as governor to keep him out of mischief. The man with a hobby is not inclined to loaf around undesirable places. Men who spend their spare money collecting stamps, coins, Indian relics, or on photography, pictures, old manuscripts, books, etc., don't break into the police court, and the boys who devote their time and dimes to stamps or things of like character are usually at home at night, interested in their collections, and not on the streets learning things they should not know and contracting bad habits. He is a member of A. P. S., No. 3073, and S. P. A., No. 156, etc.

IOLE DIONE of Berwyn, Illinois is not a Jap as many suppose, but the given names of husband and wife who are in the stamp business to stay. They do not look upon it as labor but enjoy the work thoroughly. They are expecting to move into our western country in the spring, a notice of which will appear in good time. They have just issued their first bargain list which will well repay the cost of sending for. They have always collected stamps, starting in business after marriage. They are building up a fine stock and hope some day to be able to advertise the fact that they can supply ninety per cent of all stamps cat. 25 and under. Their bargain list contains bargains they have never offered before and they hope each one of the WEST subscribers will secure a copy.

ERNEST HIRSCHOFF, JR., was born in Dresden, Germany, in 1880 and came to America with his parents in 1881. He went through the public High School and colleges and is now a book-keeper by profession. He started to collect stamps in 1896 but since 1901 has been collecting only unused 20th century stamps and now has a variety of about 2000. He is also an enthusiastic illustrated post card collector. He belongs to the following post card clubs: Union Souvenir Card Exchange, No. 1425, C. C. C. No. 4666 and J. J. 4613, etc. He is always pleased to hear from the WEST readers.

OCEAN PENNY POSTAGE. The English, who were the first to have the idea of stamping in advance by means of adhesive stamps with a common price of one penny for the entire extent of the Royal Kingdom, have also conceived the idea to obtain a unity of price of one penny for all the countries of the world. As means of propagation they use envelopes called Ocean Penny Postage of which we publish, a fac simile. It is one of the oldest and rarest. The idea has not succeeded but everything makes us suppose that inside a century, perhaps sooner, it will be put in practice permanently.

Our next issue will give a leading publisher of England and illustrate also some stamp stores.

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The last three rows are Imperial Denarii, the year given being A. D. (From left to right.) Vespasian, 69-79; Titus, 79-81; Domitian, 81-96; Elagabalus, 218-222; Septimus Severus, 197-211; Philippus I, 244-249; Gordianus III, 238-244; Geta, 211-212; Julia Soaemias, mother of Elagabalus; Lucilla, wife of Lucius Verus (161-169); Philippus II, 245-249; Otacilia, wife of Philippus I.

Mr. Taylor, one of Ohio's representatives in Congress, has introduced a bill the effect of which is to allow dealers to illustrate U. S. Stamps. We believe that a certain amount of supervision would not do any harm, but we are prepared to state that for the twenty years that the trade used cuts of U. S. stamps not a single instance of attempted fraud was ever brought to the attention of the P. O. Department. As the number of stamps increase it has become exceedingly difficult for new collectors to determine the dates of issue to which their stamps belong. In many cases this has deterred people from starting a collection and thus has deprived them of an innocent and instructive amusement and dealers of a large amount of trade. Stamp collectors are the best friends the department has. It would be practically impossible for a counterfeit stamp to be used in the mails for one day without detection of philatelists who would promptly notify the government. The single counterfeit U. S. stamp (for defrauding the revenue) of which we have any knowledge was discovered by a stamp collector and at least one counterfeit revenue stamp would have been used to a great extent had it not been discovered by Mr. E. B. Sterling, a well known stamp dealer of the period. The use of illustrations of their native stamps by dealers is not prohibited in any other country in the world. It would not work any hardship if the dies were delivered to some appointed agent of the government and delivered to the owners on request when wanted for some special and approved purpose such as illustrating postage stamp albums, catalogues or books on the subject. The number of companies desiring such dies would not exceed half a dozen, so that in the event of any colored impressions being found there would not be the slightest difficulty in discovering the source from which they emanated. So far as our publisher is concerned they make all their illustrations two-thirds size of regular stamp and if permitted would do the same with the U. S. We trust every stamp collector will use his influence with the representative of his district to see that Mr. Taylor's bill is passed by the House. From the Metropolitan Philatelist

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We hope we may see reports from officers soon.

Scott's Standard Catalog 1909

Reviewed By L. G. Dorpat

This edition really differs so little from its predecessors that very little can be said about it that was not already said about previous issues.—One departure is the omission of U. S. and Chinese Locals a small catalog of which can be obtained gratis by purchasers of the present edition. The prices are practically the same as they were last year; a few of course are raised but almost an equal number is lowered, most of them having remained stable. The main tendency, however, seems to be for slight risings. It is important what the publishers say about the Condition of stamps, to wit: "It should be noted that, unlike most published figures, the prices we quote for rare stamps are for specimens in FINE condition. It is becoming, however, more and more difficult each year to obtain old issues in absolutely fine condition, and we find the great majority of collectors willing to accept specimens in average or "good" condition, provided that the cost is proportionately reduced. Rare stamps in our stock and sales books are priced according to condition. Fine copies are marked strictly at our catalog prices, but we often have in stock average good copies, not damaged in any way and perfectly satisfactory to most collectors which we can supply at from three fourths to one half of the catalog price. "Fair" copies, which may have slight defects, and actually damaged specimens when in stock, are, of course, sold more cheaply than average copies. We shall be pleased to quote special prices on any stamps cataloging over \$100 each, which we may have in stock at less than our regular catalog figures. It should be noted that these special quotations on copies differing as to grade of condition, do not apply to current and recent issues, nor to low priced stamps. Collectors should note the difference between the various grades of condition—"fine" usually being understood to describe a picked specimen in every way, well centered and lightly cancelled, if used; "good" copies are simply average specimens, not damaged, but not so finely selected as to centering, cancellation, etc.; a "fair" specimen may have trifling defects, but not so bad as to deserve the term "damaged." The standard of condition, however, varies greatly in the stamps of different countries. Early United States stamps, for instance, are, as a rule, very poorly perforated and heavily canceled, so they cannot be expected in such fine condition as specimens from countries where more care is taken in perforating and lighter cancellations are used."

A very commendable word is the following: "Unfortunately each year shows a certain number of varieties, usually from small countries or out of the way postoffices, surcharged for provisional use. Investigation often proves that, of the surcharged stamps so made, only a very few, if any, were allowed to be sold to the public, while the bulk of those manufactured passes into the hands of some official or other "inside", for whom the issue really was made, and who reaps large profit by selling them to stamp collectors and dealers at whatever price he is pleased to put on them. From the present edition of our catalog we have omitted certain stamps from the Italian Levant, which were made by officials in this way, and practically not sold to the public at all." A similar stand the publishers are taking against minor varieties of surcharges made by hand stamping. They, of course may err here and there in estimating an issue or a minor variety, but the principle is undoubtedly good. The Aguinaldo stamps are not included while Turkish and Indian locals are. This is probably due to stock on hand.

Stamp Collecting Notes--By W. S. Lincoln

Reviewed for The WEST--By L. G. Dorpat

In the December No. of the WEST appeared the following announcement: "To get into communication with you, I will on receipt of 4 cents for postage, mail you "Stamp Collecting Notes," bound in cloth, a book which I sell for 25 cents, free of charge W. S. Lincoln, 2 Holles Street, Oxford Str, London, W. England." When I saw this, I thought, well this must be another printers error A book like that for 4 cents? That cannot be! Still I wrote to Mr Lincoln and asked him about it. He answered: "You are quite correct in asking for the "Stamp Collecting Notes" at 4 cents, which we are sending over to your side as an advertisement; I shall be glad if you will let me have a review of this little book mentioning my name and address in The WEST, and stating that I am the "Oldest established Stamp Dealer in the World," and the other papers for which you write, and I shall be glad to receive copies of the same I did intend to discontinue my offer of sending "Stamp Collecting Notes" to the States for 4 cents as it is a 25 cent book, but if you like to mention in your article that you have made arrangements with me to send your readers a copy for 4 cents I will leave the offer open for you." So, then, I got the book, which by the way was prepaid with 5 cents postage, and to say I am pleased is putting it mildly. It's a real and plain case of getting something for nothing, and the giver pay part of the postage. I feel sure that if I could show the book to our readers and hand it to them personally, not one would say that it is not worth 25 cents, especially after reading it, and I do believe that most of them, after reading it, would be glad to pay 25 cents for the privilege of keeping it. And here it is offered for 4 cents. It sounds like "too good to be true." Well, the author says why he gives it away; it is "To get acquainted with you," and he introduces himself in the book in a winning way, speaking in such language that everybody, or "any schoolboy of average intelligence" can understand what is said and that even the old veteran collector will read it with delight. To give a better idea of the contents I will quote the headings of the 15 chapters: I. On stamp collecting in general, II. On history as exemplified by postage stamps, III. On Commemorative postage stamps, IV. On "Lost causes and impossible beliefs," V. On geography as illustrated by postage stamps, VI. On the ecclesiastical side of stamp collecting, VII. On portraiture in a stamp album, VIII. On designs and devices on postage stamps, IX. On postage stamps, odd shaped and extraordinary. X. On watermarks, perforations, printing and paper, XI. On surcharges and alterations, XII. On changes of stamps caused by war, XIII. On errors in postage stamps, XVI. On forgeries and imitations, XV. On compiling a collection. All this is treated on 103 pages, 5x7½ inches. An exhaustive treatment can, of course, not be expected in this compass, but there are so many things, and they are so dextrously said, that nobody will read the book without some benefit or pleasure. It is illustrated with over 500 illustrations. Mr. Lincoln, who by the way, I understand to be a relative of our president Lincoln, really ought to get something for the book. So, if our readers will take my advice, they will either send him 25 cents for it or will ask for his price lists and give him a liberal order so as to show him that they are able to appreciate the spirit of generosity. See his ads in the West and store photo in Dec. issue.

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The 49th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held Jan. 2nd 1909 at the residence of J. S. Kramer, 2222 W. 32nd Ave. With 8 members and 1 visitor present the meeting was called to order with Vice President Skinner in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The committee for locating the club's library reported that no reply could be gotten from L. C. Nelson, who last had possession of it. The committee was discharged and a motion carried that the club do all in its power to find the library. As some of the active members of the club have not yet paid their dues, a motion was carried that such members may be retained until February 1st. The following memberships will be dropped unless paid before then: No's. 1, 3, 7, 8, 13, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 30, 51, 52, 53, 58, 59. Better send it along today and not forget it. Many lots were sold at the auction sale which was followed by the exhibit of Philippines, resulting as follows: F. Fellows 1st, 9 points; P. Kramer 2nd, 6 points; Refreshments served by the host closed an enjoyable meeting. A vote of thanks for same was tendered by the Club.

Next exhibit will be Samoa.

■ A. L. Nell, Secretary.

The 50th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver, was held Jan. 22nd at 2117 W. 32nd Ave. With 8 members and 1 visitor present, the meeting was called to order with Vice President Skinner in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read. It was moved and carried that members in arrears for dues will not be dropped for 3 or 4 meetings, so that all may have a chance to pay up. A motion was carried that the club shortly hold a banquet in celebration of the 50th meeting. The following committee was then named to take charge of preparations for banquet and set date and place: J. C. Skinner, E. R. Vanderhoof, A. L. Nell. Several unique lots brought good prices at auction, which was marked by spirited bidding.

F. Fellows won 9 points in the Samoa exhibition. Refreshments were served, closing an enjoyable evening.

Next exhibit will be Porto Rico.

A. L. Nell, Secy.

An interesting discovery has just been made at Hindhead. During the construction of a new green on the golf links at Beacon Hill, about 3 feet below the surface, the workmen came upon the remains of a Celtic pottery and a number of flint implements.

Beginner's Department--Argentine

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue)

Kohl's Handbuch, probably on the authority of M.J. Jaquier (Le Timbre-poste 1900), states that the stamps were engraved in England. Nevertheless they may have arrived from Paris, as stated above, because they may have been shipped that way. The same Handbuch gives the dates of issue as April 17, 1864 and May 1866. What the latter date really refers to, I fail to understand. The date of issue given to the 5c without watermark is July 1867, and that given to the 10 and 15c without watermark is Sept. 1867. These latter two values were issued with a blue control mark on the back instead of the watermark, and any copies without this blue control mark are said to be proofs or copies pilfered from the supply previous to proper issue.

The fourth issue, January 1867 (Kohl 1st of Sept. 1863) is steel engraved, presumably in sheets of 100 (as the previous issue) and consists of the customary 3 values, 5, 10 and 15 centavos. According to Kohl it was engraved in New York, possibly printed there too. By whom or in what quantities it was made I have no means to know. The 5c bears the portrait of Rivadavia, the 10c that of Belgrano and the 15c that of San Martin. Of the 5 and 15c there are two types, one with horizontal lines only, the other with crossed lines in the background. The 10c was re-issued in 1876 (?) on laid paper. The 15c was used cut in halves. The 5c was re-issued rouletted in 1876, type II., with crossed lines in background. The perforation of this issue (12) and the paper seem to point to the National Bank Note Co. of New York, which at the same time manufactured the stamps for the United States, the engraving and the colors of the stamps seem to point the same way, but this is not sufficient evidence to permit us to say that the stamps were made by that company.

The fifth issue, March to October 1827, is again steel-engraved and (same as the fourth issue) perforated 12. The general appearance of the stamps seems to point to the American Bank Note Co. of New York, but I have no means to verify the supposition that there is any connection. Yvert and Tellier mix up this issue with the previous one; probably they thought that both came from the same makers, but they are so little alike, both in design and general appearance, that I doubt very much if they came from the same source.

The issue of 1837 consists of 5 values, 1c with portrait of Balcarce, 4c with portrait of Moreno, 30c with portrait of Alvear, 60c with portrait of Posadas and 90c with portrait of Saavedra. The 1 and 4c appear in several shades, and the 90c is reported on two kinds of paper, white and yellowish, the latter as the rarer variety. The three values of the previous issue seem to have been used, for some time at least, simultaneously with this issue. In 1877 the 5 and 10c of 1867 were surcharged with new values, very large and fat figures; they are rare and high priced, and there are numerous imitations. The occasion for the appearance of these provisionals was the delayed arrival of the next issue.

(To be continued).

Isn't a paper like this worth subscribing to?

The Abyssinian Professor

By J. W. H. Heslop of England

A solitary passenger car, hooked on to the tail of a goods' train, rattled and swung along the railway track. The only passenger therein, an English Professor of languages, lay comfortably back in his seat, and fell into a reverie.

The line was a French railway. It ran from Djibuti on the Somali Coast, three hundred miles into the interior, connecting the chief Abyssinian towns with the coast and opening up trade routes everywhere.

The French officials had helped him wonderfully; they had given him letters and a passport—remembering the "entente cordiale," no doubt. They had courteously put him in the direct way of seeing what he had come all the way to Abyssinia to see.

Hailo! The train was slowing up for a stop. "Ze train, sare," said an official through the window, "have hesitated to allow you to alight. The village is ovalre yondaire, sare."

The Professor got down from the car. He rewarded the man with a franc piece, and the train moved on.

It left him there, standing beside the track, a stranger in a strange land. For a moment his heart sank, and he cursed the folly that had brought him thither. He watched the preceding train till it dimmed to a speck in the distance; to him it seemed the last retreating bit of civilization, that left him alone and defenseless in a strange land.

He had a mind to go back. He looked around; the sun was setting; it seemed to call for his immediate decision. He drew out and examined his revolver and replacing it in his pocket with a sigh of resignation he moved slowly down the embankment. He had decided to face the peril.

He passed through fields of barley as emerald in its half ripeness as in an English field, through stretches of bending dhurra, rice and malze, bananaas and other tropical fruits. Herds of the longhorned Abyssinian cattle were feeding in wide pastures to right and left.

As he neared the settlement he heard the barking of native dogs, and presently he found himself in the village street.

The houses that surrounded him—all of stone, and circular—how often he had described them to his students! Here in an actual Abyssinian village street he ought to have been in his element, yet somehow he had an uncanny feeling.

He was thankful that such natives as chanced to be abroad took little notice of him; the settlement was near the railway, and the neighborhood had grown accustomed to the sight of Europeans.

Of one of the peasants he ventured to inquire, in excellent Amharic, for the residence of a prominent Abyssinian, and this was duly pointed out to him. 

Through a thorn hedge he found his way to the great man's door, at which he boldly knocked for admittance. The servant who admitted him, showed no sign of alarm.

A minute later he was ushered into a hall whose walls were of undressed limestone rock, an apartment spacious and lofty, with divans running round in tiers, the ceiling a maze of roughly cut timber, and on the floor a magnificent European carpet.

There were two occupants in the room: One an old man sitting by a

central table, who nevertheless sprang agilely to his feet as his visitor entered. The other was his daughter, and she, as the novelists say, merits a little description

Her face would have been almost European had it not been brown, the palest and faintest of browns. Her hair was loose, dark and plentiful. Her eyes were full of life and fire. Her dress was of white, done up at the shoulders with colored ribbon, and from her neck was swung a Christian cross. The Professor reflected that Christianity had followed the trade route along the Nile valley, and has found a way into Abyssinia at a time when Britain was still heathen.

The girl reminded him subtly of some other race, and for a moment the resemblance perplexed him. Then he remembered: The Abyssinians had much in common with the Persians—was not the Persian Lion depicted on the postage stamps of her country?

"I have ventured to intrude into your venerable presence," began the Professor fluently, speaking to the girl's parent, "in order to beg for a sight of the very wonderful collection—"

Collection; The girl started at the word. Here was a "John Bull" (for thus she mentally labelled her visitor) who had evidently come all the way from his native shores allured by the fame of her wonderful collection. Instantly she rose to her feet. At once she felt at home with the stranger. There was a bond between them now, a bond that laughs at difference of race or color, that cares not a fig for climes or creeds. She fetched out her collection. She had them all. The issue of 1894, which, as the Professor knew, was cheap. The issue of 1901 with the overprint "Ethiopie," the old-world title of Abyssinia. The violet surcharges, then the black, then the same types overprinted in Amharic. Then the 1904 set, also in blue and violet; then the "centimes" issue. Last of all came a display of postage dues. The girl blushed beneath her copper skin as she turned over the pages. (Her father had gone to sleep) The Professor explained. "I am an expert in all things Abyssinian" he said. "I preside over a class of students who are disgusted at my ignorance of—postage stamps; therefore I have come all the way hither to rectify my lack of knowledge in this department—the only department in which I am not at home."

"You are wise," said the girl, "and your students are wise also. Is the world blind that it does not see that he who gathers the stamps of our country considerably enriches himself?" The Professor reflected that the surcharged 10: of 1905 was now catalogued eighteen pence. There was also a surcharge of 5 centimes of a later date that was priced at thirty shillings!

"The time is coming," he sighed, "when the world will see." Alas for that sigh! It provoked the girl to a brave utterance. "You and I see," she whispered. "Surely we are twin souls!" (It has been previously remarked that her father was asleep). "The sun is sinking," said the Professor lamely. (It had already sunk) "I may possibly be in this neighborhood tomorrow, and will discuss the point with you then." How he got away he scarcely knew, perhaps his breaking away was a trifle abrupt. But he got out of the house under the pretext of having a train to catch, he raced across to the railway, held up the evening mail, and that night he stood on the silent strand where the sea lapped lazily against the wharves of Djibuti. From this spot, or somewhere near it, perhaps three thousand years before, the Queen of Ethiopia had set sail on her visit to King Solomon. Little did she reckon that the day would dawn when her country would enter the Postal Union.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



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 beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

455. For what stamp journal would you advise a beginner to subscribe? Well, as a contributor to *The WEST*, I could hardly do otherwise than to advise him to subscribe to *The WEST* and to make liberal use of its Department of Inquiry, but as that might seem a little too selfish I will mention Redfield's Stamp Weekly which pays particular attention to the needs of beginners. Perhaps yet the best advice would be to send a stamp for a sample copy of as many different journals as one may know to address and then by comparing them to pick out the one which pleases best. In order to find the addresses of other journals it is only necessary to peruse *The WEST* carefully, ads and all.

456. What issue of Mexico bears the portrait of Maximilian? The small sized issue of 1866, lithographed and engraved, which, by the way, is a splendid object to show the difference between lithograph and engraving.

457. What issue of Brazil bears the portrait of Dom Pedro II.? All the portrait issues from 1866 to 1884.

458. Whose portraits are those on the recent issue (1906) of Brazil? They are beginning with the 10 reis and going up: Arist Lobo, Benj Constant Alvarez Cabral, Wandenkolk Deod da Fouseca, Fl. Peixoto, Prudente, Campos Salle, Rodrig Alves. The female portraits in the higher values are allegorical figures of Liberty.

459. What stamps of the Argentine Republic bear the portrait of Rivadavia? The whole issue of 1864 the 5c of 1867, 8c of 1877, 5c of 1888, 5c of 1889, 8c of 1890, ½c of 1895. See also Beginner's Department in *The WEST*, where the Argentine Republic and its stamps are treated, and McKeel's News and Trade Circular No. 16 or *Revista de la Soc. Fil. Arg.* No 127.

460. Is it advisable to collect damaged stamps. Under certain circumstances, yes; under others, no. If you collect for pecuniary profit, you will do well to leave damaged stamps alone, but if you collect for pleasure and information they may sometimes come very handy. Before I say more, I would like to express as a superior axiom the words so often repeated: Get the cleanest and most perfect copies possible. Sometimes you cannot get any other copy than a damaged one, because the stamp is so very rare that good copies cannot be found; in such case any copy seems welcome. In other cases good copies can be had but they are too dear and you may have no prospects of ever getting one of them; in these cases also a damaged copy is acceptable. It must be remembered though that damaged copies have only a small fraction of the value of good copies, which is shown by the fact that dealers offer them at 1/10 or even 1/20 of catalog value, and, if you would offer them damaged stamps they would not knowingly buy them at all, except perhaps in very rare instances and for a still smaller fraction. Much depends on the character of the damage; a small nick or tear is not so bad as a corner of the stamp gone; a perforation wanting not so bad as a very heavy smudge cancellation. As long as the stamp can be recognized in more

than half of its parts, it has some philatelic value, and I would never destroy or discard such a stamp, nor refuse to accept it as a present, and I think that most all collectors who are not over-emphasizing the money side of the question would act in the same way. That damaged stamps have some value left is shown by the fact that many of them are enumerated in auction catalogs and otherwise offered for sale. If they were quite worthless, dealers would not take so much trouble about them. But always get the best you can!

Is it possible to lose money on new stamps bought at face value? Yes. If you buy too many of any one denomination without really cornering the market, you may lose because you lack dexterity in handling your holdings. Again, if you pay face value of stamps and after some time when they become obsolete a large amount of remainders be thrown on the market, the price may drop so as to compel you to sell below face value, if you want to sell at all. Finally, you may lose if you invest too much money and find yourself compelled to sell quickly. Speculation is always an uncertain undertaking, unless one is especially fitted to take advantage of every trifle, which to him may mean loss or gain.

460. What Bonapatre is that portrayed on the stamps of France? It is Louis Napoleon the III., the last emperor of France. He was the third son of King Louis Bonaparte and Hortense Beauharnais born at Paris on April 20, 1808. On the 26th of Sept. 1848 he entered the National Assembly as a representative of Paris and 5 Departments and on the 10th of Dec. of the same year was elected president of France by 5½ million votes. On the 20th of Dec. 1851 he was elected president for life by a vote of 7½ million, and not quite a year later on the 2nd of Dec. 1852 declared emperor. In consequence of the unhappy war with Germany he was dethroned on the 4th of Sept. 1870 whilst a prisoner of war at Wilhelmshree near Kassel. Afterwards he lived at Chiselhurst near London, England, and died Jan. 9, 1873. His rise and fall is indicated on the stamps of his country.

461. What do you think of mended or repaired stamps? If I could mend or repair one very nicely myself that would please me considerably, and, if I thought of my own collection only, I would practice that art freely. But, if I think that my collection must eventually be sold, and that it would be a fraud upon the buyer to represent a patched specimen to him as a perfect one, I prefer to repair my damaged specimens, if I repair them at all, in such a way as to leave their character easily discernible, for I do not want my children to steal, nor to obtain money under false pretenses. As to paying others for repairing stamps for me, I would not pay a cent for such work, and if repaired stamps were offered to me I would not knowingly buy them. The repaired condition is a counterfeit condition, and the repairer is to a certain extent to be classed with the counterfeiter; in many cases, for instance the changing of a common stamp to the appearance of a rare and costly stamp, he is a counterfeiter outright.

Mr. T. L. Renaut of Philadelphia, Pa. (222 4th Str.) announces his readiness to sell large lots of unpicked and unsorted European stamps as sole agent for the Bethlehem Missions. What these missions are we do not exactly know. Perhaps Mr. Renaut will be so kind as to furnish us with a description.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

A LITTLE CHAT ON FOREIGN REVENUE ARITHMETIC.

In the different countries of this world all kinds of currency are used and many, to us, queer values found on their revenue stamps and I shall in this article pick a few of them and try to give its equivalent in U.S. money.

Afghanistan for instance, 200 rupes equals \$61.94. The old 22½ silbergroschen of the German Empire, equals 54c, and the value of a present stamp of M. 5.60 pf. equals \$1.34. Many of the smaller States in Germany have revenue stamps but we will take only Bremen 54 groten equals 54c and Saxony 15 neurgoschen equals 36c. Argentine and its provinces are rich in all kind of values. A small tobacco stamp is .002 centavo, equals 1/50 of a cent. Can hardly pay for the paper it is printed on.

The high Argentine value a 5000 pesos of Buenos Ayres is about \$200.00 but the regular issue of the Argentine Government 1000 peso equals \$965.00. Austria with the old value of 30 kreuzer of 1850, equal 25c, and 30 kreuzer of 1860 equals 12c, or the present 30 heller, equals 6½c. Brazil, 10 reis equal ½c or 20,000 reis equals \$10.92. Denmark with the old 48 shilling, equal 27c, and present 85 ore equals 23c. Egypt 1 millesime equals ½c. Old Antilles 102 escudo equals \$53.04 and the newer value 170 pesos equals \$34.00. Under old Cuba are 28 peso 12½ centavo, equals \$5.63, and Philippines 17 4/8 centavos equal 3½. France has some odd values like 1 fr., 73 cent, equals 33c. 3/100 of a centime is pretty small value. Gr. Britain 1£, 7sh, 6d, equals \$6.69 is not doing bad. Greece 5 lepta, equals 1c. Hayti 70 cent, equal 67c. Hong Kong 96c, equals 43c. India does not differ with Afghanistan or any rupee country, but divisions are various, like Ceylon into cents, Macao into avos, Portugies India into tangas, German E. Afr., into pesas. Italy 1-3 centesimi, equal 3/50c. The old Venice value of 49.38 cent, equals 9½c face value but easy worth \$5.00 nowadays. Japan 1 rin, equals 1-20 c; but a 5000 sen is worth \$24.90. Mauritius 4 cents, equals 1/3 c, and 8 rupees 35 cents, equals \$2.71. Holland 19 gulden equals \$7.64. Peru 1000 sol, equals \$488.00. Portugal with its 2 reis, equals 1-5 c as a small value, has some curious values like 16665 reis, or 20830-reis, equals \$22.51. Russia 36 kopecs, equals 19c, and let us quit with Siam's 4 ticals, equals \$1.12.

Any reader is welcome to apply the higher mathematics in correcting my figures, at his leisure, and pleasure.

The Metropolitan Philatelist edited by the veteran J. W. Scott, has issued its 536th number on Feb. 1st, and reprints a report, concerning the Australian Commonwealth stamps, which first appeared in the Australian Philatelist of Nov. 1st, 1907, and was subsequently reproduced in the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly. From this report we learn that Mr. Bassett Hull withdrew from the Stamp Committee on account of circumstances in the Civil Service to which Mr. Hull belongs, and that his brother, Mr. W. A. Hull, the Secretary of the Sydney Philatelic Club, was appointed in his stead. It is highly gratifying to hear that the Stamp Committee recommends destruction of all remainders, stocks, Master dies and plates, as soon as the new stamps shall have come into use. Collectors and dealers will take care to obtain a good stock of the old stamps before the destruction begins, but they must pay face value for every unused stamp they purchase, and one will be sold for less.



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

President	F. N. Chase
Vice President	Wallace Delafield
Treasurer	Wm. A. H. Anschuetz
Secretary	F. Millhouse
Sales Supt. and Librarian	S. M. Schoeman
Auction Manager	H. A. Diamant
Entertainment Committee	Bain, Chairman
Recruiting Committee	Diamant, Chairman

The ninety ninth regular meeting of the Society was held at the usual place and time on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd.

The near approach of Santa Claus and the stress of Christmas shopping did not affect the turn out for we had seventeen present. President Myers in the chair, those present being Anschuetz, Bain, Boissellier, Bollman, Chase, Cornwall, Heath, Humes, Mechin, Millhouse, Myers, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Sisson Sr. and Jr. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Two applications were presented and passed on to the Membership Committee for consideration. Dr. Louis Bartell, 211 N. Garrison Ave., Gus Mechin, 812 Chestnut St. Sisson moved, seconded by Humes that the Secretary convey to the Manufacturers Association the thanks of the Society for the use of their rooms during the year passed. Carried.

Cornwall moved, seconded by Chase that a donation of \$5.00 be sent to the Publicity Committee of the A. P. A. Carried.

Messrs. Bain and Cornwall of the Committee of Arrangements for the One Hundredth meeting, reported that letters had been addressed to every member on the subject, and the response received indicated the plan could be put through successfully. Sisson moved, seconded by Boissellier that in view of the Committee's report a banquet and entertainment should be held on the night of the next meeting, Tuesday, January 5th. Carried. The President reappointed the same committee to carry through all arrangements. He suggested that steps should be taken for a photo of the banquet: Mr. Schoeman promised to look after this. Mr. Cornwall proposed that the Committee be allowed to invite a few special guests of honor as for instance, the postmaster, Hon. Frank Wyman. This was heartily approved of and sanctioned.

The Years' Reports of the retiring officers were then in order. The President read his report as follows:
To the Officers and Members of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society.

Gentlemen.—Since time immemorial, long before the days of our own St. Louis Bear Stamps and Post Office Mauritius, even before the adoption of the now classic Mulready Envelope a Birthday has been a day of retrospection and congratulation, a day of feasting and festivity and a day of good resolutions.

Our Society's Birthday is no exception and at this meeting, the eve of its fourth Anniversary, so to speak, it is fitting that we should pause for a brief view of the past year's activity which our Secretary who has served so capably and faithfully will submit in detailed form, making it unnecessary for me to refer in more than a general way to the marked and eminently satisfactory progress along the lines of recruiting, attendance and entertainment. The Society, with the aid of a tireless Recruiting Committee, has enrolled and reinstated more members by nearly seventeen per cent than in any preceding year and the attendance record, thanks to the unremitting

work of the Entertainment Committee, has also kept pace and exceeded all former years.

And as a climax to this year's achievements, to fittingly celebrate our vast forward strides, we are to gather at the next, our one hundredth meeting, to feast and to hold high Carnival.

It only remains now to thank each Committeeman, each Officer—in short each member, sincerely and with all my heart for the unceasing help and support and uniform courtesy extended by all. I shall ever recall with greatest pleasure the years spent in your service.

For the New Year let us make the good resolution to afford our members a never ceasing source of social profit and pleasure, to grow and expand and become a power for good to be felt for untold years to come in all the World of Philately.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Myers, President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The annual report of the Treasurer from January to December 22nd, 1908, inclusive is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 21, 1908.....	9.45
Membership dues paid.....	52.00
Com. & donation on all auction sales.....	9.18
Cash received from Mr. Hopkins for Mr. Long.....	1.10
" " " prize fund.....	.15
" " " Emblems.....	1.00
Total.....	\$72 86

EXPENDITURES.

To Official Organs.....	\$25.29
Printing and Stationery.....	10.10
Postage.....	2.06
Advertising.....	.30
Exchange Manager.....	2 21
One rejected application fee..	1.00
Mr. Myers.....	2 00
Balance on hand.....	11 32

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. Humes, Treasurer.

To the Officers and Members of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society.

Gentlemen:—At the conclusion of the Fourth year of our Society's history, I think it is very fitting that the strides made yearly by us should be recounted for our mutual encouragement.

The first meeting was held on February 5th, 1905, and we find 26 names on the Roll as Charter Members (of these 15 are still actually with us). By the end of 1905 five new members had been enrolled while two charter member has resigned during the same time.

1906 therefore began with 29 names on the Roll. During the year 18 were elected while two resigned and four were dropped leaving 41 at its close.

During 1907 eleven members were admitted and three were reinstated, in the same period one resigned and nine were dropped.

This brings us to the present year now closing and I am pleased to report the following summary of membership:

On Roll January 1st, 1908	45
Members elected	16
Members reinstated	5 21
Resigned	2
Dropped	8 10 11
Membership to Dec. 22nd	56
Applications in hands of Membership Committee	2

A very active and persistent Recruiting Campaign was carried on and our thanks are due to the following members for the new recruits they proposed Myers 6, Wood 4, Cornwall 3, Humes 2, Chase, Diamant Johnson one each. It is much to be regretted that we have not a longer list than this to name as there must be many more collector of the City who might be secured as members if more personal work on Recruiting lines by every member had been done. Still having made a 25 per cent increase we may well congratulate ourselves, and reckon this our Banner Year.

The officers as elected for the year 1908 were:—President, Chester Myers; Vice President, A. Strauss; Treasurer, J. H. Humes; Secretary S. M. Schoeman; Governing Board:—These officers and Messrs. Baer, Delafeld, Diamant, Millhouse and Wood Mr. Schoeman, however, refused to serve as Secretary and Mr Wood was therefore elected in his place. This left a vacancy on the Governing Board which was filled by the election of F. N. Chase.

The President appointed the following Committees:—Emblem, F. R. Cornwall, Chairman; Entertainment, F. N. Chase, Chairman; Membership, Wallace Delafeld, Jr., Chairman; Recruiting, G. Wood, Chairman.

The Emblem Committee, after considerable work, were successful in carrying their labors to a satisfactory issue and as a result we have what is conceded to be one of the handsomest Society Emblems.

The Entertainment Committee deserves our sincere thanks for their effort to make the year's meeting so attractive. A scheme for the formation of a Prize Fund was liberally responded to by a number of the members. Eight contests were brought off as follows:—Netherlands, Germany, France, Sweden, Denmark, Canada, Beauties and Uglies. These had a total of 39 entries or an average of 55 per contest.

Exhibits and excellent talks were given by Walter Bain on "Old Time Collecting" and "Match and Medicine Stamps." F. R. Cornwall "Present Day Collecting", "British Colonials", "U. S. Postal Adhesives '47 to '93" and "New South Wales" and Mr. Diamant, "The Magnetism of Philately" and "Canal Zones".

The total attendance for the entire year has been 360 an average of 14 per meeting. This certainly compares most favorably with the total attendance of 305 and an average of 11 3 5 for last year. Our smallest crowd was Sept 15, the largest for this or any other year was Dec. 6th 24; the attendance on March 31st. 21, is also a record breaker. Only one member, Millhouse, has a perfect record not having missed one meeting either this year or last, he therefore wins the President's prize for attendance. Mr. Schoeman comes second with one missed, then follows Myers, three, Voelker, Chase, Humes 4; Wood 6; Pokorny 8; Reudi, Bain 9; In charity we will draw a veil over the other delinquents and hope for better things in the days that are to come.

A splendid set of officers have been elected for the new year and so we may safely leave the future destinies of the Society in their hands. In

closing I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in being called upon to act as Secretary during the year and it has been a great pleasure to serve the Society in this capacity. Now as a high private in the rear ranks I will still continue to do my share towards the successful carrying forward of our United Desire; the building up of a Permanent, Aggressive, and Powerful Society in St. Louis.

These reports were enthusiastically received. Cornwall moved, seconded by Schoeman that the reports be accepted, copies being published in the official organs. Carried.

The business of the evening, the election of officers, was then in order.

Mr. Bain requested leave to withdraw his name from the Presidential Contest.

Mr. Schoeman moved, seconded by Sisson, that the election of F. N. Chase be made unanimous. Carried Sisson moved, seconded by Boisselier that the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for the following officers: Vice President, Wallace Delafield, Jr. Treasurer, W. J. Apschuetz. Secretary, Frank Millhouse. The election of the Governing Board resulted in the following: Messrs. Bain, Cornwall, Diamant, Myers, Sisson.

Cornwall moved, seconded by Sisson that the Society revert to the original plan for all membership fees to expire at the end of the year, new applicants during the course of the year to be charged pro rata. Carried.

For entertainment the President proposed an old fashioned spelling bee. Messrs. Bain and Boisselier being appointed Captain of the teams. The former's came off on top. This closed one of the most interesting and entertaining of evenings.

Geo Wood, Secretary

January 6, 1909.

Last evening the above named society celebrated its 100th meeting by a banquet at the Mercantile Club rooms on Seventh & Locust Sts. Promptly at 7:45 p. m. President Myers took the chair and with a few well chosen words handed over the presidential gavel to Mr. F. N. Chase our president for 1909. Then the 18 members present fell to on the good things provided for their repast, and for a long while appetite interfered with conversational power. However, when coffee had been partaken of and cigars were in evidence, the president invited Mr. F. R. Cornwall to say a few words. This gentleman then proceeded to speak of the menu cards which were the novelty of the evening. He told the assembled philatelists that these cards had been donated by the United Stamp Co. of Chicago, and he moved in conclusion that the thanks of the society be accorded that firm. This motion was seconded by everyone in the room, methinks, and was given a hearty assent by all. After Mr. C. resumed his seat the floor was occupied by Messrs. Diamant, Strauss, H. A. Sisson, Myers and Chase, respectively. Then the banqueters broke up into little knots and groups, and were all agreed on one thing:--That the Entertainment Committee (Messrs. Cornwall, Strauss, Bain) had certainly justified the good judgment of President Myers in appointing these gentlemen. This being the first meeting of the new year, the new officers entered on their duties. They are F. N. Chase, President; Wallace Delafield, Vice Pres; Wm. A. H. Anschuetz, Treasurer; yours truly, for Secretary. The one regrettable fact about the banquet was the fact that quite a number of members were kept from the scene of festivity by illness. There was only one toast given and that by Mr. C. Myers. He gave "Our 100th Meeting", and it was drunk in eau de Mississippi.

The surcharging of the cards was done by the E. J. Schuster Co of this

city and the thanks of the Society are due that firm for this token of good will to the Society. Both the morning papers gave us a few lines of space this a. m. and I send along the best of the two:—"The Glope Democrat. We are in hopes that Philately will be boomed quite a bit in this town.

The next meeting of the society will be held in room 806 Wright Building on Jan. 19, at 8 p. m. Present at Banquet: Messrs. Anschuetz, Dr. Baer, Beyer, Boisselier, Bollman, Chase, Cornwall, Diamant, Heath, Lindenschmit, Rene Bechlin, Millhouse, Myers, Schellhorn. Vinton Sisson. W.A. Sisson, Strauss, Wood. I am Sir, Yours faithfully,

Millhouse.

The regular meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society was held in rooms 803-805 Wright Bldg. at 8 p. m., on Tuesday, Jan. 19 1909. President Chase being in the chair with 15 members present and one visitor.

The report of the previous meeting held on Jan. 5, 1908 was read and adopted. Mr. H. A. Sisson moved and W. C. Myers seconded that the Entertainment Committee be thanked for their labors in connection with the banquet, and that they be discharged. Motion carried. The President then announced the name of the members of the following committees:

Membership Committee:—Hood, Chairman, Boisselier, and Schoeman.

Entertainment Committee:—Baird, chairman, Strauss, and Vinton Sisson

Recruiting Committee:—Diamant, chairman, Humes, and W. A. Sisson.

Committee to Review the By Laws:—Cornwall, chairman, W. A. Sisson and Strauss.

The President then promised that he would give \$5 worth of stamps to the member, who, at the close of the year 1909 had the best record for attendance. After seeing the magnificent stamps presented by W. Chase's predecessor in office for the best attendance last year. Members should surely have some inducement to attend regularly this coming year.

An auction sale was held in the course of the evening and some good prices were realized.

There being no special contest for this meeting, the President produced a small bottle sealed and with a quantity of stamps inside and offered the bottle and contents, catalogued at \$8.75, as a prize to the gentleman who made the nearest guess as to the number of stamps in the bottle. Millhouse won this with a guess of 197. The number contained in the bottle was 213. Some of the guesses were very near 1000.

Mr. G. V. R. Mechin, 812 Chestnut St., St. Louis, and Dr. L. W. Bartel, 211 N. Garrison Ave, St. Louis, were elected to membership in the society.

At about 10:30 p. m. members began to think of "Home Sweet Home," and adjourned until the next meeting at 8 p. m., on February 2, 1909 in the Wright Building.

Those present were Anschuetz, Baer, Baiu, Bollman, Chase, Heath, Humes, Kennedy, Millhouse, Myers, Schoemann, W. A. Sisson, Vinton Sisson, Voelker, Wood. The visitor was Dr. Goontunghaus from Vienna, Austria. F. Millhouse, Sec'y.

Mr. J. W. Scott catalogued the first auction sale of stamps in May 1870 and after 37, now nearly 38 years he is still in the business and will send his catalogues of auctions to any one asking for them.



Received
by
the
Post
Office
London

Dear Sir We
are leaving
the town of
our home,
and you
were with
us

Yours,
J. S. '06

ACROSS THE POND

W. STUBLEY



Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks By W.H.C. of Liverpool, Eng.

In England the postal authorities are very slow to recognize the virtues of a postmark for advertising purposes, but if we live long enough, they may get "a move on" between now and the millenium; but you Canadians and Americans are alive to any chance for advertisement, and many fine commemorative postmarks have been issued on your side, such as the World's Fair, Chicago Columbian Exposition, &c. However it must be placed to the credit of the postal people here, a fine postmark was in use this last summer at the Franco-British Exhibition, for cancelling postal matter there, and I have in my possession a number of entires, sent from the Exhibition by your worthy publisher, Mr. L.T. Brodstone, when on his "globe trotting" trip lately.

During a personal visit to the Great Electrical Exhibition at Manchester, last October I was pleased to see a post office was established pro tem, but sorry to learn only a common date stamp was in use. All postal matter was simply cancelled Manchester, S., and date on, on six illustrated post cards that I sent home to myself. I wrote the postal people at Manchester concerning the omission and pointed out that a good opportunity for advertising had been lost sight of, also drew attention to the forthcoming Philatelic Exhibition and 1st Congress, to be held in Manchester during February 1909 and suggested a postmark in honor of the event, but my suggestion was negatived. I fancy that I am now "in for it" as we say in Lancashire, and all names of abuse will be directed against me in my own country for daring to suggest that we in England should countenance anything of a commemorative nature. The idea!

In my last article I wrote regarding the saving of time by the use of some simple obliterator, and now find that both Hanley and Burslem in Staffordshire are using the same obliterator for printed matter. It is triangular, about $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long and bears center letters XTI.

I find greater interest is being taken in the red PAID postmarks of Gt. Britain, and many small towns such as Poole, Accrington, Exeter, Shipley, Luton, are well worth looking for. I notice also that Americans are taking a keener interest in British postmarks for at times I am asked for an old copy of the British postal guide, which gives a full list of the post offices throughout the United Kingdom. In many auction sale catalogues recently

I find that postmarks are frequently mentioned as enhancing the value^{of} of rare stamps offered, giving proof as to date issue, and locale and truly a step in the right direction and to the advancement of the hobby

During the last few weeks a new postmark for cancelling printed matter only, has put in appearance from London (South East). It consists of the usual triangle with letters SE in centre and to left a seven bar obliterator in continuation.

I am pleased to see another new book on postmark collecting is announced entitled British postmarks, to be published by one of the leading philatelic firms in London. Success to it, say I.

Berlin in Germany is now running new electrical (motor) postmarking machines, and many fine marks are coming over of the ring and bar pattern, also a flag with coat of arms obliterator. I think the finest postmark—and when I say fine I mean clear, good design—that I have ever seen, hails from Canada. It is a beautiful specimen struck to commemorate (now ye critics) the longest reign of good Queen Victoria. The device consists of a waving flag beautifully shaded with VICTORIA in large letters running through the centre, 1837 above and 1897 below. Also to left in circle date stamp—Montreal, June 28, 1897. But I ask was not such a Queen worthy of such a commemoration? Letters bearing foreign stamps frequently arrive in England, and are cancelled here. I have seen numbers from Norway bearing Hull postmark, and others from France with the Southampton obliteration. Again, many ship letters on the high seas which are simply cancelled PACQUEBOT for packet boat. The old mail boats at one time were designated "packets," to show they were in the habit of carrying packets of postal matter, &c.

(To be continued)

Since the new U. S. stamps, now appearing, have several values of the same design, the important question arises whether there is but one original die for all these values or a distinct original die for each value. In the latter case we may expect some slight difference between the several values. If the former is the case, it will be interesting to know at what stage of the process of manufacturing the plates and words and figures of value are introduced, and here again there is a possibility if not a probability of varieties. Finally as the designs of the 1 and 2 cents values are to be altered by the addition of the figures of value, we may ask whether the old plates will be altered or whether the change will be restricted to the making of new plates. Here again we can imagine the possibility of varieties noting stages of change, similar to the three triangle of the 2 cents 1894. Besides that, as the plates of the different values with the same design will look very much alike, there will be more room for confounding one plate for the other, and printing any value in a wrong color, than there ever was when each value had its particular and separate design. Hence it may be worth while to watch the present issue with extra ordinary attention for any irregularities, such as minor varieties or misprint, which would form excellent material for exchange with foreign collectors. What shall be done in regard to a Lincoln commemorative stamp seems yet beyond human knowledge, but it would be in keeping with popular sentiment if something was done. Abraham Lincoln is certainly as near and dear to the hearts of our people as any one,

WASHINGTON NOTES

Dates of Issue of new 1908 set: Special Delivery, Dec. 4, 1908; 1 ct in book Dec. 3; 2 ct in books, Nov. 16; 1 ct. in sheets, Dec. 14; 2ct in sheets Dec. 1; 3 ct in sheets Dec. 26; 4ct in sheets Dec. 26; 6 ct in sheets Dec. 31.

Business at the Government stamp issuing bureau continues brisk, and all indications point to the liveliest winter on record. Last fall the stamp market opened up strong, with the announcement of the new set, with Franklin and Washington ruling favorites, but now a strong bull movement has started in favor of Lincoln, and the great emancipator has been dragged from the oblivion shared by his compatriots on the old set, Messrs. Jackson, Grant, Sherman, et al. into the limelight of public attention; and the winter market bids fair to close with Lincoln a ruling favorite over all.

In other words the Post Officials have bowed to public demand, as voiced in the newspapers all over the country, and even in the two houses of Congress, and announcement is made of the proposed issuance of anew commemorative stamp bearing the portrait of Abraham Lincoln, of the single denomination of two cents and to be put on sale on February 12th, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the martyred President.

If all goes well in the big print shop, therefore, the smallest commemorative "set" issued by this Government will be in the hands of the public by the time this number of the WEST appears. As announced, however, the design will, following the precedent of the regular set, be simple and dignified. It will consist of the portrait of Lincoln in an elliptical medalion, surrounded by a spray of laurel leaves. The inscription "U. S. Postage" will be placed across the top of the stamp and below this the dates "1809—Feb. 12—1909." It will be of two cent denomination of the regular red color. Chicago will be honored in furnishing the likeness, to be from St. Gaudens' celebrated statue on Riverside Drive, Chicago.

It will be of interest to collectors to know that the new stamps will be sold only so long as the supply of one hundred million copies, the number ordered shall last, after which the regular Washington varieties will be sold.

The issuance of this simple commemorative stamp is a most happy solution of the problem brought about by the strong pressure made to have Lincoln restored to the postal stationery of the country, the aid of many Historical societies and influential officials having been enlisted and efforts made to have all the way from one stamp to a whole set brought out.

In addition to getting out the higher values of the new set, the Department still has in mind a set of three values in honor of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition to be held at Seattle the coming summer.

Assurances were given the officials of the exposition many weeks ago that such a set would be forthcoming; if so, definite descriptions will be available very soon now, as the gates of the exposition are scheduled to open in the spring

Latest advices predict the failure in the present Congress of the bill for the establishment of postal savings banks. Apparently the scheme is meeting with too strong opposition from the regular private savings institutions, which fear any encroachment on their field of business.

Bright & Son's "A.B.C." Catalog, 7th Edition, 1909

Reviewed by L. G. Dorpat for THE WEST.

This book, now in cloth covers, has increased to VIII and 744 pages with a supplement of 40 pages of advertisements of sets, packets, albums, books, etc. The most striking feature is the excellence of the illustrations, which, as they include all the U. S. adhesives, are of especial value to beginners of U. S. collections, who frequently find some difficulty in placing the early issues according to directions without illustrations of the stamps. As the price of the book is only 43 cents post free it can be heartily recommended to all desiring an illustrated list of U. S. stamps.—What we do not like, is the numbering of all varieties and minor varieties, as for instance, giving two numbers to the 5 cents U. S. 1847 and two numbers to the 10 cents of the same year. Thus also, the Columbian issue of 1893 has 21 numbers instead of 16, the 2, the 5, the 8 and the 10 cents each having two numbers. The German catalogs of Senf and Kohl are superior in this point.—The prices, as far as we can see, seem to be fair, many of the commoner varieties being priced at $\frac{1}{2}$ penny and many of the larger ones considerably below the prices of all the other catalogs. To give one example only, the 18 Hawaii 1864-71 is priced at 62 and 37 cts, while Scott's prices for the same stamp are \$2 50 and 1 25, Yvert's \$ 25 and \$ 60, Gibbons \$1 25 and \$ 62, Senfs \$ 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ and \$.75 and Kohl's light red \$ 50 and \$ 75, dark red \$1 25 and \$1 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. (By the way, a good example to show how important it is to compare several catalogs.) There are, of course, some cases in which the A B C. prices are higher than those of some or most of the other catalogs, as for instance, in the Cape of Good Hope issue, but after all these cases seem rare, and the A. B. C. excell over others is not very great.—For the stamps of Great Britain Bright & Son give three columns of prices, unused, used with light cancellation and used with usual cancellation. In the case of British embossed stamps (1847-54) there are even four columns, two for used and unused square and two for used and unused "cut to shape" The envelope, wrapper and postal card stamps, cut out and used as adhesives have only one column of prices, and that is for used copies "on the entire covers or piece of same." One peculiar feature is a long list of 12 pages of British stamps used abroad. They are not all priced, but as far as we know, this is the only list in existence pricing any of them, it will undoubtedly be interesting to all collectors of British stamps, because it shows some pretty good values. Let us take a few examples. The common 1 penny rose of 1850 used at Kingston, Jamaica is quoted at 1 sh., Malta 1 sh. 6d., Gibraltar 1 sh. 6d, Constantinople 1 sh., St. Thomas 1 sh. 6d.: the 6 pence lilac used at Kingston, Jamaica, 2 shillings, Antiqua 25 sh. 6d., Denurara 2 sh, 6d.; Berberice 5 sh, Br. Honduras 5 sh., St. Vincent 7 sh., 6d., St. Lucia 4 sh, St. Kitts 5 sh, Tobago 4 sh., Falmouth, Jamaica 7 sh. 6d., Gagle, Jam., 10 sh., Montego Bay, Jam. 5 sh., Gibraltar 9d to 2sh. 6 d, Alexandria 1 sh. 9d to 2 sh., Constantinople 1 sh. to 1 sh. 6d., St. Thomas 1 sh. 6d. The highest price quoted for any stamp is this list is 15 sh., for the 5 shilling rose 1867 used at Coquimbo. This may be enough to show that it may be worth while to look through ones stamps and to pick out those that were used "abroad"—We wish this catalog a large sale, and we recommend it to our readers, not only because we like it, but because we think they will like it as well. It may be obtained by yearly subscribers to the WEST for 25 cents extra postage sent to publisher. Orders from England will take three weeks longer to fill.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

BIG COLLECTIONS CHANGING HANDS.

The present season looks like being notable for big transactions in stamps. The sale of the famous "Koch" collection, by Messrs. Gilbert & Kohler, in Paris, has shown us once

again what a sure and safe investment are scarce stamps in really superb condition. In London, a collection formed by Mr. E. W. Wetherell has been satisfactorily auctioned. The Fraenkel collection is being made the medium of another big deal, and in America an eastern dealer has purchased the whole of the stamps of the late John K. Tiffany.

In every catalogue one finds stamps quoted which dealers themselves would willingly buy at half, and sometimes even at full catalogue and above, and this is the main reason why they cannot undertake to make an equal reduction on everything. If collectors insist on this reduction, we are sure they will sooner or later find out their mistake in having bought stamps of inferior quality.

Paper that has been chemically changed, will absorb moisture very readily.

Two varieties of the perforated series of the first issue of Hayti exist. The background surrounding the portrait in one is solid or plain, and in the other the same background is composed of cross lines.

The Philatelists of Manchester promise to provide one of the principal local events of 1909. In addition to three days' Exhibition of Postage Stamps, which is to be held in the Hulme Town Hall on February 18th, 19th and 20th next, we understand there is to be a Philatelic Congress also, this being the first Congress of its kind ever held in Great Britain. It is expected that every Philatelic Society in the Kingdom will be represented.

The longer one collects stamps, the more in love with the pastime one becomes. This is true, and being true, I wish to urge every reader to start a collection.

In my opinion a rare stamp neatly mended, or a stamp with one perforation missing is better than a blank space in my album. A stamp perforated on three sides is not in my opinion worth any less than one fully perforated. The "condition crank" goes too far in many cases and collectors of limited means will do well to secure many copies this species of collector would scorn to own. Take a common sense view of the condition question and be sure to collect what common sense and your pocket dictate, and you are all right.

Some advertisers and advertising agents continue to send in more copy than will go in the space ordered. Please bear in mind that SIX words make a line and that TWELVE lines make an inch, set solid.

A bill was introduced in the Swedish Parliament in 1822, to create postage stamps for use in that country, but it met with so much opposition that it never became a law. Had it done so Sweden would have had the honor of issuing the first stamps, but it remained for England, 18 years later, to put the idea in operation.

What we do welcome and always shall welcome are suggestions, IDEAS, for the furtherance of philately and collectors of all kinds of hobbies.



REV. I. G. DORPAT, Wayside, Wis. One of the Editors of the WEST.



IOLE DIONE, Berwyn, Ill. See their ads in this issue.
Confederate Pikes taken from Black Horse Cavalry, property of R. Mercer, Ohio.





BY J. VALENTINE, DUNDEE

Ocean Penny Post Envelope, taken from a French Magazine.

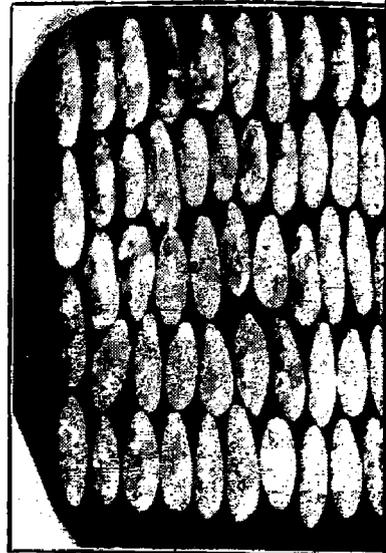


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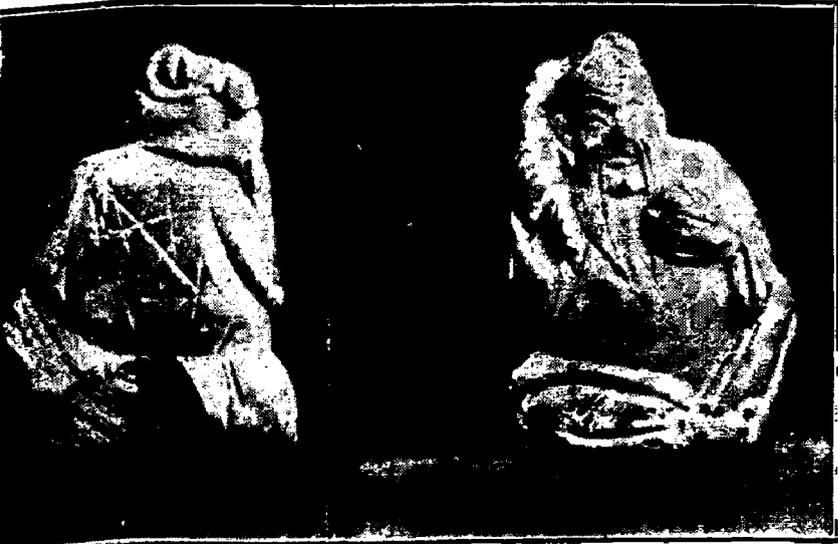
EGYPT.



Sent by G. Z. Garabedian, who expects to return home to Assyria, in the spring
Very Ancient Japanese Idols, sent by R. Mercer Cincinnati, Ohio.



Indian Spears and Implements of A. I.
Some coins of Frank G. Duffield, Bal

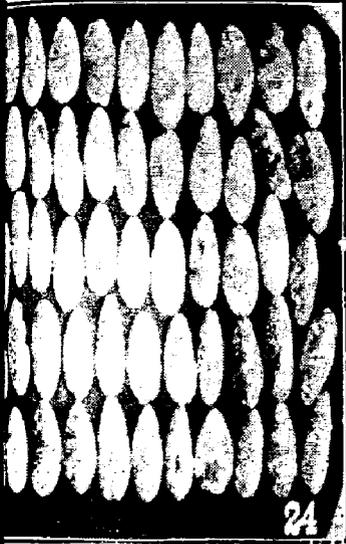




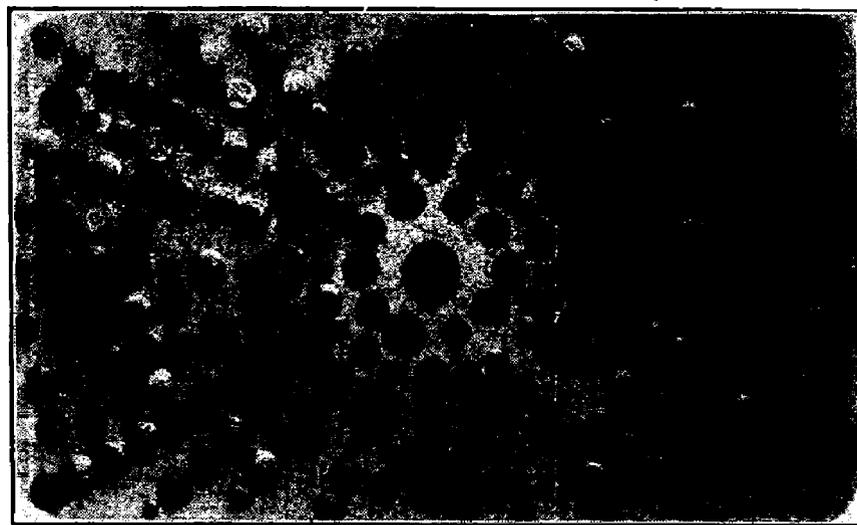
W. Bailey, Atkins, Ark.



Home of C. H. Fabian's father, Brooklyn, N. Y., he is standing in front.



Gutzmacher, Mukwonago, Wis.
more, Md Secy of the A. N. A.



Button collection of W. H. Lathrop, Sunderland, Vermont.
Russell Freidell, Dorchester, Nebr, in his fast racing outfit. See his ads



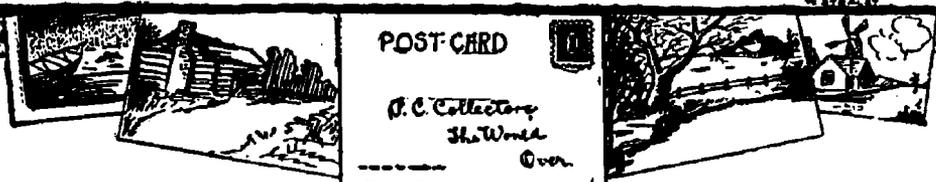


GEO. B. FROST, Smith Falls, Can. See his ad in this issue. F. G. Duffield, Sec'y of the A. N. A. Baltimore, Md.
CAPT. ALLEN, Shreveport, La. Who had ads last summer. Earnest Hirsch Jr., Newark, N. J.





PHILOCARTY



POST CARD

P. C. Collecting
The World
Over

The Restoration of William

Written for the WEST by B. B. of New Zealand.

"Good afternoon. What can I get for you, Post Cards?"

"Good afternoon. Yes I would like some of your choicest local views, please."

"Yes. How will these suit you? So you are interested in post cards."

"Yes, I am greatly interested in them, and strange as it may seem, I owe what I am today to post cards, or more correctly perhaps to the hobby of post card collecting. If you care to hear I will tell you how."

"Yes I should be delighted."

"I was born in the north of England, the eldest of a family of 6. My parents, brothers and sisters were good to me. I had a first class education. My companions were as fine a lot of boys and girls as could be wished for, yet I wanted to see something of the outer world, its people and places. So at the age of 23, I bade good by to all my home ties and set out for foreign fields. I made for America and eventually got to the Californian gold fields and there for a number of years lived a wild reckless life. I occasionally dropped a line home to keep in touch with them, but as I got farther and farther removed from the paths of goodness I got entirely away from contact with my own folks and kept wandering from place to place until even the wild west failed to hold any charm for me. I then shipped for Australia. I thought I might pull myself together in a new country, but no, I was the same, as there were plenty of allurements even here. I just went on as usual, wandering on from place to place, spending all I earned until I met in one of the cities—Melbourne—an old schoolmate, and with his assistance pulled myself together a bit. But I must needs wander again, so I went over to New Zealand to the Otago Gold Fields, and soon became a well known character there. But my wandering useless life was soon to cease. The mail was brought over to our camp once a week, and one day some of my mates called me and asked if I had any correspondents in England, and of course became interested. I said no, they surely can't be for me, when on

a postcard I caught a glimpse of a place I thought I knew, so I had a look, and sure enough they were for me. They had been sent to me in Australia by one of my old girl school mates and the sight of the old familiar spots had such an effect on me, that I determined to quit the useless life and come out a man. I might have failed in my purpose, but that each mail brought me fresh scenes. The old village street with the boys and girls playing as of yore, the pond where I learned to swim, and the stream where I would go to fish and in the winter would skate, a football match on the village green, Farmer Brown's Orchard, where we boys would sample the first ripe apples, cherries, peaches &c, and all the 100 & 1 beautiful boyhood spots, which brought back my happy boyhood days, and made me forget the intervening years. Thoughts of my mates, Billy Edwards, Jimmy Higgins and Mary Anderson, Bessie Harrison and my other pals, were they alive and well. Father and mother, dear old souls,—I must see you all. So I made inquiry by return post cards. (I used cards in preference to letters because of what they had done for me), and I learned that all were well tho' very much aged. I must go home, and oh what feelings moved my breast as I came in sight of the dear old land, what conderngs and queries, and at last, what a home coming! No Prodigal had better welcome than I, and no brother to be jealous of that welcome. All was as if I had returned from the dead as indeed it nearly was: and tho' a bit late in life, it had a romantic turn, for I married the lady who sent me the first post card which brought about my restoration and reformation. So you see I have cause to be proud of our pet hobby Post cards. Good afternoon "



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A Kolumn for Kansas Collectors

By George J. Remsburg

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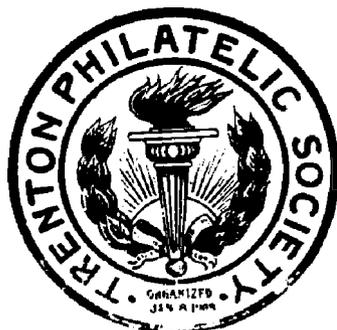
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Captain Edward A. K. Killian, formerly connected with the German academy and also editor of a German newspaper in Leavenworth, suffered a rather serious loss from fire at Manhattan, Kansas, recently. His office was burned and many valuable historical documents, books, manuscripts, etc. were destroyed. Captain Killian is secretary of the Quivera Historical society and an authority on early western history, and kindred subjects. He has about completed the manuscript for a history of the French and Indians in the Missouri valley, but fortunately it was saved from the fire. Captain Killian has sustained two bad losses from fire in the past two years. Some time ago his office at Alma, Kan., was burned, and his collection of Indian relics and many valuable books and papers were destroyed.

Notes on New Post Cards: The post card has filled a want, that is why they sell. Post cards will keep on selling just as long as the postcard artists keep on bringing out new designs. This is proved by the quick sales when something new is put on the market.

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Captain Edward A. K. Killian, formerly connected with the German academy and also editor of a German newspaper in Leavenworth, suffered a rather serious loss from fire at Manhattan, Kansas, recently. His office was burned and many valuable historical documents, books, manuscripts, etc. were destroyed. Captain Killian is secretary of the Quivera Historical society and an authority on early western history, and kindred subjects. He has about completed the manuscript for a history of the French and Indians in the Missouri valley, but fortunately it was saved from the fire. Captain Killian has sustained two bad losses from fire in the past two years. Some time ago his office at Alma, Kan., was burned, and his collection of Indian relics and many valuable books and papers were destroyed.

Notes on New Post Cards: The post card has filled a want, that is why they sell. Post cards will keep on selling just as long as the postcard artists keep on bringing out new designs. This is proved by the quick sales when something new is put on the market.

A gold five dollar piece coined by Conway at Georgia Gulch Colorado in 1818 fetched \$3240 and a gold ten dollar piece coined by the Cincinnati Mining and Trading Company in 1849 fetched \$3000 at a sale held in New York.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines)

One million dollars in virgin gold that will sink automatically every night into a steel vault, to reappear with the same precision in the morning will be the central feature of the Alaska exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle next summer. Piled in glittering heaps of dust, nuggets and bricks this brilliant display will be one of the greatest attractions on the exposition grounds. The gold pavilion, where the million dollars will be on display will be enclosed with a heavy wire cage and special guards will patrol the section night and day to protect the treasure.

The large steel vault built in solid concrete, will operate automatically on a time lock. Each night at the closing hour the two tons of gold will disappear and the steel and concrete top will slide into place, leaving nothing in view but the smooth surface of the floor. The time lock will be set for the opening hour in the morning when the treasure will reappear. The construction of this vault will cost \$4,000. In the gold exhibit are three of the largest nuggets ever found in Alaska. They were taken from the famous Pioneer mine at Nome and the total value of the three is slightly in excess of \$7,000. It is proposed to have the largest of these three nuggets arranged so that visitors may pick it up, and the big yellow lump will pass through thousands of hands during the exposition.

The Alaska fair commission has already secured the dust, nuggets and gold bricks for the display and it will be arranged in the gold pavilion of the Alaska building several days in advance of the opening of the exposition on June 1. A portion of the gold is now in safety deposit vaults in Seattle.

Every claim and prospect in the four divisions of Alaska contributed not less than an ounce of gold to the display and the Seward peninsula, Tanana river, Copper river and southeastern Alaska districts are all represented. In addition to the gold many of the mine owners of the Nome and Fairbanks camps will also have samples of pay dirt, gravel, bed rock and black sand. The exhibit will be just as it was washed from the ground.

Sapphires, said to feel the effects of atmospheric changes and to shrink perceptibly in cold weather, are supposed to be the coldest stones in existence, and to have the power consequently of quenching fires of unlawful love. The czar and the kaiser both wear sapphire rings, given them by their wives as talismans. Of sapphire sets, none is so precious either in Europe or America, as that belonging to the grand duchess Sergius of Russia.

American Historical Discoveries....

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EDITOR'S NOTE.

THE EDITOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE COPIES OF HISTORICAL MAGAZINES AND BOOKS ON HISTORICAL SUBJECTS FOR REVIEW. ALSO CLIPPINGS AND ITAMS OF INTEREST. PLEASE CREDIT TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.



Meeting of the American Historical Association at Washington

By John U. Perkins

(Continued from last issue).

Much of the partisan warfare of the day was carried on in pamphlets, but it is to the newspapers of the time that we must look for the history of the growth of parties: it is to the newspapers of the day that we must resort if we would find the real iniquities of the party criticised and the merits of that advocated by the writers of the times. In these exposures of the weaknesses and foibles of the opposing parties we read of the real difficulties and dangers that confronted the young republic.

Talcott Williams, in his paper on "The Newspaper of the Last Thirty Years as Historical Material," said:

"With this increase in its value as historical material, the bulk of a newspaper has grown threefold in thirty years and tenfold in fifty. The files of a newspaper for thirty years past would fill about 5,000 octavo volumes, heterogenous and unindexed. This bulk renders their use impractical without inordinate labor. Historical societies, instead of merely preserving newspaper files, should preserve clippings arranged in envelopes by subjects, making the record of the day accessible for the future. This could be done for about \$600 a year. This was shown by a careful description of the method used by the writer in a collection of 300,000 clippings."

The American Historical Association which now has a membership of 2400 was founded in 1884 by the late Herbert B. Adams, of John Hopkins University, and other historical scholars. Among its purposes the Association seeks especially to co-ordinate the interests of all those interested in historical work, either a teacher, writer or otherwise, whose relations with other historical societies are close and who may feel an interest in a national association; and it endeavors to secure more effective cooperation in historical work among the existing states and other historical societies. In 1889 the Association was incorporated by special act of Congress. This act fixes its principal office at Washington, D. C., and gives to its annual report the status of a public document, by ordering it printed and distributed at Government expense. The Association met annually in Washington until in 1896, when the plan of meeting each year in a different city was inaugurated, principally in order to give the meetings a broader national aspect. In successive years New York, Cleveland, New Haven, Boston, Detroit, Philadel-

phia, New Orleans, Chicago, Baltimore, Providence and Madison as well as Washington again had the honor of entertaining the members. At the present meeting was decided to hold the next meeting during the Christmas holidays of 1909 at New York City.

Many eminent men have in time past served as president of the Association among them being George Bancroft, Andrew D. White, Jutin Winsor, John Jay, James B. Angell, George F. Hoar, Edward Eggleston, John Mach McMaster and others. For the year 1909, Albert Rushnell Hart, of Massachusetts, was elected President.

Membership in the Association is obtained by the payment of three dollars a year dues, and members have the privilege of attending the annual meetings, and receive regularly the Annual Report, which appears in two volumes and includes the valuable publications of the Historical Manuscripts Commission and the Public Archives Commission, and also the American Historical Review, a quarterly publication edited by a board appointed by the Association. The Corresponding Secretary is Mr. C. H. Haskins, Cambridge, Mass.

Rove Beetles of Eastern New York--No. 1.

By Charles P. Alexander

The rove beetles, family Staphylinidae, formerly considered the sub order Brachelytra by British coelopterists, occur in a variety of species throughout New York State. They are found in every imaginable situation, and though generally common, their small size usually renders them difficult to identify.

The rove beetles generally possess an elongate form, elytra usually shorter than the abdomen and truncate, and the abdomen with seven or eight freely movable segments.

The tribe Staphylinini, which are now to be considered, have the antennae inserted at the anterior margin of the front, inside the mandibles. The sub tribe Staphylinini usually contains large species, including the typical genus Staphylinus.

Staphylinus has the maxillary palpi with the last joint at least as long as the third; the body winged; the thorax punctured and pubescent, abdomen narrowed at the tip; and the middle coxae slightly separated. I have taken at least four species in Fulton county, N. Y., and others should occur.

STAPHYLINUS VIOLACEUS, Grav. L. $\frac{5}{8}$ in.; moderately slender in proportion: antennae with first segment elongate, as long as 2nd and 3rd combined; 4-11, rounded antenna black. Head black with metallic reflexions; thorax and elytra very strongly violet, elytra leaving six abdominal segments exposed, basal two silvery, terminal four black. Lower surface black with metallic reflexions on abdomen. Common under bark of dead trees, throughout township of Johnstown, May and August.

VULPINA, Nordmann L 111 6 in.; very stout and broad, the largest species of Staphylinus I have yet found in Fulton county. Antennae similar in character to S. violaceus, rich brownish red; head deep blood red, finely granulated and pubescent; thorax brown, pubescent; elytra, 2 5 as long as exposed abdomen, rich fox-red, pubescent; abdomen black with the wide lateral margin and the tip of the abdomen fox red: the posterior end of abdominal segments have indications of reddish hairs; while at the base of

each segment, on each side, are spots of golden hairs; head and thorax beneath black, except mouth parts which are reddish. Abdomen beneath black, with a broad posterior ring of rich blood red; terminal segment similar to upper surface. Fore coxae reddish fulvous, inclined to darker basally; middle coxae black, remainder of legs rich reddish yellow, except spines on tibiae which are black.

Known, in Fulton county, N. Y., only from one specimen, secured May 13, '07 east of Gloversville, N. Y.

S CINNAMOPTERUS, grav. L. 9-16 in.; long and slender; antennae head and mouth parts above, dull black, punctured, and not very pubescent; thorax somewhat quadrate, more angular anteriorly, black, punctured, with a distinct, unpunctured medial stripe; elytra short, leaving seven abdominal segments exposed, cinnamon brown, pubescent and faintly punctured; abdomen black, each segment with a ring of reddish at posterior end, last segment reddish. Beneath black, except the mouth parts which are reddish; abdomen marked as above, with reddish rings; all coxae and femora black, tibiae and tarsi yellowish orange.

Common throughout township of Johnstown, under stone; May and August.

S. BADISPES, Sec. L. $\frac{1}{2}$ in., moderately stout, head large, somewhat square, black, punctured, antennae with the elongated first joint red; the remainder almost moniliform, black. Thorax somewhat wider anteriorly, black, punctured, with a very distinct median ridge. Elytra about as long as thorax, very finely punctured, pubescent black. First four abdominal segments (exposed) nearly equal, black, strongly margined; fifth longer, last small with several hairs. Fifth and last also dull black. Below black, the abdominal segments with a distinct ring of golden yellow hairs around anterior end of each segment, all legs bright orange, the hind coxae somewhat darker.

The specimen described was the only one secured. Taken April 26, '08, running along the muddy banks of a small creek, just east of Johnston, N. Y. It was kindly identified by Prof. E. A. Schwarz, U. S. Nat. Mus., Washington, D. C.

All the other species were kindly determined by Prof. E. P. Felt, State Entomologist of New York.

OLD CHINA—OLDEST AND DEAREST.

Undoubtedly Chinese porcelain is the most ancient. The pottery was ascribed to a period from 2000 to 2700 years before the Christian era. The origin of blue and white china is placed about 954-959. But though the Emperor Chintsung ordered that the porcelain articles for royal use should be "in future, blue as the sky that one sees after rain between the clouds," unfortunately the word translated into English as "blue" should have been rendered "green." Hence, we are driven to the conclusion that celadon was referred to, and there is no doubt that this seagreen glaze has had from the first a great attraction for the Chinese, who value it so highly that fragments are mounted in gold and worn as ornaments. "Blue and white," is notwithstanding this a product which has appreciated immensely in value. This has been proved by the fact that vases etc. which some years ago were purchased for a few pounds now realize hundreds of dollars. How many collectors can expatiate on blue and white? Many can dogmatise but that is not quite the same. An expert proves his conclusions.



EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents. David B. Funeet, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

I have neglected my department in the WEST for several issues. My only excuse is that I was preparing for a trip through the West and Southwest. I started from west central Ohio, came through central Indiana, and southern Illinois to St. Louis. Took in a few of the sights in that city, then came on to Kansas City, and stopped a few hours there. Took the A.T. & S. F. R. R., and arrived at Dodge City, Kans. Will go from here to Jetmore Kans., then to Colorado Springs, Salt Lake, San Francisco, and down to Los Angeles.

I cannot offer much in the way of news this month, as I lost some of my notes, but as the question of Miss E. E. of New Riegel, Ohio in regard to opening Indian graves, has been referred to me. I will say that as far as the law is concerned if the graves are on private grounds all that is necessary is to secure the permission of the owner. If on state or national grounds, then the permission must be secured from the State or Interior Dept., of the U. S.

One thing should be borne in mind when opening graves, and that is to keep accurate notes of all bones found, number, and in what position. Also if possible, determine whether they were of youth or old age and if male or female. Another thing: Keep careful record of the relics and in what position they had evidently been originally placed. After finding anything, turn every shovelful of dust carefully, and save every relic found, even if badly damaged. It is a good idea to make diagrams of the graves with their contents, as the work progresses.

Dawson, Alaska, December 31 —Stone implements used by some prehistoric people of this region have just been unearthed at the present Moosehead village, a mile below Dawson. They are among the few stones of the kind found in this region, and may be of much value in tracing the indications as to the exact character of the people who once lived here.

The find was made by Peter Thompson, a Moosehead Indian, while he was digging six feet beneath the surface to make a cellar. Twenty stone pieces, most of them shaped into arrowheads, were uncovered on a spot a few feet square. With them was found what undoubtedly was a stone hammer. It is in circular form, about three inches in diameter and an inch and a half thick, with a groove cut about the outer edge. This groove, it seems, must have been designed to bind a thong or willow branch about to form a handle for the hammer. This idea suggested itself to the Indians of the village,

and they have bound such handles to the stone and have made a neat hammer, showing what possibly was done by the ancestors of generations ago, or whoever the aborigines who owned the peculiar instrument.

The arrowheads are large. They might almost be called spearheads. They range from two to three inches in length, and are chipped out of a flinty black stone. This art of chipping arrowheads from flint with the precision and accuracy shown in specimens of the work was known from California to the Arctic, but the white man seems never to have learned exactly how it was done. Indians of the coast say the arrowheads were made by the great spirit, called in the Chinook jargon "Sooch-a lee Tyee," literally the highest chieftain.

Chief Isaacs has the hammer and the spearheads found at Moosehead, and will show them to Governor Henderson.

Chief Isaacs is puzzled as to the origin of the instrument. He does not even know nor have any firm belief as to exactly what use the instruments were put to by the original owners. He thinks, however, that the points must have been used for spear or arrow heads, some of the sharper and more irregular shaped thin-edged pieces for knives with which to cut and skin game, and the circular stone pieces for a hammer.

"My great grandpa maybe make 'em; maybe man, thousands years ago", says Isaacs. Then his beady black eyes pop and twinkle with the feeling and emotion which he would like to throw into intelligible English, but which he has not the power to command.

If there are any collectors around Dodge City or Jetmore Kans., I should be pleased to hear from them. I will be at Dodge city till about the 1st of February. Address c-o J. L. Glenn. and at Jetmore, Kans., from Feb. 1st till 20th, address c-o J. M. Bonner.

LOCAL POSTAL MEN ADVERTISE A. Y. P. E.

New Years' cards carrying the official seal of the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition in colors have been sent to the postmaster and staff in every city in the United States and the countries of Europe, Asia and Africa, by Postmaster Russell and the heads of departments in the Seattle office.

On one side of the card is printed the names of the men who have charge of all departments of the Seattle postoffice and on the opposite side 1909 greeting to their colleagues of the Universal Postal Union. This will be an excellent means of calling attention to the exposition and thousands of these cards will find their way to every part of the globe—Sent by H. C. IOOR, Seattle, W.N. See his post card ads.

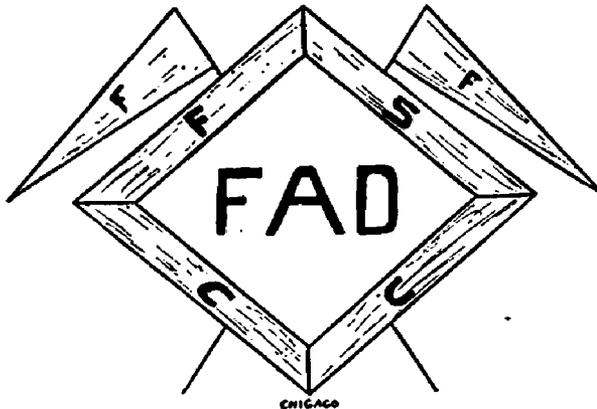
For John Milton's signature to a marriage convention dated 1623, when the poet was sixteen years old, \$750 was paid at a sale in London of autograph manuscripts. Some autographs of Robert Burns fetched \$850.

A terracotta bust of a lady wearing a cap tied with ribbons, a scarf around her shoulders, and a pearl necklace, by Marin, dated 1791, formerly in the Hamilton Palace collection, was sold at London for \$130.

The conductor's full score of "Tanhauser," with the autograph of Wagner on the last page was recently sold in London for \$250. This volume was the property of the late Sir Augustus Harris, who purchased it for \$1000.

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This contest closes March 15, 1909. Send your cards well wrapped and kindly enclose a two (2c) cent stamp for return of cards.

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California Gems--By Doc Wilson

California has been a grand old state. Its fame was first heralded throughout the world as a producer of gold. Its mild winters have attracted thousands of people to spend their winters there. Among lovers of gems California is the most talked about section of the world today. California is producing a greater variety of gems and of a finer quality than any other known country. Among the more important gems found there are hyacinth, tourmaline, beryl, chrysoptase, garnet, topaz, turquois, jade, Californite and many others.

Hyacinths are confined to San Diego county where they occur in a very high order of crystallization. So far as is known they are not produced in any other place in any quantity. There are three colors, golden, crimson and columbine red. The golden are as bright as the morning sun, the crimson as soft as the ocean sunset and the red the color of the glowing coal of the fire place. These make beautiful pieces of jewelry and are in great demand.

The tourmalines are found in every color from black to white. The most desirable are pink, green, blue, olive and yellow. These are mined in both San Diego and Riverside counties and a few in the state of Maine.

Beryls are beautiful and remarkable for the delicacy of their shades. The pink are the color of the petal of the wild rose, the blue the shade of the ocean water and the golden the clearness of fresh strained honey. These gems, although only discovered a few years ago are now sought after in every civilized country. California varieties always bring the highest prices owing to their superior quality and most beautiful colorings.

I've gathered old coins for many glad and golden years,

But now as down the world I hike, my weary hands are filled with junk.
I've gathered old coins o'er and o'er, and some were brass, and some were poor,

But when I took them to the store, the grocer smiled, the awful bore.
I gathered coins so long ago, in other days, in other scenes,

And people said: "You ought to go and dig the bees out of your head."
A million coins are made, have gone, a million more will come today,

The man is wise who lets them slide and gathers up the kind that pay.

RAREST SEASHELL.—The rarest seashell is the "Cone of the Holy Mary." Only two specimens are known one of which is in the British Museum.



Hard Times Tokens--By Chester Dunham

Hard Times Tokens were issued from 1834 to 1842. The United States government did not oppose their coinage providing they contained the intrinsic value of one cent in copper. Mr. Lorr's list gives 165 distinct varieties. They are frequently called Jackson cents. Jackson's bust occurs twelve and Van Burens seven times.

A donkey is represented seven times, balky, running, corpulent and standing firm. The Eagle fourteen times, and we wish the United States would adopt the one on Lorr 119, as it is an ideal poise. The Steer three times, represented as prize boss ready for the slaughter. The Liberty head thirty seven times. Some are ugly, other have sharp noses. The dressing of the hair, on some a wreath, a beaded cord, curls turning to right or left, a short or long bust, etc. A running Boar four times, loaded with a huge safe, inscribed U. S. SUB TREASURY. Hogs were great racers at that time as they were allowed to run wild in the woods, living on nuts, etc., and it kept a good race horse busy to overtake one of the gaunt, bony grunters.

Ship twenty times in every possible weather, fierce storms, awful lightning, flashes, turbulent waves, Mountains high. Treacherous brock coasts: many foundered, waterlogged; with masts and sail carried away. pounded and slashed by every wave as it pours over the decks of the doomed vessel. The picture of a Boot and Shoe four times. Canadian Sou reverse once.

A Turtle and Safe five times, evidently intended to caution the people to go slow and stare on the banking question.

Business cards forty six times, Phoenix five times. Three cents three times, 12½ I O U, once, Wood planing Machine three times, Central Market, N. Y., two times, N. Y. Wall St. Exchange four times. Shears and Comb, Plover Clock, American Institute, and Lafayette complete the list.

The inscriptions are patriotic, satirical, political and "before election promises." MILLIONS FOR DEFENSE BUT NOT ONE CENT FOR TRIBUTE." thirty times refers to the Morocco pirates, to the mighty robbers, all nations paid tribute, including the United States. Commodore Decatur gave them their quietus one evening, and the other nations were not slow to follow. And thus the terrors of the seas were obliged to retire,

to their "Ships of the Desert."

E Pluribus Unum, twentyfive times. For the Constitution **Hurrah—Lafayette a Friend to America Died May 20th 1831**, twice. **Specie Payment Suspended May 10th, 1837**, four times. Gold and silver were immediately hoarded or shipped from the country. Paper money depreciated and gold commanded a premium, business depression followed, paper money was scarce and hard time tokens occupying a similar position to our clearing house certificates, resulted. **VanBuren Metallic Currency**, seven. **Take the Responsibility**, four; **Beautician Currency, Mint Drop—1837—Substitute for Shin Plaster**, Nov. 1832.

Refer to **Hard times** tokens a substitute for paper script: **Half Cent Pure Copper—Standard Weight and Value; Illustrious; I Follow in the Footsteps of My Predecessor; Fellow Citizens Save your Country;s; The Glorious Whig Victory 1834—at this date the Republicans called themselves whigs because they considered Jackson a great a tyrant as George III. The Gallant Defender of New Orleans Jan 8th, 1815. General Jackson**, after peace was declared between the United States and England, defeated the English at New Orleans losing 6 killed and 7 wounded. The English lost over two thousand killed and wounded. To Commemorate the Glorious Victories of Our Hero in War and Peace.

The Banks Perish and the Union Must and Shall be Preserved—at this date the U. S. Bank was becoming unpopular. Flourish Commerce—Flourish Industry.

Perish Credit—Perish Commerce—Down with the Banks: Refers to the U. S. bank, consequently it could not have been very satisfactory.

A Plain System Void of Pomp—Jackson rode his horse to Washington to convince the people of his sincerity in the above statement, many carriages were offered him, but he resolutely refused them.

The Constitution as I Understand it and Roman Firmness—Represented by a balky donkey standing firmly on four feet, refusing to move.

A Faithful Friend to Our Country—Refers to the steer. **Loco Foco—**This is inscribed on the diadem of one only, Goddess of Liberty.

During a democratic political meeting in 1834 a gang of roughs attempted to break up the meeting by extinguishing the lights. At that time a fire was a very precious affair, electricity and gas had not been used. The Indians secured a fire by rubbing two dry pieces of wood together. The white man used the flint and steel, thus striking a spark.

Fortunately a gentleman present had a box of **Loco Foco** matches just invented, the light was quickly renewed, and the meeting proceeded.

Afterwards "**Loco Focos**" became the satirical name of the Democratic party.

The real enthusiastic hard times token Numismatists with good collections number scarcely half a dozen. One must exercise the greatest care to avoid error in attributing the different number. The rarity makes the price, common numbers in good to fine condition fetch 5c—from rarity to rarity the prices advance from ten cents to in some instances as many dollars. Of course the condition is frequently the deciding factor.

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8. Mary Fosett, Cr. 11 & Duane St., Astoria, Org. Rep., Dr. J. Holt, Rev. N. S. Short, L. T. Brodstone.
9. Edward Howard, box 222, Yuba City, Sutter Co., Calif., 48, clerk. Frank Breuer, L. Harold Kjellstedt.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Karl Longee, from 321 Pike St., to 399 E. MacMillan St., Cincinnati, O.
 E. L. Hubbard from 22½ St., Austin, Texas, to 70 E. Calony. Abilene, Texas.
 Robert S Nelson from Birmingham to c-o Mr. Robt. Coleman, Pres. Selma Hdw. Co., Selma, Ala.
 Albert R Davis from 637 Jefferson Ave., to 3612 Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis, Ind

Geo H Mitchell, from 20 Trull St. to 110 Draper St., Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Members:—I am pleased to state that all PAID UP members may expect a copy of the S. P. A Year Book between March 1st and 15th. Should your copy not arrive by March 15th advise me There are still some few members who have not forwarded their 1909 dues. To those this is the last call and the last copy of the official organ which you will receive. Are not the advantages of this Association worth the cost of dues? Think it over. If so then remit AT ONCE If not, advise me why.

We expect to inaugurate a Fraud Dept and details relative to this Dept. will appear next month

Collectors and Dealers:—Is not the S. P. A. worthy of your support?

If you want to be convinced of the work this association is doing, write me for that explanatory booklet which is just off the press. Blanks free to all for the asking. Let me hear from you with any suggestions, questions, etc.

Fraternally, Prof. R. L. Doak, Sec'y.

Denver, Colo., January 15th, 1909.

Dear Fellow Members of the S. P. A.:—It was with some mental hesitation that I accepted the very high honor conferred upon me at the Columbus convention, and now I wish to thank the members for this trust and confidence, and to say, that the hesitation has entirely passed away. Now let us get to work, work of the right kind. No society can stand still, it must either advance or decline. I do not believe that the only success of any Association or Society consists in adding a large number of recruits, but I do believe it materially assists. We desire new members, all we can get, of the right kind. What we need most is the honest, upright, faithful boy, man girl or woman who is interested in postage stamps and their collection.

We need members who have a good class of duplicates and who will take advantage of our Sales Department to dispose of them. We need the boy and girl and the beginner to take advantage of our several departments to "learn of stamps." We need members who wish to purchase stamps at a reasonable price. We need members who can help us and be helped through their experience and our own. Each member if possible should patronize each department as he sees his need. Suppose each member should gain just one new recruit during the year 1909! What a wonderful growth, and what a success would be our S. P. A. Try it brother, you will be surprised to know how easy it is to get just one new member. That is all I am going to ask of you for 1909. How many am I going to put on the roll of honor? I trust I shall have the pleasure of marking down the name of each member. Don't read this, and then forget it, put a blank in your pocket and get the application at once. Drop me a postal, and await results.

I shall be very glad to hear from individual members if I can be of any service in the interests of the Association. And may I ask for the same hearty support that was accorded my worthy predecessor?

Cordially yours, H. A. Davis, President.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT. Since H. G. Askew and E. A. Herzog of Austin, Texas, have declined to serve as Trustees another year on account of personal business reasons, I have appointed as trustees, Messrs H. L. Washburn and Jack Ralston of Houston, Texas. H. A. Davis, President.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, Jan 20th, 1909

73 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	\$1580 75
13 books received since, value	333 16
86 books value	1913 91
10 books retired during the month, of which the amt of \$92.77 was sold	250 91
76 books in circulation, value	1663 00

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	\$95 82
1 per cent from retired books	2 51
Total amount	98 33

I wish to call the attention of the new members to the fact that I have a fine class of stamps on hand and I trust they will send in their request to be placed on circuits at once and I am sure they will not regret it. Do not hesitate to write me any matter concerning the Department

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Supt.



EDITOR'S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines, books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

R. 124. "Flint Implements and Fossil Remains from a Sulphur Spring at Afton, Indian Territory," by W. H. Holmes; 19 pages of text and 26 plates. This Smithsonian (U. S. National Museum) publication describes and illustrates the exploring of this supposed sacred or magical spring of the aborigines. Something like 800 specimens of spear and arrow heads, flint knives, bone and other implements, teeth of the mastodon and mammoth, besides bones of many other animals were secured from its depths. The implements are supposed to have been cast in by the Indians as an offering to the "water spirit" which dwelt therein—perhaps so the animals. But the idea is advanced that the creatures had sought the pool for drink and had mired in the mud and died.

R. 127. "Narrative of a Visit to Indian Tribes of the Purus River, Brazil," by J. Steere. (Another Smithsonian publication) Mr. Steere describes his visit to the tribes along the upper Amazon some seven or eight years ago. Text, 34 pages; plates, 9; figures 15.

R. 130. "Wokas, a Primitive Food of the Klamath Indians," by F. V. Coville. A small work of 14 pages and 13 plates. The text introduces the people and the locality inhabited and treats of the cultivation and harvest of "Wokas," giving the many ways of preparing the same. A list of Klamath names connected with the "wokas" industry is included.

The largest stone ax known was recently found in Clark county, Missouri, according to the *Edina (Mo.) Sentinel*. It is 13 inches from edge to pail, 9 inches wide and 5 inches thick, has perfect groove up and down the length on both sides, is in perfect shape and was found near the Des Moines, north of Revere. The largest ax previously found in the United States weighs about 20 pounds, but this one weighs, by estimate, between 30 and 40 pounds.

Priceless Lace. Several millionaire families in New York possess immense fortunes in laces alone. The laces owned by the Astor family are valued at \$300,000, that of the Vanderbilts at \$500,000. It is said that the New York Four Hundred buy more lace than any collectors in the world. No less than twenty wealthy women may be mentioned who each own laces worth \$50,000.

Union Souvenir Card Exchange

America's Largest Card Collector Club. Organized April, 1907



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 Wisconsin—George J. Rhein, Manchester

RATES: United States, 60 cents per year; Canada, 75 cents; Mexico, \$1.50 (Mexican); Foreign, \$1.00
 3 shillings, 3 francs, 4 marks, 5 lire, 2 yen, 3 rupees, 2 rubles, 5 pesetas, 2½ florins, 2 milreis, 20 piasters, 4 kronas. For those who are already subscribers to THE PHILATELIC WEST the dues are as follows: United States and Canada, 35 cents; Mexico, 75 centavos; Foreign, 50 cents; 2½ francs, 2 shillings, 2 marks, 2½ lire; 1 yen, 1½ rupees, 1 ruble, 2½ pesetas, 1.25 florins, 1 milreis, 10 piasters, 2 kronas.

Address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any of the officers or representatives.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
5. The society gives as a premium five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured, and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.
7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.
9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards, which are mailed in violation of this rule, are under no obligations to reply.
10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months.
11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage. [The last list was published May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]
12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

ROLL OF HONOR. Our Five Leaders.

9.6	L. W. Dison	Points to date 34	903.	Arnaldo Ghisla	Points to date 13
868	Mrs. John Hoffman	12	314.	Miss M. Hays	8
	546	Pikerson	Hardwick	Points to date 7	

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured.

		Previous	New	Total				Previous	New	Total
916.	L. W. Dison	24	1	25	1510.	Donald W. Martin	4	1	5	
1433.	Ashley W. Kendrick		1	1						

Get busy with your application blanks. Remember we allow a premium for each new member secured. Send to the Secretary for a bunch of blanks.

Boost for the Union?! Let us make the best card society in America still better.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1483 Walter Schmuess, 618 W. School St., Chicago, would like to receive a card from every foreign member and promises to make prompt return.

556. Should read Mrs. F.C. Greenleaf, Warren Park, Waterbury, Conn., (Instead of Mr)

1423. E. H. Banks complains that he has sent numerous cards without getting replies.

1433. Ashley W. Kendrick complains that he sent cards to following members who have failed to answer: 307, 790, 1362, 1368, 1547, 1556, 4557, 1565, 1566, 1571, 1575.

We are always glad to correct any errors that may occur in the names of members. Address the Secretary.

Members should answer all cards sent to them. If no more exchange is desired, you should at least send one card to your correspondents, stating that you desire to discontinue. Don't forget to place your Union number on all cards sent.

Don't be impatient if your name does not appear in this issue. Remember that our report is made the 15th of month previous to issue, so perhaps your application arrived too late for this month.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- 1555 W. J. Keiper, from Dairy, Pa., to Bethlehem, Pa
 1627 Robert Larsen, from Racine, to 1019 E. Johnson St., Madison.

RENEWALS.

- 392 W E Lelluquet, 811 Garson Ave., Rochester, N. Y.
 587. E B. Preshler, Kentland, Ind.
 622 H. R. Yates, Longview, Texas.
 945. Alois Vedernjac, 243 E. 84 St., New York City.
 1030. Allen L. Thompson, 3 Pine St., Oneonta, N. Y.
 1120. Paul S. Wenuing, 2 Wayne Terrace, Worcester, Mass.
 1124. Alfred H. McKellup, Vanceburg, Ky., foreign views only.
 1271. Geo. M. Klein Sr., 744 Klein St., Vicksburg, Miss.
 1289. George J. Rhein, Manchester, Wisconsin, foreign only.
 1325. Wm C Stephens, Seeley Creek, N. Y.
 1433. Ashley W. Kendrick, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
 1459. Theo. Heyl, 415 E. 63 St., New York City.

NEW MEMBERS.

1687. Miss Rose Curtin, 278 Highland Ave., Aurora Illinois.
 1688. Miss Blair Tait, Mount Waverly, Victoria, Australia.
 1689. Y. Moutier, Tretor, Porto Novo, Dahomey, Africa, good black cards only, stamped place depicted.
 1690. Oscar W. Hayes, Allerton, Ill., photographic cards only.
 1691. Edw C LeClair, 422 Pearl St., Sandusky, Ohio.
 1692. Miss M. R. Malyon, 52 Sydenham Road, Durban, Natal.
 1693. Wan Tieng Seu, Bau Government School, Sarawak, Borneo.
 1694. Owen Nolan, Mt Carmel, Conn.
 1695. Miss Catherine Curtin, 278 Highland Ave., Aurora, Ill., views only.
 1696. Martin Curtin, 278 Highland Ave., Aurora, Ill.
 1697. M L Zender, 1107 W. 10th St., Los Angeles, Calif., good colored foreign only
 1698. Eugene Clifford, Pierce, Idaho, wishes to exchange cards for foreign stamps only.
 1699. P Lengler, 12 Pl de la Bourse, Paris, France.
 1700. Miss Myra Griffith, Red Cloud, Neb
 1701. Miss Mary E King, Plain Road, Greenfield, Mass.
 1702. Mrs. Andrew Childs, 117 McDonough St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 1703. D. S. Bharuager, Jaipur, Rajputaria, India
 1704. Yosef Pesek, Bojiste 28, Prague II, Austria.
 1705. A M Rahim Chal, 35 Arab St., Singapore, S S.
 1706. Mrs Jas G Hannah, 18 B Ft Benj Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind.
 1707. William Randorf, 1604 So 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 1708. Eugen Dumtsa, Szent-Endre, Hungary, no U. S. cards.
 1709. Georgia Hamner, 359 S. Bayou St., Mobile, Ala
 1710. Mrs. Jessie Beals, 2531 Tenth St., Boulder, Colo
 1711. J. D. Dawson, 1307 North 11th St., Boise, Idaho.
 1712. William Oleen, Deer Island, Oregon, view cards only.
 1713. A. L. Carrigan, 323 North 4th Ave., Saginaw, Mich.
 1714. T. Inayama, No 6 Yamashitacho, Kyoba hiku, Tokio, Japan.
 1715. W. T. Edwards, Box 64, Raymond, Iowa, foreign only.
 1716. Harry C. Smith, Lock Box 1958, Elwell, Iowa, colored views and

foreign cards only.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS

The following memberships expire during the month of February and we will greatly appreciate a prompt renewal. Surely you do not wish to miss a copy of this valuable magazine so send in your renewal to Secretary at once. Renewal fee to U. S. members is only 50c, which includes a year's subscription to *The WEST*. Don't put it off; write today:

307, 405, 419, 931, 973, 974, 1357, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1379, 1380, 1381, 1382, 1383, 1384, 1385, 1386, 1387, 1388, 1389, 1390, 1391, 1392, 1393, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397, 1398, 1399, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1413.

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

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Official Organ. *The WEST*.

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We are sorry to report the death of old member Roy F Greene, who died Jan. 30 of blood poison. He was the leading American philatelic poet, writer and noted curio collector and for many years had charge of the Curio Dept. in the *WEST*

Can any of our readers give any information on "Burmack" Co., Toronto? Complaint has been made and we expect to report others in the next issue.

ERRATA:—Sorry to report in San Diego Gem Co. ad some words of their fine Gems were incorrect. Jasper instead of Jaspar, got o for a, and n for u. Name Daughty in last issue, should be Doughty, of Ramoo, N Y. Page ad of Deltrick, \$3 Clinton Bank should be \$5; Jeff Davis Bank Bond should be Bail Bond

If you have no hobby, start one now. It pays big. The following is taken from an English letter: It is laudable ambition to possess genuine works of art, pictures, antique furniture, old lace, rare books, jewelry, coins, stamps and other curios for not only does the possession of these things mean money well invested but it largely contributes to fostering a taste for all that is rare and beautiful.

The Pan-American Souvenir Card Club.

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HONORARY MEMBERS.

L. T. Brodstone, Alois Vedernjak, Arthur Soderstrum, Walter Schmus.

RULES OF THE CLUB.

1. Members are required to answer cards within time specified in Rule 6
2. Members must enclose postage when writing President, Vice President, Sec'y-Treas. and Chief Bureau of Translation.
3. Members are requested to notify the Publisher of The PHILATELIC WEST when paper does not come, not the Secretary of the club.
4. We close our report on the 15th of the month and all new members, notices, etc., received after that date must be held over to next report
5. Members are required to put your name, address and club number on all cards sent for or in exchange. No member will be reimbursed who fails to put his club number on cards in case he does not get reply.
6. In case you fail to receive reply notify the secretary promptly. Members in United States are allowed two weeks to answer cards in Canada and U. S. Island colonies one month. Mexico, West Indies, Europe and Australia two months, all other countries three months
7. Members will be reimbursed upon the following conditions: When complaint is made the Sec'y-Treas. will at once refund the cost of card plus postage. After two persons have complained of the same person he is expelled. No member can make claim for more than 25c during one year of membership. All claims must be sent to the Sec'y-Treas.
8. When a member of the club brings in one member at our regular rates he will be paid 10c for some and each adding member 10c. The 10c should be taken out before sending applicant name.
9. Members are required to promptly renew their memberships unless notice is sent to Sec'y.
10. Members are required to notify Sec'y in case of change of address.
11. Members to use care in addressing postals correctly. They should refer to membership list as mistakes are made in printing reports
12. The foregoing rules are all the rules this club maintains and they must be obeyed. Otherwise the member may be expelled.

Our dues are as follows: United States and Island Possessions, 60c per year, Canada 75c, Mexico \$1.50 (Mexican). Foreign \$1.00, 4 shillings, 5 francs, 5 5 lire, 4 marks, 2 yen, 3 ruples, 2 rubles, 5 pesetas, 2½ florins, 2 milreis, 20 piasters, and 4 kronas. For those who are already subscribers, dues are as follows: —United States and Island Possessions 35c, Mexico 75 centavo, Canada 35c, Foreign 50c, 2 shillings, etc., just half of above.

Always remit by money order. Address all correspondence to
Clarence V. Webb, Sec'y—Treas.,
Perry, Ohio.

1st 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents I have come to the conclusion that this club need a complaint committee and that they will be called 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents respectively. Here is my plan—:Every time or nearly every time there is a report published in it are complaints. This complaint committee will be headed by the 1st Vice President who will each month there is a complaint make a thorough examination of the case and report to the Sec. Treas. If it happens he is too busy he may call upon the other two on the committee and they will do it for that month and report to Sec'y-Treas. This club if examination is not satisfactory will cause a list of these persons to be printed. This committee will be controlled and have full governing power by the secretary or the president. This will be settled later. I herewith call for volunteers on this committee. Write me at once.

NOTICE TO REPRESENTATIVES.

What are you appointed for, to do nothing? Of course not! We'll get

to work them. Several think (I don't mean you) they are appointed just for looks, they are not. Do you suppose we appointed you so you would call yourselves Representatives? No. Plenty of blanks, free of charge. Let me know what I can do for you. Next month there will be a complete list of Representatives published.

CORRECTION.

Last month No. 146 was published Geo. S. Ge'ger. It should have been Geo. F. Ge'ger.

WITH OUR MEMBERS.

No. 7. Walter Schmus one of our honorary members, is president of a good postcard club by the name of the Idle Hour Souvenir Card Club. All members are requested to join. Dues are same as Pan Am.

No 51. Elmer O. Arends is our representative for Illinois now.

No 69. Clarence V. Webb has resigned his office as representative for Ohio.

No. 140 Emil Pecher corresponds in English and German. This was left out in Dec. No.

NEW MEMBERS.

No. 149 Forest E Dawes, R. D. 2. Greene, Me., High buildings.

150 Walter J Osage, 1629 Sycamore Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

151 Geo. Pettit, Jr, Lyndonville. N Y, colored views only—views of churches a specialty.

152. J A. Allen, Meredosia, Ill.

153. Mrs Chas. L Hoyt, 1937 N. Marvine St., Philadelphia, Pa., fine colored views from city depicted.

154. J. Russell Reed, 39 Rindge Ave., North Cambridge, Mass.

155. Arthur L Kubltz, Beaver Creek, Minn, will awlays send first.

156. W Y. Klippel, Britt, Iowa, colored views.

157. Donald W Martin, 704 Holland Ave, Saginaw, Mich—Mich Representative.

158. B C. Spear, 431 Clay St., Topeka, Kan.

159. George Ward, R. 4, Marengo, Iowa., photos and colored views from everywhere.

160. Verne H. Jackson, Pen Argyl, Pa, Views and scenery Corresponds in English, French and a little German.

161 Henry R Fiedler, care of Citizens National Bank, Mansfield, Ohio, colored cards only.

RENEWALS.

The following No's are dropped for nonpayment of dues: 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. If you want to renew send 35c for U. S and Island colonies, Foreign 45c if you do not wish to receive WEST; 50c for U. S. and Island Colonies and 75c foreign if WEST is wanted. Will the following Nos renew at once: 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 Send dues to treasurer Webb.

COMPLAINTS.

121. Irene Smith take notice that 60, John N. Mugler sent you a card on Sept 10, 1908 Answer now or take the consequences.

86 Miss Julia Henriquez take notice that 55, Viola B. Davis sent you a card on July 17, 1908. Answer at once or you may be expelled in disgrace

EXPELLED.

79. J. Geo. Reid, Jr., on complaints of 55 and 60. We are willing to

expell all members who are not O. K. There are several clubs paying no attention to this most important thing. We're glad to say we're different from the rest.

Dear Members:--This month, our first report for the year, is very encouraging. Our best members this month are Emil Pecher and R. D. Libby who both secured one member. Now, let me say here, we have got to have more energetic members, like Pecher, Libby or Bernhard if this society ever reaches success. Are you ONE who will help? Mr. Member, are you going to let the best and only club with guaranteed protection to members waver and decline? We're different from the rest we'll own, but isn't the different part for the best of all concerned? You probably know of collectors who would be glad to join if only they had an application blank. Why keep all the good things to yourself? Let other people know we are the BEST club as you know by this time. We this month print our rules which please take notice are different in some ways from those formerly used by this club. We believe these changes are for the best, what do you think? Rule No 7. will be on all cards sent after Feb. 15. 1909. When I took hold of this society a movement was on foot regarding forming an esperanto department. How many of our members are esperanto collectors? Nolan, Wolff and myself are the only three I know. Non members please let me impress upon you that there is nothing to be lost by exchanging with our members. See how we protect you by our rules. See how you get postage plus cost of card back. Aren't we the fairest club you ever saw? Turn over a few pages and gaze upon the report of some other card club. No PROTECTION is given and half, I say half because I know from experience, of their members never answer a card or think of doing so. Another thing before I close. We pay 10c for every new member any of our members get at our regular rate.

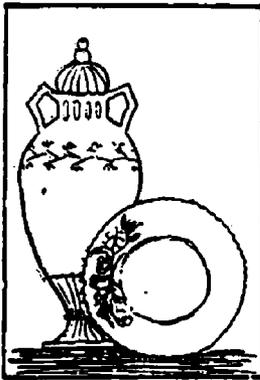
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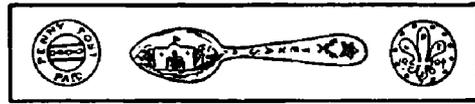
FINDS IN OLD BOOKS.

The amateur collector of old books is always with us! The second hand book stalls might be the most fascinating spots in the world to judge from the little crowd of customers who surround the piles of grubby looking volumes marked up "All in this lot 5c," and so forth. We can scarcely suppose office boys and young clerks, who spend part of their dinner hour turning over piles of cheap sensational literature, to be imbued with the collecting spirit, but it might be well if they had some little of it, as tidy little fortunes are often picked up in this way. Not long ago a dealer in the "New Cut" picked up a rare American tract, "The History of Pennsylvania and West New Jersey," published in 1698, at the price of waste paper, and sold it for \$750. The dealer himself actually did not know its value, but guessed he might make \$25 out of it!

These American tracts are practically worth their weight in gold and there is no doubt that there are many of them yet to appear. This special copy measured 6½ in by 3¾ in. and is apparently so rare that only ten copies have appeared during the past twenty years. That there must be many more can be easily understood, as these little tracts were issued more or less for the purpose of advertising and encouraging emigration.



ODDS AND ENDS



A pair of Mastodon tusks, the finest ever found, were recently brought into San Francisco. They measured 103 inches in length, 18 inches in circumference, weighing 103 lbs each. They were found a few miles from Point Barron, where they were embedded in ice. The find is of great value, both from an antiquarian and commercial point of view.

The excavations now going on at Canterbury Cathedral prove that the greater part of the cloisters were rebuilt during the 13th century.

A fine bronze spear head has been turned up at Rutherford, England. The blade and socket measure about eight inches in length, and the weapon well preserved.

Moses' Hall, at Bury St. Edmund's, has been opened as a museum of antiquities and curiosities. The building is a very suitable one, being of Norman architecture, and containing many choice pieces of ancient carving. Some valuable antiquities have been presented, and already a choice collection has been gathered in the old hall.

We occasionally—though rarely—hear of the discovery of stone moulds, such as were formerly used by the ancient Britons for casting bronze spears. An interesting specimen, found upon the Yorkshire moors, has been acquired by the British Museum. On the one side it contains the form of a spear, and on the other a palstave. Such moulds were used in sets of three, the one we mention having been the centre of such a set.

It is reported that a strange discovery of old unused stamps has been made at the G. P. O. during the recent alterations. The find includes a number of black penny stamps and a quantity of Mulready envelopes.

An interesting discovery of gold and silver coins of the time of Elizabeth was made a few weeks ago in St. John's Street Road, E. C. The coins were wrapped in paper and enclosed in a small tin box, which had evidently been hid in the timber of the roof.

A silver penny of Edward I, minted at Canterbury, has been found at Tomintoul, near Aberdeen, England.

In Vindication of the Girl Amateur

BY L. L. VOELCHERT, Milwaukee, Wis.

(Continued from last issue).

Next she became interested in studying the pictures of several students of nature who had taken up depicting the wonders of plant and animal life. Photographing the geraniums and philox at home, were tame enough but not "Nature Study" work. The camera girl loved the birds and flowers. But to climb trees, to register their nests and the members of their families, was entirely out of the question. Excursions into the woods to photo the wild flowers, nearly always resulted disastrously to her clothes. To focus the camera to the home of some chipmunk or other "beastie" and then wait until their lordship put in their tardy appearance, was entirely too tedious and strenuous, and she ceased dreaming of finding masterpieces among her Nature study negatives.

Architecture was taken up next. It may not embarrass a boy to photo public or other buildings, but when a girl takes out tripod and plate holders and focuses on buildings, an audience will quickly congregate and the omnipresent Small Boy will give evidence of his being on the scene of action by humiliating remarks to the photographer, or by boldly placing himself in prominence directly before the object to be photographed. Oh, architecture has proven hard for the girl amateur!

Next Child studies were taken up and every baby in the neighborhood borrowed, at the patience of the girl, with the baby element proved a sad one, for they would squirm and refuse to be posed, and thereby exhausted her patience.

In view of all these facts should we wonder then, when we view the solons and exhibits of pictures on the walls of camera clubs, or in albums, that there are so few lady members doing good work.

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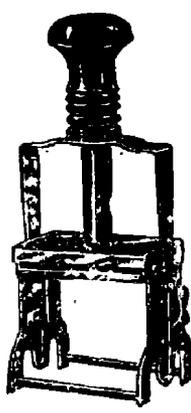
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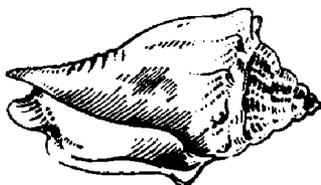
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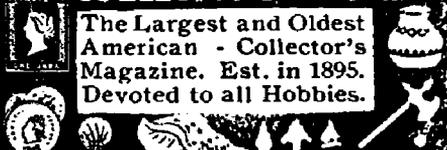


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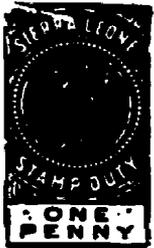
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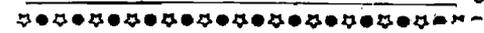
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" " "	1.50
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1793 chain fine \$10	
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1794 v g	1.50
1794 v fine	4 00
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1796 let cap v g 2.50	
1797 fine	2.00
1798 fine	1.00
1799 good	1 00
1800 fine	1.00
1802 v g	.35
1803 v g	.35
1803 v fine	1.50
1804 good	6.00
1805 abt fine	.90
1806 fine	2 00
1806 v g	.75
1807 v g	.50
1807 fine	1.00
1807 fine	2.00
1808 unc	30.00
1809 fine	4.00
1810 fine	1.00
1810 v g	.30
1811 abt fine	1.00
1811 good	.45
1812 fine	1 25
1812 v g	.75
1813 fine	1.00
1814 fine	1.00
1816 unc	1.25
1816 fine	.25
1816 v fine	.70
1817 v fine	.40
1817 unc	1.00
1818 v fine	.25
1819 v fine	.75
1819 fine	.25
1819 unc	1.75
1820 "	.50
1821 "	18.00
1822 fine	.25
1824 near fine	.25
1825 fine	.50
1826 "	.45
1827 v fine	.85
1828 fine	.50
1829 "	.50
1830 v fine	.75
1831 fine	.30

1832 fine	.30
1833 "	.30
1834 "	.50
1835 "	.25
1836 "	.20
1836 unc	1.00
1837 fine	.20
1837 unc	1.00
1838 unc	.50
1839 fine	.20
1839 unc	1.00
1839 v fine	.50
1840 unc	2.00
1840 fine	.25
1840 v g	.05
1841 fine	.25
1842 unc	2.25
1842 fine	.25
1843 unc	3 75
1843 fine	.25
1844 fine	.25
1845 unc	.50
1846 "	.50
1847 "	2.50
1848 "	1.50
1848 "	.60
1849 v fine	.30
1850 56 unc	.25
1857 v fine	.50
1857 unc	.75
1/2 cents	
1793 good	1.00
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1795 good	1.00
1795 unc	5.00
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1804 fine	.40
1804 v g	.30
1805 v g	.20
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H. C. COOR, one of our best advertisers has been interested in stamps for 20 years and a dealer in stamps for 10 years, seven in Indianapolis, Ind., and 3 in Seattle, Wash. He is now doing a nice business on the Pacific coast. In conjunction with L. Kahn of Indianapolis, he published the National Philatelic News, No 1 appearing in December 1900. Four healthy successful numbers were issued, but other interests compelled the sale to the Monarch Monthly, Chicago. Some of the best philatelic writers of the time were contributors. After the first number they purchased the Ohio Philatelist of Mr. R L Doak present Sec'y Treas of S P A. Mr. Coor is a Spanish American War veteran but did not see active service. He is a member of Y. M. C. A. and several fraternal organizations. His present stock of stamps is valued at over \$8000.00. See his 2 page ads in this issue of the WEST. He says the WEST pays the best of all papers for his ads.

A D GRUTZMACHIER of Mukwonago, Wis., has collected prehistoric Indian and Mound relics ever since he was old enough to go to school and sold first collection in 1878 when only a mere lad. Has kept at it ever since and has worked up a large, successful business that is constantly increasing.

in this line. Any reader of the WEST who collects or has relics to sell will do well to write him. Can see his ads it it.

LEONARD FOX of Shawnee, Okla, is a collector of stamps and a pioneer settler of Oklahoma, was one of the first to settle in that country and has seen the city of Shawnee grow from a village of tents in 1895 to a city of 22,000 people in 1909. He has collected stamps continuously since he was a boy, and has a fine collection of U.S. Postage and Rev. of which he makes a specialty. Will have something to say in ad columns of future numbers of WEST. Watch for it.

OTHO J. BIERLY, is to organize a pistol and old weapons collectors club, All other collectors of relics have their societies while the pistol collectors seem to remain in the background, There is said to be over 25000 pistol collectors in the United States and yet they have no society, A society of this kind he feels would benefit the pistol collectors in many ways and would like to hear from all pistol collectors who are interested in this subject; would like to have their ideas on this subject also, See one of the photos taken of some collections of pistols which are now on exhibition in the Caruegie Museum, This is the second largest collection in the United States.

FRED DOUGHTY, Born December, 1860, commenced collecting in 1874, caught the fever while in Lansing, Mich. He quit collecting in 1878 and did not do anything with stamps until 1886 and sold out in 1892, then started again and sold out in 1899 and is now on his third collection; having about 4500 stamps, 800 Postals (not picture postals) but government issues besides smaller collections on side lines like precancelled entire envelopes and paid permits, also a collection of philatelic literature consisting of over 400 bound volumes besides over twice that number unbound. Is a member of many leading societies.

A M. WRIGHT was born in Brooklyn, N. Y, and having an older brother who was collecting stamps, naturally fell into the habit himself, In 1880 many of his companions were collecting and in swapping the duplicates the idea to deal for cash came into a friend's and his mind. So in 1881 they took a scrap book and made their own hinges, and stuck them in—walked around two afternoons—both then at school, and at last found a store which would allow them to leave on a commission basis, the book, A week following, called and then returns were just an even dollar, That same week his brother had bought from Scott in New York an album partly filled and after taking what he wished, sold it to them for the dollar, So started A M Wright & Co, Brooklyn, New York; slowly but surely until the spring of 1886 when he started with an office in New York City at 17 years old, a full fledged dealer. In those days stamp collecting was really a craze—some thing like those cut up picture puzzles are now—you didn't amount to much unless you could show some kind of a collection of stamps. Had as many female as male customers. and after being in business a short time became the editor of the International Philatelic Advertiser and later on the sole proprietor. Business kept increasing and was becoming too much for one to handle all the details so took a partner. Shortly afterward had an opportunity for a good mercantile position and closed out the stamp business. In three months time was again doing a stamp business by mail from his residence. The years roll on—still in the stamp business and commenced to cater almost altogether to the beginner. Has to his personal knowledge

used for placing 100 varieties in over 100000 envelopes, and now have one clerk whose business it is to assort and make up packets. These he sends all over the world and to many schools—the packets to schools being put up by countries, one each, for an illustration in geography. Just a while ago a gentleman whom he had never seen or heard of, called upon him and stated that as an executor that he had found several 1000 of unused Columbia 1893 U. S. His price did not however fit, and he did not get them. There lies before him now on his desk a letter from a party who claims to have between 5 and 6 thousand used Hawaiian stamps—this party they know personally but don't know how or where he got the stamps. Remember some years back when located in New York they received word of a lot of old U. S. stamps in a town in New Jersey. There they bought—sold larger part to the late R. R. Bogert and they were good ones, today worth considerable more than what they received for them. They filled an order from Auckland, Australia, to reach there by Feb. 1st, this year—a collection of lightly cancelled common stamps—no Australian—and sent over 2000 varieties, not many but common ones. Twenty-three years—they have gone and the stamps that have passed through their hands are gone also, but many a collector has been made glad and many a space filled in the albums that today we can't. They would say to all, collect stamps, start any way, even if you paste them solid in an old almanac (lots of collections came to them that way) you may not be able to pay for some of the rare ones, never mind. Collect stamps, an education in itself.

HY. CARTER. At the modest request of "The Wizard of the WEST"—this term can be aptly applied to the Editor of "The WEST"—to write a short outline of my own experiences on the publication and running of a Journal I was wont to take the advice of "Punch" and say "Don't." As I look thro' the pages of The WEST month by month—its get up—as I turn my eyes to the WEST and speaking from England also—I cannot think the thousands of philatelists and collectors of every shade in the states can afford, or is without the Journal at his elbow—on his desk or bureau—a month's food till next one comes along. Now Mr. Brodstone has a head on his shoulders and from his lengthy dictates, he thinks England's premier Journal should occupy a similar position in the philatelic world to Carter's Monthly Record. We are not very old yet—as regards publication at all events—and it will be many years' chase to get up to The WEST, still we are in the field and as the strong man of The WEST wants to give us a helping hand into the States—he knows the possibilities of the penny post between Uncle Sam and John Bull, from a commercial point of view even as regards philatelic enterprise. Away at Superior, Nebr., is issued The WEST for the States and on the West(ern)port of call in England at Liverpool is issued Carter's Monthly Record (see announcement). As the months pass by between us bigger things are apparent—kind of uneasy spirit attached to Journalism, up early and late, dealing with all kind of requests; dealing with men of all nations; the color counts as regards the financial side of the question; planning and scheming to suit all tastes and ever a helpful hand. Only a few mornings back on going thro' my mail I came across a letter wanting me to brace up "3 old pals in the City of Liverpool their subs would follow"—whilst just a month previously a young lady in domestic service, a post card collector, wrote me "As we perhaps knew Canada pretty fair could we get her a Governess's place over there." It is true we cover the World like a Blanket but we do not pretend to go outside our

line of business. One subscriber excuses himself writing his subscription form out in pencil instead of ink. We of course take the bull by the horns on a score like this. Notwithstanding (what I heard them termed in America) "Rubbernecks" not intending wholly to give any support to the Journal. The postals have been franked 1 only and we had to pay 2c on delivery. Now the penny post only refers to letters—postals are still 2c. one of these "fatal" postals reached us just recently. "Too late get M. O. for Subs. and ad tonight, Express Office closed, mailed tomorrow." We had to pay the penny on delivery but our correspondent was as good as his word. As Mr. Brodstone says and emphatically too, and I agree with him unitedly, we want the cooperation of every collector to help us with the Journal charities "shadows to the Wheel" for "The West" and "C. M. R." if funds keep above par I am looking forward to another trip across to see you all in America and where possible a hand'shake when stopping "en route" at depots and a word of welcome and a square meal at intervals. A sprinkling of young lady subscribers, post card collectors etc., earnestly request to take part in a solo—will help to pay things. The solo will be "My country 'tis o' thee—"The West" and "C. M. R." are the books for me."

W. S. GREENWOOD is in the hardware business being vice president of the Hill Company at Prescott, Ariz., from which you may judge that he does not depend upon the sale of mineral specimens for his living. Is English by birth, born in Yorkshire, England. Is now a citizen of the U. S., having been in this country for 15 years, and glad of it. Got out a beautiful Souvenir Calendar for 1909. No doubt you have heard of a gold pan used for washing gold nuggets from the ground. On this calendar you will find a small reproduction of a copper bottom gold pan, containing some imitation gold nuggets, also a small bottle of same. The view is of the most beautiful little mining town in the West. These specimens are made of the stuff that we are all after and the calendar tells us the day and date. The price of these calendars is \$1.50 postpaid. He puts up a smaller one less elaborate for 75c, post paid U. S. only. Your moneys worth and satisfaction guaranteed, he wishes to say that he is not a mining broker or in any way engaged in the mining business, so he is not selling ore and mineral specimens to cheaply advertise any mine or mines. He places within the reach of anyone a neat little set of ore specimens which he will guarantee to be genuine and true to name, for the use of students, collectors and others. Few people realize the beauty of the ores from which our precious metals are produced and no home in which there are children of school age should be without one or more of his specimen cards. He can put up sets of specimens to order, showing a larger assortment of ores than my regular card. The mounting of these specimens is all tedious hard work and all the specimens mounted are carefully selected for their beauty; and were it not for the fact that his spare time only was used in putting them up, he could not sell them at the price.

MRS. L. T. DOBSON has a collection of cards and buttons and other lines. Has been a member of the Union over six years and says it is the best card club of all.

Every subscriber is cordially invited to assist the Publishers by contributing his or her views as to the respects in which interest in the Magazine may be increased, strengthened and maintained—what features could be added or substituted, and what, if anything, should be omitted. Send photos of glossy purple color to use.

Nebraska Philatelic Society.

Nebraska's Pride

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Change address G. B. Fielding from Pleasanton to Kearney, care State Industrial School. Sam P. Hughes, Omaha, to Howe.

To the Members of the Nebraska Philatelic Society:—You have all undoubtedly been waiting for a report from your Sales Department. I have been having all kinds of bad luck with the Department lately, have had to go to a lot of trouble and expense to locate some of the circuits and to get them back. Seems that members take no interest in this Dept. I had therefore also stopped all circuits until I had last ones located. Have now located the last ones and hope to have them in a few days. I would like all members wishing to participate in this Dept. would write me at once and also send in any stamps they wish to place on circuit. After getting all outstanding circuits back I shall send you financial report.

Your obedient servant, F. A. Mueller, Sales Supt.

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Still more complaints on dealers Hurmac Co., Toronto, Canada. Does any reader know and will help on Williams, Charlotte, Mich., is same one there a few years ago. Will have some advertisers to report next month if they have not paid the last year that we offer some surprises for sale to best bidder. Sorry to report the death of another member, F. Massoth of Chicago, who died in Texas not far from where Robie of same city died a few years ago. If no objections are raised the following new members will be admitted: F. Rickel, Juniata, Nebr. G. Elloy, Cleveland, O., 5761 Hamlet Ave. R. M. Jones, Omaha, Nebr., 4140 Burdette St. Rev. Eckhardt, R2, Pender Neb. W. Emert, Bx 37, Dodge City, Kans. W. Bloemberg, Hutchinson, Ks, 1503 Atchinson St. A. Soderstrum, Kansas City, Mo., 217 W. 18th St. L. Fox, Shawnee, Okla., 212 Lincoln Ave. Bert J. Bishop, Cheyenne, Wyo. R. S. Arkweather, Rockford, Ill., 1225 Camp Ave. S. Ashbook, Cincinnati, O., 407 Walnut St. H. R. Yates, Longview, Tex. T. Rockwell, Uniontown, Pa., Bx 78 R3. A. Kellup, Vanceburg, Ky. M. Zender, Los Angeles, Calif., 1107 W. 10th St. L. Sherbine, Freeland, Mich. G. Fabin, Brooklyn, N. Y. Sta. S. E. Steinbrueck, Mandan, N. Dak. Francis Fox, Manchester, N. H., 552 Lincoln St. Would like to have names of any collectors or dealers that do not give satisfaction and if you will send 4c postage, will help best I know how.

Sales Supt's Report:—Dear Fellow Members We have very few stamps in circulation. Write for sale books, only 3c each. fill and send in. I will sell them if prices are reasonable. Leon V. Cass, Sales Supt.

Rare United States Envelopes--By Dorpat

Messrs Bartels and Berthold in their pamphlet reprinted from the "Transactions of the American Philatelic Society," 1908, say: "Taking the envelope issues of all countries of the World, excluding the United States, their combined number for one year is but one half the total needed in the United States. During 1906 the daily average was from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 million." This shows that some of the U. S. envelopes cannot be rare. But, if we consider that some 20 varieties or sizes of different values are in use simultaneously, and that the working dies, of which there are more than a dozen used before a new issue is made, are and must be retouched occasionally and that for each issue four or five different papers are used then we can easily understand that here and there a real rarity may be brought forth some of which never existed in more than 500 copies and some of which are so rare that only a few or even only one single copy may be known. The gentlemen quoted above describe quite a number from the issues of 1853 to 1899 and then say, "The above enumerated U. S. envelopes comprise by no means all rarities because not unfrequently an envelope, priced low by cataloguers and supposed to be common, is now exceedingly difficult to obtain. The field is an inviting one for the best efforts of the American Envelope Society, to which this task is respectfully recommended." There are without doubt a great many collectors outside the American Envelope Society who nevertheless collect envelopes, and it may be an inducement to them also to search carefully, if they remember that there is a possibility to find pieces that are worth \$50 00 to \$100 00 or perhaps \$500 00 to \$1000 00. They would be sorry to learn that had given away such a rarity for 5 or 10 cents. Scott's Catalog, it is true, is not sufficient as a handbook for thorough study, good as it may be as far as it goes. Hence it is desirable for any U. S. envelope collector to possess and use other works besides that catalog. As such we may name "The Stamped Envelopes, Wrappers and Sheets of the U S by Tiffany, Bogert and Rechert" price \$5 00. Calman's "Catalog of the Stamps, Envelopes and Wrappers of the U. S." \$3 00. "The Die Varieties of the Nesbit Series of the U. S. Envelopes" by V. M. Berthold, \$1 00. "Catalog for Advanced Collectors" by Collin and Calman \$25 00. J. M. Bartel's Catalog of Entire U.S Stamped Envelopes, the price of which we do not remember, but we think it was one or two dollars: we have not seen it offered for quite a while. There are still others, as Horner's Catalog of 1878, 1884 and 1889, but these may suffice to show that quite a library treating of U.S. envelopes may be gotten together, and that they are by no means an altogether neglected field, though they are neglected by a great many. It has always been our contention to urge the cultivation of neglected fields as the most profitable, and we still think that the collecting of entire U S. envelopes will pay well in pastime and in pecuniary profit because it is neglected by too many collectors, who, after some time may wake up to see what opportunities they have missed. The present issue, of which no great rarities are yet known, for the simple reason that the whole issue is not yet fully explored, is apt to contain some rarities, because in the beginning work had to be rushed and some of the working people employed lacked experience. We know now that there is quite a number of varieties and sub-varieties of this issue, but we do not know whether we know them all, nor do we know which of them will prove to be rare. Now is the time to make hay while the sun shines.

Beginner's Department--Argentine

By L. G. Dorpat

The sixth issue, 1877, partly perforated and partly rouletted consists of 6 values with the following portraits: 2c Lopez, 8c Rivadavia, 16c Belgrano, 20c Saarsfeld, 24 San Martin, and 25 Avlear. In 1862 a new provisional became necessary of the value of $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo; the 5c of 1867 was so surcharged in two types with the word (Provisoris) added; some of them are perforated through the middle of the stamp; there are several varieties, for which fancy prices are quoted. It is well to beware of imitations, as with all fancy priced surcharges.

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The seventh issue, of July 13, 1882, consists of 3 values, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 12 centavos. They were made by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., and are all of the same design. They look much like lithographs and some catalogs say they are lithographed, but Kohl's Handbuch says they were produced by "Buchdruck," i. e., by surface-printing. The 12c is quoted also as steel engraved, but as such it can hardly be counted as belonging to this issue and would rather form an issue by itself. The $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1c come in shades. The $\frac{1}{2}$ c is perf. 12; the 1 and 12c are perforated both 12, and 14, the 12c steel engraved 14 only.

For further particulars see Thos. W. Hall in the London Philatelist, 1908 p. 115

In 1884 we again find 4 provisionals, $\frac{1}{2}$ on 15c, $\frac{1}{2}$ on 5c and 1 on 15c. There are several varieties of each. The fourth is a 4 on 5c, the surcharge being spelled out in words. The year 1884 is on all of them

The 8th issue is similar to the 7th, only steel engraved instead of lithographed, perforated 12 only; the 12 cents comes in 3 different shades.

The 9th issue is a large one and was made by J. Kidd in Buenos Ayres 1888—1890. It consists of 12 values with the following portraits: $\frac{1}{2}$ c Uruguay, 2c Lopez, 3c Celman, 5c Rivadavia, 6c Sarmiento, 10c Avellaneda, 15c San Martin, 20c Roca, 25c Belgrano, 30c Dorrego, 40c Moreno, 50c Mitre. Of the 2c there are 2 types; in the second the head of Lopez comes nearer the oval line. Of the 5c there are also 2 types, same difference as in the 2c. All of them are perforated 11 $\frac{1}{2}$, but the 6 and 40c are also found perf. 12 and the $\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 5, 6, 10 and 30 are also found imperforate. Kohl states that for the 2c five plates were made which all differ more or less, for the 3 and 6c two plates each and for the 5c three plates.

The 10th issue, 1889—90, is the creditable steel engraved product of the Campana Sud Americana de Billetes de Banco (South American Bank Note Co.) in Buenos Ayres. This company henceforth is the maker of all Argentine and of some other South American stamps. If we compare its product with that of Carlos Riviere & Co in 1858, we may get an idea of the wonderful development that is going on down there; if they will only hold peace in South America, they will yet show the world that it is larger than many have thought. War is—a calamity everywhere, especially in a new country, and doubly so, when it never ends.

(To be continued).

Should you receive more than one copy of this paper, please give or send extra copy to a friend collector or dealer.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By J. U. Perkins

The following figures are of interest as showing the enormous operations of the United States postal service. The entire receipts during the past year from all sources were \$191,478,663 41, while the expenses incurred in operating the service were \$208,351,886.15, leaving a deficit of \$16,873,222 74. In addition to this the not inconsiderable sum of \$37,056.25 represents the actual loss from fire, burglary, etc. However the receipts increased over those of the previous year by \$7,843,657 84.

The rural free delivery service now covers nearly a million miles of roads throughout the country. The actual routes number 39,516 and it is estimated that at least two billion pieces of mail matter were handled the past year. One indirect benefit occasioned by the establishment of the rural service, second in importance only to the service itself is the resulting improvement in the condition of the public roads throughout the country. The Government insists that all roads covered by rural delivery shall be maintained in traversable condition the entire year and many states have made liberal appropriations for road building and improvement on this account alone, where otherwise the roads would be left to their own sweet devices, as in years past.

A new feature which the Post Office Department is endeavoring to have Congress grant permission and money for, is a limited parcel post to be confined entirely to rural delivery routes. This "rural parcel express" is expected to benefit the users by enabling them to have merchandise delivered when ordered by telephone or mail from business houses too far away for the usual city wagon delivery, and it is proposed to establish the low rate of 5 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound or fraction. The service will be restricted to packages weighing not to exceed 11 pounds or 3 feet 6 inches in length, and furthermore the package must originate on rural delivery routes, and shall only be received at the special rate named from merchants or dealers whose regular place of business is in the town in which the distributing postoffice is located, or on the rural route to be used.

The present congress is expected to give permission for the initiation of this special parcel service on a trial base in some prescribed section of the country, before it finally is established as a permanent universal feature of the rural service.

Few postal innovations of recent years have caused the amount of controversy, for and against, as has been occasioned by the Department's project for postal savings banks, and almost daily the matter is aired both in Congress and the daily press. Briefly the argument of the Department is this: In many sections of the country there are no savings banks, and in some cases no banks of any kind; in these localities there are considerable amounts of money held in hiding and thus neither absolutely safe to the owner nor in circulation for the benefit of the community. It is this money estimated to aggregate more than half a billion dollars, which the Department hopes to bring back into circulation through the medium of the proposed postal savings banks. In supporting their claims, the officials call

attention to the fact that there are already established in this country 60,624 postoffices, 40,000 of which are money order offices, each of which would, under the plan, become a savings bank.

It goes without saying that the saving banks of the country are as a unit in opposition to the plan. Attention has been called by them to the fact, among others, that each of the 30,000 or more postmasters in the country would become the head of a banking house, with all its involved system of book keeping, etc; that in all there would be not less than a million depositors, and the amount of detail work in connection with handling this vast number of accounts could be easily imagined.

The Department claims however, that no harm will be done to the business of the regular banks, as the postal savings would be mostly secured from widely distributed sections not now covered by private institutions. The money will be placed by the government on deposit with the national banks in the sections where the deposit originated; the national bank to pay the Government $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent interest; of this the Government pays the original depositor 2 per cent and retains the $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent for expenses of the system.

Thus, in a nutshell, the Government proposes to benefit not only the people, by fostering thriftiness in sections where savings banks do not now exist. but to benefit also the existing financial establishments, by the plan of re-depositing the money received.

The following story emanates from one of the wits of the P. O. Department and may be of interest to the readers of the WEST who have not already suffered the infliction:

"A few evenings since, an aged widow came to the post office inquiring for a letter, quite anxious to hear from her son in the army. On receiving her letter, she was told it was from the Dead Letter Office. She ran home crying, 'Oh, Ike is dead! Ike is dead! I've just got a letter from the Dead Letter Office.' "

Albert Friedemann's Philatelic Berichte No. 19 is at hand and speaks of the Kiautschan dollar value of 1905 without watermarks, affirming on the authority of the general postoffice that no reprints of the values were made, notwithstanding that some collectors have taken it for granted that some were made. Furthermore, it illustrates two types of the 5 plaster German Levant. In one the top of the letters forming the word "plaster" are very nearly in a line with the top of the two figures "5", in the other the word plaster stands nearly 1 mm higher than the figures. The latter is called type I, the former type II. On a sheet of 20 type I occurs 14 times and type II, 6 times (Scott's No. 528). Then the 1 plas. 25cts. Morocco is also illustrated in 3 types (Scott's No. 729); in one the value is placed nearly on a line with the second c in Morocco, in the other a very little lower and in the third almost on a line with the last o in Morocco. These 3 types occur all in the same sheet, and it is said that similar varieties occur in the other high values also, namely 2p. 50cts, 3p. 75cts, 6p. 2ct. Herr Friedemann makes a specialty of colonial postmarks, and describes some that are counterfeited as well as the genuine ones. Specialists of German colonial stamps will find it to their own advantage to study his reports, which he sends gratis to his customers, or as a sample on receipt of a double card.

The year 1909 promises to be remarkable for the output of philatelic literature both in England and America, if not in other countries.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



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 beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

462. Will the new 1 and 2c U. S. without figure of value ever be rare? No. Even, if it is true that no more are printed since the deficiency in the design, i. e. the lacking of figures was discovered, there will be enough to go around of those that have already been sent out to postmasters. There are at least some which have received their supply of the 2 cents value in sheets of the new design. Of the 1 cent value in sheets I have not yet heard, but I presume that enough of this value has also been printed and distributed. There is a rumor of the stamps being recalled, but I do not believe it, as at least one office which has the new stamps has heard nothing of a recalling. An interesting question arises as to what will be done at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in case of a shortage before the new plates can be altered. There are two possibilities. Either the plates of the old issue will be resorted to or there will be some more from the new "discarded" plate. Thus there is a possibility of minor varieties, and these might become rare, but not the 1 and 2c values now issued.

463 Are the peculiarly perforated U.S. stamps used in the Schurmack machines collectible? Certainly, if one wishes to do so. This peculiar perforation, consisting of two slits a little over 4mm long and about 3mm apart on two opposite sides of each stamp (the two other opposite sides are imperforate), is not an official perforation, that is, it is not applied by the government, but its application is sanctioned by the government and the stamps thus perforated by the Schirmack Co. of Detroit are legally used on letters when affixed by the machines. In a U. S. specialist's collection they should not be wanting.

464. Is there any distinction to be made between U S stamps in books and in sheets? For common collections, hardly. As far as we know, the stamps identical whether they come in sheets or in books. There is one difference however, and that is in the perforation. Stamps in sheets have two rows of stamps (in every 100) which are imperforate on one side, namely the inside rows of each sheet of 400, where the sheet is cut apart into post office sheets of 100 each. In each 100 there is also 1 stamp which is imperforate on two sides, it is the corner stamp in which the two inside rows meet. All the other stamps (81 in each 100) are perforated on four sides. Stamps in books of panes containing 6 stamps each have two stamps in each pane which are imperforate on two sides, and four stamps which are imperforate on one side. In these books there are no stamps perforated on all four sides. Hence any single copy perforate on all four sides must come from a sheet, which partially imperforate copies may come either from a sheet or from a book. Specialists will collect them in panes of 4 or 6, when the edges will show whether the pane or block comes from a sheet or from a book. The latter are without plate numbers.

If The WEST is worth 50c a year to you, we want you. If it isn't, we don't. C?



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MINUTES OF THE 105th MEETING OF ABOVE SOCIETY.

When Pres. Chase called the meeting to order at 8 p. m. he had the pleasure of seeing 17 members and one visitor present. The members were: Messrs Anschuetz, Bollman, Chase, Diamant, Humes, Kennedy, Mechin, Millhouse, Myers, Heath, Ruedi, Sisson, Sr. and Jr., Schoeman, Schellhorn, Slack and Voekler. The visitor was Mr. Geo. Schwarz.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A communication from Mr. L. T. Brodstone was read. Four copies of the Hartford Philatelist were sent by F. W. Perkins and were added to the society's library.

One application for membership was received, that of Mr. Geo Schwarz, proposed by Mr. Schoeman and was handed over to the Membership Committee. There was a fine collection of U. S. proofs and many unused stamps of foreign countries exhibited by Mr. Heath. Messrs. Sisson Sr. and Jr. showed the new issue up to 50c unused. These two gentlemen also showed the 5c type I of 1857 red brown and a block of four of the 1c type I of the same issue. Mr. Chase showed the post obitum.

The contest of the evening was furnished, also the prize by Mr. Diamant. He read a list of 42 popular stamp issuing countries and asked those present to write as many as possible in 5 minutes. This was won by Mr. W.A. Sisson who gave 34 out of the possible 42. The prize was a very light, nicely cancelled copy of the 1902 series \$1 black stamp.

Another contest was won by Mr. Myers who made ten words out of Kiaochan. The prize for this was given by Mr. Schoeman.

Next meeting Feb. 16, in Wright Bldg.

Changes of address F. R. Cornwall to 809 Chemical Bldg., F. N. Chase to 112 Rialto Bldg
F. Millhouse, Sec'y.

The regular meeting of the Society was held Feb. 16, 1909. Although this was the lowest attendance of members this year, we were honored by having three visitors present: Messrs Prescott, Marston and Whittmore. Thirteen members were present. Messrs Anschuetz, Bollman, Cornwall, Chase, Heath, Humes, Millhouse, Myers, Kennedy, Schoeman, W. A. Sisson, V. E Sisson and Wood.

Promptly at eight p m. Pres Chase called the meeting to order and the previous meeting's minutes were read and approved. Messrs. Kelsh, Prescott and Marston made application to become member of the society and their applications were handed over to the chairman of the membership committee, Mr. Wood. Mr Geo E. Schwarz of 4161 Flad Ave., was reported o. k. by the Membership Committee and he was declared duly elected.

A bill from Redfield's Weekly was read and received. The Secretary reported that Mr F. N. Massoth, one of our members, had died in El Paso on Sunday, Jan. 31st last, and the President appointed Messrs. Cornwall, Myers and Wood a committee to draw up resolutions of regret at the sad news. The committee shortly afterwards presented the following resolutions

which were received and ordered to be signed by the President and Secretary:—

“Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Frank N. Massoth, who departed this life Sunday, January 31, 1909; and

Whereas, the said Frank N. Massoth was not only a member of our society, but also a close personal friend to a number of our members; and,

Whereas, we deeply feel the loss of one who has been so untimely taken from us, whose friendship we all valued, whose business integrity was unquestioned, whose good nature and accommodating manners endeared him to all, and whose knowledge of matters philatelic was profound;

Therefore, be it resolved, that a copy of this expression of our loss be sent to the Chicago Philatelic Society with the request that it be read at one of their stated meetings and then transmitted to the relatives of the deceased.

As usual there was an auction sale of stamps, Mr. Schoemann wielding the hammer in a business like way. The President had on exhibition a superb set of the proofs on India paper of the 1899 issue of Cuba, also several unique original covers.

Mr. Myers had an idea in his head when a contest was spoken of and this was the outcome:—Every body take a piece of paper and pencil. Write the numbers 1 to 24 and opposite each number write the name of a stamp issuing country with as many letters in its name as indicated by the number alongside thus: 4 Cuba, 7 Germany and so on. This was voted very good, but nobody could fill in the spaces opposite number 1 and 2 and most of the spaces opposite the twenties. In the end Mr. Cornwall was declared to have won the first prize \$2 worth of stamps with 17 names and Mr. Chase was second with 16 receiving \$1 worth of stamps. Quite a number of the members declared that they could think of plenty of names of countries with seven or eight letters and then another contest was started to see who could write down most seven lettered names in 5 minutes and this was also won by Mr. Cornwall. About 10:40 p. m. those present adjourned until the next meeting on March 2nd, when everyone is asked to bring a story about some stamp in their collection and relate it.

The Secretary thinks the Entertainment Committee wants to find out the best story teller in the society.

Next meeting in rooms 803 Wright Building at 8 p. m. on Mar. 25, '09, and every stamp collector who happens to be in St. Louis that night, is cordially invited.

F. Millhouse, Secy.

Stamp exhibitions are quite numerous in the old country, while in the United States they are few and far between. What is the reason? Are the European collectors more ardent? Have they so much better collections than the collectors in the U S? Or have they more time than we have? One advantage they have undoubtedly, and that is, that they are nearer together and consequently they can expect a greater attendance at their exhibitions. We must travel hundreds of miles to meet, where they have to travel ten or twelve. Besides, there may be more collectors or people who take interest in stamps in Europe than in America, considered as a percentage of the total population. Maybe there are other reasons, one, that Americans are perhaps busier in other matters than Europeans, or that it is a matter of fashion, and the fashion of stamp exhibitions has not yet reached us.

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of varieties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. Lock Box 7.

We are very sorry to get the the last number of "Morley's Philatelic Journal," No's 1 to 12 for 1908 issued as one and noting the decease of the Journal. It was of inestimable value to collectors of Fiscals and Telegraph stamps. This last volume finishes the articles on British Patent Medicine Stamps, Salvador, The Newspaper Tax Stamps of Gt. Britain, and has a twenty two (22) page catalogue fully descriptive of Japanese Fiscals.

Also three pages devoted to Belgium and two pages Fiscal Chronicle.

The Supplement Catalogue of the U. S., Mexico, and Central America is finished. Mr. Morley notes the following native Indian States issuing Revenues which are not catalogued by "Yvert & Tellier"—Talooka Valla, and Wadhwan, and in the October 1907 number of M. P. J. Mr. Wilmot Corfield says that he has been informed that the following "Orissa" tributary Native Indian States use the Victorian Court Fee Stamps surcharged with the name of the state similar to those known for "Vinchoor Court" Names of States:—Allimallik, Altagarh, Baramba, Bheakanal, Boad, Hindol, Keonjhur, Mourbhanj, Naygarh, Nursingpur, Pal Lahara, Talcher, and two others. He has the 1 anna of Keonjhur.

The Ararat stamp Co. are advertising New York State Revenues cheap. Only people handling them that I know of. I will give a list of 1908 issue those giving color, on the authority of the A. S. Co: See their ad. 1908—2c Brown & Black; 4c?; 10c Ultramarine & Black; 20c Slate & Black; 50c?; \$1.00 Red & Black; \$2 00 Green & Black; \$10.00?; \$20.00?.

Will some N. Y. collector give us some more information?

Collectors of Fiscals do not want to forget that Gt. Britain and the following list of British Colonies have stamps that bear the legend Postage & Revenue. The Colonies are: Br Bechuanaland & Bechuanaland Protectorate, Br. Central Africa Br. East Africa, Br. Guiana, Ceylon, Gold Coast, Grenada, Labuan, Leeward Island, New Zealand, North Borneo, Northern Nigeria, St. Vincent, Sarawak, Sierra Leone, Malay States (Johore, Perak, Selangor, S Ujong), Federated Malay States, Trinidad, Uganda Protectorate, Zululand. These stamps if unused or with a Fiscal cancellation are clearly admissible to a Fiscal collection. The newspaper Tax stamps of Austria, Hungary etc., and the "Impuesto de Guerra of Spain and Colonies are all only Fiscals

We might get quite a portrait gallery in our Fiscal collection. Leaving the U. S. out we have a great many other countries furnishing us pictures, viz.: Argentine Rep :—Prov. of Buenos Ayres. City of General La Madrid, City of Olavarra, City of San Martin, Prov. of Corrientes, City of San Lorenzo. South Australia; Austria & Hungary; Bolivia. Brazil, Rio Grande Do Sul (Brazil) Canada, Cape of Good Hope Ceylon, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Spain & Colonies. France—Gr. Britain and Colonies, all or nearly so. Guatemala, Hawaii. Indian Native States: Baroda, Bhavnagar Durvar, Bhopal, Gwalior, Holkar, Morvee, Nowannarggur, Palaupur, Porbandar, Rajpeepa. Italy. Japan, Mexico & States, Persia, Portugal, Sarawak, Siam and Venezuela.

We will be glad if anyone will send notes of new varieties or new issues for this department. Especially would we like to hear from those in foreign countries.



Reviews and Comments

By Verna Weston Hanway

(American and English publications desiring an impartial review in this periodical will please forward specimen copy marked "For Review" to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, Lk Bx Dallas, Pa)

(Year book of the United States Revenue Society, Second Annual Publication, December 1908)

The year book of the United States Revenue Society besides the usual official reports gives much hitherto unpublished information concerning American revenues. In future issues this plan will be further elaborated. These year books should prove valuable adjuncts to philatelists' libraries, as the literature appertaining to revenues is comparatively meagre.

An article, the 'Paper Varieties of the First Issues of U S. Revenues' by A. F. Heukel distinguishes the various papers. Mr. Heukel states that in the earlier printings there were two grades of bond paper, one thin, approaching pelure paper in appearance, and the other noticeably heavier. He notes a third variety, a distinctively laid paper, which he thinks will be recognized in time. "Following the laid paper, there was used a paper, white in appearance and very hard in texture and of several weights, the heaviest being quite the weight of Bristol cardboard." In 1870 the silk fibre paper appeared, and immediately following it a paper similar in appearance but without the silk threads was used. This paper is very white in appearance and of two weights one resembling blotting paper. Mr. Henkel's article is a most useful one.

Other pages treat with the "Date of Issues of the Private Proprietaries of the Spanish-American War Period" " 'St. Louis Provisionals' of 1898" by C. A. Nast 'Testimonial to E. B. Sterling by the same writer giving a bibliography of his writings in the "Collectors' World" and a list of catalogs relating to revenues. Another article is "The state of New York Stock Transfer Stamps compiled by W. S. Aldrich and B. D. Forster. A bibliography of catalogs and text books published since 1863 is an important contribution.

The Year Book is free to members of the society. To others the price fifty cents. The contents are admirable and the typographical appearance is very pleasing. It can I think be procured from the secretary C. A. Nast.

(Rules and Regulations of the International Philatelic Exhibition, Am-

sterdam, 1909). See—Across The Pond in this Issue.

While not properly entitled to a "review" in the sense of being philatelic literature some mention should be made here of this neat little pamphlet of 36 pages

The exhibition, which will be held in the Bellevue Bldg. on the Leed-schakade at Amsterdam the 3d to the 10th of June 1909, will offer medals for exhibits of postage stamps and entire of every description, albums, literature, and "further anything connected with or likely to further the study of philately". By special arrangement with the Minister of Finance exhibit will be admitted free of duty, providing they have affixed two special labels which may be procured free of charge from the committee. We notice the name of an American, William Moser, amongst the list of judges.

Very appropriately, Division 1 is devoted to exhibits embracing Holland and colonies. There should be some good collections on exhibition in this division, for Holland and colonies certainly offer a charming and easy field for moderate specialism.

(Catalogo Descriptivo de los Sellos de Correos y Telegrafos 1908-09. Madrid)

This sixth edition of the Spanish descriptive catalog of postage, official and telegraph stamps is a decidedly meritorious work. Although it contains 87 pages it is not a bulky volume. The paper is a splendid grade of thin yet smooth paper. The page is not set in columns and the effect of the open page and clear type is very pleasing; The binding is a superior grade of green flexible cloth with lettering in silver. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the superiority of a strong flexible binding. We should like to see the leading American and English catalog publishers adopt this style and in addition a thumb index. A catalog with the latter feature in particular would be assured of a tremendous sale. The purely philatelic features of his catalog are admirable. The list of varieties is compiled with discrimination and the prices are about as logical as those in the majority of catalogs. A rather curious feature is the adding of lists of errors and so on. For instance it gives illustrations of the tete-beche stamps of France 1863-70. It chronicles, illustrates, and prices, numerous oddities of this sort. The section devoted to the United States is very well compiled and contains good illustrations.

We like this catalog and heartily recommend it. It is convenient to handle almost a pocket edition in size. The veriest novice in Spanish can easily understand and derive much benefit from it.

Speaking, or rather writing, of Spanish catalogs reminds us of the first Spanish Philatelic Congress, held in the rooms of the Palace of Arts and Trades at the Spanish-French exposition in Zaragoza. The convention was very successful, no less than twelve essays being read. El Filatelico Espanol for October gives a convention picture. The greater portion of the philatellists present, we judge from it, were men of mature years. The next meeting is to be held at Valencia, May 1909.

We are in receipt of a new catalog from the David B. Clarkson Co. of Chicago, in which a great many fine and valuable books are offered at greatly reduced prices, for instance a de luxe edition of Abraham Lincoln's Writings in three fourth Persian Morocco vols. reduced to \$29.00.

From an Associate Editor's Easy Chair

II. THE LINCOLN CENTENARY STAMP.

During February the whole world united in celebrating the centenary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, and the world is somewhat the better for the increased understanding of one of the few great men our country has produced. The volumes of praise in literature that the occasion has produced admirably illustrates anew the fact that a really great character belongs to all mankind. So, with Abraham Lincoln; his genius has transcended the merely nominal barriers of race, and country, and religion.

Naturally the occasion has called forth more or less comment within the confines of the literature of our own little world of philately. The Stamp Lover for February in particular, has an interesting article, well illustrated with stamps bearing portraits of Lincoln of course.

While it has seemed desirable to the "powers that be,"—in a postal sense, to provide a new series of stamp of a uniform design, it was indeed a lamentable oversight to remove Abraham Lincoln's portrait in this year of the centennial of his birth. So, thought "We, the people," and the result is the two cent stamp issued in February to signalize the occasion.

The new stamp is similar in design to the current series, and is a most attractive stamp. But it was undoubtedly somewhat of a shock to most people to find the features of another than Washington on the two cent stamp. Still, it is most fitting. There has been some criticism abroad anent the series issued last year, which the critics were pleased to class as speculative! No doubt the Lincoln centenary stamp will call forth a great hue and cry from those who dip their pens into the "blue-black," and who ought to follow Kipling's advice about that "fatal, facile drink." Well, a stamp is a very little thing, and while I entreat your pardon for the foregoing, I will add that if it pleased us, good sirs, to honor Abraham Lincoln, e'en in this trilling manner, "what is that to you?"

It is pleasant to find Lincoln's features on a stamp so commonly used as the two cent. It has been the custom to speak of Lincoln as ungainly, uncouth, of an even ugly physiognomy. This has always seemed to me to be a matter of opinion, and personally I cannot see that the profile on this new stamp suffers by comparison with the profile of either Franklin or Washington, although the bust of Washington in particular has always been considered of exceptional dignity.

When observing Lincoln's face in profile one is struck first of all by the remarkable beauty in the contour of the head and brow. Every feature analyzes satisfactorily. The "chin beard" of the period was indeed an uncouth masculine "adornment," and undoubtedly detracts from the inherent dignity and poise of the features. However one has only to see a portrait of him without the beard to admit that his face was unusual and commanding, one that, as the sculptors say, "held its own in space"—not ordinary quality. Large, he certainly was, and it not remarkable that a certain impression of uncouthness should linger about his memory. As for his features, they were of a then new type, "composite American." Fortunately there is growing up a new impression of Lincoln's appearance, and it is an impression based upon the memories of those who knew him. Quite a little has been written on the subject. I recall particularly an excellent article in Munsey's Magazine a year or two ago, which many of my readers will doubtless remember.

The writer stated that he had showed busts and photographs of Lincoln to many of the most eminent sculptors abroad, men of many races, and they had all been amazed at the symmetry and poise of the head, and the admirable new type of the entire countenance, while not one word did they utter of any trait or trace of ugliness in the features. It is unfortunate that the most commonly published portraits have been poor likenesses. However, the Lincoln centenary has been marked by the publication of many that had not been published heretofore, and it is not too late to erase from the memory of Lincoln such an utterly unbased opinion.

Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks *By W.H.C. of Liverpool, Eng.*

Looking over some very interesting postmarks in my collection I recently came across two specimens of very large dimension. The first measures $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, and is of the simple ring type with wording as follows around the inner portion of circle. British Army S. Africa. Field Postoffice, and 28 Sept. 1900, in a straight line across the centre. The second specimen measures $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and is concentric in design with wording inside the circles—Formosan Republic Falwan—and straight line center, 10, Oct '95. It is somewhat surprising, what a great number of India Rubber Stamps are in use for postmarking purposes, especially by American Countries and in England by the Parcel Post Department, with green or violet ink mostly in favour, and the impressions therefrom are much clearer than those "struck" by lead or spelter type, and the damage to postal matter consequently much less for no blow is struck in using india rubber type and one is apt to think the word "Stamper," to stamp, or strike, as applied to a certain section of postal officials "will soon be" a thing of the past, and these people may possibly in the future be known as "pressers" the word having a kind of india Rubber touch about it.

About ten years ago some very small postmarks one-half inch in diameter, hailed from France, chiefly Paris and I believe they were used for printed matter only as they were generally found on the 5 centime stamps and consisted of a simple ring, and large numeral in centre but no date, and generally covered about one-quarter the area of the stamp they cancelled. They were very neat, I have frequently seen on U. S. letters, "Held for Potage" in a neat circle and just unearthed,—Too late, Dublin Pillars, the word pillar referring to the cast iron vermilion painted letter boxes in use in Great Britain. China and Egypt give us a little diversion in the matter of spelling no doubt for the respective benefit of the English, and French residents with Shanghai and Shanghai on its postmarks as a result, backed up by China & Chine. Egypt comes in a good second by adding E to itself with Egypte as a result. From Australia I get a single circle with Railway Station Sydney and Montevideo come to hand surrounded by ornamental circle which give it quite a floral appearance.

(To be continued)

The Dutch collectors are advertising their stamp exhibition which they intend to hold in 1909, by a stamp, blue or lavender, die cut, with the words "Internationale Postzegel Teontoonstelling Amsterdam 1909" on a label above and a postage stamp with the Dutch queen on each side and below the label. The lower part of the stamp is taken up by a view showing hilltops, windmills and a few buildings.



Dear Sir We
are having
the finest of
our lives,
and you
were with
me.
Yours,
J. C. Auf der Heide
4 2 '06

ACROSS THE POND



H. STAMMET

By J. C. Auf der Heide, S. H. D. Amsterdam

People say always, there is nothing new under the sun. Often this may be true, but I know at least one exception. My last letter to the WEST came too late for the Christmas number. I took leave of my readers with the well known saying of Tiny Tim "a happy Christmas to you all." Now thought the composer Christmas is over and he altered the word Christmas to "anniversary", but surely Tiny Tim did not say this!

I was asked to write some particulars about the coming Amsterdam Stamp Exposition. There are seven classes divided in 14 subclasses and again divided in 43 classes.

1st Head Class: Holland and Colonies. 2nd Class: Specialists' Collections any country, except Holland and Colonies. 3rd Class: General Collections. 4th Class: Collections of Entires. 5th Class: Collections of entires not named in the above 4 classes. (Stamps on Covers, Essays, Proofs, Collections of false stamps etc.) 6th Class: Only for collectors of under 18 years of age. 7th Class: Literature, Albums and Philatelic Accessories.

The Exhibition will be held from 3 to 10, June 1909 in the rooms of the building Bellevue in Amsterdam, Mamrix Straat. Collections of Stamps on sheets are charged at two dollars a square meter, collections in albums at two dollars per album. Collections of entires are charged at one dollar every square meter, and for collections of the fifth class, \$1 20 is charged per album, box, or whatever the collection may be put in.

For all collections sent to this exhibition and arriving here from Mar. 23d till the first of June, no income tax of 5 per cent will be charged.

A great number of medals will be awarded.

Everyone who wants to know more about this exhibition, should write to Internationale Postzegel Tentoonstelling, Secretariaat, Warmoesstratt 193 Amsterdam, Holland.

A very interesting collection, which does not cost much money but can be gotten together for a couple of dollars is the collection of the Danish By-post stamps or City express Companies. A collection of a hundred different can be had for only 60 cents. In buying more than one collection, one may get more difference in types, etc. For those who want to start such a collection, I herewith name the cities, in which they have appeared and circulated:

Aalborg—1895—3 ore blue, 5 ore red; also the same stamps on yellow paper. November 1885 another stamp 3 ore green and red—exists in "tete

beche" and imperforated.

1886. 1 on 3 ore blue on yellow paper; 1 on 5 ore red on yellow paper; 1 on 3 ore green and red.

These stamps exist also with the overprint upside down.

1886 (April). 1 ore brown; 2 ore blue; 5 ore brown and blue; 10 ore black and brown; 20 ore green and black; 25 ore black and blue; 50 ore blue and gold.

The stamp of 2 ore blue exists diagonally divided in two, and circulated in this state as a stamp of 1 ore. The 20 ore green and black exists with a perforation in the midst of the stamp. The 1 ore brown and 2 ore blue exist imperforated vertically. All varieties exist imperforated.

1886, August. The following surcharges were put into circulation: 2 on 3 ore blue, surcharge black; 3 on 5 ore red, surcharge black.

1887. 1 ore yellow green. 1887 same stamp imperforated.

1887, September. 2 ore brown; 3 ore red. The 3 ore exists imperforated vertically. Both stamps exist imperforated.

The stamps of 1886 20 and 25 ore were surcharged in red. 3 on 20 ore, green and black; 3 on 25 ore, black and blue. The 3 on 20 ore exists with the surcharge upside down.

In October of the same year a whole new set was put in circulation. 5 ore red and black; 10 ore brown and blue; 25 ore green and red; 35 ore red and grey; 50 ore black, blue and gold. All values exist 1. imperforated vertically; 2. imperforated horizontally; 3. imperforated at all sides.

The 10, 25 and 35 ore were printed "tete beche".

A new set of 1890 was composed of only 4 values: 5 ore on green; 10 ore carmine; 25 ore blue, 50 ore yellow orange. A value of 20 ore Crown was added to this set the same year.

These are all the stamps published in the city of Aalborg. Next time we will continue and begin with the city of Aarhus.

We just received a priced catalogue of Mr. W. Hadlow's (London) 316th auction sale of Nov. 2d which contained 283 lots. The highest price obtained for any one lot was 11£ 2sh 6d, for a collection of 7200 stamps in a 3 vol. Imperial album. A piece of an original envelope with one 2c, two 15c and one 24c U. S. of 1869 brought 9 shillings or about \$2 25. A set of 6 U. S. 1861 including 5, 10, 12, 24, 30 and 90c unused brought 1£ or nearly \$5.00. This shows that prices are not very high and that it may pay U. S. collectors to get Mr. Hadlow's catalogs and to send him bids on future sales. One thing we miss in Mr. Hadlow's catalogs, is a more exact description of the several lots. We find designations as the following "Spain various on sheets 160 in lot;" "United States" a collection very useful 81 in lot;" "Small book containing stamps, various and useful" and the like. For clients having the opportunity to see the stamps this may be all right, but collectors who can not personally examine the lots so described can hardly form any idea of what they contain. It might be of benefit both to seller and buyer to quote some catalog number and to give the aggregate of catalog value. A collection of 7200 varieties for instance may catalog all the way from \$200 to \$2000 and beyond; if the lot catalogued up to the latter amount one might rather bid 40£ or \$200, than bid 11£ or \$50.00 for a lot that catalogs \$200 only. Again a lot of, say Newfoundland Nos. 1 to 20 is altogether a different thing from a lot of Nos. 40 to 60. And yet again a lot of unused stamps is a different thing than a lot of used, or mixed used and unused stamps though otherwise the lots might be the same.—(Dorpat).

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

By this time the foreign revenue catalog is in the hands of a good many collectors of foreign revenues. Now the language of it is French, still the inscription on the stamp is in the idiom of its country. As a rule with a little study we can make out the French meaning, the different postage stamp catalogs having helped us out previously but there are occasionally words of inscription we have more to guess on and to help to clear the understanding, I have made out a small list for your reference.

Where number is given, you can find the object on the page indicated in 1909 catalog:

French	Spanish	English	No.
Connaissance	---	bill of lading	
douane	---	custom house	
inspection des viandes	---	meat inspection,	28
pesage	---	weighing	32
droits de traduction	---	translation	33
allumettes	fosforus	matches	
fabrication indigene	---	native manufacture	
etoiles aux angles	---	stars in comers	37
a droite	---	on the right side	
a gauche	---	on the left side	
belier, cheval, boeuf	---	ram, horse, ox	
cartes a jouer	naipes	playing cards	46
	inhumacion	interment	76
peche	piso	fishing	
jeu de paume	---	tennis	79
	Alimentacion	food supply	
paysage	---	landscape	85
affiche	---	placard, bill, etc	
---	ganados	cattle	
---	riego	irrigation	
crees a l'etranger	---	issued in foreign countries	
---	ley de marcas	weight	99
---	tablada	building, scaffold etc	
---	de contraste	assayer of mint	101
bestiaux, cuirs	---	animals, hides	136
---	marchamo	custom house check	137
---	veeduria de maris	inspector office of weight	
coupe des bois	---	cut wood (forrest)	164
Bougies	---	wax candles	
	vinos espumosos	champagne	
	matricula	register	
	ayuntamiento	town commission	
	instancias	prompt demands	
	recargo municipal	new charge	
	deuda	debt	277
cannelle	---	cinnamon	
droits de greffe	---	registrar's office	
	propriedad raiz	rights of property	
	escuelas	school	717

octroi	excuse	365
enregistrement	recording	
amendes	finer	
assurances sur la vie	life insurance	
oeufs de vers a soie	silk worm eggs	488
impot sur les titres	tax on titles	
naissance	birth	
caux de vie	firewater	
chene	oak	657
laurier	laurel	657
selng prive	privat name	661
moeurs	manners, ways	
passavants	pass	

On the borderland between postage and revenue: A slip about 4x7½ inches, bearing an English Half Penny stamp, stamped into the paper, in fact an English wrapper half penny stamp. On the stamp side it reads: Overtime report O. H. M S (on her Majesty's Service). H. M. Inspector of Factories. Then two lines of address. On bottom: not to be fastened, sealed or enclosed in an envelopie. On the other side: Overtime Report. To be filled in etc Work to be continued from . . . p. m. to . . . p. m. on190.. Signature of Occupier or Agent Occupation of Firm Department in which Overtime is to be worked State whether Factory, Workshop or Laundry Address Now the question is? Is it postage, because a half penny wrapper is used and sent by mail to the inspector, or is it a revenue because you are required to report, and in doing so, must spend the half penny, or be liable to a fine.

There is no end of designs or different values in the English impressed stamp, principally bill or note stamps and among these I have the values of 7, 9, 11, 12, and 14 shilling. Odd values you do not meet every day.

Some of the firms in New York using the stock Exchange stamps must be afraid that they can be used again. I got one that is punched, cut with 3 bars, the firm's rubber stamp and date of use written within. All on one stamp. On the other hand I got a dollar stamp, which merely sticks to the sale slip and no cancellation whatsoever. The latest issue got the safety, fugitive ink numeral five times on each stamp. Not a drop of water or any moisture must touch this ink, or there will be a smudge.

In the December number of the Nordisk Filatelisk Tidsskrift we find two interesting and valuable tables; the first, as a part of L. Hancian's serial treatise on Denmark's Postage Stamps, is a list of the quantities of Danish stamps, with dates, issued since April 1851 until April 1906. In this list we find two issues of 100 oere stamps; the first was made Oct. 1877 and withdrawn Sept. 1905 and consisted of 1,851,800 stamps; the other was made Sept. 1905 and withdrawn on Feb. 1907 and consisted of 200,300 stamps. The third issue of 100 oere stamps, made Febr. 13, 1907 is still current, hence it is impossible to state the quantity that may be issued before retirement. The other list contains the numbers which appear in postmarks of Iceland with the names of the post offices which they denote. There are 200 postmarks in all, 182 of which were put into use and 188 are in reserve for new offices yet to be established or for ships which may require them. Two are not used on ships, No. 17 on S. S. Laura and 200 on S. S. Skalholt.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

The Australian Philatelist announces that a provisional set of stamps under British authority is about to be issued for the New Hebrides. For this purpose current Fiji stamps are to be overprinted "New Hebrides—Condominium" (joint control).

Bolivia seems to have hunted up some values of an old stock of the 1891 series, and reissued them. At first it was thought that they had reverted to the old design. Now we learn that it is old stock of the 50c and 100c that have been received. Those, it appears, are being used as a stop gap till the next series for 1909 is ready.

The 2d. value of the permanent series for Papua has come to hand. Of this set there have now been issued $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1 d., 2d., $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., 4d., 6d. and 1s., thus leaving only the 2s., 6d. to complete the lot. Some are perf. 11, and some $12\frac{1}{2}$. Of their relative rarity we know little as yet.

The new Swiss stamps are coming out steadily. The 3 franc has lately been added to the series of higher values. The following of this type have now been issued:—20c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 70c, and 3fr.

The long anticipated change in the stamps of the Congo has come at last. The territory which has been known as the "Congo Free State" will in future be known as the "Belgian Congo" and the authorities have economically overprinted the stock of the Free State with the words "Congo Belge." So far only two values have been received, i. e., the 5c and 19c of 1909, but no doubt other values will follow in due course and will in their turn be superseded by a permanent series.

Siam is evidently bent on collecting revenue from stamp collectors for it has issued a series of high values running from 1 tical to 40 ticals. They are said to be issued to commemorate, with other stamps, the fortieth year of the king's reign.

Despite all that can be said against the craze for new issues, there can be no doubt that they are the life and soul of stamp collecting. When suddenly an issue that has had an unbroken existence of ten or twenty years is superseded by a series of new designs, the country concerned comes prominently into philatelic notice.

But in stamps as in most forms of collecting, the old and crude, the antique, the production of a past age or generation, are the special favourites of those who can afford what has been aptly termed by Mr. M. P. Castle the "classic old issues." And, per contra, new issues are placed on a lower plane.

Nevertheless, the neverceasing flood of new issues probably brings more recruits into the ranks than any other form of philatelic advertisement.

If postal administrations could be induced to publish statistical reports of stamps printed, sold, recalled, destroyed or kept in reserve, that would be a great boon to philatelists, as it would enable them to calculate the value of each stamp on the basis of actual supply. As it now is that exact data are rarely available, collectors must compute values on the visible supply, which may at any time be augmented by hidden reserves. Can we not do anything in this matter?

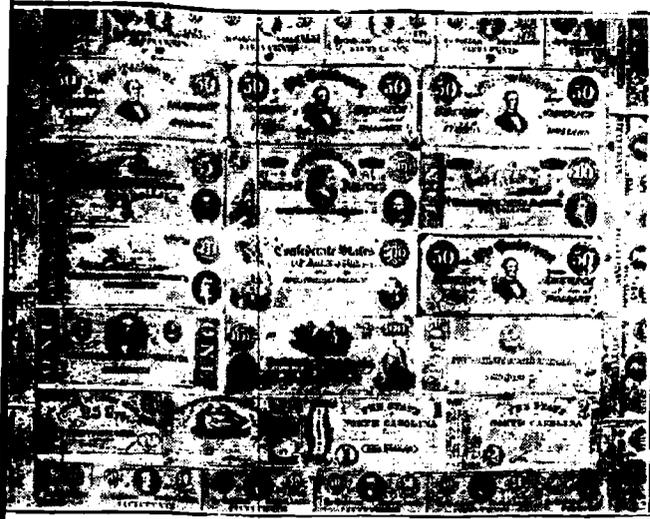


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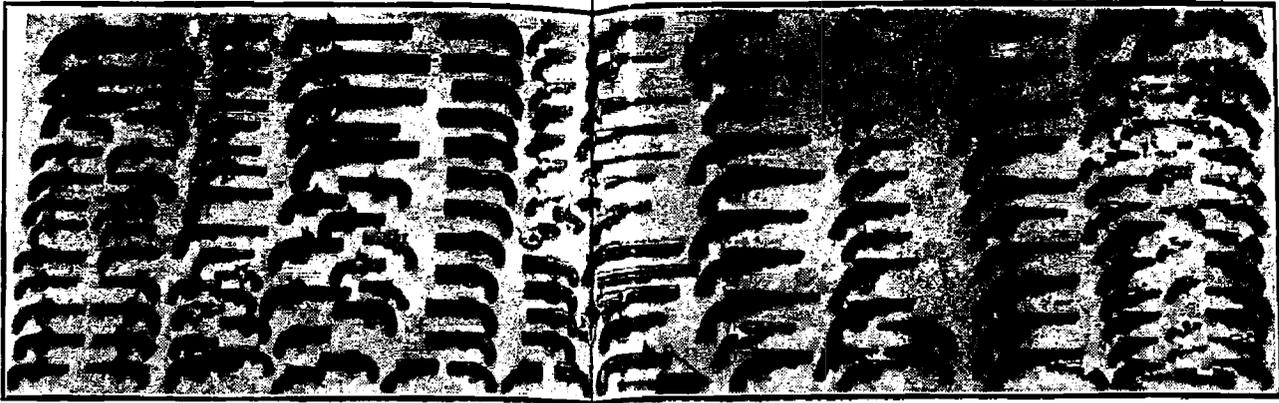


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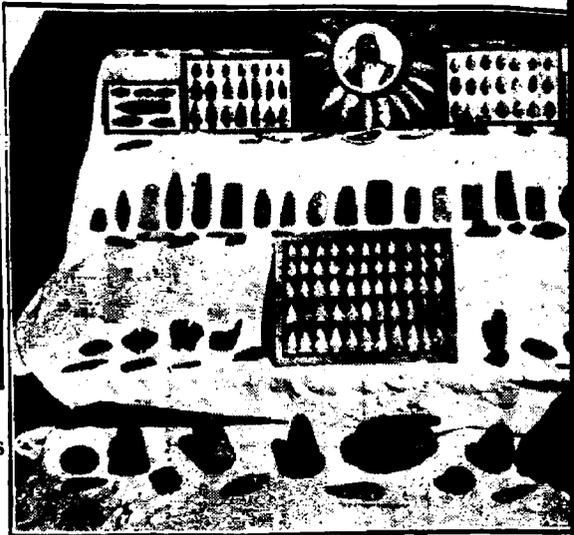




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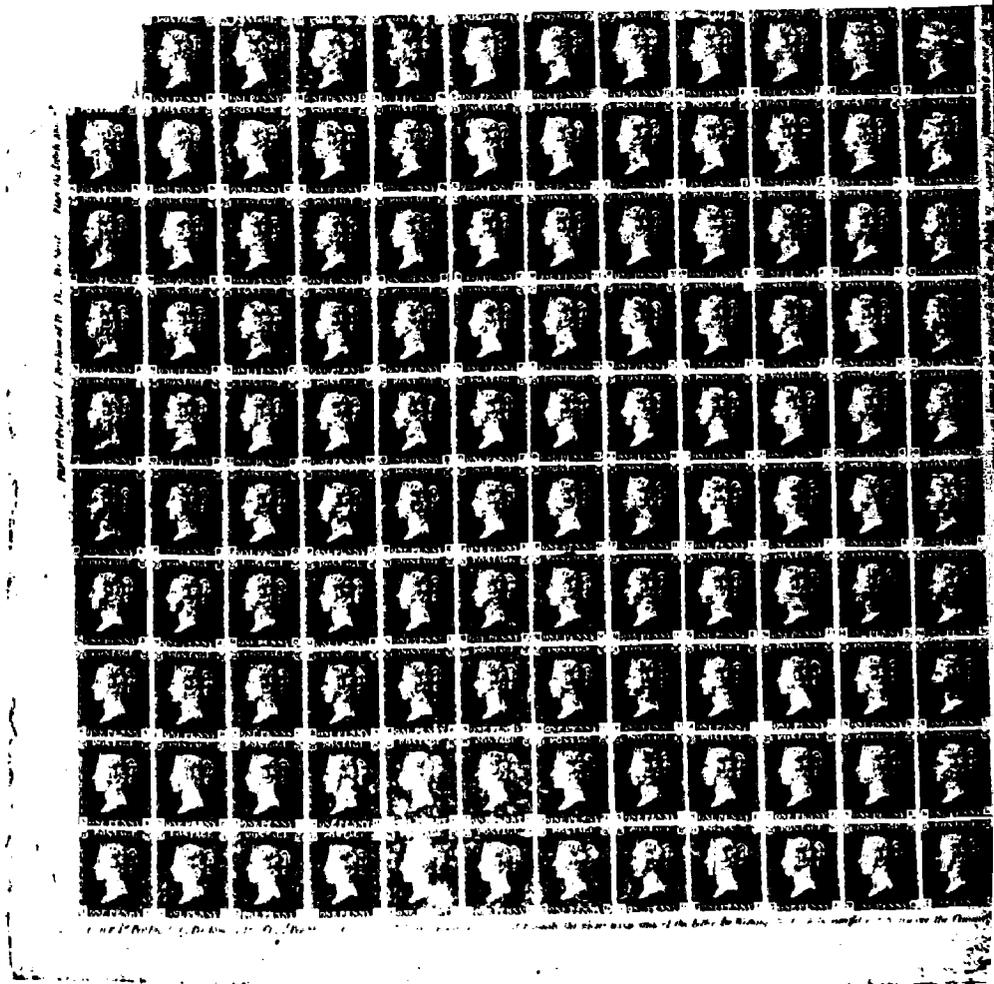
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Indian Relics of A. Abraham, Flint, Mich. See next Standing below is Mrs. L. T. Dobson, Paterson, N. J. See ad of W. HADLOW, England and writeup in next issue



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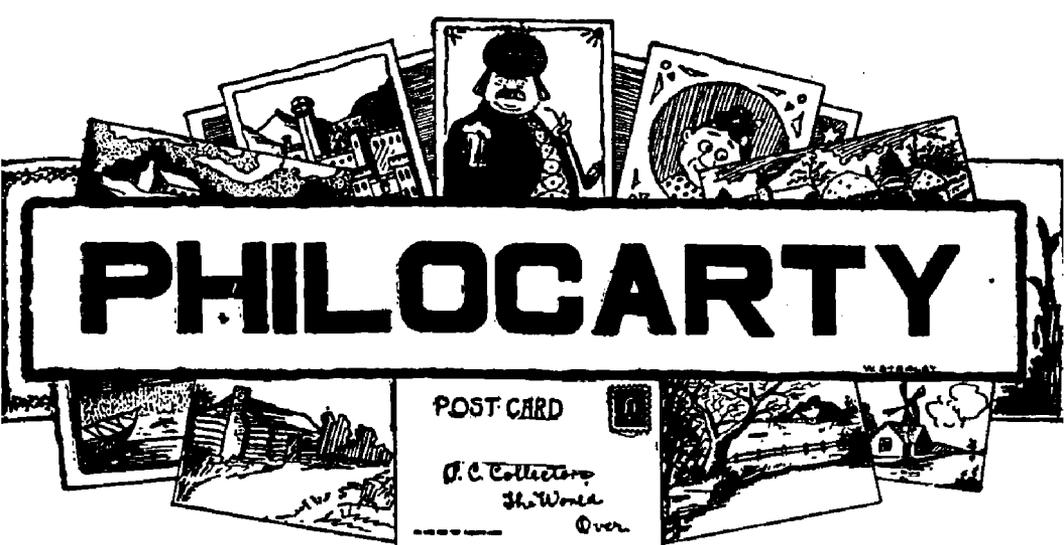
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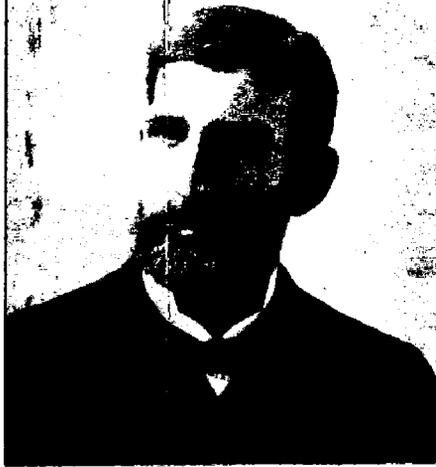
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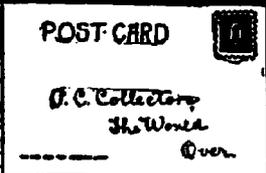


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sorts intended for purposes of instruction, collection and travel. They have also developed and offer for sale two practical systems for the display and filing of the cards. These gentlemen select and arrange the cards most carefully according to pedagogical principles. Such prominent educators as Harms, Tischendorf, Rudolf Schmidt, and others have indorsed the plan of using illustrated cards as an aid in instruction, and even official bodies, such as the Provincial Schulkollegium in Potsdam anticipate favorable results.

Queer Kinds of Interesting Coins

The oldest coin ever made in the world, was made about the year 700 B. C. in Aegina, and you will observe that the design in high relief represents a tortoise crawling across the face of the piece. You will not find any date upon it, because no coins were dated prior to 400 years ago. The most beautiful coin ever made, in my opinion, is the silver piece of Macedonia, which was current in Macedon, now Constantinople, 500 years before Christ, or 200 years earlier than the time of Alexander the Great. Though its face value is only fifty-three cents, the coin is worth a price today that would astonish you.

Here is a specimen of the coin of smallest value ever issued. It is the 'mite' so called, such as the widow of the Bible story dropped into the slot for the poor, though it was her last one. One fifth of a cent it was worth, and you observe that its shape is hexagonal. Close by you will notice a piece of money worth \$200. It is simply a rectangular piece of gold, stamped with the characters of China, from which country it comes. Lumps of gold are used in China for currency of large denominations.

It is a coin with the head of the beautiful woman upon it, so exquisitely designed, was minted in Egypt during the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus, 229 years before Christ. The lovely head is a likeness of Ptolemy's wife and queen, Arsene, who was grandmother by six removes to the famous Cleopatra. I put it that way because there were in reality several Cleopatras, though most people imagine there was but one.

Here is a gold piece that was issued by Darius the Great before the children of Israel returned from the captivity. This is something comparatively modern—the 'marriage piece' of Ferdinand and Isabella, issued to celebrate their union sometime before Columbus discovered America. Here is the smallest coin ever issued—the thirty second of a ducat, minted in the year 1560 A. D. in the free city of Nuremberg. It was worth $7\frac{1}{4}$ cents. By the way, it was the Swiss who first put dates on their coins. Perhaps the funniest coins in the world are these roundish irregular lumps of silver from Siam, running down from the size of a walnut to that of a buckshot, according to value. You will notice from the a display of United States coins that during the first year we coined money in this country, in 1792 we had nothing but copper. In 1794 we got some silver from Mexico and two kinds of silver coins appear. Not till 1765 when gold was discovered in the U. S. did we have gold coins.—Washington, D. C., Star.

At a recent "post card luncheon" the guests brought their prettiest post cards and told interesting tales about their collections, while the tables were decorated with flags of all nations, and the ices were designed like post cards, with stamps and address done in sugar. The bonbons represented green and red stamps.

A Kolumn for Kansas Collectors

By George J. Remsburg

Fort Leavenworth now has a Collectors' Stamp Exchange. There are several enthusiastic stamp and curio collectors among the officers at this great Kansas military post.

Another Kansas man has been found who owns and prizes very highly a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, printed at Kingston, N. Y., about the close of the Revolution. He is E. S. Vaaklenburg of White Cloud, and the writer believes he is about the "teenth" hundredth Kansas man who has a copy of the same.

Milt Wilhite of Emporia, owns what he believes is the oldest baseball in existence. This relic, which is covered with gilt, bears the inscription: "Won from the Trimountain club, September 9, 1858, Boston. Score, Portland, 47; Trimountain, 42." The ball was given Mr Wilhite for his curio collection by John Waterhouse, who, in the early days, was one of the leading fans in Boston.

Mr. L. G. Cline of Hutcheson, sends us the following clipping from the Daily Gazette, of that city: Pratt, Kas, Feb. 6.—Workmen digging in a trench in the southern part of town today unearthed two teeth and a portion of the jaw, belonging to some extinct animal, possibly a mastodon. The teeth measured $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and were $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches through. It is the opinion of some of the older settlers here, who viewed the find that at some early period, those prehistoric animals held full sway around this locality. The workmen making the find were employes of the Rock Island and have been at work on the trench for the past week. The find has aroused a great deal of curiosity among the inhabitants.

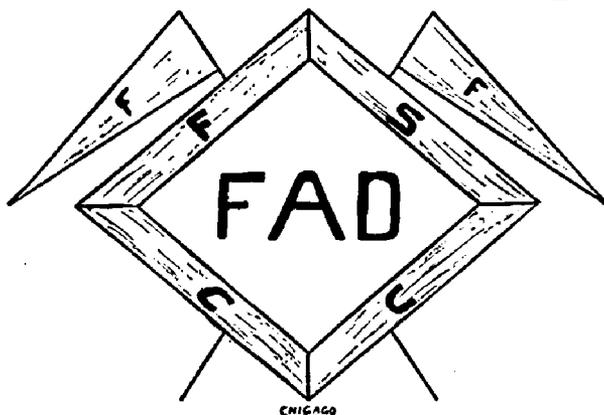
The old longhorned steer of the Western range is practically extinct, but his memory will be preserved by the curio collector, says the Kansas City Star. In the frontier days of Abilene, Dodge City and Fort Worth, when thousands of cattle were trailed from the South west, the course was marked by horns. Some of these were knocked off in fights, but the most belonged to steers that died on the way. G. D. Beck, who exhibits mounted horns on Sixteenth street, east of the live stock exchange building, began following the old Southwest trail thirty seven years ago, in quest of long horns. He believes he has mounted more long horns than any other man in the United States, and asserts that he knows the length and value of every long pair in existence. Fourteen years ago, he sold for \$150 to the Evans-Snyder-Buel Commission company, at the stock yards, a pair measuring eight feet seven and one-half inches from tip to tip. Not long ago this firm refused an offer of \$500 for them. The only other pair of horns in the United States longer than these is in the Transit house, opposite the Union Stock yards in Chicago. They measure nine feet two inches and the owner has refused several big offers for them. Other long horns at the Kansas City stock yards are in Colonel C. F. Morse's and George R. Barse's offices. They measure eight feet four inches each. In Cherry Tilden's office is a pair that measures seven feet three inches. The largest pair of horns ever taken from a steer slaughtered in Kansas City, are in the Roges Commission company's office. They measured six feet eight inches. The longest horns have come from "outlaw" steers that have lived practically a wild life and "rustled" in the Southwest mountain districts.

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47. B C Spear, 431 Clay St., Topeka, Kansas.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

31. Alice Terry, from 22 Oregon Ave., Chicago, Ill., to 1932 Lovelace Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

19. Alex Schall, from 1308 Kupea Pl., to 1308 Dover St., Baltimore, Md.

NOTICE

19. Alex Schall, 1308 Kupea Pl., Baltimore, Md., hereafter wishes to correspond in English, German, Russian and Polish languages.

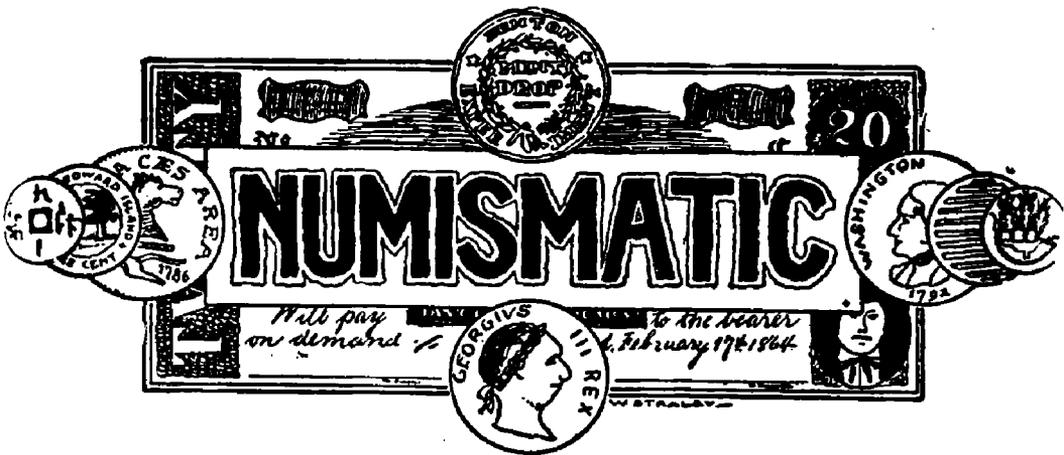
15. Clarence V. Webb Perry, Ohio, Secretary Treasurer Pan American Souvenir Card Club gives to members of the "FAD," a hearty welcome to join the said society or by requesting information concerning same. Blanks for the asking.

CONTEST NO. 1.

Winners of Contest No. 1 will be published next month, April, 1909.

Dear "Fadists":—You are hereby notified that there has been several changes made concerning the "FAD," such as officers, state vice presidents and dues. The dues are now \$.75 and .35 respectively, in the United States and Canada. Under this rate of dues, you will receive compensation of \$.25 for every new member you secure. We assure you, you will be pleased with the change.

Yours fraternally, Elmer O. Arends, Secretary.



United States Quarter Eagles

BY C. DUNHAM.

These beautiful little pieces were coined every year, from 1796 up to the present date, with the exception of the following years:—1799, 1800, 1801, 1803, and 1809 to 1820 inclusive, 1822, 1823, and 1823.

The Mint eagle represented on the quarter eagle is not the male bird, as many suppose, but on the contrary the female—she being nearly twice as large—a more majestic and nobler bird in appearance than her lord and master.

The tail feathers among the North American Indians are used as a mark of royalty that none but the chief may wear.

The carrying off of little children is the only blot or tarnish on the escutcheon of the "King of Birds;" the charge of cowardice made by some, has no more truth or foundation than that attributed to the "King of Beasts," the Lion.

The Etruscans were the first to adopt the Eagle as a symbol of royal power. At the Roman cremation ceremony an eagle was liberated, and was supposed to bear the soul to Olympus.

The double headed eagle is symbolic of the union of two countries previously using the eagle as their emblem.

During the administration of President Washington the first issue was made. Only sixty were coined, and those in two varieties, with and without stars. The obverse shows a Liberty head facing right wearing a cap. The word liberty above and date below. The reverse, a Herandic Eagle, a shield upon its breast, ten arrows in his talons, clouds and stars above, all encircled by "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

President John Adams issued those of 1797 with six stars before, and 1798 with seven stars before the face of Liberty. The 1797 is usually found with a bad die break, but that does not seem to affect the price. Over \$200 is the usual auction record for this piece.

President Jefferson in 1801 ordered a die made, but when finished discovered a shortage of gold, and the plan of coining was abandoned until the following year. The government being poor, economy was in order, and the die for 1801 was skillfully changed to read 1802, but it was impossible to entirely obliterate the figure 1, and the quarter eagle of this year shows a com-

ination in the date of the figures 1 and 2 and is called 1802 over 1.

Dies were cut and coins issued in 1804 and 1805 with slight changes. But in 1806 Jefferson examined the dies of 1804 and 1805. Finding them in excellent condition he immediately instructed his die maker and engraver not to incur the expense of new dies for the year but to reconstruct the old 1804 and 1805 which they accordingly did and consequently the 1806 coins show the figure 6 in combination with 4 and 5. The rarest variety is the 1806 over 5 combination. A dealer's price is \$350 00 for this gem.

No change is noticed on the 1807 but the coin of 1808 bears a new bust of Liberty facing left and the liberty cap is inscribed with the word "LIBERTY" The reverse shows a defiant eagle, shield on breast, arrows and olive branch in talons, a scroll above inscribed "E PLURIBUS UNUM."

Presidents Madison and Monroe were too busily engaged with the war of 1812 and the subsequent hard times rendered it impossible for any coinage between 1808 and 1821.

President John Quincy Adams in 1821 revived this long neglected denomination by causing a quantity similar in design to the last dies of 1808 to be coined. The supply was not exhausted until 1824, and the dies of 1821 being in first class order, were altered, showing on the coin of that year 4 over 1 very distinctly. The date is rare enough to bring \$100. During the years of 1825, 26 and 27, the same design was continued. The 1826 is in such demand that \$200 is easily obtained for a fine specimen.

President Jackson in 1829, thinking to beautify the quarter eagle requested the engraver to introduce a very attractive beading on the rim of the coin. He took the idea from some ancient Silver Grecian tetradrachmes shown him by a friend. During 1830, 31, and 32, the same design was continued.

President Van Buren did not change the design during his first year in office, 1833, but in 1834, he gave instructions for a die to be made omitting the "E PLURIBUS UNUM" motto, which has never been replaced on the coin.

President Tyler just before retiring from the office in 1840 concluded that Eagles, Half Eagles, and Quarter Eagles should be of uniform and same design. A new discovery in mechanical engraving had been invented. An eagle could be reduced to the proper size on a new die suitable for the half eagle, and the half eagle used as a copy to produce the dies for the quarter eagle. Thus we find the gold coinage uniform in design and appearance in all denominations until 1907. During the year 1906, war was declared against our uncouth, barbaric coinage by members of the C. N. S. The agitation was transmitted to other societies. President Roosevelt was won over to the good cause. Through his strenuous efforts and by his artistic ability, we are able to present to the world a double eagle as "true to nature" and beautiful as any work of medallic art, in any age, and will ever be for him a bright and shining star.

It is stated that at the Ostend public schools collections of all post cards of instructive value, such as views of towns and districts and photographs of national costumes and scenes of current events, are exhibited in the class rooms and are discussed between the children and the teacher. Two or three times a week the selection is changed, and when during the lessons any topic arises related to views in the school collection, these are shown and explanations given.

A Shell Gorget from Northwest Georgia

Gorgets and ornaments of shell are not uncommon in the mounds of the southern states and among such objects the shell breast plate, or gorget, is one of the most interesting and beautiful. As Genl. Thurston in his "Antiquities of Tennessee" says, "We doubt whether any of the ancient remains found in the mound area equal some of these antiquities in archeological interest, which are to be compared with other engraved plates of shell or copper. These vestiges of the ancient art of these people have led to much discussion and widely different opinions. Some of the gorgets of shell from Tennessee and the states adjacent belong to this class of testimony and evidence the attainment of a superior class of culture." "Dr. Joseph Jones in his "Aboriginal Remains of Tennessee" say, "In a carefully constructed stone sarcophagus, in which the face of the skeleton was looking towards the setting sun, a beautiful shell ornament was found resting upon the breast bone of the skeleton. The material of which it was formed was evidently derived from a large flat sea shell as no fresh water mussel is large enough. The construction of ornaments from large flat sea shells: the reproduction of the same figures; the position in which they were worn upon the breast; their comparative rarity, not more than two having been found in any burial mound; and their deposit in carefully constructed graves of apparently distinguished personages, sustains the view that these ornaments were of a sacred and symbolical character."

Since Jones' discovery many fine shell gorgets of the rosette or scalloped disc design have been obtained from the stone graves about Nashville. The circles or sun or serpent symbols engraved upon these gorgets evidently had some special significance and relation to the mythology, religion or ceremonials of the ancient people of the Cumberland valley. Upon no other theory can we explain their strict adherence to the detail of the peculiar designs whose uniformity is very remarkable, and must have been connected with the religious rites of their possessors."

The design on this gorget seems to have been the conventionalized serpent pattern which is quite common in Indian picture writing. The folds about the margin and under the head are well marked. The conventionalized head is laid toward the center, and on the rim are two sun discs. The serpent is well known in Indian mythology and its worship takes various forms. That a figure should appear on such a conspicuous ornament is not surprising and shows the well known extent of the serpent cult throughout the world.

The early travellers inform us that gorgets of shell ornamented with various designs, were worn as breast plates by the natives of the Atlantic and Gulf states. Lawson, who visited North Carolina in 1700 says, "The Indians oftentimes make of the conch a sort of gorget which they wear about the neck, so it hangs on their collar, whereon is engraved some sort of picture that comes to their fancy." Beverly, writing of the Indians of Virginia also states that "of their shells they make round tablets of about four inches in diameter, which they polish smooth and some times they engrave or etch thereon circles, stars or half moons or other figures."

A Hint to Churches: In Findlay, O., the United Brethren used the postcard to wipe out the debt on their parsonage. Thousands of cards were printed, showing a handsome picture of the church and the pastor. The cards sold for five cents, and are expected to clear the debt soon.

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- Members must enclose postage when writing President, Vice President, Sec'y-Treas. and Chief Bureau of Translation.
- Members are requested to notify the Publisher of The PHILATELIC WEST when paper does not come, not the Secretary of the club.
- We close our report on the 15th of the month and all new members, notices, etc., received after that date must be held over to next report
- Members are required to put their name, address and club number on all cards sent for or in exchange. No member will be reimbursed who fails to put his club number on cards in case he does not get reply.
- In case you fail to receive reply notify the secretary promptly. Members in United States are allowed two weeks to answer cards in Canada and U.S. Island colonies one month, Mexico, West Indies, Europe and Australia two months, all other countries three months
- Members will be reimbursed upon the following conditions: When complaint is made the Sec'y Treas. will at once refund the cost of card plus postage. After two persons have complained of the same person he is expelled. No member can make claim for more than 25c during one year of membership. All claims must be sent to the Sec'y-Treas.
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- Members must use care in addressing postals correctly. They should refer to membership list as mistakes are made in printing reports
- The foregoing rules are all the rules this club maintains and they must be obeyed. Otherwise the member may be expelled.

Our dues are as follows. United States and island possessions, 60 cents per year. Canada 75c. Mexico \$1.50 (Mexican), Foreign \$1.00, [4 shillings, 5 francs, 5 lire, 4 marks, 2 yen, 3 rupees, 2 rubles, 5 pesetas, 2½ florins, 2 milreis, 10 piasters, 4 kronas.] For those already subscribers dues are as follows: United States, Island Possessions and Canada 35c. Mexico 75 Centavos, Foreign 50c. (2 shillings, etc. just half of above. Always remit by money order. Address all correspondence to Clarence V. Webb, Sec'y-Treas., Perry, Ohio.

NON-MEMBERS.

Look at the long list of new members this month. Did you ever realize that this club was made especially for you? It was, and if you have not taken advantage of membership you have missed a good deal. However, don't miss anything more. We are going to install departments for stamps, clous, etc. Do you want to be manager of one? Join today. If a thing is worth doing, do it now.

NOTICE TO REPRESENTATIVES.

In the heading is our list of representatives. This list is made up of workers, no drones. Do you know of any friend who would like to join? You are a very queer person, if you don't?

PRIZE CONTEST, NO. 4.

Through the liberality of Mr. Arvid Carlson, one of the live members, I am able to offer 12 fine colored views from Sweden to the one who secures

the largest number of new members before May 15th.

We would be glad to have members who are interested offer more prizes. Don't you want to be LIBERAL?

CORRECTION.

In our last report No. 159, Mr. Geo. Ward's address was published Maringo, Iowa. It should have been Conroy, Iowa. This was a mistake of one of our members in sending in application.

WITH OUR MEMBERS.

51. Elmer O. Arend, 191 Fillmore St., Chicago, Ill., hereafter wishes to be known as an associate member. He would also like to correspond with all members of this club in regard to joining the "Fad" Souvenir Clard Club.

127 Arvid Carlson, Box 611 not 333 as before stated, Branford, Conn., would like to receive good colored upright views. Will answer all. Members be sure and send him an upright view card by return mail. He will send for 25c 10 fine colored glossy views of New Haven and Yale university. I can guarantee you will get your money's worth by return mail, prepaid.

140 Has resigned as State Representative.

157 Will be glad to have foreign members send cards. Will answer all. If the foreign members will send stamps of his country he will send extra cards. Any member in U S. who collects stamps may get approval selections of him.

167. Has some old magazines which he will send for 5 colored view cards.

184 Mrs Tuttle is Sec'y of a good curio club, namely, Am. Society of Curio Collectors. I will gladly furnish blanks.

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162. Miss Oga Borehart, 2813 Indiana Ave , Ft. Wayne, Ind., colored view cards.

163 Richard Hyer, Bloomfield, N. J., colored view cards.

164. Gilbert T Gowin, 541 Lake Ave , Rochester, N. Y , good colored views of public buildings: as post offices. court houses, etc.

165. Wm. C. Zuber, Amana M. A , Iowa, views from everywhere. Corresponds in German and English.

166 Alfred H. McKellup, Vanceburg, Ky., cards from foreign countries and following states: Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, Arizona, Wyoming, Florida and Utah.

167. N. W. Kimball, Golden, Colo , state capitals, historical and foreign view cards No comics.

168. H. C. Smith, Ewell, Iowa , colored views and foreign cards.

169. J. R. Dick, Firth, Nebr., colored cards No comics.

170. Beulah Seiple, Pen Argyl, Pa., views.

171. W. R. Phillips, 724 Corondo, St., Los Angeles, Calif., specialties are monuments and statues. Transfer also exchanged.

172. Geo. H. Bush, 176 William St., Rochester, N. Y., foreign cards only; also exchange stamps with all.

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A bill under consideration by Congress, appropriates \$305,100 for the benefit of the heirs of George Washington for the settlement of a claim growing out of a grant of land made to Washington by the state of Virginia.

Two descendents of Washington, Robert E. Lee Jr., of Virginia, and Lawrence Washington, of the District of Columbia, recently appeared before a committee of Congress, to urge the passage of the bill. Numerous other heirs who will share the money if appropriated, reside in the District of Columbia, Virginia, Ohio, and other states.

A few days ago J. Pierpont Morgan purchased from Miss Virginia T. Lewis, of Baltimore, Md., the sword worn by Gen. George Washington upon the occasion of the resignation of his commission as commander in chief of the Continental Army, at Annapolis, in 1783.

It is Mr. Morgan's intention to give the sword to the Mt. Vernon Association, to be permanently exhibited at Washington's old home on the Potomac river eight miles below Alexandria, Va.

Miss Lewis has owned the sword for more than a quarter of a century, but was compelled to part with it through financial necessity, a very large payment having been made to her for the relic. Gen. Washington, it is said, also wore the sword on the occasion of his inauguration as President on April 30, 1789, in the city of New York.

The Annapolis, Maryland, branch of the Daughters of the Confederacy, on Saturday, January 23, 1909, unveiled a handsome oil portrait of James R. Randall, the author of the immortal "Maryland, My Maryland."

Closely following the meeting of the American Historical Association at Washington, D.C., there occurred the annual meeting of the Irish American Historical Society. President Roosevelt is a member of this organization, and during the meeting received the members at the White House

At the meeting proper, Senator Carter of Montana delivered the address of welcome; Senator Gamble of North Dakota spoke on the advantages of historical research to Irish-Americans; Justice Dowling of the New York Supreme Court described the hardships encountered by the Irish pioneers of New York; and Maurice T. Maloney of Illinois gave a brief resume of what the Irish pioneers did for the west. Several other papers bearing on the scope and purposes of the Society, were presented during the meeting, and informally discussed by the members.

Not long ago a gentleman had his attention called to a small silver Porringer, being only four ounces in weight, battered and in daily use as a sugar basin was not greatly esteemed. A friend saw a half obliterated hall mark on the base, and suggested it was silver of the Charles II period, and might be of value. It was eventually sold for \$112 50.



EDITOR'S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines, books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

Prof. G. Frederick Wright, geologist and president of the Ohio State Archaeological Society, says that Medina county, Ohio, was the home of paleolithic man. He bases his theory on the finding of what is supposed to be a paleolithic stone near Wadsworth.

Scientists are spending a month seeking for relics of the aboriginal inhabitants near Mcnroe, Louisiana, and along the Ouachita river. They have chartered a steam boat for use during the expeditions. Advices from the party say they have been successful in securing a number of skeletons and pottery.

Mr. S. P. Hughes of Howe, Nebraska kindly favored us with a copy of an article entitled "Rare Relics of Primitive Man" which recently appeared in the Nemaha County Republican. The article illustrates and describes an earthen pot found in Nemaha county, near St. Deron. Archeologists pronounce to it to be an ancient mortuary pot of either Otoe or Pawn make.

Mr. Robert F. Gilder, of Omaha, and archeologist of considerable ability, is running a series of articles in the Sunday Omaha World Herald under the caption "Digging into the Homelife of Nebraska Ancients." These weekly articles are really a synopsis of his recent labors along archeological lines. Nice half tone pictures illustrate the many different relics brought to light by his pick in the field. Every collector should read these articles.

The following interesting letter from Robt. L. Stephens, 309 E Fairchild St., Danilleh, Illinois, will, no doubt interest our collector friends: "Danville, Ill., Dec. 6, 1908 —Dear Sir: Last year I took in a homeseekers trip to Oklahoma (formerly called Brule) Okla. I found some Indian arrowheads, pestles, hammers, etc., also a stone on which was drawn or rather scratched, some trails, arrow, flag, wigwams etc. The arrow is pointed toward the flag. The stone is evidently very old, as much of the drawing is dim, but most of it is discernible to the naked eye. I thought perhaps some Brule had done this work to inform his brethren that there were immigrants in that vicinity, or that it had some reference to the soldiers at Fort Supply. I would like to hear from other readers of the WEST in regard to similar finds. Besides the Indian relics too I found gypsum, crystals of gypsum, petrified wood and some peculiar stones. In Palo Pinto county, Tex, I found a few Indian relics, arrowheads buttons and beads.—also gypsum, petrified wood, large shells, some double, which I picked from large rocks, other shells (long, round and tapering to a point); also other odd rocks I was told that some of the rocks were of the Devonian Age. I would like to meet some one who is posted on such matters."



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David B. Emert, Dodge City, Kan.

— Mr. W. R. Moorehead and Dr. C. Peabody during May 1908, explored part of the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas. Traces of a primitive people were found. Bone and stone implements were fairly abundant, but the pottery was very scarce and crude.

— Work will be commenced in 1909 to excavate part of Memphis, Egypt. The cost is estimated at \$2,250,000.

— Much exploring was done in Central Asia during 1908. A part of the Great China wall, built in the 2nd century B. C. was found and traced for 140 miles. Explorers under the auspices of the German Government found temples and cities built by high civilized races. They got 200 cases of coins, pottery and other relics.

Part of an immense bone, the remains of some prehistoric monster was found near Dodge City, Kansas. It was sent to Leavenworth for identification. Have not yet heard the report.

— Yale geologists, who have been exploring the western part of the country, have returned, with three tons of fossils. The first camp was established at Spanish Diggings, in Laramie Co., near Laramie Peak, where the surrounding country is rich in Indian relics. It was in this region, that the predecessors of the Modern Sioux Indians roamed in prehistoric times. The remains of their populous villages being found in the form of circles of stones by which the skin covering of their tepees or lodges were kept in position. Stone implements used in those times are abundant there, and after two days prospecting the party collected some five hundred specimens.

— As the party was in quest of fossils, the camp was moved to the valley of Big Muddy Creek in the sandstone of which are to be found the bones of the ancient plains dwelling animals, mainly camels, rhinoceroses and oreodonts. In the Agate Springs quarries on the Cook ranch by the Niobrara River were discovered two or more very young twin horned rhinoceroses, one of which will be mounted and placed in the museum, also two very fine specimens of the fossil called the "devil's corkscrew" was brought back. This is described as a fossil plant or filled in burrow of a primitive rodent, the

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Will be very glad to hear from all collectors interested in this department, and especially those in Kansas. Through a change in plans, will be here the greater part of the summer. Address, D. B. Emert, c-o B. L. Glenn, Dodge City, Ford Co., Kansas.

Notes for Collectors--By W.H.C., Liverpool

Someone wrote a great many years ago "The woman that hath no music in her soul, let no such woman be trusted," and I might add "The man that hath no hobby in his house—may such a man be miserable—until he gets a hobby." However the object of this paper is not to make people miserable, for goodness knows life is short enough—fancy 70 years only, and the other day I was reading that some portions of Winchester Cathedral, England, are 700 years old—but to our subject.

It is my intention as time will permit to send items of interest, which will be inserted under the above heading each month, and all collectors will be catered for—no branch of collecting will be neglected, for the man who collects fire insurance plates, deserves as much respect and attention as the one who collects stamps, coins, medals or illustrated postcards.

Collectors of old and valuable books will be interested in a sale which took place some weeks ago in London, when Lord Amherst's valuable library was disposed of. The circumstances occasioning the disposal of Lord Amherst's library are now well known financially and the announcement of the sale of valuable Caxtons caused great surprise as they were catalogued to the value of \$150,000.

Lord Amherst commenced his hobby quite half a century ago, and from all quarters valuable books were acquired. His library included the Eshton Hall collection, formed by the greatest woman collector, Miss R. Curren, the Tite Sale and the Duke of Marlboro, the Beckford Syston Park, Lord Jersey Woodhill and Ashburnham collections. The Spencer library costing \$500,000 realizes a quarter of a million. The Ashburnham cost \$300,000 and produced \$875,000, but during the last eight years the sum of \$150,000 has not often been exceeded at public auction. The Sunderland sale produced \$180,000 and the Beckford \$368,500. Three years ago the Scott sale brought in \$91,295, but more particulars as to this great sale next month.

A Curious Tree.—A paper by Dr. Pearson communicated to the Royal Society calls attention to one of the most remarkable trees in the world. It is known as *Welwitschia mirabilis*, and with a trunk 4ft. in diameter it only attains a height of 1ft. It has only two leaves, which it never sheds or replaces, and these may attain a length of 6ft. The flowers form crimson clusters something like those of the larch, and the fruit is a cone. It is found in Western Africa.



The 61st monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Feb. 5th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Blumenschein, Holmes, Baker, Sorensen, Ripstra, Lewis, Mayer, Regitz, Green, Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Jaeger, Simpson, Excell, Leon, Tuckerman and Dr.

Bert.

Several communications were read from members acknowledging receipt of the membership medal. The Curator made his annual report. On motion the President appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Leon, Green and Holmes to devise ways and means for securing new members. A motion was carried authorizing the President to appoint a committee of five on medallic production. The President reserved the announcement of this committee until next meeting.

Messrs. Jno. W. Doerscher, Arnold B. Stoll, Edward Michael and Emery J. Hengle were elected to membership. Mr. Edward T. Newell was transferred from an active to corresponding membership. The resignations of Messrs. M. L. Strauss and A. E. Herschleb were received and accepted.

A communication was received from the Curator of the American Numismatic Society of New York requesting membership medals for their cabinet. The Secretary was instructed to ascertain if a set was desired; and if so to furnish them. On motion all surplus medals were ordered cancelled after a set had been placed in the Society's cabinet.

The following papers were read: "My First Attempt" by Mr. Mitchell Baker; and "Jewish Copper Shekels" by Mr. Chester Dunham. Under exhibitions Mr. McDonald showed a rare Chicago card; Mr. V. M. Brand a Venetian gold ten zecchini and a Washington and Independence cent in gold, of which only two are known; Mr. Green some rare Canadian tokens; and Mr. W. F. Dunham imitations of Egyptian glass money.

A resolution was read by Mr. W. F. Dunham favoring the removal of the capitol of the United States to a central location, which was adopted.

An informal auction of medals made by Mr. Baker netted the binding fund \$2 30.

Magazines received since last report were Spink's Numismatic Circular, Numismatische Correspondenz, The Numismatist and Numismatischer Verkehr for January, Philatelic West and Mehl's Monthly for February; and auction catalogs from Elder and Kube (2).

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How often has a valuable picture been discovered hidden away in some lumber room in a house where the owners had no idea of its value? Every one who may possess a picture of any merit, a piece of old silver, or other items possessing intrinsic or artistic value, should know that such things are worth money. Many a family has been raised from indigence to comfort through the disposal of objects which had been handed down from generation to generation without their merit being discovered or their value known.

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Michigan—Carl S. Hillmer	Plymouth
Minnesota—Collie P. Guy	St. Cloud
Mississippi—Geo. M. Klein, Sr.	744 Klein St., Vicksburg
Missouri—Arthur Soderstrum	217 W. 18th Street, Kansas City
Nebraska—Jos. L. Bigger	2030 Miami St., Omaha
New Brunswick—Arthur Odell	9 Pokiok Road, St. John
New Jersey—Ernest Hirschhoff Jr.	556 High St., Newark
New Mexico—M. C. Shoup	Maxwell City
New York—Frank G. Johnson	23 Gault Ave., Oneont.
North Dakota—Frank W. Johnson	2916 So. 10th St., Fargo
Ohio—Orval E. Sellers	278 Third Street, East Liverpool
Oklahoma—Forney Gilliam	Ardmor
Ontario—A. F. Lane	Fort Erie
Oregon—Stephen H. Freeman	Box 24, Deer Island
Pennsylvania—Arthur L. Shaver	1106 15th Ave., Altoon
Quebec—F. H. Bell	126 Paris St., Montreal
Rhode Island—E. E. Page	Pheni
South Dakota—Edward H. Banks	Phili
Texas—Miss Edena May Carroll	Box 84, San Marcos
Washington—Kenneth D. Powell	1021 N. Eye St., Tacoma
West Virginia—Ira G. Koon	Route 6, Box 74, Mannington
Wisconsin—George J. Rhein	Manchester

DUES: United States, 60 cents per year; Canada, 75 cents; Mexico, \$1.50 (Mexican); Foreign, \$1.00
 a shillings, 5 francs, 4 marks, 5 lire, 3 yen, 3 rupees, 2 rubles, 5 pesetas, 2½ florins, 2 milreis, 20
 piasters, 4 kronas. For those who are already subscribers to THE PHILATELIC WEST the
 dues are as follows: United States and Canada, 35 cents; Mexico, 75 centavos; Foreign, 50
 cents; 2½ francs, 2 shillings, 2 marks, 2½ lire; 1 yen, 1½ rupees, 1 ruble, 2½ pesetas, 1.25 flo-
 rins, 1 milreis, 10 piasters, 2 kronas.

Address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free
 upon request by any of the officers or representatives:

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
6. The society gives as a premium five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured, and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.
7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.
9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.
10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards, by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months.
11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage [The last list was published May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]
12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

ROLL OF HONOR, (Our Five Leaders.

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|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 916. L. W. Dison | Points to date 34 | 903. Arnaldo Ghisla | Points to date 13 |
| 868. Mrs. John Hoffman | 12 | 314. Miss M. Hays | 8 |
| | 546. Pierson Hardwick | Points to date 7 | |

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured.

	Previous	New	Total		Previous	New	Total
868. Mrs. J Hoffman	12	1	13	1510. Donald W Martin	5	2	7
1639. Forest E Jewell			1	1677. Carl Leffler			

February 18, 1909.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

861 Miss Mayme Duffey, 68 William St., Rochester, N. Y., will always send first

1653 J. Ortenrgen, Melleru^d, Sweden, will always send first.

1663 Mrs Chas T Hoyt, 1937 N Marvine St., Philadelphia, wishes only colored views from places depicted.

1698 Eugene Clifford, Pierce, Idaho, does not wish cards, but desires to exchange cards for stamps

1707 Wm Randorf, 1604 S 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa., announces that he corresponds in English, German, Russian and Esperanto; also collects stamps

1713 Should read A L Corrigan, 323 N 4th Ave, Saginaw, Mich.

1702 Mrs Andrew Childs, 1174 McDonough St., Brooklyn, N. Y., wishes no comic or fancy cards, only views mailed from place depicted.

Several members have complained that they do not receive answers from foreign members to whom they have sent cards. When sending to foreign members there are several things to consider. You must remember that all members are just like yourself and particularly desire cards from out of the way countries. The consequence is that these members are flooded with cards from the United States and really get more than they can answer. Again, cards are often addressed incorrectly; perhaps you forgot to sign your name, or did not write it plainly. A rubber stamp for your name and address is the safest thing to use. It is a long distance to Singapore or Manila and you should not expect an answer sooner than ten weeks, perhaps longer. We would be glad to settle all these troubles for our members, but we can force no one to answer, neither can we expel a member upon one complaint, as there is very apt to be some mistake made either by yourself

or by your correspondent.

BOOST!

As you are aware, our Club is not a paying institution, and the officers receive no pay for their labor. All that is expected is that the dues cover the running expenses, which are by no means small. The Union depends largely upon its members for its success, therefore each member should endeavor to bring some friend into the club. New members mean success and a better club. Stop knocking and complaining and BOOST, we will then have a better society and you will be better satisfied. Get a bunch of blanks from the Secretary and get busy. Let us all be patient and pull together. We have the best Society in America, but don't be satisfied to keep it the best—make it better!

RENEWALS.

- 413 Earle K. Bryan, 225 Cottage Lane, Dallas, Texas
- 686 Miss Kina McKelvey, 288 E. 1st St., N. Portland, Ore.
- 742 Miss Ernestine Keedie, Hamburg, Mich
- 758 Miss Alice Haines, Hilton, N. Y.
- 890 W. T. Jacoby 219 Fifth Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
- 924 Frank Schmdit, 755 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 1330 A Lyle Rickel, Juniata, Nebraska
- 1367 Chester H. Lucas, 2 Veranda St., Portland, Maine.
- 1447 Walter C. Rowe, 415 Mill St., Greensburg, Pa

NEW MEMBERS

- 1717 B. C. Spear, 431 Clay St., Topeka, Kans
- 1718 William Mink, R. F. D. 1, White Plains, N. Y., views only; corresponds English or German
- 1719 W. F. Lohman, 4212 College Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- 1720 Seet Hong Guan, Railway Sta., Malacca, Straits Settlements.
- 1721 Adeline Bronson, 128 Laurel Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
- 1722 L. Bandellier, per adr. Th. Bommer, Rostow sur Dan Russia.
- 1723 E. A. Scott, Box 25, Cement, Calif., public buildings preferred
- 1724 Miss Lena R. Dunn, 636 N. Franklin St., Saginaw, Mich.
- 1726 Miss D. Pyle, 113 Surbiton Hill, London S. W. England, actors and actresses only
- 1727 Mess M. Griffiths, Tokomaru, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1728 Mrs Wm. E. Johnson, 3 Madison St., Ashtabula, Ohio, colored views only.
- 1729 Charles Cazal, Saline St, Paul Reunion, Africa, will always send first
- 1730 Chong Song Tee, c o Seng Koen Hoa, Batavia Java, will always send first
- 1731 Leonard Tanberg, 6323 West Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- 1732 William Young, 187 William St., Perth, West Australia.
- 1733 L. K. Thye, 34 Magazine Road, Penang, Straits Settlements
- 1734 Myrtle L'Angellier, 71 H River Valley Road, Singapore, S. S.
- 1735 G. Dallas, Harris, 21 E. State St., Hammond, Ind, view cards only.
- 1736 John A. McIntosh, P. O. Box 87, Kingston, Ont., Canada, will always send first
- 1737 R. W. Gottscha, 252 S Greenwood St., Marion, Ohio.
- 1738 Mrs F S Jones, 1624 Cortez St, Los Angeles, Calif.; will send first
- 1739 C. K. Chia, 15 Mohamed Sultan Rd, Singapore, S. S.
- 1740 Ray H. Hall, 232 W. 15th St., Ada, Okla., colored views only
- 1741 Tan Keng Poh, co Paterson Simon's Store, Read St, Singapore, S. S.
- 1742 Francis H. Sweet, "Co. E" 15th Infantry, Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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All officers by virtue of their office, are members of this committee.

To members of this Association who receive unsolicited selections of stamps, with no return postage are requested to return same by express "COLLECT" and send name of firm to Secretary

APPLICATIONS.

1. Ralph M. Leland, Hundred, W. Va , 23, engineer, H. S. Powell, A. D. Ayers
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The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed with the Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

E. R Wood from 610 W 173th St , N Y. City, to 53 New St , East Orange. N. J.

Clarence P. DeKay from Florida, N. Y., to Box 990, Denver, Colo.

W. A Bergfeld from Sequin, Texas to Weinert, Texas.

RESIGNATIONS.

132. Mrs. Gertrude Bartlett, Moultonboro, N. H.
224. B. S. Colburn, 215 Burns Ave , Detroit, Mich.
234. I. F. Bingham, 110 N. Oxford St , Brooklyn, N. Y.
320. J. W. Dickinson, Kamloop, B. C. Canada.

125. Porter G. Perrin, Sanbarnton, N. H.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—I am sorry to relate that there are still many who have not advanced their dues and to those, the list of all delinquents will come next month. Think it over and see if you are paid up, if not, better do so at once.

I must report that due to delays of the printer the "Year Book" maybe some later than anticipated, but I expect all to have their copy by Mar 25th.

Why not get down to genuie hustling and bring in a few new recruits. Next month's report will make quite a gap in our list. Suppose and we follow the advice of Pres. Davis, and we will soon retrieve our loss.

Blanks for the asking. Why not ask for that explanatory booklet, Mr. Non Member? It will prove to you wherein the S. P. A. will benefit you. Do so at once, lest you forget.

Faternally,

Prof. R. L. Doak, Secy.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

76 books in circulation as per last month's report, value.....	\$1663 00
11 books received since, value.....	300.65
87 books, value.....	\$1963.65
27 books retired during the month of which the amt of \$132.75 was sold	470.49
60 books in circulation, value.....	\$1493.16

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report.....	\$98 33
1 per cent from retired books.....	4.70
Total amount.....	103 03

One serious matter must be brought to the attention of members and that is, when they find any vacant spaces in a book they must adjust the matter with the member from which they received the circuit. This is plainly stated in the rules of the Department printed on each book. Failure to comply with this provision makes the last member liable and the amount will be charged to him. Members must also be careful to sign their names in spaces, if they remove stamps; lately several cases occurred where this was neglected, which caused a great deal of confusion.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

FRAUD INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:—I have consented to take up this department and will do my best to see that Frauds get their deserts. I ask the co-operation of all the dealers and collectors of this society. Report any claims you may have, and if upon investigation I find that they are frauds and I have sufficient proof, I will then publish their names in my reports in the official organ and the year book.

Am very sorry that I am compelled to publish the following list, and advise dealers and collectors to have no business relations with them. I have the very best of proof on file. The list is as follows:—

1. Geo. T Ames, 3 Jenny Street, New Bedford, Mass.
2. Edith Nordsthron, Burt, Iowa.
3. Joe Milford, c-o S. Cohen, 1572 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.
4. E. J. Welsenberger, 119 Lewis Street, New York, N. Y.
5. Aaron I. Loks, 82 Pitt Street, New York, N. Y.
6. W. C. Ross, 42 K. St., N. E. Wasnington, D. C.
7. Albert Joeger, 79 Rivington St., New York, N. Y.
8. Gerry F. Cogans, Ashland, Ky.

9. N. O. Parks, Box 52, Simpsonville, Ky.

Large list of names will be published soon if not heard from.

Respectfully submitted. H. S. Powell.

RECRUITING REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:—Why not get to work and try and get at least one new member? If each one would get only one new member, our membership would be doubled. See what these persons have done since July, 1909 to Jan 30th, 1909. They have proposed in all eighty seven applicants for membership. The individual work done by each is as follows: Prof. R. L. Doak, 22; L. T. Brodstone, 16; C. V. Webb, 9; H. S. Powell, 7; Chas Roemer and F. P. Breuer, 5 each; W. E. Ault and H. A. Davis, 3 each; G. R. Shark and G. C. Cuenod, 2 each; L. L. Dickerson, H. L. Washburn, K. Longee, J. C. Rice, R. L. Mutz, H. L. Perkins, W. H. Hollenbeck, John F. Sensow, Bert Clark, Willis Nolan, L. G. Cline, Leon V. Cass and Jack Ralston one each.

Nonmembers, if you are interested in the work of this association write me and I will send you an application blank and a booklet explaining the advantages you reap from it's membership.

Write me for blanks and any desired information and you will hear at once.

Fraternallý,

H. S. Powell. Chairman. Storm Lake. Iowa.

PURCHASING AGENTS REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:—Have you ever wanted anything badly, but couldn't have it because you didn't know where to get it? Now this department means to get things for you that you don't know where to get yourself. All I will ask is my expenses, no 10 per cent commission. Send me your want lists today and I am sure if I don't know where to get them the next fellow will. I don't limit this department just to stamps, but any thing you want. Try me and I am sure you will be delighted. I want to win the favor of all members of the S. P. A. and you may be assured I will try to in the very best way.

Let this department grow as our exchange department has. Let me hear from you one and all.

Yours Respectfully

Clarence V. Webb, Purchasing Agent.

REPORT OF EXCHANGE MANAGER

37 books received to date, value.....	\$318 75
6 books retired, value.....	\$87 13
31 books on hand, value.....	\$231 82
Total amount of stamps exchanged to date.....	\$38 37

I am pleased to note the increase of interest being shown in this Department, but there are not near enough of our members taking advantage of the unusual opportunities offered for the exchange of their duplicates. Lack of participating members has caused this department to be very slow in sending out circuits, but I trust with the many inquiries that are coming in business will go ahead at a rush rate.

I will supply for the next thirty days to all members who mean business two blank books for mounting stamps, but they must promise to use them quick. Many good stamps are in the department and it will pay any member of the S. P. A. to get in touch with this branch. Have I interested you? Then send for books and rules and get busy. If not let me remove your doubts.

Respectfully,

Wm. E. Ault, Manager Exchange Department.

Roy Farrell Green--By E. R. Aldrich

It was with both surprise and sorrow that I noted in the last issue of the WEST the announcement of the death of my old time friend Roy Farrell Greene. While I never met him but once, in the days of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago. I then spent between two and three weeks almost continuously in his company and the acquaintance thus made formed a friendship which endured until death broke the golden chain.

Born at Three Rivers, Mich., in December 1873, he was but little past thirty-five and had a future in the literary world which was brilliantly promising, as the verse of but few of the younger poets was as well received by the reading public as his.

To the readers of the WEST he will best be remembered as editor of the Curio Department, which for several years he conducted, and as president of the American Society of Curio Collectors from the time of its organization up to the present year.

By the philatelists he will be remembered as the publisher of the Spy Glass, The Eagle Philatelist, and as one of the associate editors of the Pennsylvania Philatelist in its palmiest days.

In the early nineties he was a prolific writer for the philatelic press, and while his articles never were of the advanced, scientific kind, yet they possessed what was more desirable for the younger collector, an easy, graceful style which rendered them readable.

Many were the graceful bits of philatelic verse which flowed from his pen from 1892-1896. He never so far as I can recollect joined the American, but was an early member of the Sons of Philatelia, being elected librarian in 1892 and re-elected in 1893, but declined to accept and cast his fortunes in with the organizers of the Philatelic Sons of America at the time of their secession from the former society. In the latter organization he held several offices and was always an ardent worker for its success. While he did not attend many of the subsequent conventions he seldom failed to send a poetic greeting. From that sent to the Detroit meet in 1899 read by the publisher of The WEST, I quote:

"Sing to you fellowship, friendship undying,
Sing to you brotherhood all that I feel
Bear you my message and catch your replying,
— Pledging of comrades for woe or for weal.
Hovering o'er you in all of your meetings
Giving acquiescence in all that you do,
Dove like they'd carry my brotherly greetings
Winging their way o'er the prairies to you.
Just let the figure of speech be for granted,
Take you the spirit in place of the deed,
All my good wishes in hearts be implanted
And for Philately praises a need.
Only to meet with you, greet with you faces—
Faces of friends in Philately's few,
Spanning the distances which fancy erases
Wishes are winging o'er prairies to you."

The good he did philately in the days when he was actively interested can hardly be overestimated and ever since he has always been ready and eager to speak an encouraging word to the tyro.



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L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr

C. H. Saint, c-o Money Order Dept., Main Postoffice, Kansas City

President

Secretary-Treasurer

Friends:—To every honest collector and dealer in the world is offered the membership. So we offer you today a new proposition combined in Stamp Club organization for the upbuilding of all honest collecting and the doing away with dishonesty. We want every honest collector and stamp person to join our club at once and send us the names of all Frauds with whom they have had dealings the past five years and we will make it warm for them Official reports will be sent out every month or oftener and the only way to receive any good out of this club will be to get inside the door. The official organ is The Philatelic West which each member will receive as long as he remains in good standing. Our Motto is "Fads may come and Fads may go, but the Collectors Hobby remains forever." The Offices are open and will be filled not later than the first of July. We want the very best stamp men that can be found to manage these offices and they must be hustlers. To be eligible to one of these offices one must have sent in at least three members or have received three votes from members. The one with the largest number of votes will be declared the officer. Each membership entitles the member to one vote for each of the following: President, 3 Vice Presidents, Sales Superintendent, Exchange Supt., Auction Manager, Three Attorneys, Information Bureau, Counterfeit Detective, Purchasing Agent, Librarian, Chief Bureau of Translation, Department of Inquiry, Five Directors, Foreign Secretaries, one for each foreign country. Membership fee U. S. and Canada \$1 per year—Foreign membership \$2.

Each member will receive a fine membership Roll for framing. Reports every month, or oftener, and assistance in collecting accounts and many other helps from time to time which will make your membership more than valuable. A committee will be appointed to design seal, club pin, etc. Send in your names today and send your votes. Don't forget that the first 500 members will be considered as charter members and their certificates will so read. We only need your hearty cooperation to draw every stamp person into line and make a great Collector's Club

that will do good and upbuild the Collector's Union.

In closing, I wish to beg that you join at once—do not delay. We do not intend to publish the names of members but they will be sent with other private literature to each each member.

Kindly address all correspondence to me at this address,
C. Harris Saint, 921 Elmwood Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

E. T. Smeltz, Fallon, Wash., curios, Indian relics, postcards. L. E. Clarks, Everett, Mass., 383 Broadway. O. N. Elkie, RFD 2 Walcott, North Dakota, postcards and stamps. C. C. Cotell, Portland, Ore., coins, stamps, fossils, curios. C. Hunsiner, Flat Rock, Ohio, fossils, coins, stamps. W. W. Bliss, Duarte, Calif., stamps. Miss E. Carroll, San Marcos, Texas, post cards. W. E. Edgar, 89 Bulere Upper Edmonton. Middlesex, London, Eng. Jno. Hansberry, Anderson, Ind, coins, stamps. W. W. Schmus, Chicago, Ill., 618 School St., post cards. G. Hull, U.S P O Bx 812, Shanghai, China, post cards, stamps etc. M. A. Richardson, Ticonderoga, N. Y., relics, stamps, coins. T. J. Turpisch, Stapleton, N. Y. City, Bx 66 stamps, post cards, pictures. Karl Wolff, Winnipeg, Canada, 142 Walnut St., Coins, stamps, post cards, curios. C. E. Huddelston, Munice, Indiana, 1611 S. Mad. St., coins, bills, stamps, relics. Geo H Bokornern, Palmyra, N. Y., coins, fossils, relics, stamps. R. Kjellequist, Rockford, Ill, 1225 6 St., coins, curios. B. H. Wilson, Rock Island, Ill, 1102 17th St, photographs, stamps, post cards; Mr. W. W. Barclay, 2977 Roxbury Ave, Los Angeles, Calif.

Nebraska Camera Club

Founded January 1898

Any reader in Nebraska can become a member—Membership card free for the asking. President—Miss L. Tillotson,.....1305 S 32nd St., Station B, Omaha. Secretary-Treasurer—L. T. Brodstone.....Superior, Nebraska. Those marked x exchange post cards, xx photo cards.

903 xJ. Balaz, Omaha, 3806 Burt St. 904 xA. L. Rickel, Junita. 905 xW. McNew, Angus 906 xB. Martin Jones, Omaha, 4140 Burdette St. 907 xxSam Hughes, Howe. 908 xW. Atwood, Bx 955, Lincoln. 909 xW. R. Stemm, Omaha, 1020 So. 35th Ave. 910 xMary Moore, Blair, Bx, 435. 911 xL. Cohn, Omaha, 116 S. 32nd Ave. 912 xG. B. Fielding, Kearney, c o Industrial School. 913 xRoy Hollgarth, Lincoln. c-o Lindell Hotel. 914 xL. Bruckner, Platte Center. 915 xRev. I. Eckhardt, R2, Pender.

We can use more members and would like to get the names of all the active card collectors you know of in the state.

J. H. Sharp's famous collection of paintings of the American Indian was recently exhibited by the Fine Art Institute in the Swan gallery, in Kansas City, and attracted great interest. Many Kansas towns have tried to secure the exhibit, but failed. The next place of exhibit will probably be Wannamakers' great store in Philadelphia. The Kansas City Daily says: "There are fifty-two canvasses in the collection, which is the best of its kind by one man ever shown in the West. Mr. Sharp has painted the Indian more faithfully than anybody else."

American Camera Club Exchange

President—H. V. Thornton, 304 No.
State St., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary—L. T. Brodstone, Superior,
Neb.

Why not become a member? It costs
you nothing if a subscriber. Member-
ship card sent for 5c. Foreign 10c.
Those marked x are Souvenir Card collectors.
xx are Photograph Post Card Collectors.



- 8088 xxR. Headrick, St. Joseph, Mo.,
29 & Faraon St.
- 9 xW. G. Meador, Springfield, Mo.
- 8090 xE. T. Smeltz, Fallon, Wash.
- 1 xA. Brunjez, N. Y. City, 25
Madison Ave
- 2 xB. Williams, RFD Bx 155,
Rocky River, Ohio.
- 3 xC. Finch, Jr., 514 Walnut St.,
Elizabeth, N. J.
- C L Kubitz R 1 Beaver Creek Minn
- 5 xL. Clarks, Everett, Mass., 383
Broadway.
- 6 xP. Sadewasser, Courtenay, N.
Dak., Bx 18.
- 7 xC. Schaler, Dunkirk, N Y
- 8 xL. Leibel, Lansing, Mich., 535
Sycamore St
- 9 xMiss Millie Baldruff, Fremont,
Nebr.
- 8100 xG. Bush, Rochester, N. Y.,
176 William St.
- 1 xA. A. Cole, Nevada, Ia., RFD 5
- 2 xH. Klack, McArthur, Calif.
- 3 xJ. Werner, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- 4 xM. Fast, Fairchance, Pa.
- 5 xW. H. Percival, Canastota, N Y
- 6 xT. T. Burt, Knights Ferry,
Calif.
- 7 xV. Jackson, Pen Argyl, Pa.
- 8 xMrs. J. Green, Promise City,
Iowa, 2R, Bx 39.
- 9 xPerry Capelin, Humboldt, Kas.
- 8120 xErnest Larven, Apia, Samoa.
- 1 xM. Obata Matsernokicho, Ton-
odau, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2xE. Freilgen, Ft. Stevens, Ore.,
160 Co., CAC
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2 U.S. 1/2 dimes fine (silver.....	20
2 U.S. 3c silver fine	16
2 " nickle "	15
2 " bronze "	16
2 " flying eagle	15
2 Gt Britian over 100 years old...	18
2 Old France 100 years old.....	18
2 " Spain " " ".....	18
2 " Germany " " ".....	18
2 Civil War Tokens.....	08
2 Hard Times.....	14
2 Geo III killing the dragon.....	15
2 Ship N B 1/2 d 1d.....	15
2 Ship on Rocks and Running Jack	18
2 old Spanish Silver.....	25
The above entire lot for \$2.00, good collection in fine condition.	
2 Serrated edge arrow heads.....	22
2 Barb base.....	16
2 Stem base.....	16
1 Indian drill.....	15
1 Indian knife.....	15
Red jasper arrow head.....	10
Green flint " ".....	08
Yellow " " ".....	08
Black " " ".....	09
Blue " " ".....	08
White " " ".....	10
" quartz " ".....	06
Cream color " ".....	12
Pink jasper " ".....	12
Matted jasper " ".....	12
Long Spears 25c, 35c, 45c.....	50
Dagger shaped spears.....	50
10 different Indian Relics fine.....	50
Coin envelopes per 100.....	12
Saw fish saw.....	30
Sea Horse.....	30
Sea moss 5 different.....	18
5 nice fine seashells.....	22
Sharks egg.....	06
5 minerals (named).....	25
5 fossils (named).....	30
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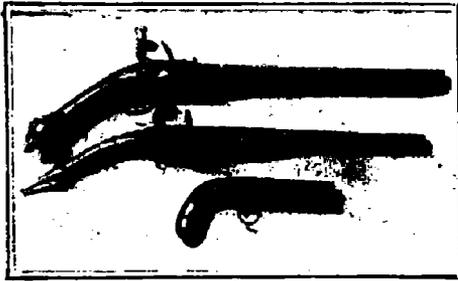
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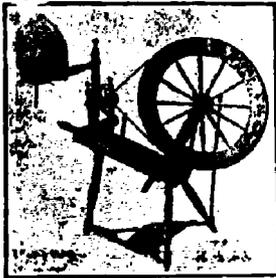
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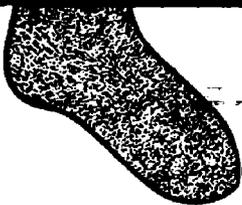
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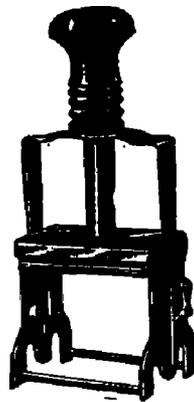
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3p Scotts No 25.....		.09
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5sh green and carmine.....		1.65
1sh black on green, Scotts No 28.....	1.00	.85
10 sh green and carmine.....	3.50	3.25
Cayman Islands 1902		
½ to 1sh (complete).....	4.78	3.70
All Cayman Islands are unused mint condition.		
Bosnia 1900 to 1904		
1h to 5k (A fine mint set of 16 varieties).....	3.71	1.85
Bosnia Jubilee Issue		
From 1h to 5k complete.....	4.60	1.85
Romania 1906 Jubilee Issue		
From 1b to 2L, complete.....	2.16	1.25
Orange River Colony 1900		
6p blue Scotts No 151.....	.25	.12
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